

## SYNOPSIS OF LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Given by Dr. Hendrik Jan DeLange, C.S., of The Hague, Holland, Monday Evening

The problem of achieving power and dominion confronts every phase of human existence now as it has done in the past. It convulses the world of today. The necessity for a conclusive solution to this problem is beyond cavil, a solution that will not only satisfy the present need, but also be able to meet future requirements. Christian Science claims to be divinely authorized to give the solution.

This Science is understood in the measure that the individual comprehends the omnipotence, ever-presence, and omniscience of a perfect God, or First Cause, and man in His image and likeness, possessing no other qualities and power than those derived from Deity.

The revelation received by Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, is embodied in the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." Her life-work included also the founding of the Christian Science movement upon such a spiritual basis that it could not be disintegrated by any form of malicious aggression.

She gained the scientific certainty that all causation is vested in God, divine Mind, and that all effect is therefore Mind's mental phenomenon. Searching the Scriptures she found the Science of Mind that should take the things of God and show them to the creature, thus revealing the great curative Principle, Love.

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to the conclusion inevitably deduced from this fundamental truth. Christian Science presents it to every one of us, man woman, child, as a workable basis for our everyday lives and problems.

Although our present state of consciousness is to a great extent still hampered by the customary material ways of thinking, a remarkable liberation is going on in many a field of knowledge. In the field of physics, in the past the very stronghold of materiality, a conspicuous change is coming about since Albert Einstein propounded his theory of relativity. One of my friends, a professor of physics in Holland's foremost university, lately formulated the new aim of physics. While it had formerly been the purpose of physicists to find the nature of matter, the modern tendency, he stated, was to dematerialize matter. He also declared that the smallest elements of which matter consists are rather events than material things.

At some time, sooner or later, this friend and every other physicist will come to the inevitable conclusion that for the dematerialization of matter one cannot look into matter, but must go above and beyond matter into the realm of metaphysics, into the realm of spiritual ideas,—the solution of a problem being never in the problem itself. Then they will understand what the Discoverer of Christian Science, by her pure and original spiritual-mindedness, understood more than half a century before when she wrote that "matter disappears under the microscope of Spirit" (Science and Health, p. 264).

On page 475 of the Christian Science textbook we find: "Man is not matter; he is not made up of brain, blood, bones, and other material elements. . . . Man is idea, the image, of Love; he is not physique. He is

systems concur in ascribing omnipotence—all power and dominion—to God, Christian Science alone adheres to the compound idea of God, including all right ideas."

Christian Science has made the final distinction between divine ideas and material or mortal concepts. In defining "idea" in the Christian Science textbook (p. 115) Mrs. Eddy cites Webster's definition as "an image in Mind; the immediate object of understanding." Then, an idea, being an image in Mind, exists in Mind, and remains there forever. In fact, it is through its idea that Mind is understood.

Material, mortal concepts are a part of that which claims to be the opposite of God, named by the Discoverer of Christian Science mortal mind. She declares this so-called mind to be a solecism, "Nothing claiming to be something" (Science and Health, p. 591), "a product of nothing as the mimicry of something" (*ibid.*, p. 580).

Entertaining mortal concepts, that is, thinking in the ordinary ways of the world, accomplishes a very little of a constructive character and lots of harm. On the other hand, entertaining in thought divine ideas opens the way for perfect and lasting achievements.

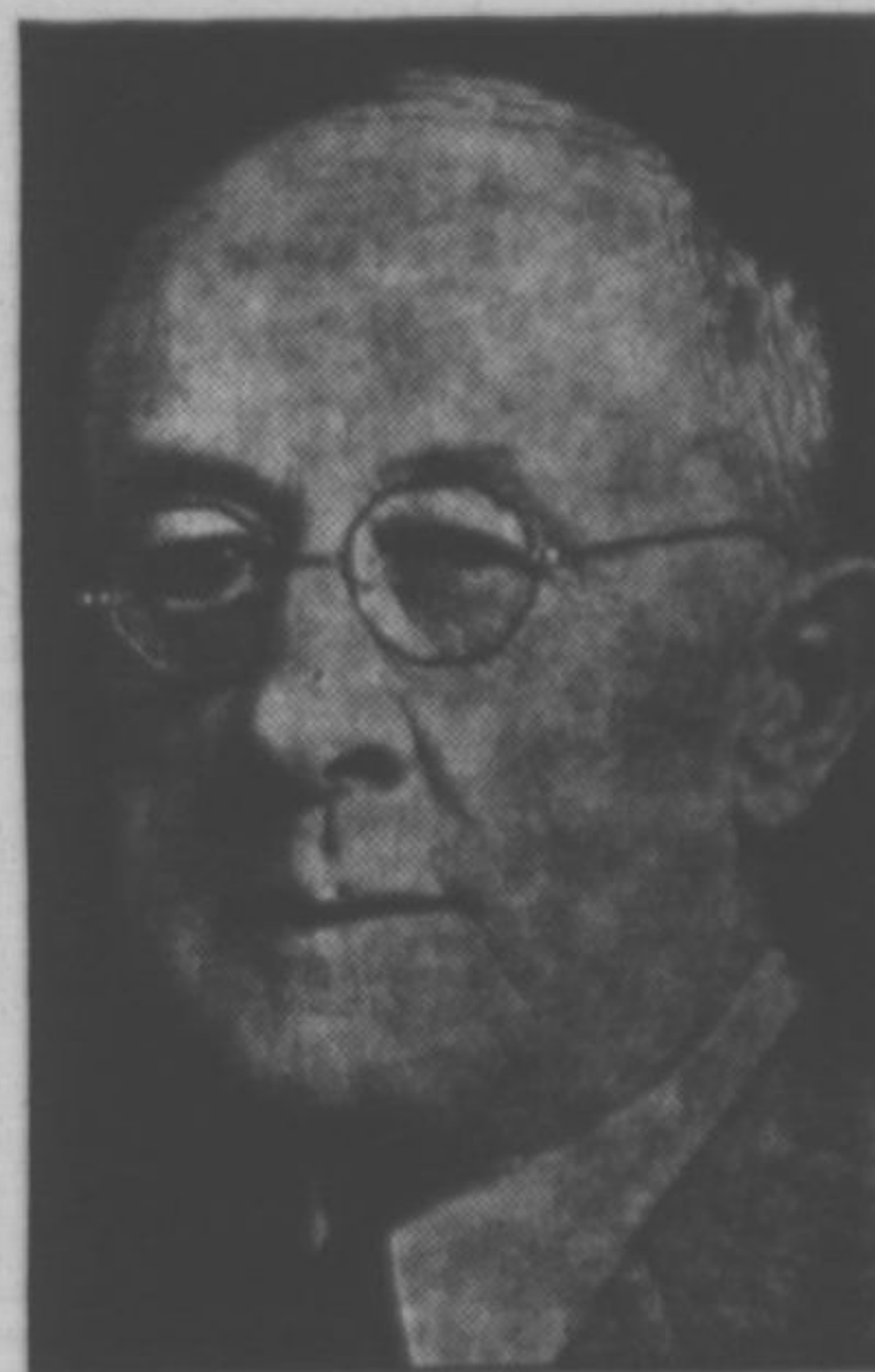
Wherever these ideas are being realized, the law of God, the law of Love, the law of divine dominion, comes spontaneously into operation to eliminate, destroy, annihilate mortal concepts. At the same time this divine law acts as a law of adjustment in human affairs. That is the logical and natural outcome of the divine fact that God is All-in-all, and that inevitably God must express Himself infinitely, eternally, omnipresently.

The Christian Science textbook tells us that "God will heal the sick through man, whenever man is gov-

erned by God" (p. 495). Then let us be governed by this God who is Love; let us express this Love so lovingly, so purely, so powerfully that sickness will vanish away and sin will be forsaken. Let us love so tenderly that hatred will melt into nothingness, and condemnation will have no abiding place. Thus we will show forth this healing and redeeming Christ-power. It will take care of the human needs of ourselves and of those who come to be healed and comforted. The human need is for something apart from its own fears and limitations and condemnations; it is always ultimately for divine, infinite Love.

The presence of the Mind "which was also in Christ Jesus" will solve problems of every kind and description, because this Mind has no problems. This is the very reason why problems are being solved and will be solved. The problem is not a fact, Mind being the actual reality. It is only a false, finite concept about some fact which in all eternity is all right. To reform any situation, we have to correct our own concepts. This is the true scientific reformation which always begins with one's self, goes on with one's self, and ends with one's self. In this way of self-reformation we are also helping to save all mankind, for we are doing our part in exchanging false concepts for true ideas.

### ASKS RE-ELECTION



LEE McDONOUGH

Lee McDonough, of Waukegan, representative from the 8th district in the Illinois legislature is a candidate in the Republican Primary, April 8 nomination for re-election in November, and attention is called to his advertisement in another page of this newspaper. Representative McDonough has made a good record in the legislature, where he has labored indefatigably for the welfare of his own district and in the general interests of the people of Illinois. His friends are urging that he be nominated as candidate to succeed himself and are working hard in his behalf.

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That no criticism or dissatisfaction with the present management of the Lake County Sheriff's Office has been made by those opposing Doolittle is conclusive evidence that the services rendered have been of the highest character.

The Doolittle's opening statement to the public the only pledge or promise made was a continuance of the efficient service rendered by the present Sheriff and his organization. In the weeks that have followed no deductions or additions have been made from or to that pledge.

There has never been a time when the Lake County Sheriff's Office has been freer of criticism and political juggling; there has never been a time when all parts of the county have been more efficiently protected; there has never been a time when the Lake County jail and its inmates have received such humane, painstaking supervision.

If you favor a continuance of the work now being performed by the Sheriff's Office of Lake County, do not fail to go to the polls next Tuesday, April 8th and vote for

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