

## SYNOPSIS OF LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Large Audience Hear Interesting  
Talk by Prof. Hering,  
C.S.B., Friday Night

An excellent audience assembled at Elm Place school auditorium last Friday evening to hear the lecture given under the auspices of First Church of Christ Scientist. The lecturer was Professor Hermann S. Hering, C.S.B. of Boston, member of

The Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts. The subject of Professor Hering's lecture was "The Science of Christian Healing" and he was introduced by Howard H. Bede. The lecture in part follows:

What is the cause of the marvelous growth of the Christian Science movement, whose effects are felt in there so many churches being organized and beautiful edifices being

erected? It is gratitude for the healing which has been accomplished—the healing of sin, sorrow, suffering, sickness.

The whole world is in need of healing, and it is very evident that there is a great demand for some better means of healing the ills of the world, both sin and disease, than is in general use today.

From the Gospels we learn that Christ Jesus, our Savior, was the Great Physician, who has for all time set the standard of perfect healing before humanity. That many do not believe in his Gospel, is due to the fact that they do not fully understand his teaching, especially the true nature and philosophy of the so-called miracles which he performed.

The Gospels record many instances of the healing of physical disease by Christ Jesus. He restored a withered hand; he healed a cripple and a man born blind; he healed cases of paralysis, leprosy, dropsy, hemorrhage, epilepsy, violent insanity, and he raised the dead.

Furthermore, he specifically commanded his disciples that they should continue the healing work. Peter, Philip, Paul and other followers healed paralysis, lameness, deformity, insanity, and even raised the dead in connection with their missionary work. Indeed, healing was very generally practiced among the early Christians.

Non-believers in the Bible and in what are called miracles are confronted with the fact that this healing is taking place today, in their very midst and through purely spiritual means, which fact can be determined by any sincere investigator; yet they deny the availability of spiritual power over material things because they do not understand spiritual law and the Principle which operates in Christian healing.

One cause for this difficulty is the failure to apprehend the relationship between the inner world of thought and the outer world of phenomena and thus to grasp the mental nature of existence. This is due mainly to the prevailing belief in matter, which is conceded to be the greatest stumbling block to an understanding of Christian healing and to belief in the Bible itself.

From the physical standpoint, matter is seen to be the appearance, externalization or projection of force or energy, and consequently what we touch, hear, see, smell, or taste, is in fact, force. In every case it is not matter or an object which cognizes or is cognized, but a mental phenomenon experienced in consciousness. We are conscious of existence mentally and the things we are conscious of are mental impressions objectified—sense phenomena. Thus justified—sense phenomena. Thus existence, together with all its activities, appearances and phenomena, is in fact wholly mental. Christ Jesus assuredly proved the mental nature of matter and existence when he walked on the water, stilled the tempest, multiplied the loaves and fishes, healed the sick, raised the dead and overcame other material conditions.

Whatever enters our existence, enters it mentally, as a state of consciousness, and consequently disease, disaster and death are but experiences in consciousness. What else can they be? Where else can they be? Hence in order that they may be healed, it is very evident that a

change must be brought about in the human consciousness, a transformation by the renewing of the mind, as St. Paul puts it.

The universe which is created and forever sustained by God, must be like its Creator, since like begets like; hence man, the real man, as defined in the first chapter of Genesis, is not material, but spiritual consciousness; not evil, but good; not mortal, but immortal. Thus we see that all reality, every expression of the divine activity, is infinite, indestructible, unchanging, perfect, harmonious, spiritual; consequently whatever has not these qualities is no part of Truth, not real. Hence, matter, mortal mind and all the phenomena of material sense, being unlike this divine reality, are unreal. On this basis of infinite Truth we are enabled to distinguish at any time between what is absolute, divine, real; and what is relative, human, unreal. This understanding, the perception and apprehension of divine Truth. Christian Science now makes possible to all.

Scientific Christian healing is Christian Science healing and involves the knowing of spiritual Truth, the recognition of material error as error, and the application to the error of the specific, antidoting, divine truth which corrects and heals it.

In Christian Science treatment there is no effort at mental manipulation, for the carnal, mortal mind, is not a factor in the healing work. The healing mind is the divine Mind and this being infinite and omnipresent, the knowing of the truth regarding the real man, together with the denial of the errors of mortal mind, brings the truth to bear upon the case, no matter whether the person is nearby or far away.

The love and gratitude which Christian Scientists feel toward Mrs. Eddy is not to be wondered at when one takes into account the great good which has come into their lives as the result of her teachings.

The whole world is indebted to her for her scientific and spiritual inter-

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### 10th District Meeting of Federated Clubs in Chicago Today

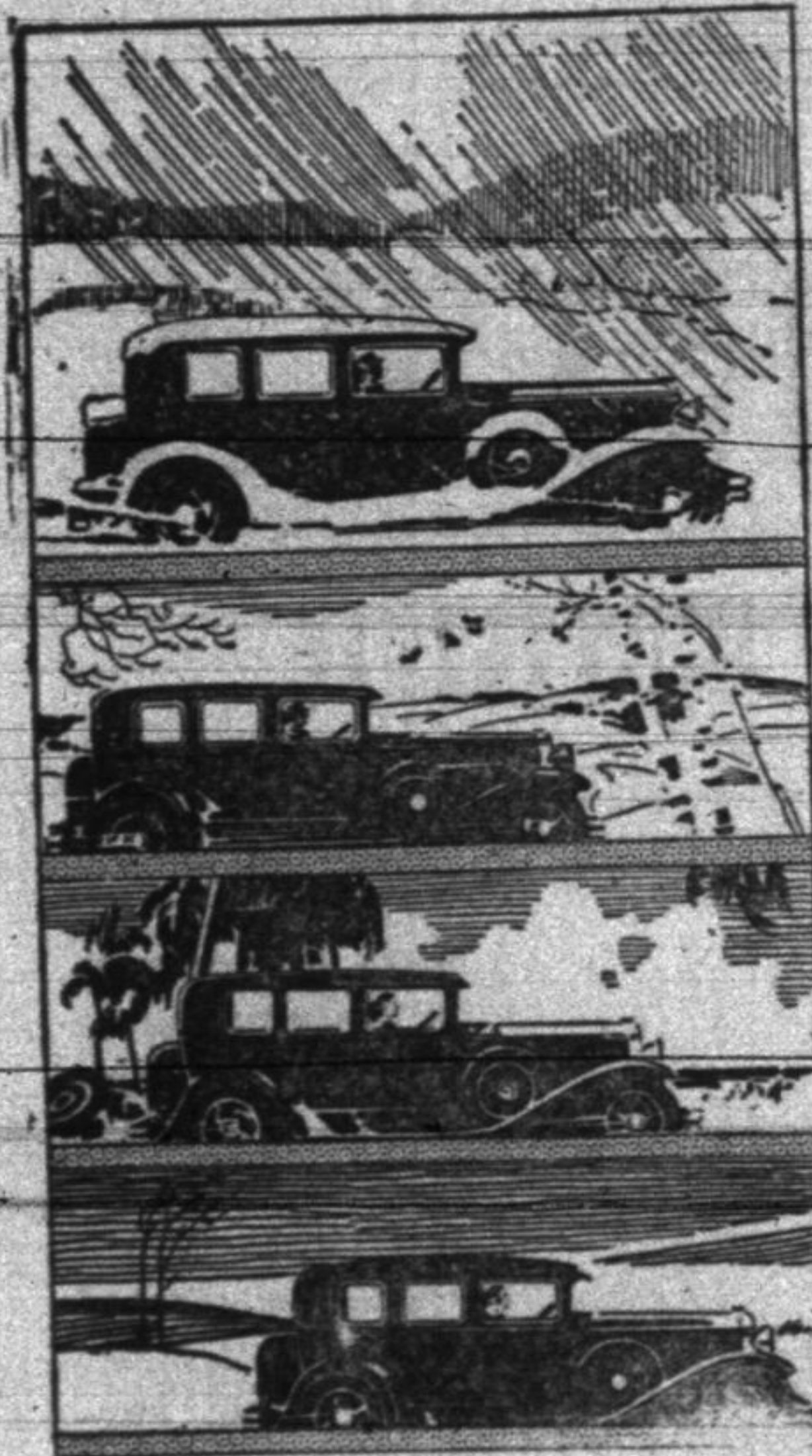
An all day regional conference of the federated clubs of the first ten congressional districts of Illinois will take place Thursday, October 29, at the Sherman hotel. Mrs. Mary A. Wall, president of the Illinois Federation, and Mrs. A. H. Johnson will preside. The meeting opens at 10 o'clock. The state officers and state department chairmen will be presented. Music will be in charge of Mrs. William J. Piggott, state chairman of music. Mrs. Johnson will speak on the subject "My work. Is it building for permanency?"

Luncheon is at 12:30. After luncheon, separate department conferences will be held with the department chairmen presiding. At 8 o'clock in the evening, in the Bal Tabarin, associate and junior chairmen will have their conference, with Mrs. J. G. Davidson in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Armstrong of Rice street spent a few days this week in Ottumwa, Ia., with Mr. Armstrong's parents.



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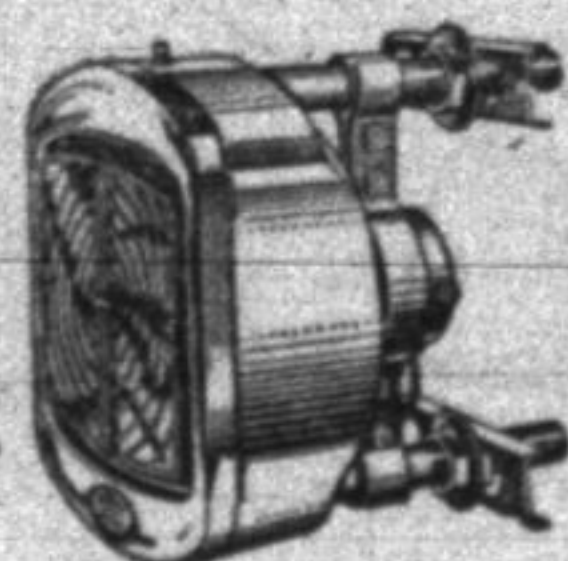
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