

**Lecture On Christian Science Is Given Here**  
by James G. Rowell, C.S.

A lecture on Christian Science entitled "Christian Science: The Gospel of a Supreme Affection for Good," was given by James G. Rowell, C.S., of Kansas City, Mo., at the Elm Place Auditorium in Highland Park last Friday night.

Mr. Rowell is a member of the board of lecturership of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, Mass.

The lecture was sponsored by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Highland Park.

A summary of the lecture follows:

Christian Science reveals that God, divine Mind, is the only creator and that His creation is like Him; that is, spiritual, harmonious, and eternal, the kingdom of heaven. It reveals that the human mind, the supposed ruler of the kingdom of this world, is not an originator; that it merely counterfeits the creation of the one perfect, divine Mind; and that every material object and concept, every "cherished" belief and practice (Science and Health, p.141) is but a counterfeit or an opposite, a dream, a perverted sense of some real, eternal idea or ideal in divine Mind. Christian Science shows to humanity the way whereby false, distorted, mortal beliefs or concepts may be translated back into their better originals; in other words, Christian Science shows the way by which mortals may exchange their fleeting, false, and suffering concepts for the kingdom of heaven, the reign and rule of unchanging, divine intelligence.

Christian Science brings to light the fact that there is a spiritual supply present for every human need, a solution through spiritual understanding for every conceivable problem; in other words, a divine law present and available for all who strive to understand it. From her healing, Mrs. Eddy learned that she had had but one real need all her life, and that was to understand spiritually the nature of God and His availability to mankind through His laws. She saw that the answer to this one great need had met all her needs and would meet all the needs of others. Therefore, Mrs. Eddy set herself the task of revealing to all mankind the nature of God and His ever operative laws, and of explaining just how the individual may consciously and scientifically benefit by their operation. These revealed laws of God Mrs. Eddy named Christian Science.

**THE TEXTBOOK**

Many years later, after she had tested and verified them, Mrs. Eddy gave these laws to the world in her book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," the textbook of Christian Science. In this book are found, on every page, careful, scientific rules which, when understood, obeyed, and practiced, bring most desirable results; better morals, better health, better business, happier and more useful lives.

Let us open this book. Gratitude compels us to do it reverently, for through the truths contained within its covers men and women have been restored to purity and health, businesses have been reestablished on the basis of service to mankind, broken homes have been made happy again, and life has been made worth living to thousands of our fellow creatures.

Get a copy of this book; own one of your own; you will realize more and more how precious it is. Study it in connection with the Book of books, the Bible; practice what you learn in your study. The truth these two books contain will meet your human need.

Let us turn, for instance, to page 346 of Science and Health. Remember, now, we are looking for rules to be used in practice. We read, "Material beliefs must be expelled to make room for spiritual understanding." Here we have a most important rule for solving our problems. On page 201 of the same book, beginning with line 17, we find: "The way to extract error from mortal mind is to pour in truth through flood-tides of Love." Now let us do just what we are told to do. We must follow our rule carefully. Let us seek the specific truth with which to replace the lie which has deceived us. On page 120 we find, "Science reverses the false testimony of the physical senses, and by this reversal mortals arrive at the fundamental facts of being." The truth we have found, made strong with divine Love, will heal us. But if we do not find our freedom instantly, let us follow the rule given on page 417: "Maintain the facts of Christian Science,—that Spirit is God, and therefore cannot be sick; that what is termed matter cannot be sick; that all causation is Mind, acting through spiritual law. Then hold your ground with the unshaken understanding of Truth and Love, and you will win."

On every page of this remarkable book the sincere seeker will find stated the divine laws of Life and rules for their establishment in daily living. He will find, too, the false laws of the human mind exposed and rules from the reduction of them to their native nothingness. Search

the pages of Science and Health for these laws and rules of Christian Science practice. Mrs. Eddy does not always say, "Do this," or "Avoid that," but her book makes clear that a desire for spiritual growth and an earnest affection for good will enable the seeker to find these laws and rules. Then, having found them, he does well who puts them into practice.

One can readily see what was wrong in the case of the woman who complained that she had read Science and Health through five times and yet had not received her longed-for healing. A wise friend explained:

"We both have cookbooks in our possession which contain recipes for many delectable cakes. We may read a cake recipe through five or even fifty times, but not until we have done what the recipe demands, may we reasonably expect to be able to have any cake to eat." Is it reasonable to expect that the mere reading of the laws and rules of eternal Life revealed in Science and Health can take the place of putting them into practice? So powerful is Truth that many healings do result from the reading of this book. Indeed, the last one hundred pages of Science and Health are filled with the testimonies of persons who were healed simply by reading the textbook. These healings were brought about, of course, by a transforming of the readers' thought, but if fear, ignorance, or sin persists in spite of the inpouring of the truth of "perfect God and perfect man" (Science and Health, p. 259) through the pages of the Bible and of Science and Health, Christian Science reveals the fact that these errors of thought cannot remain in human consciousness when truth is practiced in the daily life.

Sometimes, caught napping, even the most earnest Christian Scientists fail to practice rules which they know perfectly well. A mother trying to bring up her small son as a Christian Scientist, refers on occasion to certain laws and rules to be found in Science and Health. She often says: "There is a scientific rule by which to govern our thinking on this subject. You will find it, son, on page so-and-so of the textbook." He verifies these references and in this way his understanding of Christian Science and acquaintance with our textbook are growing. One wintery day, when the thermometer was low, this young student was about to go out to play. "Button up your coat, son," said the mother; "mother is afraid to have you go out with your chest so exposed; you might catch cold." Startled, he turned about and without thought of being impudent or desirous to be smart, but with a twinkle in his eye asked earnestly, "What page do you find that on, Mother?" She took her rebuke with gratitude, and now all that anyone in that family has to do to rebuke an error is to ask, "What page, please?" If the little boy had been better acquainted with the laws of God as revealed in our Leader's writing, he could have read to his

mother from page 240 of "Miscellaneous Writings," "Predicting danger does not dignify life, whereas forecasting liberty and joy does; for these are strong promoters of health and happiness." If all of us would learn to help each other as did this mother and son, instead of condemning one another when we err, we should enjoy more of heaven here and now.

**Elizabeth Rethberg to Sing in Winnetka Soon**

Elizabeth Rethberg, world famous operatic soprano, whose artistry North Shore music lovers have enjoyed for many seasons at Ravinia, will be the next artist to appear in the series of concerts sponsored by the Winnetka Music Club on March 12 at New Trier High School.

Since making her debut at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, where she created a profound impression, Miss Rethberg's fame has spread to the smallest hamlets of America. Almost unheralded at the time, her first New York recital made musical history, bringing full realization of the dual powers that had already won her a celebrity in concert throughout Germany, Austria, Norway and Sweden, equaling her renown gained at the foremost European opera houses.

**Symphony Orchestra Will Be Formed Here**

The Y.W.C.A. has secured Charles Tesar to direct the symphony orchestra which is to be organized Saturday, March 3, at 10:30 o'clock at the Y. W. C. A. This opportunity is open to school children, both boys and girls. Mr. Tesar teaches in both the Lincoln and Ravinia schools. He is a graduate of Northwestern University, having his degree in music, and has had wide and varied experience in both teaching and directing of orchestras. The term will be from March to June. Any child who plays an instrument is invited to join.

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