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Our Duty and Privilege.

There are certain duties which devolve upon the people of a community towards the men who have gone from it for training in the cantonment of the National army now in process of development into a military body, a sort of personal obligation to undertake whatever is possible to make life easier and pleasanter for the men who are undergoing so many new and difficult experiences. Among these is the duty to provide those little physical comforts which protect the health of the boys and serve to remind them that the people back home are not unmindful of their fellow citizens who are taking the city's portion of the nation's duty to do its part towards winning the war against Germany.

The provision of the sweaters and other extra garments which are necessary to the comfort of the men, the supplying of plenty of suitable reading matter, and whatever else is needed to add to the contentment of the boys with their new conditions, should be accepted by the people of the community from which they come, as their duty and privilege to supply.

Locating Business Men.

The war department is finding it necessary to refuse to go through the list comprising nearly ten million names to find those of missing persons whose relatives look upon the military registration as a possible source of information concerning relatives of whom they have lost track.

It ought to be apparent to anyone that there is neither time nor machinery for such a tremendous piece of work. Whatever the interest in the men who are in charge of the registration lists, the gigantic task before them is not locating men who have, for one reason or another, disappeared from their home circles, however worthy such an activity might be. Theirs is the sterner task of protecting the homes from which the men have gone, with the other millions of homes in the country, from the perils of an ineffectively fought war with Germany.

The very fact that there is need for refusal of the requests of those who are asking for help in finding missing men, shows a lack of appreciation of the magnitude of the task upon which we are entered. Until there is a realization of the seriousness of the condition of today, we shall not be able to secure full cooperation between the nation and the people who compose it.

A LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

By FRANCIS J. FLUNO, C. S. D.

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Mr. Francis J. Fluno, C. S. D., a member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., delivered on Tuesday evening, September 25th, 1917, a free public lecture on Christian Science, under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Wilmette, in the church edifice.

Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards, Field, second reader, introduced the lecturer. Mrs. Field said:

Introduction.

Friends:
Some years ago a lawyer went to Mexico from the United States. He discovered in one of the towns that a neighboring state was exacting a tax or tribute on all the productions and property of the inhabitants of that town. Upon investigation this was proved to be wholly without warrant or process of law. When the people were convinced there was no law or principle sustaining this demand, they refused to contribute to the perpetrator of this fraud, and realizing their freedom the situation was healed. With the exception of three hundred years after Jesus' time all mankind has been paying tribute to false gods called disease, lack, sorrow, sin, hate, resentment, all claiming to have power over man. It was not until Mary Baker Eddy made the discovery of their falsehood, lawlessness, and powerlessness, and gave this discovery to the world in Christian Science, that man again realized his freedom and refused to be amenable to sin, sickness, and death. Many are yet paying tribute to these false gods not knowing that they are free. We are all especially interested in peace and freedom and it is for this reason that The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Wilmette, has invited you here this evening that we may learn of this freedom and peace, and that we may together rejoice with the prophet Isaiah when he said, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" The one who brings this message, the truth of which has been demonstrated in Christian Science, is one who, after having been engaged in the practice of medicine for many years, turned with unsatisfied longing for his teaching to the Great Physician "who healeth all thy diseases, who redeemeth thy life from destruction, who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies, who satisfieth thy mouth with good things so that thy youth is renewed like the angels." It is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you and to introduce this loving and beloved messenger of Truth who has shown "his faith by his works" and will now address you, Dr. Francis J. Fluno, C. S. D., of Oakland, California, Member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.

The claims of Christian Science on the modern world are the claims of Christian Science on the prehistoric age, the ancient age, the medieval age, the present age, and the ages to come. The average man, until awakened by Science, is mainly in his swaddling-clothes, and his horizon is marked by the age in which he lives; he sees the way to live and the ways of life only in his own immediate business, church, or creed. Christian Science is not a discovery

of a new truth, but a new discovery of an old truth. Christian Science is the law of eternal Life, divine Principle, and is therefore the Science of sciences, the religion of religions, and the church of all churches. It teaches the scientific fact of a perfect God and a perfect creation as the basis of every conclusion. What primarily was true, will always be true; is all that is true, or ever will be true.

Christian Science makes no unreasonable claims on the modern world; its claims are based upon the spirit of Love, and this is reflected in health, kindness, charity, and good will to all. It takes nothing from the world, but gives all to the world. In the place of war we find peace, and universal peace is raised to the dawn of that glad day "when all

shall dwell together, one shepherd and one fold." The sick are raised to health, and the healthy are raised to a standard of health far beyond their present conception.

Christian Science takes the world where it finds it, and raises the lower to the higher, and the higher still higher. It not only heals mortals of sickness, but it corrects the world of such a thing as sickness. It not only

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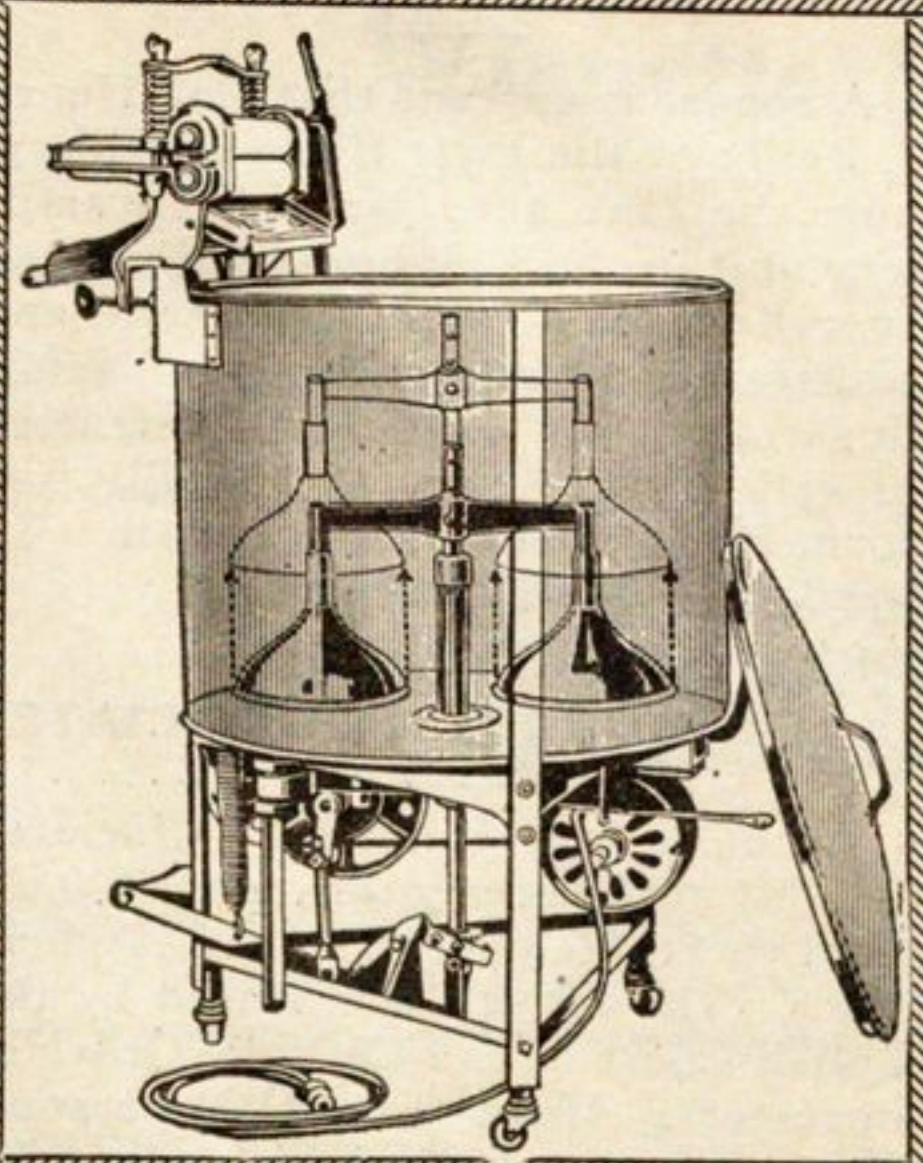
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