

**A LECTURE ON
Christian Science**

Entitled Christian Science: Salvation Through Spiritual Sense, by John C. Lathrop, C. S. B.

Mr. John C. Lathrop, C. S. B., of Prookline, Mass., member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., delivered a lecture on Christian Science, Sunday afternoon, March 30th, under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Wilmette, Ill., in the Church edifice, Central Avenue and Tenth Street.

The lecturer was introduced by Mr. Arthur B. Haven, First Reader.

Synopsis of Lecture

Christian Science was discovered by Mary Baker Eddy fifty-two years ago. Thirteen years after the discovery the first "Church of Christ, Scientist," was organized in Boston, Massachusetts. Since then nearly eighteen hundred organized churches or societies have been established over the world, forty-one cities each containing two churches or societies, and twenty-four cities each consisting from three to eighteen churches or societies. At the Wednesday evening meetings held in these churches and societies over ten thousand people each week publicly and voluntarily bear grateful testimony to the healing and regenerative benefits they have received through Christian Science.

There is little difference of opinion about the fact that mortals need a clearer way and a truer point of view. All agree that the world seems to be about as full to-day as ever of sin and fear, hatred and jealousy, impurity and disease, vanity and selfishness, and that calamities, tumults, and wars have not substantially decreased up to the present hour.

Surely intelligent people do not any longer believe that God is the cause of human discord and suffering, any more than they believe that the principle of mathematics is the cause of the failure of pupils to understand and prove its unchanging rules.

Gaining an understanding of Spirit and the omnipotent power of spiritual laws, and an understanding of the false nature of matter and of mortal mind and material laws, the seeker is armed successfully to cope with any human discord. Is it then surprising that he should presume to attempt to heal disease as well as sin? What is disease that it should elude the minister and be assigned to the physician, and what is sin that it should defy the physician and be allotted to the minister? From whence originated both? From God? No, neither the one more than the other. Jesus' identical handling of sin and disease should long ago have convinced the world that they have an identical source.

The operation of Christian Science in healing disease and overcoming sin is the action of the divine Mind, God, the Principle and power of the universe through good thoughts, that is, thoughts which, admitting that they have action and power, are equally good for everything and everybody in creation. These thoughts come to a human being through the study of Christian Science, and reveal this divine power which is omnipotent, and make this divine power available in proportion as it is understood and accepted by means of such thoughts.

It is quite universally accepted that Jesus did his healing works through spiritual means and methods, through his spiritual understanding of God, and not by means of drugs, blind faith, or will power. Surely Jesus meant that his followers should understand what he understood and work as he worked. Otherwise how could he be the Way-shower?

A wrong sense has often been taken of the true meaning of Christ Jesus and of the Bible. This is also the case with "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," for such is the perversity and tenacity of the material mind, and if this material and personal judgment has influenced thought toward Science and Health, it is not surprising that it has done likewise toward Mrs. Eddy herself. Prejudice, ignorance, and distrust, however, give way before the facts. Those so erroneously influenced, who afterward come to know Mrs. Eddy invariably experience a total change of feeling.

Heaven is not a region nor a locality to be entered physically, but it is a state of purified consciousness, a state of spiritual understanding, a salvation from sin, sickness, and death.

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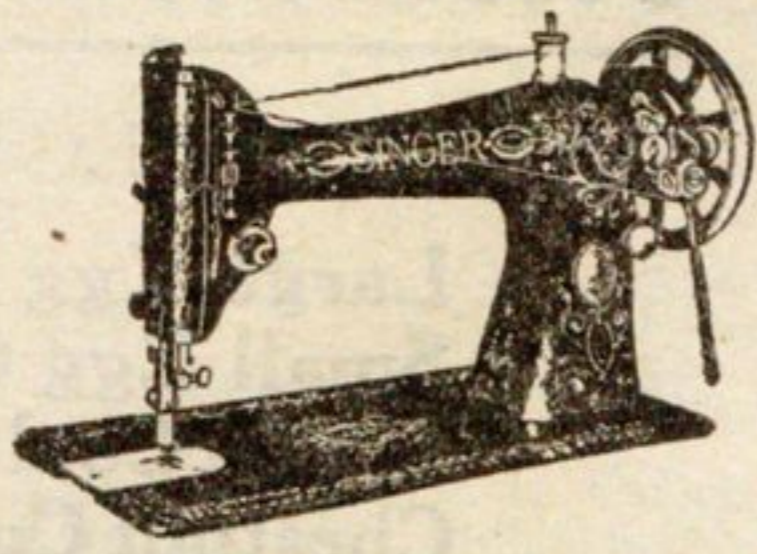
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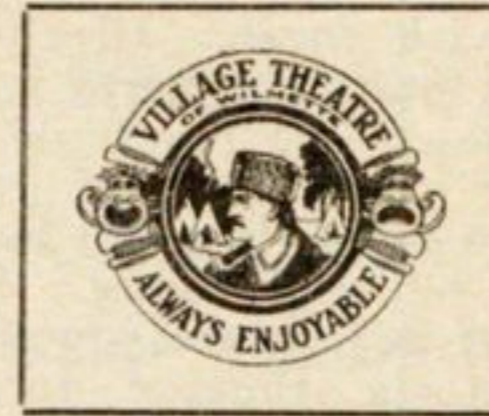
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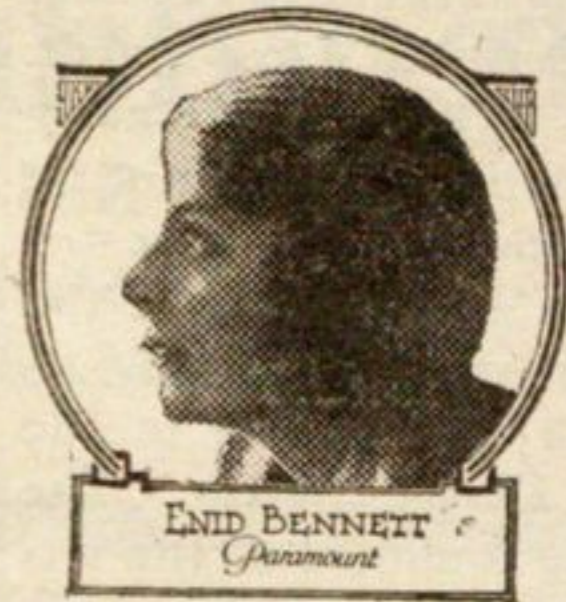


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