

## A LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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Mr. Frank Bell, C. S., of Philadelphia, Pa., 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 Thursday evening, October 16th, 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. John Gillies, who said:

**FRIENDS:**  
On behalf of the members of First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Wilmette, I bid you welcome.

In these days of fast moving events, with the question of reconstruction holding a large place in public thought, many new problems arise. These are found not alone in business but in practically every phase of life and much depends upon their right solution. A correct understanding of Truth is needful and is available to all. Christian Science understood and demonstrated heals every discordant condition, whether it be physical or material, and will solve our every problem.

On page 201 of Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy, are these words:

"Truth makes a new creature, in whom old things pass away, and 'all things are become new.' Passions, selfishness, false appetites, hatred, fear, all sensuality, yield to spirituality, and the superabundance of being is on the side of God, good."

It is our pleasure to have with us Mr. Frank Bell, C. S., of Philadelphia, Member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., who brings to us a message of Truth and Love.

Ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Frank Bell.

Mr. Bell in his lecture spoke in part as follows:

Christian Science has been called the science of right thinking. Its practice is the activity by which wrong thoughts are compelled to give place to right thoughts, that the fruits of right thinking may appear instead of the fruits of wrong thinking. The method is scientific and the purpose Christian.

Nothing could be of greater importance to you and me than the science of right thinking, because all there is to living is thinking. We build on a false and transient basis or on a true and enduring one, according to the nature of the thoughts that comprise our sense of existence. This would not be pleasant to contemplate were it true that thinking is more or less beyond control. Christian Science shows the willing student not only how to distinguish right thought from wrong thought, but how to hold to the one and reject the other, and thus to have dominion over the shaping of his career.

If the builder of a house were to accept every material offered, without regard to its source, quality or adaptability, can you imagine the result? If a weaver failed to discriminate as to yarns and colors, would you look for a fabric of value? So the chemist in his laboratory, the farmer in his field, the mechanic at his bench, must know the right material from the wrong and select accordingly. How then can it be expected that man, whose life consists of the thoughts he thinks, whose very being is mental, can realize harmonious and desirable conditions without intelligently controlling the thoughts that shape and comprise his conditions?

### Mental Nature of Disease

That the evil called disease is the outward expression or effect of a mental state is more and more generally acknowledged. The growing practice of Christian Science, in which all manner of disease is healed by treatment applied solely to mental conditions, is helping mankind to see that disease in all its aspects is the working out of wrong thinking. This does not mean that a person who has a particular disease must have been thinking persistently of that disease. It has been said truly that no man liveth unto himself. Since living is thinking, then no man thinketh unto himself. Some of the effects of mental environment are matters of common observation. For instance, it is considered natural for persons to manifest more or less markedly the mental states or temperaments of their families, communities or nationalities. Does the Chinaman have almond-shaped eyes because the material in his eyes differs chemically from the material in the eyes of people of other lands? Or is it because the almond-shaped eye has been for centuries the standard of what an eye ought to be, in the thought of the Chinese people? Possibly our bacteriological friends may reserve the

right to discover an almond-eyed germ that has caused it.

Our common daily experiences may help us to understand how largely that which we call human life is the expression of mental influences of which we are not definitely conscious. Consider, if you will, the myriad thought processes that have entered into the simple matter of your being here at this lecture, that have made

possible the printed notices, the clothes you wear, the house you came out of, the steam or electric car or automobile in which you rode, the streets you trod, the years and years of thinking that had to be done to make all these available to you within a few minutes and with the slightest mental effort on your part. Since the mental processes to which we are continually responding are largely outside of conscious thought, the mental causes of disease are not necessarily confined to influences of which the victim of disease may be aware.

Christian Science proves disease to be mental by healing it by a mental method.

### The Right Textbook

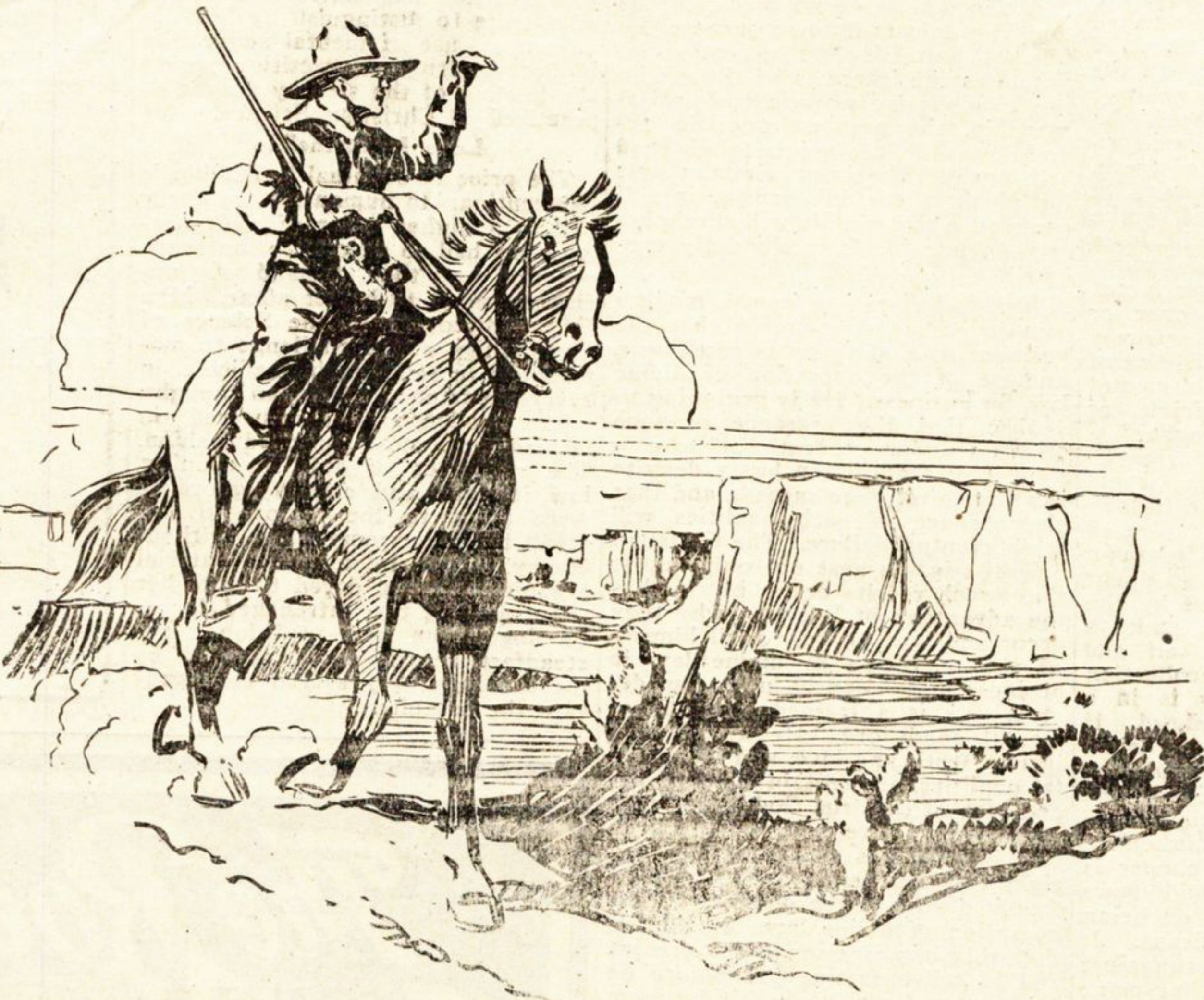
The rule and method of the science of right thinking are set forth in the

textbook of Christian Science, entitled "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy. This book contains the complete statement of Christian Science, what it is and how it can be learned and applied. I have known persons to say they could not understand this book when in fact they had searched it only for confirmation of their preconceived and mistaken notions of its purpose. Persons who expect Mrs. Eddy's writings to teach them to be successful hypnotists or mesmerists, to conquer pain with mental suggestion or will power, to heal disease by calling it names, to overcome evil by ignoring it, to evade the consequences of sin through a convenient closing of the eyes, to coin dollars and cents out of a mummery of words, or to do anything else that is absurd,

grotesque, unnatural or illogical, are bound to be disappointed.

Considering the title of the book as indicating its purpose, we observe the close association of the words "science" and "health." The book therefore is intended to establish relation between science or knowledge and health or well being, to prove that health is to be found in the realm that is mental or spiritual, not physical. Associated with the words "science" and "health" are the words "key to the Scriptures." Thus the further intent of the book is to show that the knowledge that is synonymous with health is religious knowledge and is to be found in the Bible.

The title of the book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," gives notice that the purpose of the book is to prove not only that health is a matter of science or knowledge,



## "The Trouble Shooter"

is the name the complaint man of the gas company has given himself. Strictly speaking, it is the duty of these men to respond promptly to all calls from consumers for attention to service or appliance troubles. But in a broader sense all the employes of the gas company are "trouble shooters."

**EVERY COMPLAINT LODGED WITH THE COMPANY** is a favor. It is the ambition of the North Shore Gas Company to render service that is as nearly perfect as skill and constant attention can make it.

**OCCASIONALLY TEMPORARY DEFECTS** in service occur, and the most careful employes sometime make mistakes, but we are constantly striving to reduce the defects and the mistakes to a minimum.

**COURTESY IS ONE OF THE WATCHWORDS** of this company. Our employes are expected to be courteous and polite in all their dealings with our customers and with each other.

**WHEN A COMPLAINT IS OUT OF THE ORDINARY** or if the employe working on the complaint fails to satisfy the consumer, the manager at any of our five offices is always ready and glad to give the matter his at-

tention. But we are glad to say that complaints of this nature are rare.

**WE ARE CONSTANTLY ON THE HUNT** for the CAUSES of complaints. Our lines are regularly patrolled. The operation of the plant is carefully watched. Our employes are instructed to report daily any complaints against the gas service, no matter how trifling. We never knowingly sell appliances to our customers which will give unsatisfactory service. And above all, we never treat any complaint lightly.

**CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF** IN SOME quarters the Gas Company IS human. It is human because it is made up entirely of human beings. And being human, we cannot be perfect,—the best we can do is to put forth all our effort to keep our service close to perfection. "Trouble shooting" is a big part of our effort in that direction.

**OUR CUSTOMERS MAY BE SURE** that it is our purpose to give them good reason to wear the broad smile of Good Will toward us. After all, most complaints are due to misunderstandings. Help us avoid misunderstandings. If you have a complaint that isn't taken care of to your satisfaction, we don't know it. Tell us.

The next statement of this series will appear in this newspaper next week.

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