BIG AUDIENCE HEARS BROWN

Christian Science Lecture Here Sunday Proves Popular

Hon. William E. Brown, C.S.B. of Los Angeles, Cal., member of the Board of Lectureship of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., addressed a large audience at a free lecture in the Christian Science Church here Sunday.

He spoke as follows:

Let us rejoice together at the opportunity which is mine tonight, to bring you the Christian Science message of emancipation—the way of escape from the house of bondage, from the slavery of materiality. Through the teaching and demonstration of Christian Science we are beginning to understand the meaning of the words of Christ Jesus when he said to his disciples, "For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them."

In order that I may present this subject to you in an orderly and logical manner let me say that Christian Science is a deductive science; and that I shall follow the manner of the Scriptures; that is, I shall begin with the premise that God is infinite Mind, who created all and pronounced all very good.

As you are well aware, this method of reasoning is quite the opposite of that employed in developing the material sciences. However, even now, we are hearing the requiem sounded on many long accepted conclusions, often founded on empirical knowledge. For through tireless research and experimentation in the fields of physics, chemistry, and the natural sciences in general, the physical scientists are proving the fallibility of many hitherto supposedly fixed laws. Someone has said that the discovery of radium made waste paper of whole libraries; the atom, felt to be fixed forever as the final and irreducible bit of matter, finds itself broken into electrons, or ions of energy; and now comes the mathematical giant, Einstein, who proposes to prove mathematically and beyond cavil that gravity and electricity have a common cause, and that an un-material one.

Step by step, the world is being led to the Science of all sciences, the Science of Christianity, whereby we recognize and demonstrate the ultimate truth regarding God and man; whereby we establish through proof, the religion of spiritual causation.

From the Scriptures we learn that the Science of Christianity, taught by Jesus, is purely deductive, and this was foretold by Isaiah, who, while referring to the coming of the Messiah, said, "... and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge ..."

It is my desire to present this subject in the spirit of helpfulness and service to humanity; otherwise its presentation would be unnecessary. It is not my intention to appeal to mere faith or emotion, but rather to reason and logic. It has sometimes been said that Christian Science is difficult to understand and that some of its statements are far-fetched, but as we proceed I am sure you will think otherwise.

Naturally, in the discussion of any exact science the logical thing to do is to consider first its premise, foundation, or principle; this, of course, in Christian Science is God, or to use Mrs. Eddy's oft-repeated and eloquently qualifying descriptive term, is infinite Mind.

God

The terms employed by Christian Science to define the nature of God, such as Mind and Principle, enable us to conceive of an infinite God and to enlarge the limiting sense of God as personal, a view which really prohibits a right understanding of God as omnipresent and omnipotent. The term personal, as generally used, includes the conception of form or outline, and it is impossible to conceive of an infinite form or person.

Here let me call your attention to a most important and interesting matter. All Bible students are aware that in the book of Genesis there exist two separate and distinct accounts of creation; one which refers to the Creator as God, and the other referring to the Creator as Lord God, or Jehovah. In considering the character of God, it will be helpful to know the distinctions made in His character by these accounts. In the first account God is described as A", a, the infinite I AM; in the second account God is represented as a tribal deity. Of these separate accounts of creation, James Warwick Price writes in his work, "The One Book": "About the year 875 B. C., the Jahvist version appeared, so called because God is called Jahve, or Jehovah. About 750 B. C., appeared the Elohist version, because God is called Elohim." He continues, "About a century later these documents were in some way compiled, and in many essentials these documents are directly contradictory."

In the Jehovistic concept we have a tribal God who manifests the human qualities of **anger, hatred, revenge,** etc., quite the opposite of the Elohistic concept of the I AM who declared all to be good and very good. And then note the sweeping repudiation of the Jehovistic concept given in Exodus, "And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them."

A spiritual sense of the Scriptures plainly shows God to be omnipresent Spirit, filling all space and within which all things exist. This view is sustained by the Scriptural declaration, "In him we live, and move, and have our being." In other words, God is not in us, but we are in Him. Of this Mrs. Eddy writes (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 331): "God is individual, incorporeal. He is divine Principle, Love, the universal cause, the only creator, and there is no other self-existence. He is all-inclusive, and is reflected by all that is real and eternal and by nothing else. He fills all space, and it is impossible to conceive of such omnipresence and individuality except as infinite Spirit or Mind. Hence all is Spirit and spiritual."

God then, or infinite Mind, is our starting point. With this premise **before us,** the first logical deduction is that God, infinite Mind, being the only Cause or Creator, the universe must be like its cause, mental. I would like to fix this basic fact firmly in your consciousness, because when one grasps the fact that the universe is a thought universe, the rest of the road is comparatively easy. My meaning is well illustrated in a statement made by Professor J. A. Fleming, who declares, "The physical universe is a thought rather than a thing."

At this juncture we are face to face with the chief stumbling block which causes the materialist to say that while Christian Science can cure mental troubles it cannot cure physical troubles. This is because he does not yet understand that man is wholly a mental being; in other words, he mistakenly thinks that man is part matter, a theory now largely discredited by eminent physicists. It is evident that since the universe is wholly mental mankind is also wholly mental, and from this it will be seen that any agency which is truly remedial in one instance will be equally efficacious in every instance.

Christ Jesus

The methods of Christ Jesus, the Great Physician, did not classify disease into functional and organic divisions calling for different modes of treatment. His record shows that he cured all manner of disease and discord, ranging from financial lack to the death of Lazarus, and he did these works by one and the same method—through an understanding and an application of divine Principle.

Permeating the teaching of Jesus is the basic truth that God is All and that God does not know, cause, nor permit disease of **any kind.** This is illustrated by **his declaration that a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit.** Deducible from this, is the fact that God's perfect universe could not deteriorate in any way. Here someone may say, "Suppose that all is perfect from God's viewpoint if I do not know it, or cannot know it, what good does your logical statement of fact do me?" Ah! but you can see it and know it if you know how, and it is the mission of Christian Science to show you how. Your question resolves itself into this, How can one become conscious of God's perfect universe? This is accomplished by acquiring the Mind of Christ.

But how acquire the Mind of Christ? Let me tell you: right here, to-day, you can begin to acquire that Mind; in other words, the knowledge of how to think as Christ Jesus thought. Are you weary and heavy laden? Then turn, as Nicodemus was bidden to turn away from the contemplation of man as mortal. Are you sorrowing, or is there illness in your family? Recall what Jesus did for the Syrophenician woman when he healed her demoniac daughter; first he ascertained that she was firm in her purpose to receive healing from this divine source. In short she was turning to the Christ Mind, and with this ascertained, the healing came immediately. Do you lack supply? In the Sermon on the Mount the Master admonished us to seek the kingdom of God first, and promised that when we did this all else should be added to us; and he proved his precept when he fed the multitude.

The importance of gaining a spiritual understanding of the Scriptures is revealed in Christian Science and is shown in its interpretation of the life and mission of Jesus—an interpretation which corrects those false and popular theological views which prevent seekers from following the commands of the Master. To illustrate: the word **atonement** is generally believed to refer to Jesus' death on the cross, whereby he is supposed to have atoned for the sins of the world, and that the world was saved by his death. Christian Science maintains that this conception is erroneous, and Mrs. Eddy defines atonement as "the exemplification of man's unity with God, whereby man reflects divine Truth, Life and Love." She continues, "Jesus of Nazareth taught and demonstrated man's oneness with the Father and for this we owe him endless homage. His mission was both individual and collective. He did Jesus's work aright not only in justice to himself, but in mercy to mortals, to show them how to do theirs, but not to do it for them nor to relieve them of a single responsibility" (Science and Health, p. 18).

This is not an arbitrary definition by Mrs. Eddy, but is also shown by the eminent philologist, Richard Trench, when he declares that the true meaning of the word atonement is "at-one-ment." Christian Science emphasizes that it is the life of Jesus which is the essential thing and not his death.

Christian Science

With the wonderful record of accomplishment left by Christ Jesus in overcoming sin, disease, and death, and all of their various ramifications, together with his assurance that all who truly understand and follow him will be endowed with his ability to do the same works, it was inevitable that someone would arise who would fulfill his requirements and would demonstrate how to duplicate his achievements. Such a one was **Mary Baker Eddy,** the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, its Revelator to this age.

This revelation came to her, as it did to Paul, who declared of the gospel preached by him, "For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." Herein Paul emphasized the difference between mere intellectualism and spiritual understanding, and established the fact that revelation is superior to human reason.

Christian Science may attract the attention of the wise and philosophical, but only the Christian can understand it. Here arises a most important point: most of those who criticize Christian Science are not really acquainted with it. Only the one who understands Christian Science and can demonstrate its teachings is competent to pass judgment on it. Christian Science comes to the world in the manner described by Paul, "not with excellency of speech or of wisdom ... but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power."

Evil

All thinking persons who have had presented to them the spiritual facts of the allness of God are confronted with the question, What about evil? Perhaps I can better answer this question if you will let me talk to you for a few minutes about dreams. Did you ever experience a troubled dream and awaken the next morning with gratitude that it was only a dream? I want to have you realize clearly the possibilities of such dream experiences, as it will help me in elucidating what I shall tell you of the illusionary nature of evil. In dreams mortals suffer, enjoy, and participate in experiences similar to those of their waking hours; yet upon waking they are aware that these events have never taken place. In like manner Christian Science teaches and proves that the evils of so-called human existence have no more actuality than the experiences of the night dream. The position of Christian Science is proved through demonstration of its premise—the allness of God; and the allness of God surely means no less than His omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence. Does not this all-inclusive triad automatically shut out the possibility of evil having intelligence, place, or power?

The question is frequently asked, How can Christian Scientists be sure that evil is unreal? Because they prove it; every healing in Christian Science proves the unreality of evil, inasmuch as the healing work is wholly based on the premise of the allness of a supremely good God.

A simple bit of logic will show that evil is purposeless and causeless: If we assume that God permits or creates evil, we are forced upon the untenable platform of assuming that an all-wise God, after creating a universe which He pronounced wholly good, immediately proceeded to let loose upon His finished work a malign power which promptly began to destroy it. Evil does not create anything; its whole purpose is to destroy; it therefore could not have existed before creation, and with an infinitely good God as creator it certainly could not have come into existence after creation. It stands, logically, in the same relations as does disorder to order. It is plain that order must have existed prior to disorder, otherwise there would have been nothing for the latter to disarrange.

Evil, therefore, is not an entity, but merely an argument of the carnal mind. It presents its claim to consciousness through temptations of various kinds; the temptation to be angry is akin to

(Continued on Page 3, Part 3)

Bandit Shoot Child

When bandits held up the State Bank at Western Springs, Ill., they not only made off with $5,000 but shot Jane Whitehall, an eight-year-old school girl, as they made their escape. The child, who was shot in the leg, is shown above.

Coke

Welcomes the Challenge of the Coldest Winter Day

When the days are cold and the nights are long, depend upon SEMET-SOLVAY COKE for heat. Rooms chilled overnight from open windows are warmed promptly and are kept warm through the day and evening. Fill the furnace with this fuel of clean, steady burning carbon, made particularly for home heating. Adjustment of drafts gives you the room temperatures you want. Phone your order for SEMET-SOLVAY COKE to us today and be assured of the best fuel value and protection against the severest winter weather.

R. C. Moulthrop Lumber Co. - Phone 1
Parks Coal Co. - - - Phone 2020
Lawson-Erb Lumber Co. - Phone 111

Drive Safely In Bad Weather

FREE Brake Test

SCIENTIFICALLY ACCURATE — TAKES BUT A FEW MINUTES

Drive In Today

You may have 4-Wheel Brakes, but . . . **how many are working?** Our Brake Tester will tell you! An adjustment may be all that's required. If relining is necessary, we have definite recommendations for your car, to give you the best all around service.

RELINING

Fords and Chevrolets	$1.00 per Wheel
Cars Equipped with Bendix Brakes	$2.00 per Wheel
Cars Equipped with Steeldraulic Brakes	$1.75 per Wheel
Cars Equipped with Huck Brakes	$1.75 per Wheel
Cars Equipped with Hydraulic Brakes	$1.75 per Wheel
Lincoln, Cadillac, Packard, Etc.	$3.00 per Wheel

MATERIAL EXTRA

Batteries — Come in for a FREE check-up today. Don't chance being stalled miles from home. Firestone Batteries are as low as **$5.95** with your old battery.

Tires and Tubes
Tire Repairing
Batteries and Service
Brake Work
Wheel Aligning

Winter Lubrication — Time, now, to change to winter lubricants. They safeguard the moving parts and make your car drive like it does in summer.

FIRESTONE Anti-Freeze — A Firestone radiator solution that safeguards your car and lasts all winter. **$3.95** Cal. Alcohol is 55c gal.

Crank Case Service
Complete Lubrication Service
Gasoline - Oil
Accessories - Road Service
Anti-freeze - Water - Anti-freeze

Firestone OKE-STOP SERVICE

Sternal's

S. Woodward at Daines - - - Phone 9 for Road Service

SERVING BIRMINGHAM MOTORISTS SINCE 1921

SHEAFFER'S FOUNTAIN PENS

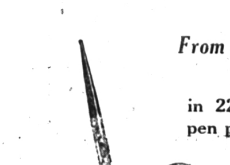
"The Gift of a Lifetime"

Built as pens should be—shapely, balanced, elegant . . . Sheaffer Lifetimes are the most luxurious writing instruments in the world. And new, this year, is the Autographed, platinum-tipped FEATHERTOUCH, with the recipient's **actual signature** engraved on a solid gold band. Get the "feel" of these pens, and you will realize that they are ever a source of downright joy to the user.

Pens - - - $7.75 to $16

Pencils - - $1.00 to $12

Other Pens At Low As **$1**



Identify the Lifetime pen by this white dot

From Now 'til Christmas

NAME in 22-k. Gold on any pen purchased from us **FREE**

See Our Selection of **Desk Sets** with bases of Marble, Cara Glass or Brazilian Onyx: **$6 to $45**

Board of Education Employees, Please Note - - - -
Scrip Is Accepted At Wilson's

WILSON DRUG COMPANY

159 N. Woodward - - - Phone 35 - - - We Deliver

MEN WHO PLAY FAIR . . .

"Suppose I forgot your salary for several months?"

The manager and I were having a little friendly talk about bills. Nothing serious, but I got the impression that he was checking up on me.

"What do you think of a fellow who lets his bills slide?" he said, "... who doesn't pay them until they're long past due?"

Thinking of myself, I replied:

"Well, the man may not be dishonest as far as I can see . . . he probably has other more pressing demands. Besides," I blurted out, "his creditors aren't losing anything. They know they'll get their money some time!"

He was thoughtful a minute before answering.

"Not losing anything, eh? Bill, did you ever stop to think that the money you owe your creditors is food and clothes and rent? They have bills to pay, too. How would you get along if I forgot to pay your salary for several months?"

I admitted that I hadn't thought of it in that way.

"No, most men don't. Another thing they don't realize is that they hurt themselves when they fail to keep their credit good.

"It's this way: When you buy a suit of clothes on credit, you promise to pay within a certain time. The 'certain time' passes and the amount is still unpaid . . . creditors become skeptical and your good name suffers. Then the time comes when you need credit badly . . . and you're out of luck!

"Another thing, Bill," he went on, "if you ever want to make real money in this world and *keep* it, you've got to have a good credit standing . . . *lack of credit causes more failures than lack of brains!*"

I admitted to him before I left that I would be doing myself a favor if I kept my credit good.

You owe it to yourself to pay your bills promptly. Start the habit and you'll have true peace of mind.

Free Booklet
"How to Use Credit to Your Best Advantage"

Helpful new booklet will be a revelation to you. Sent to you free and without obligation. Mailed in plain wrapper. Write or mail coupon below.

BIRMINGHAM CREDIT BUREAU
INC.
An Association of the Retail Credit Merchants, and of the professional men and women of Birmingham.

Pay Promptly — Bills paid promptly help us to help you

TREAT YOUR CREDIT AS A SACRED TRUST

BIRMINGHAM CREDIT BUREAU
First National Bank Building
Birmingham, Mich'gan.

Please send me Free Booklet "How to Use Credit to Your Best Advantage." No obligation, of course.

Name .....
Address .....
City ..... State .....