# Large Group Hears New York Man In Lecture Here

A large audience heard a lecture given Tuesday night in Baldwin High School auditorium by Adair Hickman, of New York City, member of the board of lectureship of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ Scientist, Boston.

He was introduced by Horace Bringhurst, First Reader of the Birmingham church, who said in part:

"Nearly every one will say that he believes in God, but a much smaller number of people know God as all, and consequently many do not turn to God when they find themselves in trouble.

"It was 27 years ago that I first listened to the Christian Science proclamation of God's allness. During the years since then I have proved, and I have seen the allness of God proved over and over again. Sometimes it was sickness that seemed to be present; at other times accidents, danger, unemployment, uncertainty or lack; but in every experience, the understanding of the allness of God healed and eliminated the discordant condition."

His subject being, "Christian Science: Herald of God's Allness," Mr. Hickman spoke substantially as follows:

At this period of swift changes in the whole social order, we should—and naturally must, as Christians—turn unreservedly for guidance to the inspired Word, the revealed Truth, contained in the Holy Scriptures. It is imperative that we heed, more faithfully than ever before, Christ Jesus' command—for it was a command—to "search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." Again he rebuked some, saying, "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures." He gave every evidence that he himself was deeply versed in the Old Testament, the only Scripture there was at that time. And we know how reverently the messages of the great prophets were pondered by the faithful ones of Israel, and when obeyed, how the people were guided, protected, and blessed.

The profound significance to this very present hour of that beautiful event known as the transfiguration, as related by Matthew, and the deep and vital meaning of that sacred experience, is clearly and practically explained in Christian Science. What does the transfiguration really mean? It means "glorified"—Christ, Truth, glorified. Jesus, you will recall, had taken Peter, James, and John up into a high mountain, and there appeared unto them Elias and Moses, talking with Jesus. From the height of spiritual vision to which their Master's teaching and constant companionship had brought them, they envisaged this communion. They saw those two who had led and prophesied, and held to people to faith in the one true God, at the most important crises in Israel's previous history.

When the vision of Moses and Elias had vanished and Jesus was alone with his awed disciples, they questioned him about the prophecy which had existed for centuries concerning Elias. It was then that Jesus spoke those words, among the profoundest he ever uttered, "Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things." That was a far-reaching prophecy—as we shall see reaching down to this very age in the religious history of the world.

Mary Baker Eddy realized that the spiritual interpretation of all Scripture is the vital interpretation. As she has said, in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" (p. 207), "The spiritual reality is the scientific fact in all things." Such an interpretation makes the sacred records a living document, the very chart of life in any crisis in any age. "Take away the spiritual signification of Scripture," she declared, "and that compilation can do no more for mortals than can moonbeams to melt a river of ice" (ibid., p. 241). Thus to her insight Elias was not merely a human prophet, he represented "prophecy, spiritual evidence opposed to material sense;" and here follows a deeply significant part of her interpretation: "Christian Science, with which can be discerned the spiritual fact of whatever the material senses behold; the basis of immortality" (ibid., p. 585).

A palimpsest on vellum has recently been discovered, after it had lain fourteen hundred years in obscurity. By means of the searching ultra-violet ray, the very faint under-writing has been deciphered. It proves to be the complete text of the twenty-first chapter of the book of Acts, in the Palestinian-Syriac dialect.

This event seems beautifully symbolic of the light which Christian Science sheds on the sacred Scriptures throughout.

Obviously, to become aware of the spiritual fact, or Truth, is the vital need of the human race today. This need is being practically supplied to the receptive thought through the understanding which Christian Science gives of the realism of Spirit of the unreality of matter or material sense. The fallacy called matter, which is the source of all mortal discord, sin, sickness, and death, disappears in proportion as the spiritual fact, or Truth, is scientifically discerned.

**True Government**

The carnal will claims to separate man wholly from God's government—from all knowledge or love of God—and then to make mankind absolutely in God's stead. Whatever ideology the carnal mind may assume, it is the very antithesis of Christianity. In essence it is always atheism, paganism, as idolatrous as was the image-worship against which the ancient prophets constantly warned Israel.

From Lucifer, down through all history, those who lusted for world conquest have fallen in final defeat. There was one man, however, and one only, who justly and finally claimed complete conquest. "Be of good cheer," bade Jesus of Nazareth, "I have overcome the world." It did he mean to imply that the man Jesus, the humble Nazarene, who was about to suffer the cross, had been a world-conqueror? Never! He realized that it was because he, above all others, had recognized and obeyed God's rule, the absolute government of the one Mind, that he could make this claim. Surely the scene in world history could not have been darker, more tragic, than at that time. Crucifixion awaited the Teacher and Founder of Christianity; mass ignorance prevailed everywhere, and the whole civilized world, as it was then known, was held in the iron hand of despotism of the grimmest type, and yet in that darkest hour Jesus could speak of his "joy," his "peace." He could bid his followers "be of good cheer" despite the certain tribulation which they would encounter. Could he have so assured them had he not known God as Love, a divine Principle at hand, not only to be adored, but understood and demonstrated? What was the world which Jesus claimed to have overcome? Something infinitely more vast than that coveted by vainglorious conquerors whose armed forces have marched and countermarched along the centuries.

Many years ago Mary Baker Eddy discovered that the world which Jesus meant was the entire world of sense—the whole material concept of the universe, of man and of all law. This led her to the conclusion that Jesus of Nazareth was the greatest Scientist that the world has ever known.

To Mrs. Eddy it was clearly revealed that it was through his scientific knowledge of the spiritual reality of all things that Jesus overcame the material claim at all points. It is only in the false material concept of the world that mortals have "great tribulation." This counterfeit creation is to be overcome for each one of us individually by the divinely scientific way which Jesus as the Way-shower demonstrated. The way of Christian Science is constructive in all of its methods. Through its teachings we learn not to accept the evidence presented by material sense, whatever it may be, but to look through it and find the spiritual fact. Each material appearance will then be seen as a distortion, a misconception, or a limited conception of something unchangeably good, desirable, inevitable, and wholly compatible with a good God.

**True Versus False Ego**

We see evident at this period a menacing form of egotism which is expressing itself nationally, and can lead only to strife, division, and destructiveness, instead of the regeneration and unity which the world so greatly needs and for which it seems to blindly to grope. We must be strong in our resolve and unwearying in our effort to resist this mental aggressor. From the viewpoint of scientific Christianity, what is called totalitarianism today is but a perverted, distorted concept of the divine totality—oneness—the all-ruling Mind. It is a twisted, false ego-ism.

In divine Science all true knowledge is based on the knowledge of God as the one eternal Ego, the one I AM, or universal consciousness, or Mind. "I am God and there is none beside Me," is the forever fact of existence. Do we not see how atheistic is the belief of a human ruler compelling the worship of a god known as the state? "Then shall ye return," the prophet foretold, "and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not." By a return to the first great law of God's oneness and allness all power, all existence, all knowledge or Science we discern between true service of worship of God, and that which is not, in the world today, a choice between Christianity and idolatry.

As we look into the tragic abuse the state and church and turmoil of the world even today, as we study the history of man through the ages in the light of divine Science, we see the constant fulfillment of prophecy and the irrefutable orderly operation of spiritual law.

Scientifically viewed, the human democracy thus far evolved is but a faint reflection of the "new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven," "a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." An individual demonstration of the present kingdom, governed by divine Mind, increases, there will finally emerge the structure of earthly government foursquare on Principle, and constantly developing in justice, freedom, wisdom, and Love.

And now, my friends, I most deeply desire to pray with you these rallying, triumphant words from the most authentic history in all the world and for all the race: "The Lord he is God (gods); there is none else beside him."

STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 9th day of June, A. D. 1942.

Present: Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Lewis H. De Blaubleu, Deceased.

Fulton Anne De Blaubleu having filed in said court her petition praying that administration of said estate be granted to Allan Fulton or to some other suitable person,

It is Ordered, That the 6th day of July, A. D. 1942, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three consecutive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.
11-1-13.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the eighth day of June, A. D. 1942.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Julia Schweisinger Hemingway, Deceased.

Martha A. Reynolds, administratrix de bonis non with will annexed of said estate having filed in said Court her Final Account and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof, determination of the heirs of said deceased and assignment of the residue of said estate, and the discharge of said administratrix de bonis non with will annexed.

It is Ordered, that the sixth day of July, A. D. 1942, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.

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# With the Collegians

**Wayne University**

DETROIT—A record-breaking group of 1,333 candidates received degrees at Oympia in the third evening commencement exercises in Wayne University history last Thursday. From Birmingham was MARIAN TATE, Bachelor of Science in Home Economics.

**Antioch College**

YELLOW SPRINGS, O.—ROBERT B. LUCE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Luce, 201 Waddington road, Birmingham, has been appointed Community Government editor at Antioch College, it was announced at Community Council meeting this week.

As editor Luce will be in charge of three campus publications; a weekly "student notes" bulletin of announcements and schedules; "The Record" college newspaper, published every other week; and "The Antiochian" college magazine, published once a quarter. The editorship is a full-time job, paid from Community Government funds.

Luce has had a wide background in newspaper work. He has just completed twenty weeks of work as a reporter on the Springfield Sun in Springfield, Ohio. Previously he worked for NBC in New York City. Both jobs have held for Antioch's cooperative plan of alternating periods of study with work on a regular job.

**Waste No Time**

Three B. J. Jewett High School graduates of last week have already begun their studies at the University of Michigan, according to Principal Earl H. Bellfield today. ALBERT HIRSCH, JOHN GORDON and JOHN ROSSO.

Under the new accelerated program, a student can complete his course of study in as short a time as two years, seven months. Many Birmingham students already in college and universities will return to school this summer.

**Principia**

CAROL CHESTER COLVIN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Colvin, Jr., of 1060 Wimbledon, Birmingham, graduated from the Principia Upper School in St. Louis, Mo., on Monday, June 8.

RICHARD RICKSE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Rickse of 406 Baldwin, graduate of the class of '41 at Baldwin, completed a year of post graduate work at Principia.

Dick was a member of the varsity hockey team, and head of sports in the Girls' Athletic Association. She also served as floor chief and counselor in her dormitory group.

Richard was a member of the Lodge Club, the Camera Club, and manager of the C. Football team.

**Western Reserve University**

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hill, Sr., of Berkshire road, and their daughter, Mrs. H. J. Axtell and her son John, motored to Cleveland, Ohio, to attend the convocation June 5, at Western Reserve University, when their son EDWARD J. HILL, JR., graduated from the school of medicine. Dr. Hill will serve his internship at Harper Hospital, Detroit.

**Juilliard Graduate School**

CELIA IRENE MERRILL graduated this week from Juilliard Graduate School in Lincoln Center, New York City, and is now planning for a permanent Detroit Youth Orchestra. Last year Miss Merrill conducted her own orchestra in Detroit's "Coffee with Music" at the Wilderway Bloomfield Playhouse where her brother, William Wade Merrill, produced a nine-week season of summer theatre plays. Bill is now a student at the Dodge School of Radio Mechanics near Chicago and has recently been made a corporal in the U. S. Army.

Celia was the only feminine student honored with a fellowship in conducting in the graduate school at Juilliard in the last decade and only the third in the history of the school. She conducted her own opera last summer as the last play at the Will-O-Way Playhouse for twelve performances with Joseph Victor Ladenoute as the star tenor.

This spring, Celia conducted the New York WPA Symphony Orchestra at Carnegie Hall and on June 18 will be the guest conductor of the Detroit Institute of Musical Art Orchestra at the annual graduation concert in the Detroit Museum of Art.

NORTON, MASS.—JOANNE KEITH STIFFLER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Stiffler of Pupleton drive, has been elected business manager of the yearbook for next year at House in the Pines School.

**GRADUATES**

Joan Muzzy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gray Muzzy, graduated from Smith College, Northampton, Mass., June 7. Miss Muzzy was a major in sociology.

**Colby Junior College**

Anne Winifred Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kaltwasser, 564 Puritan road, is graduating from Colby Junior College, New London, N. H., with an Associate of Commercial Science degree.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 8th day of June 1942.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Alonzo Griffith, Deceased.

Ethel C. Griffith executrix of said estate having filed in said Court a petition praying for license to sell at private sale certain real estate belonging to said estate as therein described.

It is Ordered, That the 6th day of July, 1942, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said Court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in and to said real estate should not be granted.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once in each week for three weeks consecutively previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.

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## Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Corley Kirby, and their son, Bill, of 407 Williamsbury avenue? The Kirbys came here from Plainfield, N. J., about a month ago. Bill, who is 14, attended Baldwin Junior High school since moving here, and is looking forward to being a student in the new junior high school. Mr. Kirby is in the public relations office at General Motors, and the proximity of Birmingham to his work, and the convenience of a small community close to a large city, was the reason for the Kirby's choice of residence. Mrs. Kirby was born and educated in Dundee, Scotland, while Mr. Kirby is a graduate of Utica College, Ill.

# Class of 1922 Holds Reunion

Old times at Baldwin High School were reviewed Saturday night when the Class of 1922 held its second reunion at the Community House—20 years later.

Of the 32 members in the class, all were reported to be alive and the majority attended the session, along with former Superintendent Claudice Vliet, former principal Henry Hart, and W. S. Toothacker, still a teacher. The class prophecy was read and its inaccuracies exposed; only one came true. Forbes Hassell became a lawyer as predicted.

Russell McBride acted as toastmaster, and his wife, also a member of the class was present. Attendance from there was Miss Katherine Tomlinson, Dr. Charles Thurber, Foster Toothacker, Mrs. Florence McKinney Wright, Mrs. Bernice Bixby Gebhardt, Mrs. Gladys Dean Schlaack, Mrs. Mildred Kemp Smith, Mrs. Orlou Schlaack LaTourette, Mrs. Dorothy Stoner Pepperell, and Mrs. Florence Wandelgh Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buck, Mr. Hascall, Mrs. Norma Clarke Mowers, Blanche Brooks, Eliot Cornell, Marion Hawkins, Russell Berger, Edith Roach, and Elmer Lowe.

# Children's Library Planned for Adams

After Friday, June 19, young residents of the Adams School area need no longer brave the perils of Hunter Boulevard crossing in order to borrow books from the Baldwin Library. On that day, a small branch library will be officially opened in Adams School, according to Miss Ruth Poucher, Children's Librarian.

The room to be used this summer for a branch library is one in the basement on the east side of Adams school and has its own outside entrance leading to Worth street near the Oakland intersection. It will be open during the summer on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30.

Members of the Adams P.-T. A. are planning to provide adult supervision during the hours that the reading room is open. Participating in the organization and administration are Mrs. Martin L. DeBats, 2512 Dorchester, Mrs. T. L. McNaughton, 2251 Yorkshire, Mrs. H. D. Pahl, 1415 Yorkshire, Mrs. Garland Tait, 1443 Yorkshire and Mrs. Paul E. Romoser, 2230 Yorkshire.

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