

Lecturer Discusses Healing Power Of Christian Science

A large audience greeted Mrs. Elizabeth McArthur Thomson, C. S. E., at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Birmingham, when she lectured on "Christian Science: Its Healing Power."

The lecturer was introduced by Mrs. Gerrit Oosting, second reader of the local church, in her introduction said:

"Friends: First Church of Christ, Scientist, Birmingham, welcomes you as our guests this evening to this feast of Love for which we have so joyously made preparation."

The first lines in the Preface of the Christian Science text book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, are these—"To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, today is big with blessings." I am so grateful to give testimony this evening to the many blessings which have come to me and my family through the knowledge that our Father-Mother God is the sustaining infinite which is ever present to help, to guide, and to guard when the way has seemed "dark and drear," and has brought healings and blessings.

I am grateful, too, to be living in a country where we can worship God as we wish, fearlessly, joyously, gratefully.

Our lecture this evening is presented by a member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. It is entitled "Christian Science: Its Healing Power." It is a privilege to introduce to you our Lecturer, Elizabeth McArthur Thomson, of St. Louis, Missouri, who will now address you—Mrs. Thomson said in part:

"The question, 'What is Truth, and where may it be found?' comes to us today in many interesting forms. The constant inquiry into the cause and cure of war, accident, sin, sickness, and death indicates humanity's desire to discover the facts regarding human conditions, and to establish a successful method of healing. To some the human effort to find Truth, the

truth about man and the universe, may appear only as wishful thinking. But wiser men and women will view all honest search throughout the fields of science, theology, and medicine with respect for both the work and the worker. Every one is interested in healing. But how to heal must be learned, and experimentation along practically every material course.

Christian Science, the perfect Science of living, reveals that God in His inspired Word has provided the perfect answer to every human question, together with the only permanent method of cure. Awaiting the time when all mankind will recognize the truth of being and be healed, true Scientists will go on faithfully working, without fear or discouragement, without acceptance of the thought of failure or defeat.

The Certainty of the Word Christ Jesus, the greatest thinker and worker of all times, as he stood accused of the Jews, and awaited Pilate's question, "What is truth?" made a probably the greatest proclamation of healing of his or any age. Hear his words and consider their import: "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." Christian Science has applied in this age to reveal the truth which Jesus referred. And from its study and practice we learn that the end Jesus' work was the demonstration of harmonious, eternal life; and that the cause for which he came, his mission in the so-called human experience, was the proof of man's complete unity with and expression of the one God who is Love.

Jesus taught that the power he reflected came from no human source, that it was ever dependent upon any material agency or organization. Rather did he continually declare that the power had its origin in divine Principle, the source of all true being. Shortly before the crucifixion, the Master substantiated this fact through his words: "And the glory which I have given them, that they may be one, even as we are one." One in what? One in divine Spirit, in spiritual authority and power, one in acknowledgment of the real source of good. Jesus' words indicate that he recognized that not only he himself but every one possesses the intelligence and ability to discern the one God, and, thereby, understand and demonstrate scientific healing with its provision of true substance or supply.

Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer, Founder, and Leader of Christian Science, loved God above all else. A most intelligent and spiritually-minded person from early youth, Mrs. Eddy kept up her search for the ultimate cause of all things, and looked hopefully for the permanent cure of human ills. That her search was not in vain is proved by her own marvellous healing, as well as the healing of thousands of those who have adopted her teachings. Mrs. Eddy, in prayerful contemplation of the Bible and of our Master's teachings, finally realized that work so great as that of the early prophets, and that of our Saviour must have had its beginning in a divine law that is absolute, supreme, and irrevocable. Mrs. Eddy was certain that no human condition or provision could have brought forth such a man as Jesus, the Christ, with his wonderful method of healing. Cured as she was by spiritual means alone in 1866, she began to see that nothing outside of perfect, unchangeable, divine law or order could provide the means whereby the Saviour lived, worked, and

After years of study and research, Mrs. Eddy saw with spiritual clarity the underlying Principle and rule of scientific being, saw that as it is, with its healing power. Her nature being what it was—wholly unselfish and filled with love for God and mankind—she could not possibly be satisfied to rest alone in her discovery and healing. She must go on with the work, and share the blessing with all mankind. The truth of being, which Jesus revealed—hidden as it had been for centuries under a mass of material observances and literal interpretations almost devoid of the spirit—dawned upon Mrs. Eddy's consciousness, and in the clear light of divine revelation, she saw what could be and must be done for mankind.

It was not long after her discovery that Mrs. Eddy realized what the work required in self-offering and self-sacrifice. Inducted, she rose above almost heart-breaking human situations and conditions. Through her own reflection of the divine consciousness, Mrs. Eddy was able to shut out the personal sense of being sick and suffering. Aided by God alone, Mrs. Eddy was able to write the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." It is the textbook which provides for all mankind a spiritual, practical pattern and method of Christianly scientific teaching and healing.

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Present-day conditions present a great need for intelligent spiritual direction in everyday affairs. That mankind requires more than merely human planning and help is quite evident to all who see as they should. Were we to submit to the general thought regarding world war, sickness, and limitation, we might easily be made to believe that there is no way out. The various claims of the carnal mind, with its evil suggestions and accusations of a power other than good, would tend to discourage even the best of thinkers. But all true Christians will refuse to rely upon the verdict of error. Christian warriors will continue to prove that address and spirituality are always more powerful than any so-called carnal thinking, planning, or weapon. Firm in his faith that God is always at hand to protect and to govern, the Christian Scientist accepts his spiritual responsibility as well as his so-called human duties. He remains steadfast in his post, and works regularly for the redemption and permanent healing of all mankind. That all willing to lay down the human sense of life to take on a living, purer consciousness of him-

self, his friend, and his brother, should be those which indicate not only the human sense of life, but a good measure, but a positive assurance of relief from all phases of material existence. It is the true reflection of the divine Mind. God will annihilate every thing or thought which is inimical to the rest in that spiritual fact. To this end—for the destruction of evil—must be willing to work as faithful witnesses to the teachings of Truth.

We may think of ourselves as wayfarers and sometimes even fools, because of the things we may have said or done. But God knows us only as His blessed and obedient children, and as such we are never outside of His care and His love. In Holy Writ, as interpreted by Christian Science, we discover man's true selfhood and place. It is a selfhood capable of representing true affection and wisdom in healing, coinciding with good judgment in the order of human affairs.

Without a true sense of the Science of being, one is left with a high-strung being before the claims of mortal life and human life, and untimely dying with their many false beliefs. To escape these illusions and delusive suggestions, one is compelled to look beyond the so-called sciences of the world. The ways of mortal belief have done little to prevent illness, want, and the destructions of war. Today we are faced with the necessity to manifest a higher degree of intelligence, a larger sense of universal love, a more compassionate tolerance, and a courage that does not fail. The brotherhood of man must supersede the idolatrous worship of persons or nations.

Scientists are learning to speak the word of Truth with more and more conviction. They recognize evil for what it is; not as a reality, but as a definite false claim operating through mortal consciousness in clever, deceptive ways. But as one writer has expressed: "All evil bears within itself the seeds of its own destruction. With this fact in mind we can advance fearlessly against all forms of error."

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