

## League of Women Voters Interview Candidates for Mid-October Bulletin

Work is in progress by members of the Birmingham League of Women Voters on the candidates' report to be released about the middle of October covering the nominees in the November 5 election.

Opinions from the candidates on important issues of the moment were gleaned through personal interviews by League members. A committee comprising Mrs. Edwin Clark, Mrs. Lee White, and Mrs. James Dunne of the West

Bloomfield League, met Monday to assemble and edit material gathered by the local League and reports from other state Leagues pertinent to the local ballot.

**Question All Candidates.** Candidates of all parties have been questioned by League members in their respective localities and material forwarded to the Birmingham League for inclusion in their forthcoming bulletin. The list of questions put to each candidate was formulated at the

meeting of the state board of the League of Women Voters in August by a committee from the state-at-large.

The Birmingham group combined with the West Bloomfield League in the task of interviewing six candidates who live within local jurisdiction.

In the quiet, friendly atmosphere of Baldwin Library Mrs. Dunne assisted Mrs. Howard Lawrence, Birmingham president, in interviewing Murray D. Van Wageningen, Democratic gubernatorial candidate; John W. L. Hicks, Democratic U. S. representative, 17th district; Fred Wilkinson, Democratic state representative, 3rd district; Howard Eates, Republican state representative, 2nd district; Edgar F. Down, state senator, 12th district.

**Interviewed at Office.** George A. Dunders, Republican U. S. representative, 17th district, received the League committee in his office for the interview. Odie H. Johnson, state senator 12th district, failed to appear for his appointment with the League's representatives.

The important task of recording interviews was handled by Mrs. Orville Bond of the Detroit League and Mrs. Allen Loebourne, Mrs. Charles Hart, and Mrs. Robert Hill of Birmingham.

The report from Kim Sigler, Republican candidate for governor, being forwarded from the League in his residence locality for inclusion in the local bulletin here.

**Important Project.** Preparation and issuance of the candidates' report is one of the most important projects of the League of Women Voters entailing many weeks of work prior to election. The local government committee headed by Mrs. Edwin Clark handled mailing of questionnaires and invitations to candidates and arranged appointments.

When the bulletin is released in mid-October, copies can be obtained at the Baldwin Library, the League office in the Municipal building, phone 2269, or by calling Mrs. Clark at 3301.

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## Christian Science Lecturer Speaks To Large Audience

To a capacity audience which filled the auditorium and overflowed into the basement Sunday school rooms, Clayton B. Craig, C.S.B., of Cincinnati, Ohio, delivered a lecture on Christian Science entitled "Christian Science: The Science of Health and Salvation." Tuesday evening at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Birmingham.

Craig was introduced by Mrs. George Rounds, second reader of the Birmingham church.

The lecturer spoke in part as follows: "For centuries mankind has been seeking the remedy for human difficulties. Its thinkers, its philosophers, and its scientists have been searching in the realm of materiality for a corrective to the ills of human nature. Despite the earnest efforts of men, the 'El Dorado' of the recovering patient for which they have been searching to bring health and salvation to humanity has not been found; nor can it be found in the realm of materiality.

**Spiritual Healing Recorded in the Bible**

By way of contrast to this diligent search for health and salvation, let us read from the Bible the following statement according to the Gospel of Matthew: 'And Jesus taught about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sicknesses and all manner of diseases among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which had the palsy; and he healed them.' (Matthew 4:23-24). 'And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sicknesses and all manner of diseases.' (Matthew 10:1).

Thus the Gospel record clearly indicates that he who is a new man not only healed all manner of human ills, but successfully taught others how to do likewise. The master's remedy was not the result of scholarly research or laboratory experimentation. Rather, it was the outcome of prayerful communion with and the spiritual reflection of the divine Principle of all true being which he called "Our Father which art in heaven" (Matthew 6:9).

**Healing an Essential Part of Early Christian Science**

Nor was this spiritual understanding of the Master's teaching with signs following confined to the Bible narratives, for the writings of the early Christian historians record that the spiritual, or Christian healing of sin, disease, and distress was an accepted part of the daily experience of the followers of the Master for at least the first three centuries of the Christian era.

It was divinely natural that during the intellectual and spiritual renaissance which appeared in New England in the latter half of the nineteenth century that a fresh revelation of the teaching and practice of Jesus should be received.

**Revelation of Principle**

This revelation of the Christ, Truth, based upon divine Principle, came to a cultured New England gentleman following her healing through prayer. She had fallen on the ice and sustained an injury which her physician had declared fatal, but through the prayerful reading of how Jesus healed the palsied man, as recorded in the Gospel according to Matthew, she grasped its spiritual import and was instantly healed.

This woman, Mary Baker Eddy, had from childhood been a devoted Bible student; also she had a keen intellectual interest in moral philosophy and in Hebrew and Latin, which she studied under the tutelage of her brilliant older brother, Albert Baker.

The spiritual healing which she experienced at Lynn in 1866, after many years of semi-invalidism during which she had investigated and resorted to nearly every system of physical healing known and practiced in her day, led her to devote all of her time and energies to prayerful study of the Bible to discover the scientific basis of the Master's healing works. Her own healing, which had followed her spiritual realization of God's allness and ever-presence, revealed to her the present possibility of spiritual or Christian healing through prayer alone without any material assistance.

**Correlation Between Mental State and Bodily Conditions**

The correlation between certain idiosyncrasies of human thought and its emotional states, and most bodily diseases is being widely recognized today by the rapidly developing school of psychosomatic medicine. The term psychosomatic is derived from two Greek words meaning mind and body. Observation of thousands of cases of bodily suffering over the past few years has led the followers of this new school of medical thought to conclude that most cases of disease and physical suffering experienced by mankind today have their origin in such human emotions as fear, anxiety, tension, anger, hate, lust, greed, dishonesty, self-will, and kindred states of thought. Some of these investigators have gone so far as to conclude that certain dispositional traits invite accidents and broken bones.

**Difference Explained**

The remedy of this new school of medicine for such mental states lies in a combination of psychoanalysis to probe the error, coupled with mental suggestion and hypnosis. It substitutes the domination of one human will over another human will for the mate-

rial remedies and surgery of the older school of medicine.

The difference between psychiatry and psychosomatic medicine, on the one hand, and the system of Christian or spiritual healing practiced by Jesus, on the other hand, lies in the fact that these human systems employ suggestion or human will, which is the carnal or mortal mind. They analyze the errors of the human mentality and then seek with this same sense of mind to correct its error; and other words, to correct with human will power or suggestion the errors which this same human will has produced.

**Concerned with Healing**

Christian or spiritual healing is always accompanied by the spiritual transformation of individual character, for it makes one God-like. It is not concerned with curing sick matter, but in the healing of fear and sin. When the false sense of self which lies at the very basis of fear, of evil, and of all sinful sense is exchanged for the true idea of self, Mind's perfect reflection, the harmonious sense of being is manifest as health and present harmony, and death itself, the wages of sin, is overcome. Christian Science reveals the only true health to be holiness. It reveals the beauty of holiness, the present harmony, wholeness, and perfection of God and man, for-

ever one and inseparable as divine Mind and its ideas.

It is God's nature to be good; it is man's nature to be God-like; are you proving, demonstrating, the truth of being? Spiritually to discern and to acknowledge this truth of all being, therefore the truth of your being, is to experience it now. You do not need to wait for death before you begin to demonstrate it. Not death, but the understanding of Life, divine being, is the gateway to heaven.

**Cranbrook Classes To Provide Polish**

A class in cutting and polishing stones and gems will be offered at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, to begin Saturday morning, Sept. 28, and to be held every Saturday morning for seven weeks.

W. E. Bessford of Goodhue road, Bloomfield, will instruct the class, using techniques applicable to the home work shop. This course has been offered in past years and has been well attended. A variety of processes, including the making of cabochons, faceted stones, spheres and drilled beads will be introduced.

## Nat'l Representative Talks to Co-op Group

Orrin Ship, director of the Council of Cooperative Development, addressed the joint meeting of the Birmingham and Ferndale Co-operatives Friday evening in the Community House.

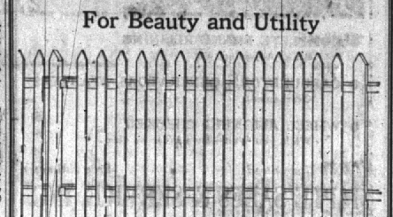
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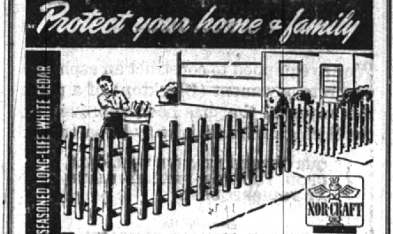
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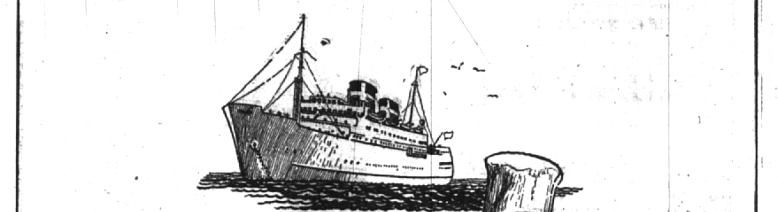
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