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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Carol Norton, of Boston, Lectures at the Opera House.

GENTLEMAN A VERY PLEASING SPEAKER

Subject of His Address Was "Christian Science, The Gospel of Righteousness and Health" Large Crowd Out.

Carol Norton, of Boston, gave a lecture at the Germania opera house last Tuesday evening on Christian Science. Despite the cold weather the opera house was well filled with an appreciative audience, and all speak very favorably of the gentleman as a speaker, and while many did not agree with him along his many lines of thought, yet they were glad of an opportunity to hear the subject discussed. The address took up about an hour and a half, and was presented in a pleasing and forcible manner. The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Dr. Cornwall, of this city, who gave a brief speech.

We publish below Mr. Norton's address in full that all may have an opportunity of reading it.

Mr. Norton's Address

Mr. Norton's subject was "Christian Science." He said in part: "Christian Science as its name indicates, is a religion. Christian Scientists consider it the Science of Christian life. It recognizes the impersonality of the teachings of Jesus, and emphasizes the fact that all the works of the Founder of the Christian religion were wrought in accordance with an eternal law of Divine Mind. Hence, it elevates the idea of divine naturalness in the so-called miracles of Christ, and rejects the popular idea of the miraculous or supernatural element. Christian Science recognizes all that is true and good in the religions of the world; but, as its name indicates, claims to be the scientific or demonstrable presentation of the teachings of the Nazarene, whose ethical ideals and religious tenets are rapidly becoming universal. Religion to the Christian Scientist means work, enlightened faith, spiritual understanding, physical and spiritual healing, the application of the laws of spiritual evolution and progress to all the affairs of life, the gradual regeneration of all man kind, and the ultimate establishment of the brotherhood of man under the law of love through the Gospel of peace. Christian Science disbelieves in religion, as it disbelieves in gods. It accepts one religion, one God or Mind, and one family on earth and in heaven. It presents the idea of the Great Universal, Religion to the Christian Scientist is the divine Mind in the place of the ancient and anthropomorphic idea of God, which partook so largely of the nature of imperfect humanity. Creeds, doctrines, mysticism, ceremonial, scholastic intellectuality, and fear, it considers as no part of Christianity. Christian Science teaches the existence of one Father or divine Principle: one way—snow, the man Christ Jesus, whose teachings are now spiritually interpreted by the writings of the Founder of Christian Science, and demonstrated as practical with signs following. The divine Mind of Christian Science is impersonal, liberal, scientific, impartial and of universal application. Its idealism is the soul and center of its evangelical nature. Trinitarian and Unitarian Jew and Gentile religionist and Scientist agnostic and infidel, all find within its teachings that which satisfies. It shows that the Mind which is God abides in the holy temple of the purified and chastened heart of every regenerated man and woman. It is a religion of love, tolerant, progressive, comforting, renewing. Love, pure and undefiled, is the genius of Christian Science. This Love makes of one family all the children of men. It removes the possibility of human and personal contention, binds up the broken hearted, heals the sick, converts the unbeliever, spiritualizes the mind and affections, renews the hopes, paints the gray clouds of life with a golden border, and reveals the eternal plan of God, namely, that Love, infinitely tender and infinitely pure, constitutes the abiding atmosphere of Heaven and pervades the Holy of Holies which exists in every true heart that has been purged of worldliness and human depravity.

In Pure Monotheism.

"For many years after the founding of Christian Science, religious and scientific and philosophical basis, viz. its teaching that All is Mind, there is no matter. The dual theory of two elemental forces, mind and matter, in life or nature, had been so long believed that a system that absolutely denies what to the general mind was an axiomatic truth was at once stamped as unscientific, absurd and undemonstrable. Again, the rapid development and elaboration of the theory of evolution, in its almost world-wide acceptance, seemed to many to be a positive confirmation of the theory of dualism in nature; hence organic evolution has been accepted by a large part of the scientific world as the true theory of the creation of the universe and man. But as progress is the law of Life, and as there are no permanent stopping places along the highway of Truth's eternal unfolding, it is but natural that the ultimate statement of true, spiritual and natural evolution should be announced almost simultaneously with the first public deductions of the world's greatest evolutionists. In 1866 Mr. Eddy first gave to the world the keynote of the Christian Science in the statement: 'All Causation is Mind and every effect is a mental phenomenon.'

"The present age is peculiarly in need of Christian healing and consciousness in want of an exact system of mental therapeutics. The practical results of Christian Science prove that this need has been met. A careful study of Christianity as its Founder lived and taught it, reveals that healing was to thousands perhaps the greatest proof of divine nature of the religion of Jesus. Release from bodily woes and suffering prepared many hearts in that hour for the acceptance of the truth that Jesus taught. Freedom from all types of organic and functional disease has prepared thousands for the Gospel of health and practical Christianity that Christian Science proclaims. Healing and moral-spiritual reformation proved the divinity and genuineness of Jesus's teaching. In this age the same evidences confirm the claims of Christian Science, and establish it as an agent of reform and as the restoration of primitive Christian healing. Christian Science declares that all the commands of Jesus to his followers should be obeyed. Chief among these is to be found the command to heal the sick. Jesus established the precedent for all healing, namely, divine or mental healing, without drugs. This healing was called by the people of that age the healing of the sect of Nazarenes and of its great teacher, the man from Galilee, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus and his followers were Christian metaphysicians to whom the healing of bodily disease was as natural as the healing of sin. The union of spiritual and physical healing has been a published Christian Science and in this age is known as Christian Science Mind-healing. In that age its nature and spiritual character but not its science, were taught by Jesus and his Apostles. Today, with the exactness of a demonstrable and applied science, the mental therapeutics of Christian healing are taught and scientifically demonstrated. Therefore, this healing is Scriptural and a necessary accomplishment of evangelical as well as liberal Christianity.

"There have been many prophets of the good new days in which we live. Emerson, with lofty optimism wrote: 'I believe that the laws of Nature which are the angels of the Most High, are rolling on to the time when the child shall die a hundred years old; when sickness shall fade from the world, and with it the sins of the soul. A glory is coming to man such as the most inspired tongues of prophets and of poets have never been able to describe. Mental Therapeutics as an exact preventive and curative system is a well established Science. Mental causation is a final cause, and by addressing the mind of a patient the Christian Scientist deals with the germinating ground of a organic and functional disease. Moods, fears, sinful and sensual thoughts, inherited beliefs, the illusion that matter has life in itself, all originate and perpetuate sickness and suffering. Cancer, consumption, blindness, deafness, skin and loquacious, gout and epistaxis, drug and liquor habit are

throughly parable, argument, logic and revelation, a simple but profound lesson. The nature of this lesson is four-fold, its scope universal, and its character divine. First: The eternal reality of Good as God and the unreality of evil. Second: The reality of Mind or Spirit as Supreme Sole Cause and the unreality of matter or flesh, i. e., materialism. Third: The inspiring fact that sin, sickness and death are no part of the divine matter, but errors of human belief and material existence. Fourth: The final conquest of all that wars against harmony and individual perfection, through the actualities of Divine Science, which is divinely natural, but not miraculous or supernatural.

"Prayer without ceasing, silent, aspiring, deep-hearted, is especially the custom of Christian Scientists. Such prayer removes mountains, heals disease, binds up the broken hearts of earth, and widens the mind's horizon. Prayer of this sort brings the thoughts of man into oneness with the divine Mind and the worship of God becomes the daily reflection of the Mind which moves only in Love's grooves and thus governs all in harmony.

"Christian Science claims for its basis and operation, exactness and practicality. As a Science it is logical and in its varied applications, demonstrable. This latter fact removes the system from the realm of the so-called inexact sciences, and places it virtually at the head of all religious, therapeutic and social science. This science or exact knowledge of God as divine Mind must be demonstrable understanding of Omnipotence. The practical application of such a Science must cover the whole era of life and perfectly govern each part, as in its essence it rules the whole. Duty or God being Mind or Intelligence, the only Science that can reveal the nature and laws of God must be a mental Science, or that Science which relates wholly to mental laws of cause and effect. Such a system is Christian Science. It goes to the logical ultimate of metaphysical and psychological reasoning and affirms that pure Monotheism alone is natural and real. It denies the atheistic or dualistic theory of two opposing primary elements, mind and matter. And in this denial we are brought face to face with the great basic truth of Christian Science, namely its statement: All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestations, for God is All in all. (Science and Health p. 46.) By teaching the omnipotence of God as Mind and proclaiming that the changing and decaying forms of matter are but the phenomena of the human mind, it avoids the shoals of pantheism. It thus reveals the fact that the belief in the reality or divinity of matter as well as Mind constitutes genuine pantheism—the theory that God is not only all, but that all that materiality that exists in God and His creation.

"The varied manifestations of fear darken the mind, perpetuate timidity, and hinder individual advancement. Therefore, the practical application of the rules of Christian Science ends the gradual destruction of this element in the human mind.

"Mary Baker Eddy. "To its Discoverer and Founder the race owes everlasting gratitude. Hundreds of thousands, long bound by chains of suffering an error, now call her career blessed and her mission to humanity divinely ordered. She discourages personal homage. Her strongest characteristic is lofty scorn for mere personal regard or any reproach toward her worship. She is liberal, consistent, as a philanthropist liberal and wise, giving to private and public charities large installments of her time and money; as a reformer courageous, with prophetic vision of rare order, as an American woman, patriotic and democratic, yet it can be said of her that 'the world is her country—to do good her religion. She stands as she always has done, the friend of the oppressed and down trodden. Works, not professions, crown her years of toil. The restored Church of Christ on earth will be renewed and Israel of the Spirit will enter the promised land of spiritual freedom and salvation. Whittier, the sweet singer of the Friends tell us of this Church: O heart of mine keep patience! Looking forth, As from the Mount of Vision, I behold, Pure, just and free, the Church of Christ on earth, The martyr's dream, the golden age foretold And found at last, the mystic Gail I see, Brimmed with His blessing, pass from lip to lip In sacred pledge of human fellowship. And o'er all the songs of angels heard— Songs of the love that casteth out all fear— Songs of the Gospel of Humanity.

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being healed constantly by Christian Scientists. Facts are stubborn things, and the simple facts of the work of operative Christian Science make its claims genuine. While the percentage of cures is large, about 75 per cent, the Science is really in the infancy of its demonstration. As spiritual life increases in the lives of its operators, vastly greater results will be obtained. Christian Science Mind healing differs from systems of mental healing that the public mind often confounds with it.

"System is Practical. "Sociology, or the science of society and human association, can be called the highway to the realm of brotherhood. In a practical way Christian Science can be termed Christian Socialism, for that Magna Charta of divine democracy, the Sermon on the Mount, is the foundation of this Science, and the Lord's Prayer, which petitions that God's kingdom or rule shall come on earth as in heaven, is its one great Article of faith. The questions of capital and labor, government, business, education, practical philanthropy, all confront Christian Scientists as they do every social and religious reformer. It should be remembered that the very transcendentalism of the philosophy of Christian Science makes it of practical value to all aspects of human affairs. Because the system deals wholly and directly with mind and mental forces, and because it aims at the purification and spiritualization of thought, it at once enters the realm of mental causation, and there purifies, elevates and corrects. This is confirmed by the establishment of the Brotherhood of Man, with one governing Mind, on the basis of divine Love. It shows that erring thought, false motives and standards, selfishness, and human fear evolve and create the perplexities that surround the questions of class strife, and the inequalities of life so prominent in the varied aspects of the great problem of capital and labor. Christian Science lays the ax at the root of the tree of human error. It demands that love shall take the place of fear, trust and confidence the place of suspicion, and the consciousness of Christian democracy and equality in individuality for individuality can never (at least), shall overthrow the power of human greed and jealousy. Genuine reform will be a vain dream, and brotherhood a phantom, until the elements of human nature are changed by the acquisition of the Mind of the Master. Individual reform must and will end in the general reformation of the race.

"Christian Science is of vital importance and value to the business man. It intensifies the normal mental power of concentration, application, for sight, and wise conservatism. It engenders that optimism which enables the well poised and experienced business man to wait and in cautious movement attain a legitimate and desired end. It enables the business man to read human nature more keenly and more accurately. Thus he is better fitted to protect himself against human subtlety and craftiness so common among those mortals who attach no value to integrity, recognize no obligations in friendship, and see no grandeur in being honest, with word and bond as one. It helps him in times of panic and in hours of fear, because it reveals the fact that the Principle of honesty like that of spiritual perception is God. Christian Science, through its process of mental training, lifts business men above the petty annoyances of daily life and renders sure reward under the natural laws of cause and effect, to all effort and action that tend to uphold integrity, honesty and right motive. Financial panics, so-called hard times, and business depression come in most cases, from mental and abnormal reasons. It is but infrequently that actual and reasonable causes exist for these distressing disturbances.

"Fearless waves of concrete or defined fear aggravated and increased by suggestion, press and telegraph sweep over the minds which constitute what is known as the business world and manipulate conditions and values as a tornado sweeps over a forest. Constant talk about one's bodily ailments or mental woes always perpetuates and increases these troubles. The rehearsal of crime and vice tends to evolve like conditions in the life or environment of the person who dwells in such error. Business men unwittingly talk poverty, limitation and hard times, and over the detailed symptoms of a diseased or sick business, and so work against their own interest and involve either distress or actual failure. The Christian Science business man is wiser than the generation about him. He applies rational mental methods to all conditions that confront him and by so doing avoids the torment of continued worry, fear and perchance catastrophe.

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Jesus, for the equality of the sexes, and for the establishment and maintenance of universal peace among the nations of the earth. It exalts the practical ideals of freedom, personal purity, sound morality and Christian democracy. It proclaims the Gospel of good thinking, true living, and the contagion of health and happiness. It elevates the ideas of honesty, individual self government and liberalism, placing truth above authority in the religious. It condemns the use of fear as a means to exaltation of either right living or moral obedience, hence lays all stress on the abiding power of Love and righteousness. It teaches a Gospel of life as opposed to death, of victorious Good in contradistinction to the outgrowth and dismal theory of evil's awful power over mankind. The work of healing and regeneration goes on, the Cause of Christian Science is now fully established, and upwards of a million believers have left the beaten path of old-time theories to follow the full noon time of health and spiritual salvation, this Day-spring from on high, this Liberator, Healer and Good-spell.

Notice of Final Report.

In the Estate of Michael Ainsworth, deceased. To Mary Rice Ainsworth, Joseph O. Ainsworth, Charlotte H. Thiem, Anell D. Ainsworth, Adella E. Phillips, and All Whom It May Concern: You are hereby notified that the undersigned John L. Ainsworth, executor of the estate of Michael Ainsworth, deceased, has filed his final report therein in the office of the Clerk of the District Court in and for the aforesaid County, and has asked for its approval and discharge from further duty or responsibility therein, and that said report and application for discharge will come on for hearing before the Court aforesaid, at Denison, on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1903, at which time and place you can appear and show cause, if any you have, why said final report should not be approved and the undersigned discharged from any further duty or responsibility therein. JOHN L. AINSWORTH, Executor, 83-3L. D. L. BOYNTON, Attorney.

Notice of Final Report.

In the Estate of August Charles Ackelbein, deceased. To All Persons Interested in said Estate and To Whom It May Concern: You are hereby notified that the undersigned Ernestine Ackelbein, executrix of the estate of August Charles Ackelbein, deceased, has filed her final report therein in the office of the Clerk of the District Court in and for the aforesaid County, and has asked for its approval and discharge from further duty or responsibility therein, and that said report and application for discharge will come on for hearing before the court aforesaid, at Denison, on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1903, at which time and place you can appear and show cause, if any you have, why said final report should not be approved and the undersigned discharged from any further duty or responsibility therein. ERNESTINE ACKELBEIN, Executrix and Administratrix of said Estate. 83-3L.

Notice in Probate.

STATE OF IOWA, ss. Crawford County ss. In the matter of the estate of James Smyth late of Crawford County, deceased. Notice of appointment of Executor. To Whom It May Concern: You are hereby notified that on the 12th day of October 1903, the undersigned was duly appointed executor of the above entitled estate, and all creditors of said estate are notified to file their claims in the office of the Clerk of the District Court, in and for Crawford County, Iowa, within one year from the date of this notice, according to law, and have the same allowed and paid by the said court, or stand forever barred therefrom. Dated November 10th, 1903. SAMUEL B. SMYTH, Executor, with will annexed. CONNER & LALLY, Attys for Executors 83-3L.

Notice in Probate.

STATE OF IOWA, ss. Crawford County ss. In the matter of the estate of Bridget Veronica, late of Crawford County, deceased. Notice of appointment of Administrator. To Whom It May Concern: You are hereby notified that on the 4th day of November 1903, the undersigned was duly appointed administrator of the above entitled estate, and all creditors of said estate are notified to file their claims in the office of the Clerk of the District Court, in and for Crawford County, Iowa, within one year from the date of this notice, according to law, and have the same allowed and ordered paid by the said court, or stand forever barred therefrom. Dated November 4th, 1903. ALBERT VERNON, CONNER & LALLY, His Attys for Executor. 83-3L.

Notice in Probate.

STATE OF IOWA, ss. Crawford County ss. In the matter of the estate of Carl Carlsson, late of Crawford County, deceased. Notice of appointment of Executor. To Whom It May Concern: You are hereby notified that on the 12th day of Oct. 1903, the undersigned was duly appointed executor of the above entitled estate, and all creditors of said estate are notified to file their claims in the office of the Clerk of the District Court, in and for Crawford County, Iowa, within one year from the date of this notice, according to law, and have the same allowed and ordered paid by the said court, or stand forever barred therefrom. Dated Oct. 10, 1903. HALVEA N. NOLMAN, Executor, with the will annexed. CONNER & LALLY Attys for Executor. 83-3L.

Notice in Probate.

STATE OF IOWA, ss. Crawford County ss. In the matter of the estate of Christian W. Mathiasen, late of Crawford County, deceased. Notice of appointment of Executor. To Whom It May Concern: You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of Oct. 1903, the undersigned was duly appointed executor of the above entitled estate, and all creditors of said estate are notified to file their claims in the office of the Clerk of the District Court, in and for Crawford County, Iowa, within one year from the date of this notice, according to law, and have the same allowed and ordered paid by the said court, or stand forever barred therefrom. Dated October 22nd, A. D. 1903. P. I. KLINKER, Attorney, Executor. 83-3L.

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