# MAKE PILGRIMAGE TO MOUNT VERNON

## Masons Place Memorial Wreaths on Tomb of Washington.

## OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

## Adournment Follows Election. Banquet of Alexandria Lodge.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Alexandria, Va., February 23.—The election of officers to serve for a period of two years yesterday afternoon brought the third annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association to a close.

The annual banquet of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, was held in the auditorium of the Elks' Home last night.

Officers chosen in the afternoon for a period of two years are as follows: President, Thomas J. Shryock, grand master of Masons of Maryland; first vice-president, James M. Lamberton, grand senior deacon, Pennsylvania; second vice-president, James R. Johnson, grand master, of South Carolina; third vice-president, W. Hayes Laird, grand master, Minnesota; fourth vice-president, James H. Thompson, grand master of Michigan; secretary, Lawrence H. Lee, past grand master, Alabama; treasurer, Dana J. Flanders, past grand master, Massachusetts; chaplain, Rev. William J. Morton, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Alexandria.

Executive committee: Thomas J. Shryock, James M. Lamberton, R. T. W. Duke, Jr., past grand master of Virginia. Ways and means committee appointed: Clarence P. King, chairman, Pennsylvania; William B. McKinley, Illinois; F. H. Treat, Pennsylvania; John H. Cowles, past grand master of Masons of Kentucky; J. Claude Keiper, past grand master of the District of Columbia; William L. Andrews, grand master of Masons of Virginia.

Announcement was made that 103 life memberships have been taken in the association at $100 each.

Among the other matters which came before the association yesterday were changes in the by-laws, providing that a grand master who attends a meeting of the association during his term of office shall become a permanent member of the association.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the members of the association went to Mount Vernon on a special train and placed a memorial wreath on Washington's tomb.

On this trip they were accompanied by Amos T. Fisher, eighty-eight years old, a veteran of the Mexican War, and one of Alexandria's oldest residents.

The affair ended last night with the annual banquet of Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons, held at the Elks' Home, which was attended by 400 members of the Masonic craft, among whom were many of the delegates to the meeting of the memorial association. The banquet was served by fifty women of Martha Washington Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, who wore Colonial costumes.

Samuel W. Pitts, master of the lodge, was toastmaster. During the evening toasts were responded to by the following: Charles A. Towne, former Senator of New York; Representative C. C. Carlin, of this city; Grand Master Andrews, of Virginia; J. H. Morris, past master of Liberty Lodge, Beverly, Mass. Several others also made brief addresses.

### Braswell—Coley.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Rocky Mount, N. C., February 23.—At Fairview, the country home of the bride, a few miles from Rocky Mount, on Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Mary Ellen Coley and Thomas Jefferson Braswell were married, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. L. Rumley, of Nashville.

The marriage took place in the handsomely decorated drawing-room of the home in the presence of a number of relatives and intimate friends. Miss the music for the ceremony Miss Lettie Ethel Coley, of Rocky Mount, rendered Winstead, of Elm City, was the maid of honor, and C. C. Braswell, of Battleboro, a nephew of the groom, acted as best man.

Mr. Braswell is one of the old residents of this county, a prominent citizen of Nash. For a number of years he has been the postmaster at Castalia, and at this place. Mr. and Mrs. Braswell will make their home, following a honeymoon trip of several weeks here.


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# FLAMES BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL

## Damage Done by Fire at Columbus Is About $1,000,000.

Columbus, Ga., February 23.—Flames which caused a property damage of approximately $1,000,000 were still burning here late to-day, but were entirely under control. No further damage to property is expected.

The fire started at 10 o'clock last night, when flames shot out from several different places in the building of the Atlantic Compress Company. Inadequacy of water supply interfered with the efforts of the firemen to control the fire, and the Compress Company's establishment, the Columbus Barrel Company's factory and some other property of lesser value were destroyed before the flames were controlled.

Exact figures concerning the losses will not be available for several days. Cotton stored in the Compress Company's plant will, however, approximate 11,000 bales. The Compress Company is the heaviest loser, with the Barrel Company next.

Authorities have commenced an investigation to determine whether the fire was of incendiary origin. Prior to the fire which started at 10 o'clock last night, the fire company was called to the Compress Company's establishment twice and extinguished flames. The company recently discharged some negro employes.

Insurance carried by owners of the burned property will partially cover the loss, it was stated to-day.

## ASHLAND NEWS NOTES

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Ashland, Va., February 23.—Washington's Birthday was celebrated on Saturday night in the college chapel by the Washington Literary Society. Henry Stuart made the address, and chose for his subject "Trans-Alleghany Settlers in the Revolutionary War." Immediately after the exercises an informal reception was given in Mr. Stuart's honor by Rev. S. C. Hatcher in his home on College Avenue.

Miss McClanahan, of Kentucky, is the guest of Mrs. E. W. Woolfolk.

Mrs. Cullen and Miss Dorothy Cullen, of Richmond, spent to-day with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Potts.

Mrs. B. Morgan Shepherd will return Tuesday from a visit to friends in Lynchburg and Charlottesville.

Miss Sophia Hooper, of Richmond, is the week-end guest of friends here.

Mrs. Charles Potts has returned from Williamsburg, where she attended the funeral of Mrs. Hartwell Macon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Midyette have returned from a six-weeks' trip to Panama.

Miss Anne Hunter was the guest of friends in Richmond recently.

W. W. Archer, of Richmond, spent to-day here with friends.

Miss Lucy Thompson Byrd and Edward Thompson, of Altavista, will arrive Monday to visit their grandmother, Mrs. Charles Hunter.

Miss Katherine Kent has returned from a delightful visit to Charlottesville.

Miss Eleanor Sydnor was hostess, on Saturday at an attractive George Washington luncheon. The color scheme was carried out in red, white and blue, and attractive little cherry trees were given each guest. A guessing contest also proved interesting. Miss Chanahan, of Kentucky, winning the prize. The guests included Misses Elizabeth Redd, of Nelson County, Mildred Hart, Graeme Benson, of Richmond, Pearl Woolfolk and Miss Sydnor.

# LONGER TERMS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Increase in Funds Makes Extension Possible in Buckingham County.

Arvonia, Va., February 23.—Owing to an increase in the school funds this year throughout the entire county, but especially in Marshall and James River Districts, the public schools will be extended in every district for one month, and in some cases for two months. Francisco District, in the southern end of the county, will have a seven-month session for some of the schools, the longest term in the history of the district.

Nearly all of the contagious diseases to which schoolchildren are susceptible, and which have run riot in the Buckingham schools this winter, have subsided, and all schools are running as usual.

Professor Oregon F. Morgan, principal of the Arvonia High School, is seriously ill at his home here, with the chances against his being able to continue the work this session. Miss Mary Jackson, of Farmville, an experienced teacher, is substituting as principal of the school.

Professor J. Walton Hall, of the Dillwyn High School, has returned from Richmond, where he went for a minor operation, entirely cured, and has now resumed his work as principal of the school.

An important teachers' meeting will be held at Buckingham Courthouse in March, every teacher in the county being expected to be present. A program of much interest and value is now being arranged. Prominent educators from Charlottesville and Richmond will be present to deliver addresses.

As a result of the cold spell of last week, many people throughout Buckingham and Cumberland were able to harvest ice. The ice ranged in thickness from one and a half to two and a half inches, and was clear and free from snow. This was far better than was expected, after a long, mild January and first half of February.

Farmers throughout the tobacco belt are getting somewhat better prices for their crops since the Christmas holidays, and thus encouraged are again preparing to raise the weed next year. Some who have been raising the Austrian (dark red) tobacco for the past ten to twenty years have decided that that variety cannot be made to pay any longer, as the prices paid will not begin to pay for the making of the crop. Suncured and fluecured tobacco will be attempted by a number of former dark tobacco raisers.

There is a continued activity in real estate throughout this section, farms changing hands and householders coming in. A large real estate deal involving a large estate near this place is now well under way, and will shortly be consummated.

# LOSES DECISION IN TWO DEBATES

## Rocky Mount, in Triangular Contests, Wins Only at Goldsboro.

Rocky Mount, N. C., February 23.—In the first triangular debate held under the auspices of the University Debating Union, Rocky Mount Friday night lost in both debates, the one held at home and one in Durham.

The query, "Resolved, That the Constitution of North Carolina should be so amended as to allow women to vote under the same qualifications as men," was defended here at the Masonic Opera House before an audience which packed the hall, by Woodall Rose and Lewis Sumner, of the Rocky Mount High School, the affirmative being upheld by Elbert Griffin and Harry Shragg, of the Goldsboro High School. The decision was given the Goldsboro representatives by a vote of two to one, the judges being Dr. W. D. Morton, Dr. I. M. Mercer and Rev. L. P. Howard, all of Rocky Mount.

At Durham at the same time Robert Perkinson and Charles Harris, of Rocky Mount, were arguing the same question on the affirmative side, losing the decision to the negative side, argued by members of the Durham High School.

The triangle was completed at Goldsboro, where representatives from Durham upheld the affirmative side of the query, receiving the decision over the Goldsboro boys.

W. H. Newell, general superintendent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, with offices here, will be one of the guests of honor and principal speakers at a banquet to be given by the Chamber of Commerce of Goldsboro on the evening of Friday, February 28. Other speakers are to be W. W. Finley, president of the Southern; B. E. Rice of the Norfolk and Southern, and C. M. Richards, of the land and industrial department of the Southern. Covers are to be laid for 250 guests. Colonel Joseph E. Robinson will preside as toastmaster.

A number of the local rural free delivery carriers left this morning for Stantonburg, where the carriers of the counties of Nash, Edgecombe and Wilson were in convention to-day.

Miss Lily Cullifer, who was so seriously injured at a grade crossing collision here last Saturday afternoon, is reported out of danger. She is still confined to the Atlantic Coast Line Relief Hospital at South Rocky Mount, and it probably will be another ten days before she will be able to be removed to her home.


What a man will do for a drink, a bartender tells. Get his story in The American Magazine for March and you will understand why the bartender himself does not drink


# SHERIFF SEEKS SALARY INCREASE

## After Paying Deputies and Expenses, He Gets Only $10 for His Month's Work.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Newbern, N. C., February 23.—The sheriff of Craven County wants an increase in his salary, and the majority of the people who are familiar with existing conditions are in favor of giving it to him. State Senator A. D. Ward, at the request of several prominent citizens, has introduced a bill in the Legislature increasing the salary of the sheriff from $3,700 to $4,300, an increase of $600.

The report of Sheriff R. B. Lane for the month of January, just passed, shows that his expenses, including the hiring of three deputies, amounted to $298, leaving him the sum of $10 for his month's work. The clerk of the court and the register of deeds each receives $3,000, and after paying all their expenses their salary is about $2,100 net. The Board of Craven County Commissioners has indorsed Senator Ward's bill and will do all in their power to assist in getting it through.

It is not often that a negro can be induced to enter a cemetery after nightfall, but there was an exception to this rule in this city a few nights ago, when some unknown darkey not only entered the gloomy walks of the city of the dead, but took with him a safe which he had stolen, and proceeded to burst it open and confiscate the contents. The safe and its contents were stolen from the store of Ike Simmons, colored, located in the northern part of the city. The thief, after getting the safe out of the building, found that it was too unwieldy to handle, and going to a nearby stable, purloined a buggy and placed his booty in this. In the early hours of the morning the marauder pulled the buggy through unfrequented streets until the graveyard was reached, and there proceeded to gain entrance to the iron receptacle. He was successful and was rewarded by finding $20 in cash and other valuable articles which the owner had placed there on the previous night. The robbery was discovered on the following morning, but so far the police have not apprehended the thief.

Word has been received here that an attempt was being made to have the Legislature validate bonds to the value of $50,000, which were issued by the city of Newbern for the construction of a railroad between this city and Wilmington in 1893. The Board of Aldermen held a meeting last night for the purpose of taking some action toward memorializing the Legislature not to validate the bonds. The money derived from the sale of the bonds was used in the construction of a railroad by the Eastern Carolina Land and Railway Company. The city had a fourth interest in this. The money was loaned by a New Yorker named Thomas McIntyre. In 1897 he became bankrupt and died. Trustees of his bankrupt estate started a suit and lost out. Later they started another suit, and this is now pending. If the city of Newbern was compelled to pay these bonds at the present time, the sum, including interest for twenty years and the principal, would amount to $100,000. It would cause the tax rate of the city to be increased about 30 or 40 cents on the dollar. Every citizen is vitally interested in this matter. The city attorney has been instructed to take witnesses before the Legislature and show why the bonds should not be validated.

# OYSTER SEASON NOT PROFITABLE

## Least Remunerative for Many Years in Lancaster Section.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lancaster, Va., February 23.—The oyster season, which is practically over, is said by the oystermen of this region to have been the least remunerative for many years. For some reason the oysters have, as a rule, been poor, and prices have fallen below the paying line. The poor condition of the oysters is attributed by many to the dry weather of last summer and fall and the defective rainfall during the winter months. While the oyster season is about to close, fishermen are getting ready to put down their fish-traps to catch the shad, herring and other valuable food fish that will soon begin to run in the water of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. For the last two or three days large flocks of wild geese have been flying North, and fishermen say that they are the precursors of the spring run of shad, mackerel and herring.

Former Sheriff James A. Chewning, who lives near Merry Point, has returned home from Baltimore, where he was recently operated on in one of the hospitals of that city. His condition is reported to be favorable, but it is thought he will not be able to go out for several weeks to come.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Thompson, of White Stone, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Lillian Madison Thompson, to A. R. McNamara. The ceremony will take place next Tuesday, February 25th, in the city of Baltimore.

S. O. Lowrey, who came to Lancaster County ten years ago from Nebraska and bought the Simmons farm, on the public highway between Lancaster and Merry Point, has disposed of his personal property and leased the farm for a term of years to Thomas D. Brown. Mr. Lowrey has returned to Nebraska.

During the past week Mrs. T. C. Crabbe died at the home of her husband, near Oldhams, in the southern part of Westmoreland. She had been for some years a sufferer from lung trouble, and her death was not unexpected. She is survived by her husband, several children, and her aged mother. Her remains were interred in the cemetery at Menoken Baptist Church of which she had long been a member, the Rev. George W. Beale, D. D., conducting the funeral services.

Mrs. Cornelius C. James died very suddenly during the past week at her home, in Irvington, aged seventy years. Some time ago she suffered from a stroke of paralysis, but it was supposed she was on the road to permanent recovery. A second stroke, however, proved too much for her advanced years and debilitated condition. Her remains were interred in the family burying-ground near Irvington. The Rev. H. J. Goodwin, her pastor, conducted the funeral services in the Irvington Baptist Church, of which she had been a member for many years.

### Driskill—Creasey.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lynchburg, Va., February 23.—Bennie C. Driskill and Miss Hennie Lee Creasey, both of Lynchburg, were married Wednesday evening at the parsonage of Franklin Street Baptist Church, the pastor, Rev. W. T. Wingfield, officiating. They will live here, the groom being employed in one of the shoe factories of the city.

# HUNDREDS SEE BOY KILLED BY TRAIN

## Thrown From Horse Under Wheels and Body Is Ground to Pieces.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lynchburg, Va., February 23.—Charles, the thirteen-year-old son of Rev. P. F. Arthur, a Methodist minister located here, was instantly killed this afternoon at the Twelfth Street station of the Norfolk and Western Railway, when he was thrown from a horse under a passing train. The lad's body was ground to pieces in the sight of a large number of people, who were waiting for the train.

The horse which the boy was riding became frightened at the train, and ran directly toward it. Within a few feet of the track and about midway of the passing train, the animal stopped suddenly, planted himself on all fours and hurled the boy headlong over his head, directly on the rail and under a wheel.

Probably 100 persons saw the accident and some ran from the scene horrified.

### TEMPERATURE WILL BE BELOW NORMAL

Washington, February 23.—The official forecast of the Weather Bureau for the coming week follows:

The distribution of pressure over the Northern Hemisphere is such as to indicate that the temperature during the coming week will average below normal for the season over practically all districts east of the Rocky Mountains and near normal on the Pacific Slope.

The precipitation during the week will be frequent in the Pacific States. The next disturbance of importance to cross the country is now off the North Pacific Coast. It will move inland during Monday, cross the Rocky Mountains Tuesday and the Middle West Tuesday night or Wednesday, and the Eastern States about Thursday. This disturbance will be attended by snows in northern and local rains in southern districts.

Another disturbance will appear in the Far West about Friday and prevail over the Middle West at the close of the week.

## A LECTURE ON Christian Science

### By William R. Rathvon, C. S. B.

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Christian Science has but one textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy. It is not a book to be quickly read or hastily thumbed over as one would a shallow novel. Nor is it to be approached with bias or prejudice if one would share its riches; but its truths may be proved and in turn imparted by child or sage who turns its leaves with an open mind. Only the open flower it is that catches the dew and yields its honey to the bee.

It has been asserted that Christian Scientists place their text-book above the Bible as the guide to righteousness. No one can honestly make this allegation who has read the book carefully, for on page 497 of Science and Health are printed these words, the first of a series of tenets of our religion:

"As adherents of Truth we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life."

What more emphatic and explicit negation of such a charge could be demanded?

The truths of Christian Science do not originate in the book Science and Health. They find expression there but their origin is in God. They have always existed and will forever exist. What effect, then, it may be asked, does the study of this book have upon those who have previously been Bible students? Does it supplant the Bible in their reverence and admiration? Is the Book of books less precious to them than before? The answer is, "No." On the other hand Science and Health harmonizes many seeming incongruities in the Bible which have long perplexed layman and theologian; it explains apparent contradictions; it discloses unexpected riches; it gives new significance to favorite passages, and brings neglected ones into favor.

The study and application of its teachings by those who have had little or no familiarity with the Scriptures has made them Bible students and Bible lovers. The one time atheist, the scoffer and the blasphemer are finding the Gospel a treasure house of joy and consolation whose untried doors had been barred against them until unlocked by the Key forged by the hands of a gentle woman who loved all mankind. No other book in modern times has made so many Bible readers.

It has fallen to my lot to have known its author intimately in the last few years of her earthly activity. One November day in 1908, Mrs. Eddy called me to her side from my home in Colorado to become a member of that historic household at Chestnut Hill which she once publicly designated "the happiest group of Christian Scientists on earth." I was privileged to share her daily counsels for more than two years, and from the time of my first half hour's heart-to-heart talk with her, down to the afternoon, when standing at her side I saw her marvelous hands shape her last written words, "God is my life," I have never wavered in my conviction that she has been the chosen evangel of Truth, intrusted with those good tidings of great joy that have been waiting man's readiness since the days when Jesus trod the dusty fields of Syria, and sailed the blue waters of Galilee.

I could by the hour recite to you incidents of Mrs. Eddy's wisdom and sagacity, of her courage and steadfastness, of her wit and humor, of her love for little children and her delight in the beautiful, of the inexpressible charm of her manner and the eloquence of her voice, but it is not of these things that she would have me speak.

It was her desire—almost daily expressed—that her followers should disregard her personality and address their thought to the things of God which she has disclosed to them. She would have us study her books and not her personality. She would have us know her by what she wrote and not by how she looked. Years ago she instructed her students to follow her only as she followed Christ, and though she was a rare Leader she was an ideal follower of all that is truly good.

Man's comprehension of the problems of life is to be measured by his understanding of God. He holds to contrary and widely divergent beliefs about God and hence his interpretations of life are conflicting and discordant. If he concedes to God, the primal cause of all being, illimitable power—omnipotence—and illimitable knowledge—Omniscience, and in the next breath attributes to Him the afflictions and disasters of human experience, he is setting up a god of good and evil, of benevolence and cruelty, whom he may try to love but is bound to fear.

The anthropomorphic idea of God as a man-like being of human attributes and qualities enormously magnified, a heritage of mythology, handed down to us through generations of orthodoxy, is repudiated in Christian Science. For its definition of God, Christian Science consistently turns to the Scriptures.

Christian Science stands before the world as a demonstrable religion, one that is to be lived, not merely believed. The standard of proficiency for the Christian Scientist is not how much he believes, but how much of that belief he is using in his daily life, in his dealings with his fellow men and in the sanctity of his innermost thoughts.

Hence it is that there is no such thing as a purely theoretical Christian Scientist. No man can become a Christian Scientist by merely believing in the teachings of its text-book without practising them. We are Christian Scientists only as we put into constant practice our knowledge of our religion, be that knowledge great or small. We are Christian Scientists only as we are kind and helpful in thought and deed; only as we think health and talk health instead of disease and disaster. We are Christian Scientists only as we say to evil mental suggestion, "Peace, be still!" Only as we are loving and courageous and resolute and unswerving in our warfare against sin, sickness and death.

It is often charged against Christian Scientists because they rely wholly upon Mind that they do not "do anything" for the sick. When the average man considers the needs of a sick person, his thought at once turns to the medicine bottle and he believes there is nothing being done for the sick man unless he is made to swallow something. According to his peremptory opinions, the sick man should be treated with something that he can taste or smell or feel, something that the senses can perceive. Otherwise "Nothing is being done for him." He may tell you that attempting to change the condition of a man's body through mind alone is foolishness. And yet—this same intelligent citizen will readily admit that a man's body commonly and frequently undergoes sudden and very marked changes due entirely to mental causes. He will admit that salt water will flow from his eyes if he is subjected to great grief. That sudden fear will produce cold perspiration. That anger will cause the face to flush or pale, the heart to thump, the voice to change.

Now grief, anger and the like are obviously mental, but because their effect on the body is of every-day occurrence, as commonplace as eating and drinking, the lesson they disclose is lost upon the man who hastens to censure Christian Science for achieving what he styles the impossible, yet which has been a part of him since the day when as a crying infant he on his mother's arm shed his first tears.

Jesus proved for all time and for all Christendom that the origin of disease was mental and he healed it with mental medicine. He gave himself no concern about physical symptoms, but he destroyed what caused them. He cared little about what the sick man had been eating, but much about what he had been thinking. He said in so many words, "It is not that which goeth into a man which defileth him." When he healed the sick he gave no parting directions about diet and rest, but on at least one occasion said, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee," thus indicating the mental origin of the disease. The sick were healed by him through spiritual understanding, not by human will. Christian Science, similarly relying wholly upon divine Principle, has no relationship with will power, mental science, hypnotism, mesmerism, auto-suggestion, thought transference, spiritualism or any of the other cults or schools which rely wholly or in part upon the influence of one human mind or human will upon another. These are essentially adverse to the teachings of Christian Science, wherein the human mind and the human will are made wholly subordinate and subservient to the divine Mind, the will of God. Success in Christian Science is only attained as fallible human mentality is eliminated. This implies self-denial, the denial of the human sense of self, and the affirmation of all good, and is a condition to which all must come sooner or later. "As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess to God."

In considering the immortality of man one is confronted by the questions, "What of the hereafter? How am I to regard the change called death? What and where is heaven?" Christian Science makes direct answer to these very natural questions. That which is called death, though always an enemy and finally to be overcome, as the Bible declares, is no more to be feared than is sleep. In the present state of our development both are incidental to the experience of mankind; both interfere for the time with man's activities; and the awakening—alike in both cases—will, we believe, show no substantial change in individuality or advancement. The gates of heaven do not swing open at the touch of death, but are to be entered by right thinking and right living, here and hereafter.

Christian Science puts aside the mythologic idea of heaven as a place, and shows it to be a state or condition of mind. It follows, therefore, that its attainment depends upon the mental processes of the individual. In other words it affirms that right thinking leading to right living is the sure passport to heaven. Turning to the life of the great exemplar, Jesus the Christ, we find in him the ideal thinker whose thoughts and actions conformed invariably to the laws of God—Spirit—touching lightly upon matter and things material only as tolerated concomitants of his dwelling on earth among men.

Most men have found they can get all they want of heaven's antithesis, hell, right here on earth, and there are many, who believe they have already had more than their share of it, and perhaps they have. But they should know that it does not come from the hand of God. Sin brings its own punishment. It has been truly said that man is not punished for his sins, but by his sins. By sin is meant what Paul defines as transgression of the law, whether due to man's ignorance of God's law or to his wilful disobedience of it. The child who, through ignorance or disobedience, picks up a piece of hot iron suffers because of his ignorance or disobedience. His loving father has had nothing to do with his suffering, and "Our Father which art in heaven," loving every one of His children, sends upon them neither pain nor penalty. From Him cometh only the "good and perfect gift."

There is a short and cheering message that Christian Science has to deliver to all who have ears to hear. It is not a new message. It has reassured the children of men ever since they first felt the chill of fear. The loving mother encouraging her toddling infant, the gallant captain cheering his men to greater valor, the gentle Saviour quieting his affrighted disciples, all use it. That message is "Be not afraid."

Christian Science emphasizes the fact that when fear is eliminated from the consciousness of the sick man—no matter what the nature of his illness—he has taken a long step towards recovery. It declares also that people who are habitually free from fear, worry, anxiety, apprehension and the like, all of which are the children of fear, are far less susceptible to illness and misfortune than others. It has uncovered in fear an agency of evil, an enemy of health, a destroyer of peace and a bar to man's progress heavenward. It is not to be wondered, then, that the elimination of fear from human consciousness is an important feature of the mission of Christian Science.

Frequently it is said, "It is all well enough to say 'do not be afraid,' but how am I to get rid of fear and worry and anxiety? I use all the will-power and determination I can command, yet I do not get rid of worry. It comes in about as fast as I drive it out."

Attempting to get the mastery of fear and worry by will-power alone is like trying to beat back the ocean with a baseball bat, or trying to chase clouds away with a broom. You cannot get rid of them by fighting them, but you can readily get out of their reach by rising higher. The waves of fear and the mists of worry do not extend upwards and if you will but climb to the hilltop of selflessness where Love stands waiting to welcome you with outstretched hands, you will no longer be buffeted by fear or befogged by worry. For centuries St. John has been telling this to the world in these words, "Perfect love casteth out fear."

Discouragement wears the invisible livery of evil and is constantly and consistently working for its master. It is always pulling down and never building up.

Did you ever know any one to accomplish anything worth while when in the grip of discouragement? It paralyzes effort, stupefies thought and dissipates purpose.

There is a ridiculous side also to the condition of the man who is mentally sick abed with a bad case of discouragement. He is only happy when he is miserable; the worse he feels the better he likes; the things that please him most are the things that do not please him at all. He is continually stumbling into the two extremes of self-justification and self-condemnation. Both are bad; both are modeled after plans drawn in the devil's workshop; both are obstructive to progress. Self-condemnation digs a hole; self-justification sets up a pole, and no man can go very far in any right direction when he is either crouched in the bottom of a hole or perched on top of a pole. Man is endowed with nobler qualities than those of the beasts of the field or the fowls of the air, and he must come out of the hole of self-condemnation and down from the pole of self-justification on to the level ground of unselfed endeavor if he would progress in Christian Science.

More than all of this, Christian Science discloses that the man habitually discouraged is not only an inviting target for disease, but is already striped with the colors of unbelief, for he gloomily distrusts the power and goodness of God himself. This may startle some of you who are accustomed to let yourselves be robbed of your courage—discouraged—and to slide unresistingly into the billous depths of the "blues" when things go wrong. The Christian world is full of God-fearing and truth-loving people who yield readily to discouragement because they have not yet discovered where it comes from and what is back of it. They do not see that it is but the advance agent of evil itself. A familiar fable of folk-lore will perhaps illustrate this point.

It was once announced that the devil was going out of business and would offer all his tools for sale to whoever would pay his price. On the night of the sale they were all attractively displayed, and a bad looking lot they were. Malice, envy, hatred, jealousy, sensuality, deceit and all the other implements of evil were spread out, each marked with its price. Apart from the rest lay a harmless, looking wedge-shaped tool, much worn and priced higher than any of them.

Some one asked the devil what it was. "That's discouragement," was the reply. "Well, why do you have it priced so high?" "Because," replied the devil, "it is more useful to me than any of the others. I can pry open and get inside a man's consciousness with that when I couldn't get near him with any of the others, and when once inside I can use him in whatever way suits me best. It is so much worn because I use it with nearly everybody, as very few people yet know that it belongs to me."

It hardly need be added that the devil's price for discouragement was so high that it was never sold. He still owns it and he is still using it.

An effective plan to drive out discouragement is to bring into thought some measure of gratitude or praise. There can always be found something to be grateful for if we will hunt for it honestly and earnestly. The good old-fashioned practice of counting our blessings, the things we have we would not like to do without, generally brings gratitude to the surface, for along every man's pathway in life there are blooming the sweet flowers of gratitude and if he will but stoop and pull one and wear it he will find its fragrance a magic dispeller of discouragement. Or if the day be cold and dreary and the flowers covered with snow, he can find that warmth of soul which always banishes discouragement, if he will but heed that part of a favorite passage of Jesus from Isaiah, where we are commanded to put on "the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." It never fails.

I have thus far spoken more of the results of Christian Science than of its methods. For the latter I would have you consult the pages of its text-book "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy. You will not lay it down with disappointment if you take it up with sincerity.

But that you may carry away with you to-night some elementary precept to test for yourselves, I would place before you this simple fact. The Christian Science method of getting rid of things that are wrong is to introduce things that are right. This is not fighting evil but destroying it. It has been proved in millions of instances that a wrong thought which is the father of a wrong action will invariably vanish into nothingness if you will but introduce a right thought in its place. Good destroys evil as surely and as quickly as light destroys darkness. Remember that for you will find it helpful if you are ever disposed to try Christian Science for yourselves. If you will associate in your thought good with light, and evil with darkness you will have before you a flashlight glimpse of the impotence of evil in the presence of the good. Not all the darkness in the universe can extinguish the light of one tiny lamp. Wherever it goes it chases away darkness, which is always without power to move, or even to be in the presence of light. So with the light of good and the darkness of evil.

The comparison is a good one, but it is not mine. You will find it many times in the pages of your Bible. Remember then, if you will, that the Christian Science method of banishing evil—darkness—is to bring in the light—good. If you were to try it for a single day you would be surprised to find what a new sort of day you would be giving to yourselves. Every time you find yourself thinking unkindly about your neighbor, bring in a good thought about him. It will help him and it will help you.

Every time your thought drops to the level of the beast, lift it as near the stars as you can raise it. If thoughts unclean, unjust, malicious or obstructive are there, bring in something of purity, of justice, of helpfulness, of love. When you have done your best in this line of noble endeavor, you have accomplished much. You have taken a step, a little one to be sure, but it leads in the direction of the understanding of God—the knowledge of Him, whom to know aright is life eternal.