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INTRODUCTORY LECTURE

"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach a gospel besides that which we have preached to you, let him be anathema." Gal. 1:8.

It was on the blessed day, when Jesus Christ, standing on the mountain in Galilee, addressed to His assembled apostles the momentous words, "All power is given to Me in heaven and on earth. Going therefore, *teach ye* all nations," that the Catholic Church received her commission to be the Oracle of truth and the Teacher of mankind, and to pass down the ages bearing in one hand for the children of men the sacred scroll of the Gospels and in the other the blessed fruits of the redeeming death of the Divine Savior on the cross.

Glorious Career of the Divinely Instituted Church.

How faithfully she has heeded that command, and what magnificent triumphs she has achieved in the interests of Christ as well as for the welfare of men, her record today after a career of nineteen centuries bears glorious

and undying testimony. In every cycle and century she has proclaimed the teachings of Christ as she heard them from His own sacred lips; to every race and generation she has carried the tidings of redemption; in every clime and country she has erected altars of the unbloody sacrifice, whence flow the graces of the crucified Savior into the souls of those who adore Him as their God and Redeemer. What marvel, then, that millions have learnt lovingly to gaze upon her as their Mother, and reverently to honor her as the Spouse of Jesus Christ, bearing the fourfold mark of unity, sanctity, catholicity and apostolicity.

Unrelenting Antagonism.

Yet I bid you to gaze back over her history and judge what violent opposition and agony of keen rivalry have been her portion, from the very day she first set forth to accomplish her mission to this very hour and moment. The Christ-hating emperors of Rome unsheathed the sword of persecution; the jealousy of pagan religions and pagan philosophy heaped upon her ignominy and slander; and the blood of thousands, of millions, of her mangled children soaked the hot sands of the arenas of antiquity. The blood of martyrs, however, became the seed of new Christians, and the arms of the tiger-hearted emperors of

Rome sank exhausted and paralyzed to their sides. The cross was raised aloft over the ruins of Paganism, and shone forth in triumphant glory.

*False Prophets and False Christs, Old
and New.*

But, alas, the respite of peace and calm was short-lived. There arose other enemies, not violent but the more dangerous, because the more insidious. There appeared in the field new religions,—religions, that usurped the name of Jesus, falsely claimed divine commission and illumination, and, to bear out their contention, hesitated not to appeal to wonderful cure and prodigy.

They lived their day; but bearing within themselves the germs of error and falsehood, they eventually sank into the dust of the grave, and, we would hope, into unceasing oblivion. But, alas, no! The spirit of Neo-platonism and Gnosticism has come to life again. Today also have appeared intruders and counterfeits, philosophers and hierophants, with honeyed words upon their tongues and poison beneath their tongues, presenting to the world strange "isms" and new religions, garbed, indeed, in the robes of Christian truth and Christian charity, yet replete within with deceit and cruelty. Such a masquerading impostor we

charge the form of worship and healing system founded by Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy to be, which she called Christian Science and described as "based on teachings of Scripture which it interprets, giving the Christ principle in divine metaphysics which heals the sick and the sinner."

*The Appearance of Christian Science.
Its Progress.*

Having discovered Christian Science as the result of scriptural research (as I understand her), Mrs. Eddy first began her active propaganda in 1867. In the year 1875 appeared her bible and authoritative textbook, "Science and Health." Within the space of twenty years, Mrs. Eddy witnessed her religion pass in a triumphant march from the Atlantic Coast to our own Western shores, spreading the seeds of her teachings broadcast over the land and conquering the hearts of thousands of the American people. In the wake of its victories have arisen Christian Scientist churches in every city of size and importance, and in Boston, Massachusetts, towers aloft today the Scientists' "Temple," representing an expenditure of millions of dollars.

Quality of Membership.

The magnificence of the majority of these structures and their grandeur of architecture,