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PREFACE.

POR those who are hungering after a better understanding of God, and for those who need to be led to Christian Science, this book is sent into the world.

The author wishes to state emphatically that the truths contained herein have been gained wholly through an earnest study of the Bible and of the writings of Mary Baker G. Eddy, the beloved founder of the modern Christian Science movement, originally founded by Christ Jesus.

Christian Science is taught in the Christian Science text book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," and it would be impossible for one to simplify or amplify the truth contained therein. Hence, the author's purpose in sending forth this little book is neither to teach nor to explain that which our dear Leader

has given to the world, but it is sent forth with the simple wish that it may find a welcome in answering some of the questions which were perplexing to the author and which may be perplexing to thousands of others brought up under the types of religious teachings, which have been widely prevalent in recent centuries, and are largely followed at the present.

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"ERTAINLY we believe in the Bible," said the Christian Scientist, as she looked into the face of a minister whom she had recently met, as their train was rapidly speeding along on its journey.

"There never was so inconsistent a people," began the minister, "as Christian Scientists. They twist passages in the Bible to suit themselves, and declare that there is no such thing as sickness, sin and death, while all around us are those who are weary, heavy-laden with sickness, in the depths of despair, and dying in countless numbers." Pausing a moment, he went on: "They tell the poor, that there is no poverty; the sick, that there is no pain; and they console the mourner with the statement that there is no such thing as death."

"Have you finished?" said the girl, as she turned her face toward him. He saw a smiling face, aglow with health and an-

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imation, and he noted the bright, joyous expression.

"No," he replied, "I have much that I would like to say to you; and if I am wrong in the thoughts which I just expressed, I would indeed be grateful if you would correct me."

The Scientist was glad to hear the ring of sincerity in his voice. "I do not believe in arguing," she returned, "but when one asks for information regarding Christian Science, I am glad, as far as I am able, to correct any erroneous ideas which he or she may have on the subject. As I just said to you, we believe in the Bible. Now let us reason together and see if we cannot untangle some of these apparent 'inconsistencies.' Of course you are familiar with the first chapter of Genesis?"

"I have been reading it for forty years," answered the minister.

"Very good," said the girl, with an amused look. "Who is spoken of in this chapter as our only Creator?"

"God."