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"Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and
setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto
him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down."

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TO
MY DEAR WIFE
I DEDICATE A LITTLE BOOK
WHICH HARDLY DESERVES
TO BE THUS HONOURED

Jerry - Apr 8, 1947



PREFACE

IN January 1907, the first of the Milmine articles appeared in *McClure's Magazine*. In 1907, also, were published Mr. Lyman Powell's *Christian Science, the Faith and its Founder* (G. P. Putnam's Sons), and Mark Twain's *Christian Science* (Harper and Brothers); and, in 1908, *Religion and Medicine* (Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner and Co.) by Dr. Worcester, Dr. M'Comb, and Dr. Coriat. These books seem to show that in America the Church of Christ, Scientist, is passing, or will soon pass, from consolidation to disintegration. By the death of its Founder, who is now eighty-seven years old, it will begin to be divided against itself. Here in England are no signs of disintegration, but all of consolidation; we must wait patiently, it may be for a quarter of a century, till our country is tired of Christian Science. I marvel that so many good people are kind and polite to her; I am of the mind of Cyrano de Bergerac:—

Health, with Key to the Scriptures. The use of this book, at the ordinary Sunday services, is threefold: (1) Its version of the Lord's Prayer is read aloud, sentence by sentence, with the Christian version. (2) Its "Statement of Being" is read aloud as a Creed, the congregation standing. (3) The "lesson-sermon," which is the chief part of the service, is composed of passages from the Bible, read alternately with passages from *Science and Health*; and the following preface is always recited before the lesson-sermon:—

Friends, the Bible and the Christian Science text-book are our only preachers. We shall now read scriptural texts, and their correlative passages from our denominational text-book: these comprise our sermon. The canonical writings, together with the word of our text-book, corroborating and explaining the Bible texts in their spiritual import and application to all ages, past, present, and future, constitute a sermon undivorced from truth, uncontaminated and unfettered by human hypotheses, and authorised by Christ.*

* *The Christian Science Quarterly* publishes the Sunday "lessons" for each quarter. The subjects for the Sundays during July-September 1908 were as follows: God, Sacrament, Life, Truth, Love, Spirit, Soul, Mind, Christianity, Man, Substance, Matter, Reality. The whole service lasts about an hour. Where an afternoon or evening service is held, it is an exact repetition of the morning service. No prayers are said (for the use of the Lord's Prayer, see p. 34), but there is an interval for silent

It is plain, therefore, that we have, in *Science and Health*, a sure guide to the doctrines of Christian Science; so far as any guide can be sure, which, claiming final inspiration, is yet under frequent revision, expurgation, and wholesale correction. The passages which I have put together are mostly from a 1903 edition. Christian Science is sometimes called Divine Science, or, simply, Science. That there may be no confusion, I have avoided the ordinary use of the word Science.

I have arranged the quotations from *Science and Health*, and from Mrs. Eddy's other writings, in the old-fashioned form of articles. It must be clearly understood that the majority of these articles have been pieced together, and are not mere transcripts of single paragraphs, but patchwork of short sentences.

Dr. Herringham, and Mr. Charles Louis Taylor, have given me much kind help over this book. I hope that the reader will study carefully the cases on pages 152-180. I am very grateful to the friends who gave them to me; and I shall be glad to hear of more cases.

prayer. The music is very good, and so is the singing. The shortness of the service, the comfort of the seats, the admirable distinctness of the reading, and the evident refinement of the congregation, are all pleasant.

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