

Here it is Spring and we are presenting our April Lesson starting with an Association Address by Frances Thurber Seal, as given in the booklet published by The Bookmark "*Our Journey Toward Selfhood.*" Included is a Foreword by Ann Beals.

Also a short book review of "Poems and Verses" a book published by Dana Estes & Company of Boston, in 1903. The author was a student of Christian Science.

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FOREWORD

Frances Thurber Seal was a divinely inspired practitioner and teacher in the early years of the Christian Science movement. She is best known for her book, *Christian Science in Germany*, first published in 1931. She came from a family that had been deeply religious for many generations. Her father was a missionary, who traveled throughout Texas and New Mexico, preaching the Gospel. Her experiences with many tragedies in her family, beginning in childhood, caused her to search the Bible for some purpose for man's existence. Finding no answers, she felt that there was no hope or reason for living.

She was in a feeling of utter futility, when she felt impelled to attend a Wednesday night testimony meeting at First Church in New York City, and found Christian Science. She wanted to know more and was referred to Mrs. Laura Lathrop, a practitioner and teacher in New York, who loaned her a copy of *No and Yes* by Mrs. Eddy. Mrs. Seal found that she was completely healed of several very serious and seemingly incurable physical problems after reading this little book through. She asked if there were any classes where she could learn more about Christian Science. Mrs. Lathrop immediately accepted her in a class, and she became a member of the Christian Science Church.

It was during this time that Mary Beechcer Longyear, while spending the winter in Germany, had found that there were many in that country who would like to know more about Christian Science. Mrs. Longyear requested that Mrs. Lathrop consider sending someone to establish the Cause there. Mrs. Lathrop asked Mrs. Seal to do this missionary work. She left New York in 1897 and returned in 1906, having done phenomenal healing and teaching work that brought patients and students to her from all over Europe. Her pioneering work led to the establishment of *Christian Science in Germany*. Her experience is recorded in her book, which has been a great inspiration to readers over the years. It has been recently republished and is again available to inspire today's pioneers in the Christian Science movement.

She became Journal listed upon returning to America after her successful work in Germany. She is listed in The Christian Science Journal as a practitioner and teacher in New York City from 1907 through 1931. *Our Journey Toward True Selfhood*, includes three of Miss Seal's addresses to her association of students. Her name disappears from the Journal in 1932, a year after publishing her book, *Christian Science in Germany*. It is not known whether she was forced to resign her listing because she published a book independently of the Church organization in Boston, or had reached a point in her spiritual progress when she had outgrown organization, and wanted to be free of its limitations.

DEMONSTRATING THE LAW OF UNLIMITED GOOD

Association Address of 1925

I will talk to you today of Christian Science as the Universal Redeemer. Its first revelator declared that he had come that men might have life and might have it more abundantly, not only more abundantly in the sense of having added years. Abundant means affluent, full, bountiful, liberal, rich, plenteous, generous; not just enough to get along. Any person whose life is not full, plenteous, rich, generous in every sense, may know that he is missing the salvation of Jesus Christ. To the extent in which he lacks anything, he is rejecting Jesus Christ as his saviour. If there was not another word given you here today but this, it would be enough to show you what your work should be for the next year, or years to come. Paul said to the Philippians, "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." All your need, not just a little of it — not what He thinks is good for you now. God does not know anything about anyone not good enough to receive abundantly. He knows only good, only His own idea, and it is always good enough to be a clear and complete reflection of all substance.

To redeem is to regain possession of that which is lost. What has man lost in belief? His sonship with God; his heirship with Christ; his oneness with illimitable omni-active good; and this is his inherent character as the reflection and activity of infinite divine Principle, Love.

The Christ-man is properly defined as the only begotten Son of God. This is the man, including the universe, which our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, has discovered and revealed to this world.

Her revelation, Christian Science, is the Redeemer, which will enable each one of us to regain possession of the consciousness of all good, which has seemed to be lost. Christ Jesus is our Wayshower. He revealed salvation, and then availed himself of it by overcoming all evil, thus finishing the work God gave him to do; and as he finished it, his consciousness rose from the creation which groaneth and travaileth in agony to his heavenly home, to the creation of his Father and ours. Paul understood this, hence he told his students in Rome, "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

John the Baptist, in speaking of Christ Jesus, said: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." The ignorance of God abideth in him. This, then, is the way of redemption through Christ Jesus.

"Jesus was the highest human concept of the perfect man," we read in *Science and Health*, and what was his distinguishing characteristic? He acknowledged God in all his ways, and because of this, he saw "the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals," and thus he gave God "the kingdom, and the power, and the glory." Mrs. Eddy tells us that it was "this correct view of man [that] healed the sick." Then that is all there is to healing. It is not treatment that heals. It is the correct view of man, the perception of his oneness with God, the Principle of being; and our Leader tells us, "This exalted view, obtained and retained when the Science of being is understood, would bridge over with life discerned spiritually the interval of death, and man would be in the full consciousness of his immortality and eternal harmony, where sin, sickness and death are unknown." (*Science and Health*)

Jesus did not leave us in the dark as to how these things may be accomplished, or the way we are to reach his condition of consciousness. He set forth his method clearly. He said: "He that hath sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him." Again he said, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." You see, he did not look upon doing the will of his Father as cold duty. He never felt that too much was required of him, that he had done enough work and had earned the right to be at ease in matter. No, it was his very food and drink to finish the work; to give the kingdom, the power, and the glory of his mind; and thus he was transformed until the Jesus-consciousness merged into the Christ Mind. This is the way he has shown us, and there is no other way under heaven. Sooner or later we must walk therein. We may cry out that it is too hard, that we have not understanding enough, that the flesh is weak, and thus prolong our agony and postpone our redemption; but sometime we will have to walk in this Way and finish the work God gives us to do. How our Leader's heart cried out for this when she wrote. "I long to see the consummation of my hope, namely, the student's higher attainments in this line of light." (*Science and Health*)

What glorious evidence we have that God is good, giving all in these two revelators and wayshowers; for their teaching and example meet every need that can arise, and what blasphemous presumption for any person to lay claim to the place of either of them. After Jesus had gone from sight, there arose numerous claimants, false Christs, as he had declared there would be; and as mortal mind is forever repeating itself, we need not be surprised that the same conditions are appearing today in our midst. Herod still hates the young child and is seeking to destroy it, but those who claimed to be the successors of Jesus disappeared into oblivion, their native nothingness, very quickly, and this will be the fate of all such impostors now and always. God's two witnesses, sent by the Father, have given a complete revelation of Life; and, instead of looking for further personal revelators or leaders, it behooves us to seek earnestly to know and to avail ourselves of the gift so abundantly provided. Until we have used what they have given us, we shall

not need more; and when we have used it, we shall have entered into the Kingdom of our Father.

Jesus, the Master, revealed God, the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost. Mrs. Eddy has revealed the motherhood of God, and man, the only begotten son; and this revelation is the Holy Ghost in its divine activity. You will all recall that in *Unity of Good* she states: "This Science of God and man is the Holy Ghost, which reveals and sustains the unbroken and eternal harmony of both God and the universe." Matthew tells us that the angel of the Lord said unto Joseph: "Fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." And in the textbook, Mrs. Eddy tells us correlatively: "The Science of creation, so conspicuous in the birth of Jesus, inspired his wisest and least-understood sayings, and was the basis of his marvelous demonstrations." Jesus said to his disciples: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me, unto the uttermost part of the earth." Do you remember how they sought and received the Holy Ghost? They "continued with one accord in prayer." They did not go each his own way to work out his own understanding, but they came together in Spirit and in Truth, in loving obedience to their Master.

The work of Christian Science is to redeem, not alone man, but the universe, that "creation (that groaneth and travaileth together in pain." crying out to be "delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." Paul also wrote: "Even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the redemption of our body." In his translation of this chapter, Ferrar Fenton defines sonship with God as the redemption from our sensuality — that is, from the life of the senses.

This creation which "groaneth and travaileth," is that which Mrs. Eddy defines as "a false claim, an untrue consciousness, an impossible creation." (*Message for 1902*) Redemption then consists in rising out of this "impossible creation" into a possible one, a divine creation, governed by Principle, where "whatever is possible to God, is possible to man as God's reflection." (*Miscellaneous Writings*)

Every living thing belongs in the kingdom of God. All that was lost in Adam must be restored. The record is that "whatsoever Adam called every living creature that was the name thereof." Names, as we all know, are intended to define nature and character. So whatever Adam, error, ignorance, believed concerning God's creation, has come down to us in what our Leader calls the "Adam legacy," and she tells us this "Adam legacy" must be "seen and then must be subdued and recompensed by justice, the eternal attribute of Truth." (*Miscellaneous Writings*) And she says mortals are experiencing this Adam dream all the way; so when we talk about "working out my problem," it behooves us to

be awake as to what is included in that problem. It is nothing less than awakening from this Adam-dream, and giving to God the entire kingdom, the power, and the glory.

One is tempted to ask. "Of what significance am I in this vast concourse? Is anything that I can think of or do worthwhile?" Jesus' answer to this was, "I can of mine own self do nothing." For our encouragement. Mrs. Eddy tells us that we may rise above "the oft-repeated inquiry. What am I? to the scientific response: I am able to impart truth, health, and happiness, and this is my rock of salvation and my reason for existing." (*Miscellany*) And Jesus when asked what he was, replied: "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth."

The only thing that makes any of us of consequence is our reflection of divine Mind. All that is substantial in us, or in the results of our labors, is true thinking. All that can possibly make life worthwhile for you or for me, is to begin to live consciously in eternity, live as did our Master: for you will recall that Mrs. Eddy tells us: "Jesus' true and conscious being never left heaven for earth. It abode forever above, even while mortals believed it was here." (*No and Yes*) Do you wonder that he saw "the perfect man ... where sinning mortal man appears to mortals," he that spoke of himself as the "Son of man which is in heaven." Our Leader continues, "The human Jesus had a resort to his higher self and relation to the Father, and there could find rest from unreal trials in the conscious reality and royalty of his being." How? "Holding the mortal as unreal, and the divine as real. It was this retreat from material to spiritual selfhood which recuperated him for triumph over sin, sickness, and death. Had he been as conscious of these evils as he was of God . . . Jesus could not have resisted them; nor could he have conquered the malice of his foes, rolled away the stone from the sepulcher and risen from human sense to a higher concept than that in which he appeared at his birth." (*No and Yes*)

Mortal mind cries out through the Christian Science student. "But that was Jesus: I cannot do it." You will have to do it someday, and you will have to continue your existence in matter, subject to all its torments, until you are willing to do this.

In order to enter with joy upon our task of awakening from the Adam-dream, and coming into the consciousness of the real Ego. We must acquire the scientific mind, not just a simple childlike belief. We need the humility and receptivity of the child; but through Science, we must eventually grow into the manhood of Christ.

Error argues to the student, "I have not the time to study or to work." Let me tell you — you will be surprised if you will take ten minutes each day, and get one thought of Truth from our textbook, and then work on the idea gained all that day, whatever your duties may be. You will make progress beyond your wildest dreams.

I remember hearing many years ago of a woman who had a little hotel in a small town in the West. She became a Christian Scientist, and was noted for her missionary work. They said she brought healing to so many people that she was called "the Christian Science angel" by the traveling men and others who stopped at her hotel. She performed what seemed a miraculous cure for a man who had been a drunkard for many years, and who later had become a victim of cancer. A Scientist whom I knew, heard of this healing and stopped at this town to visit her. He asked her to tell him about the case. He said, "You seem so about your household duties, I cannot see when you got the time to do such marvelous healing." Her reply was, "This healing was done while I was making apple pies. The Truth was so clear to me as I reached out for it, that I knew God never made a cancer, and there was no other power that could make it." and then she added, "and they were good pies, too."

It is really just as simple to think Truth while you are making pies, or doing whatever you may have to do, as it is to think error. It is not so easy at first, because we have formed the habit of thinking error, but that habit must be broken, and a new and better one formed. Thinking Truth just while we are giving a treatment, or in the few moments devoted to what we call doing our mental work. is not of much avail if we believe error all the rest of the day. What is our work? To live to be the son of God. and to give God the kingdom, the power and the glory, and nothing less than this, is the work the Father has given us to do. We must seek the Truth about all things, form the habit of putting it actively into consciousness.

Our textbook tell us, "The decaying flower, the blighted bud, the gnarled oak, the ferocious beast — like the discords of disease, sin and death — are unnatural.

They are the falsities of sense, the changing deflections of mortal mind; they are not the eternal realities of Mind." Also we read in our textbook, "So man, tree, and flower are supposed to die; but the fact remains, that God's universe is spiritual and immortal." These are the facts that we must accept and make our own. We must become so familiar with them that we will be able to retreat into the spiritual, and there find the beauty, form, color, and order that are unchanging and undying; and in this retreat, we will find our relation to the Father and to the universe. The human footsteps through which we approach this condition of consciousness are right thinking about the little things of everyday life. We will not make a great leap forward, we will not at once see the nothingness of deadly disease or of the seemingly unalterable laws of change and decay in nature; but we will begin by consistent, faithful, right thinking; and the basis of this thinking is prayerful study and practice of the Word of God.

We must continue this until, through successively clearer states and stages of consciousness, we are able to see the "multitudinous objects of creation" that our Leader

promises "will become visible."-"which before were invisible" (*Science and Health*), and in the joy of this demonstration, we will go on to the ultimate.

No one can feel that he is not in the practice of Christian Science, if he is following out this method. He will be healing himself, and all who come within the range of his thought will be benefited, and he will be aiding in the redemption and restoration of creation.

The one who is thinking true thoughts will do right, for the rule of right thinking will make plain the "Thou shalt nots," and eventually lead to a mental altitude where the Beatitudes will supersede the Mosaic law in our experience. The one who is causing others to think lies, will become truthful in speech and action. The one who is acknowledging Love as the Principle of being, will cease to fear, to be envious, jealous, or hateful.

Do not even Christian Scientists condemn others in a most unloving way? Do we not judge more severely than we would want to be judged, and frequently condemn with a condemnation that is the opposite of healing? This is the remnant of false theology in the individual consciousness. When we recognize our religion as demonstrable Science, we will test our opinions or convictions by the touchstone of demonstration.

The intelligent student of Science is never arrogant. Even a little glimpse of the vastness of the subject brings him into a state of humility, for he sees that of his own self he can do nothing. The Truth alone is power. He has little time to quibble over what others do. He is too busy finding his own way. How clearly our Leader saw this when she wrote in *Miscellaneous Writings*, "Pride is ignorance; those assume most who have the least wisdom or experience; and they steal from their neighbor, because they have so little of their own." Let us gain "wisdom and experience" through consecrated effort in the right direction.

Men and women today are in need of something that is practical and demonstrable; something that will enable them to meet difficult problems now. We Christian Scientists have this, and it is our work to demonstrate it so clearly that even he who runs cannot fail to see it. What stands in the way of our doing this? What is to be overcome? Animal magnetism. And do not forget that every phase of human belief is animal magnetism. It is animal magnetism that causes destructive storms at sea or on land, that would destroy the crops by too much rain or not enough, too much heat or too much cold. It is animal magnetism that would close our eyes to this. Christian Scientists should progress in their understanding and acknowledgment of divine law as "supreme in the physical realm, so-called, as well as in the spiritual" (*Science and Health*), until they are able to have power over the winds and waves of water and of thought; over the surging angry passions that

whip the waves of human opinion into storms; that destroy the peace of families and nations. They should be able to control the storm of mortal mind fear, cupidity, and other expressions of selfishness that bring out war; that bring dire distress through economic pressure, or bring persecution and injustice in the name of religion, and for various other reasons. They should be so familiar with the Truth of man's nature, and so awake to the claim of animal magnetism, that they can discern the signs of the times, and thus foresee future events, and avert the curse that threatens. They would indeed be desirable citizens, if true to their glorious birthright as revealed by our Leader.

Does not this handling of animal magnetism illumine our Master's statement, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Ferrar Fenten's translation reads: "Secure the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be ready for you." It is not more miraculous to still a storm, than to cure a case of measles — not more miraculous to overcome political or civic conditions that are diseased, than to annihilate an epidemic of typhoid. The same Principle governs, and the same rules apply.

Why do we not do this now? At least, why are we not more rapidly approaching the condition of consciousness where such things will be natural events in our experiences? How many are satisfied with reading Science, and perhaps meeting the personal problems that come up? Is not this ritualism, rather than scientific activity? One excuse the Scientist is mesmerized into accepting for this lack of faithfulness, is lack of time. How much longer does it require to think two times two are four, than two times two are five?

What are we going to do about this? "*Man is the expression of God's being.*" (*Science and Health*) God is infinite Mind; hence man is the activity, or the thinking of infinite Mind, now and always. Man is understanding. Are you going to acknowledge this or deny it? The infinite Mind which includes all knowing, is your mind. It can have no knowledge or inference of aught but its own consciousness. It can take in no more than all. Hence it is not open to suggestions of an inharmonious universe or discordant conditions. It knows itself, which includes yourself, and it cannot know anything else. Its illumination pierces the dark recesses of mortal mind, and lays bare its every pretext to activity, place, or power. Is it not a divine privilege to know this, to acknowledge it, and let the Christ consciousness have the perfect work in your thinking? Refuse to acknowledge at-one-ment with mortal mind. It cannot claim you as its thinker. You must not claim it, and act as its representative. You must not give it the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for then it can come in and take possession of your mentality.

It is not enough to deny the claims of mortal mind. You must deny mortal mind itself. Deny material causation, material substance, material law. Do not declare there is one

Mind, and then say it is not your mind, and you cannot yet reach it. This is old theology — the concept of a far-off God; and when you make this claim, you deny Christian Science with its omnipresent God. Man is one with Mind and is inseparable from it. He is equally active, equally omnipresent and omnipotent. Human beliefs are not Mind, and they do not express Mind, and they are not your beliefs. Every suggestion that you cannot discern and destroy the claim of error is animal magnetism, coming to you for life and authority. This is the darkness that was upon the face of the deep that caused the earth to be without form and void.

Never justify error when you find it using your thinking or your talking. Never try to explain it. If you have a degree of the Jesus-Mind, you will claim as did he, "Get thee behind me, Satan." This error has no basis of Truth, no real intelligence — its very essence is uncertainty, doubt, and fear.

Error was at first merely ignorance, only chaos; but with the revelation of Truth, it became malignant through self-justification; hence Mrs. Eddy called it malicious animal magnetism, and its activity through mortals, malicious mental malpractice. Through the weapons of self-mesmerism, it succeeds in using Christian Scientists more frequently than they suspect.

The Adam-dream is animal magnetism in activity. It is animal magnetism that keeps one from being successful in business, for man governed by Truth is always successful, always free to find his right place and activity. It is the same foe that prevents nations and governments from knowing themselves and their proper functions; and the awakening of the individual citizen from the Adam-dream, will mean the salvation of the nation, and the regeneration of the government.

Is this work of ours a toilsome task, or is it the most beautiful, the most inspiring, vocation that could be imagined? The world will recognize the divine origin of Christian Science when Scientists have made it their business to think in this way. Then the influence of its beneficent power will be apparent on all sides, and the time will have arrived that was foreseen by Isaiah, when "the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. . . and the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water. . . The wolf shall dwell with the lamb . . . and the calf and the young lion and the fading together; and a little child shall lead them ... and the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp ... they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea - -and an highway shall be there . . . and it shall be called the way of holiness."

Do you think we shall have any difficulty in healing the sick when we have learned to think these thoughts? Oh. no.

Your own individual consciousness of God is the only Savior that will ever lead you into the kingdom of heaven, and this consciousness, the Mind that was in Christ Jesus, is the healer of all disease.

Error will suggest that you cannot expect to do this at once, and then will usually follow the inference that as you cannot do it at all, there is not much use in trying to do anything, and to just go ahead declaring. "I have not reached that point yet. I do not know enough." Suppose you ask error, animal magnetism, when it thinks you will know enough to begin to acknowledge God, and heal yourself, and aid in the redemption of mankind. In *Unity of Good*, Mrs. Eddy says, "The Ego is divine consciousness, eternally radiating throughout all space in the idea of God, good, and not of His opposite, evil." Then it is radiating now, through you and me; and if we will acknowledge this even a little bit, it automatically becomes the power to overcome all the power of the enemy, and it makes us healers and preachers, for by these acts we shall preach the good news of the coming of the kingdom of Christ.

This knowledge that the Ego is ever radiating through you, will give you business men and women dominion over your business. It is radiating intelligence. Its man always knows enough to do the right thing and find the right way, if he will retire from the confusion of mortal mind into the "Secret Place" which Mrs. Eddy defines as the "Omniscience of Omnipotence," and is "man's spiritual state in God's own image and likeness, even the inner sanctum Science, in which mortals do not enter without a struggle or sharp experience, and in which they put off the human for the divine." (*Miscellany*) And then she reminds us of Jesus' statement that "many are called, but few are chosen." Many hear the voice of Truth, but they find it only confusing, and turn away from it. But however long they may dodge it, sooner or later they must turn to it and find the way, for there is no other way, and man's true being and his ultimate home are inescapable.

What should a man handle who is not successful in any legitimate undertaking, whether it be in business, raising a crop or a plant, bringing out harmony in the home, in the government, in the church, or healing a patient? What is God's law to man? It is always the law of success — be thou, and be thou an expression of My law.

Man is the activity of divine law, and that law cannot fail. What then would make man seem to fail, would suggest failure? Animal magnetism. Man exists at the standpoint of opportunity. His work is always ready for him, and he is always prepared to do that work.

Law never fails, and under its government there is no hiatus between the need, and the demonstration of Love that meets the need.

It is possible for you to say, "Before Abraham was. I am." It is possible for you to know — before Abraham was. my work was and was ready for me. and there is no power in animal magnetism to cloud my consciousness of the Truth.

Does the suggestion whisper that Christian Science is not the Truth — that it has no power to deliver you. Then it is malicious mental malpractice: for when animal magnetism becomes active through aggressive mental suggestion in denial of Truth, Mrs. Eddy calls it malicious mental malpractice. It need not necessarily be projected by another person, either intentionally or unintentionally. It may be universal belief. Universal belief needs to be handled persistently. Think of the calamities that have come upon the world of mankind through universal beliefs that have now been found to be without any foundation of fact. For instance, the old belief that tuberculosis was hereditary, has subjected thousands of people to suffering and death. Materia medica has since discovered that it is not and never was hereditary. The belief that leprosy is contagious or infectious, has doomed many a man and woman to a life of isolation that is worse than death, and yet the highest authorities in the medical world today say that it is not contagious. They only send people away because they are so unpleasant to look upon or to be associated with, and the suggestion causes others to fear and become diseased. An epidemic of business depression has nothing more substantial back of it than universal fear, projected at such times. All limitations of ignorance, time, space, power, etc. are the result of universal belief.

Do we appreciate the marvelous opportunities and possibilities of Christian Science practice? If we did, we should be thrilled beyond measure, *There is no impossibility to Christian Science demonstration.*

Let us begin anew today to consider the possibilities that are at hand, awaiting our grasp — "... God giving all and man having all that God gives." and "When will mankind awake to know their present ownership of all good?" (Miscellany)

Let us heal the sick as never before. We should raise the dead more often. It has been done by Christian Scientists, and it is possible for every Christian Scientist to do it now, for now we have the Christ consciousness and none other, and *it is divinely endowed with power.* It does handle animal magnetism, and expose its utter nothingness. It does break down the claim that malicious thought, directed against the Cause of Christian Science, can frighten people and keep them from coming for healing, or that it can disturb the mental atmosphere of the practitioner so that he finds it difficult to heal them when they do come. It goes further and demonstrates that there is no malicious thought

because there is no mortal mind to project it. We need to know this, and to keep it constantly active in our thought, for the claim today is that malicious animal magnetism is striking in every way to overwhelm Christian Science by confusing Christian Scientists and destroying its Cause; but this effort has no God back of it, hence it will never succeed, for this Cause is built on the Rock. Christ — a Rock that is eternal and eternally active.

It soon becomes so apparent to the student of Christian Science that mortal mind is only suggestion, and has no other method of activity or propagation, and one wonders that he could fail to perceive this and cease to fear it. Human experience is all suggestion. The sun shines and suggests joy. The air is cold and damp, and through association suggests rheumatism. Mortals accept this suggestion and act accordingly. The person who has something to sell, suggests that we need it, and unless one is awake, immediately the need is felt. The suggestion comes that we are limited in ability, in possession, in power, in happiness, in opportunity, in ability to heal the sick, or to understand the Truth, and unless this is met with the Truth, it enters in and becomes dominant in the thought of the one who entertains it.

When you acknowledge God as all, then, as the conscious expression of that allness, you will find within your own grasp all that is necessary for your happiness and success. As you increase in loyalty to your highest idea, the manifestation will be constantly greater until you find your cup full, pressed down and running over. It was not a difficult thing for Jesus to take money from the fish's mouth; he could have taken it from the stones in the street, for that which supplied his needs was his consciousness of the fullness of divine Mind."... God giving all and man having all that God gives." (*Miscellany*)
Knowing is possessing.

The Christian Scientist can find himself in no condition where he has not dominion, if he is willing to use the Truth herein set forth. Stop giving the kingdom, the power, and the glory to error. Cease pleading poverty or disease. Do not claim unity with error. Prove your ability as a disciple of Christ to demonstrate your oneness with the Father, the Mind that includes all good. Acknowledge God in all your ways. That is all you have to do. Acknowledge Him, and He will do the rest. Oh, for absolute consecration to Truth! If Christian Scientists would live in the atmosphere of God their thought would be so lifted up that it would be out of the range of error's arrows. Be content with nothing less than constant unity with God, which is a pillar of cloud to lead you by day, and a pillar of fire to give you light by night.

The consciousness of the presence of Principle, law, power, and opportunity, is all that is needed to remove mountains. This is literally true — if you needed to move a mountain, you could do it. Mortal mind moves them now materially, and alter a while will move

them mentally. Do not fail to claim this consciousness in behalf of the sick or in your affairs, whether in matters of business, household, or church. Use it in all the details of daily experience.

The right idea of opportunity is the open door to receptivity. Jesus bestowed upon all who believed in him the opportunity to tread on serpents and scorpions, and to have power over all the false suggestions of the enemy. Individual man is the individual consciousness of power, and "thou art the man." The slightest demonstration of healing through Christian Science treatment is demonstration of God-with-us. The only God there is — Omnipresence — cannot forsake us at any time. We must have our anchorage in that thought. We must acquaint ourselves with Omnipresence and be at peace; acquaint ourselves with Life, Truth, and Love and so possess them. Yes, knowing is possession. God never fails, and the only reason we think He does, is through a faulty concept which is being destroyed. It is God-with-us that supplies all wisdom, power, and strength, that silences grief and exterminates poverty. Eliminate evil beliefs by drinking in the Truth. Do not limit in any direction of thought the omnipresence and omnipotence of God, and its manifestation through His infinite idea, man. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, and raise the dead. The time for this work is now, and God has appointed you His ministers.

Mrs. Eddy healed many thousands of cases in from one to three treatments. After having had the blessing of her teaching and her example over these many years, Christian Scientists should be ready to emulate her in this. Oh, may we do such healing in the years to come, as has never before been known in our midst. Our Leader said she retired three times a day "to seek the divine blessing on the sick and the sorrowing, with [her] face toward the Jerusalem of Love and Truth," and she said she turned constantly to divine Love for guidance and found rest. If we follow her example, we, too, shall find rest, and do quick healing and not need rest. My teacher used to say that many Christian Scientists handled error as wild beasts fight. We see much of that today. Let us not be of that class, but let us follow our Leader's method, acknowledge our oneness with God, and know man as the expression of Life and Love, and do instantaneous healing, and find rest.

Let us be alert in all things, and especially so in sustaining the Cause of Christian Science. God alone can sustain it, but God works through man, the man who is the reflection of divine law. Then be a law to the Cause that no evil may enter it; and if any has seemed to find place there, it is cast out into the outer darkness; be a law that today this Cause is safe "in the secret place of the Most High;" that all who enter its inner portals shall be washed whiter than snow; that it is fulfilling its mission, healing and saving the world from sin and death, thus reflecting in some degree the Church Universal and Triumphant.

There is no question in my mind that Christian Science is the Science of Being, the revelation of the mental activity of the universe, and the laws governing it. The truth of this revelation cannot possibly be fully lost, but without the restraining influence of those who have perceived it as the Science of God and who realize that it is purely spiritual, its Christian character would soon disappear, and the discoveries and evolution of the immediate future would be entirely along material lines, and mankind would become more than ever materialistic, declaring in the language of the Israelites of old, "Mine hand hath done it. Mine own hand hath saved me."

Let it come to be a recognized fact that wherever there is an activity for the betterment of human conditions. Christian Scientists are to be found, wholeheartedly and intelligently cooperating. We should be known always as a power on the right side. Oh, Christian Scientists, awake! Be on guard! Only for one instant did Christ Jesus permit the weakness of the flesh to touch him, when he cried out for the cup to pass from him, but how quickly he recovered his true sense and said: "Thy will be done" — not that Thou willest me to be crucified, but to stand and even though the senses declare it is the crucifixion hour, to acknowledge Thee now and forever. The Christ-consciousness, which spoke then, delivered him from the tomb and enabled him to overcome the world, thus finishing his work.

So stood our brave Leader, God's Revelator to this age. Even when mortal mind declared it laid the hand of death upon her and robbed her of strength to speak, she wrote, "God is my life." She did not acknowledge death. Through persecutions such as we have not yet known, she stood, brave and obedient, giving the Truth to a weary, waiting world in her Father's way. She revealed the Science of Life, and founded and established the Cause. It is our precious privilege to stand by and carry on through the activity of the Christ-consciousness in our thinking, to preserve that Cause, to heal ourselves and others from sickness and sin and thus protect the world through its evolutionary period.

Mrs. Eddy once said to me, "I have not had much peace or rest in the last forty years. I have no sooner taken one step, then I found it led to a higher and more difficult one." If this was her experience, shall we grumble because our advancing footsteps seem sometimes to become difficult? We Americans, children of pioneers, should not be surprised to encounter difficulties in opening up a new land. The experience of our forefathers, who were not daunted by the horrors of the wilderness and savages, was certainly a preparation for this greater work that we have to do.

Let us study more carefully the experiences of those who have preceded us in this journey from sense to Soul. Do you not think that Moses had cause to be discouraged with the people he was trying to lead out of slavery and into the promised land? Let us

be on guard to giving into discouragement. The workers in every age felt theirs the most trying stage of all.

Study the Bible as a book of history of the development of mortals out of error and toward the realm of good. Let us take our place as members of the Church and citizens of the world. Let us so live that our Cause shall be judged by our good works rather than by our words, and the whole world shall be forced to recognize our Cause as indeed commemorating the words and works of our Master thus reinstating primitive Christianity, healing every form of disease and leading man into the kingdom of God. Lay your gift upon the altar, purified of self. and in Paul's words; "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that {you} may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

A POET OF THE NEW CENTURY

A LITTLE volume bearing the modest title of "Poems and Verses" might, at first thought, be expected to attract slight attention in this age of rapidly issued and loudly advertised fiction and gift-books; but a sincere and original attitude toward life and its problems, as well as fluency of fancy and finish of expression, are as highly valued as they have ever been, and, however indifferent may be the attitude of readers toward the latest versifier, they are always eagerly on the lookout, whatever may be said to the contrary, for a new poet. The first book of verse, by Mr. Carol Norton, is distinguished by a spiritual quality so unique as to bespeak for it an unusually cordial welcome from press and public. Mr. Norton, although still in the early thirties, is one of the leading exponents of the Christian Science movement in America, and has had wide experience as a student, lecturer, contributor to the press, and Reader in the church of his faith. The serene optimism of the man, which is remarked by all his friends as one of his most prominent characteristics, is reflected in his poetry, every line of which is steeped in sunshine. Carol Norton's verses have been written in many metres, but they may all be said to be sermons from the single text:

"God's in His heaven; All's right with the world."

This young poet's conception of the splendid New Century faith, which is now dawning, may be summarized in his own words, quoted from one of his well-known lectures: "Love, not creeds, will be the key-note of twentieth century Christianity. Scientific religion will take the place of dogmatic mysticism, and spirituality, genuine and natural, will displace materiality and mortal speculation. Works rather than belief will crown Christian activity. Christ will be, more than ever before, the central figure in all reformatory and healing work. Health will become contagious, and disease occasional

rather than uniform. Not only Christendom will be reunited under the spiritual leadership of Christ Jesus, but all civilization will become essentially Christian, and Christ will be in deed and truth the light of the world. Wars will cease, Mammon be dethroned, sin, disease, and death will by steady degrees be made the vanquished enemies of the race. Immortality will be reduced to or comprehended as a demonstrable divine science. Brotherhood will be established through brotherly love and unselfishness, and the animal instincts inherent in human nature will by sure degrees be overcome and destroyed by the acquisition of the godlike, Christlike mind. Christianity will be synonymous with true science, "true ethics, true law, true government, true industrial integrity, true health." To a man who holds this faith there is no such word or thought as discouragement.

It will be interesting to inquire further into the personality of this sturdy modern apostle of the higher life. Most of the following biographical facts are condensed from a character sketch of the poet written by his friend, Professor W. G. Jordan.

Carol Norton, whose present home is in the great city of New York, was born in Eastport, Maine, the extreme eastern city in the United States, and it was there that his education was begun, which was later completed in New York City. Thoroughly American in his lineage, one can see in his life many of the traits that distinguished his ancestors. He has the strong, courageous character of the Norton stock, descended through Charles Carroll Norton, the freedom-loving son of an illustrious English family, whose ancestors were numbered among the early colonists. On the maternal side Mr. Norton is descended from the line of English soldiers, educators, preachers, authors, and poets that gave us Longfellow, his mother, Mary Wadsworth, being the granddaughter of General Peleg Wadsworth, of Revolutionary fame. Mr. Norton's mother spent a portion of her young womanhood at Hiram and at Portland, Maine, with her cousins, Samuel and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Through her influence these two men had a potent, formative effect on the mind of the boy Carol — an influence that has but deepened with the years. This was especially true of Samuel Longfellow, who, though not so famous as his elder brother, was one of the most renowned ministers of the Unitarian Church, a man of rare spiritual insight, and the author of some of the most beautiful hymns in Christian literature.

At an early age Carol was left an orphan, and was dependent on the affection and counsel of his sisters and an uncle and aunt, with whom he lived during his early life in New York. At fifteen he entered into business, and proved his ability and sagacity in commercial lines. When he was twenty, he was sole manager of an important and prosperous agency in Maine, for Boston, New York, and Baltimore houses, but the young businessman was more interested in doing good than in getting goods: the spiritual side of living appealed to him more than any sort of money-making. At sixteen

he made his first public speech, an address in the interests of the White Cross movement. He soon became intensely interested in church work, and in reform: his own religious beliefs now began to fill his thought. Reared in a Unitarian family, he absorbed the ethical side of the faith, — the simple, sterling, manly helpfulness of it; yet it failed to satisfy his nature. He read much in those religious works that seek to reach the fundamentals of all faith; he studied as zealously and conscientiously as though he were preparing for a profession.

Then came a long siege of illness, which the best physicians could not succeed in raising. When his case had grown hopeless his attention was directed to Christian Science, as discovered and taught by Mary Baker Eddy, and under the treatment of one of its healers, he again became well and strong. His gratitude for his physical regeneration led him to a study of the philosophy of the religion, and to him it at last came as the satisfying faith. Here seemed to him the long-looked-for opportunity of consecrating his life to good. With him decision and action ever went hand in hand. He renounced the comforts and ease of prosperity for the limitation and privation of a reformer. From that time his work has been steadily progressive: he has proved persistent, tireless, ever ready and equal to every opportunity.

As a Reader in the churches of Christian Science, he has been sympathetic, fervent, and sincere. In his large public work as a lecturer of the Christian Science body, Mr. Norton is a calm, dignified speaker, presenting the elements of his belief with fairness, directness, and absolute confidence in the power and truth of his religious faith. While positive in his own views, he is liberal in his tolerance of the opinions of others, and in argument or in meeting attacks against Christian Science, even when these assaults are based on ignorance, misrepresentation, or malice, he is generous and patient, scorning to retaliate, in his honest desire to supplant what he deems to be error with Truth as he sees it. In the few books he has written, and in his many contributions to newspapers and periodicals, he is clear, direct, and simple in his statement, with just a suggestion of the poet's metaphor that slips into prose.

Mr. Norton from his twenty-first year has enjoyed the uniform and spiritually helpful friendship of the founder of Christian Science, and to this privilege traces the richest inspirations of his career. Of Mary Baker Eddy, Mr. Norton says, in a public address: “Mrs. Eddy is without doubt the greatest religious reformer of the nineteenth century, and the greatest woman leader in the history of religion.”