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## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

One of the most remarkable features of the recent Pan-Anglican Congress in London (of which at the time the local American chaplain was kind enough to give us a very interesting account), was the amount of discussion centring around the interesting subject of healing by faith. Among the papers read before the Congress was one contributed by the Rev. Dr. McComb, of Emmanuel Church, Boston, Mass. Dr. McComb is not a Christian Scientist because, as he somewhat enigmatically explained, he is both a Christian and a man of science. Mrs. Eddy is to him the founder of a curious superstition, but he went far towards the acknowledgment that she has succeeded in restoring to the world the lost gift of healing. He gave an illuminating resumé of the progress made by the faith-healing cult on his side of the Atlantic, and expressed his firm belief that this cult will ultimately spread throughout the whole English-speaking world (why only the English-speaking?). At the present moment the healers' greatest source of weakness is internal dissension. The disciples of Mrs. Eddy indignantly disclaim any affinity with the followers of the late Elijah II., but the man of ordinary intelligence is quite unable to distinguish a marked difference between these two creeds. Both proclaim the triumph of mind over matter, both stigmatise the medical profession as a parasitical excrescence fattening on the crass ignorance of the community, and both—though 'twere unkind to dilate on it—exhibit a surprising grasp of the intricacies of high finance. We do not for one moment suggest that the latter attribute is necessarily inconsistent with unimpeachable motives; we merely mention an acknowledged fact. It is, perhaps, only natural that faith-healers of the free lance type are repudiated by the orthodox as irresponsible charlatans, but the fact remains that many of the most noteworthy and thoroughly authenticated cases of healing by faith, will-power, mental suggestion,—call it what one will, have been performed by individuals who disavow all connection with either the Eddyites or the Zionites.

A number of gentlemen who were very much interested in the possibilities of relieving bodily suffering without the aid of physic or scalpel, formed a private sect in New England a year or two ago. The experimenters began by limiting their efforts to cases where there was no organic disease. Therein they cut themselves off at once from the Christian Scientists, who deny that disease exists, whether organic or inorganic. Still more radical was their dissent from Mrs. Eddy in their attitude towards the doctors. Instead of regarding it as an act of unbelief to consult a physician, the Emanuelite Healers (so they termed themselves) from the very first worked hand in hand with the faculty. They secured in advance the promise of the support and co-operation of the leading neurologists in New England. Able physicians have given their co-operation and advice, and no case is taken in hand for healing by religious methods until it has been reported upon and recommended for treatment by a competent medical authority. This procedure, of course, is rank heresy in the mind of the Christian Scientist, to whom the faintest suggestion of practicability, and we might even say common-sense, is anathema. By going to extremes and pouring the vials of their wrath upon

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all who differ from them by a hair's-breadth, the Christian Scientists have alienated an incalculable number of people who approached the question with an open mind. Everybody does not possess the magnificent credulity necessary to accept the entire tenets of Mrs. Eddy's creed. To our humble intelligence it has always been a mystery how sane people can deny the reality of bodily pain or actual disease. If pain is only imaginary, how is it that a new-born infant raises a wail of anguish when its tender flesh is irritated? Surely the undeveloped mental apparatus of such an infant is incapable of even the most limited imaginative flights. If pain is altogether imaginary, how is it that a spasm of tooth-ache instantly arouses the brain rendered dormant by deep slumber? These elementary arguments are neither original nor weighty, but the principle against which they are directed has at least equal claims to fatuity. To gaze upon a festering sore and deny the activity, and even the existence, of harmful germs calls for an even stronger quality than credulity. To gaze through the microscope at a collection of wriggling cholera microbes and deny the existence of any such microbes may be evidence of commendable faith, but the world is apt to call it by another name. Mental suggestion acting in conjunction with medical experience seems to us an admirable compromise, and one to which no reasonable exception can be taken. Some people are particularly susceptible to mental suggestion when indisposed, and may derive great benefit from non-medical aid. But the world has not yet attained to that state of unreality in which it can afford to banish the doctor and all his arts and place the care of its health unreservedly in the hands of a set of noisy fanatics. *Ab uno disce omnes*, which is an apt motto for the Christian Scientists, is a dangerous rule when applied to such a vital question as the healing art.

## GENERAL NEWS.

### NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

#### M. ISVOLSKI IN LONDON.

London, October 12.  
The Russian Ambassador, Count Benckendorff, and M. Pecklevski, Councillor to the Russian Embassy, were present at the dinner given by King Edward on Sunday evening in honour of M. Isvolski, the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs.

#### THE ATLANTIC FLEET.

London, October 12.  
According to a report published by a London paper, the Atlantic Fleet, which is anchored off Gibraltar and was to have commenced firing practice today, has been ordered to postpone the practice and to take in provisions for four months preparatory to a cruise in Eastern waters.

#### DEATH OF AN EX-AMBASSADOR.

London, October 11.  
Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., formerly British Ambassador at Madrid, died early this morning at Brighton.

### EXPERIENCES ON AN AEROPLANE.

London, October 10.

The Hon. C. S. Rolls sends to the Press an interesting description of a trip in Mr. Wilbur Wright's aeroplane, which he took in France last Thursday. Mr. Rolls writes:—

"Our flight was more than usually interesting by reason of some strong side gusts that attacked the flyer on certain parts of the course, and we were flying at what Mr. Wright told me was the most difficult altitude, viz., just below the tops of the trees. The prevalence of these and other undulations of the atmosphere rendered very close attention necessary to the two levers controlling the equilibrium and altitude; I noticed that both these were kept constantly on the 'joggle' with slight movement.

"One has been accustomed to consider the atmosphere as a mass of air decreasing in density with its altitude, but otherwise uniform; experience on a power-driven flyer, however, shows that, far from this being the case, the atmosphere near the earth's surface—even in what we call calm weather—is made up of spiral movements of varying diameter, sometimes vertical and sometimes horizontal, undulations of all sorts—little hills and valleys, and streams of air, in fact, one might call it a new 'world' conquered by man. A world with 'scenery' of great variation, which, though invisible to the eye, is none the less felt by the operator of a flying machine.

"To maintain equilibrium and steering control, while battling with these complex movements of the air, has been the great problem which for centuries has baffled human ingenuity, and which is now solved by the Wright brothers. Sometimes we flew above the trees, sometimes we flew 3ft. off the ground, entirely at the will of the operator, who thus showed the most perfect control over his machine that anyone could imagine. The side gusts and varying currents which we encountered at times caused gentle dipping motions, not unlike a switchback, but always under complete control.

"Our speed in the early morning caused tears to roll down our cheeks, but with goggles on one would have no difficulty in reading a map, making notes, or taking photographs, etc."

### RHODESIA TO BE DEVELOPED.

London, October 12.

The *Standard* learns that, after protracted negotiation with the Chartered Company of South Africa, the Government has consented to guarantee a loan of ten millions sterling to that Company for the economical development of Rhodesia.

### DR. SVEN HEDIN'S PLANS.

Simla, October 8.

Dr. Sven Hedin, the Swedish explorer, will sail from Bombay for Yokohama on the 13th inst. He expects to have finished his book on his Tibetan travels next May. He has had several conversations with Major Ryder, whose journey with Major Rawlins he describes as one of the very best made in Tibet.

Dr. Sven Hedin, who has been the guest of Lord Kitchener for several days, will leave Simla tomorrow.

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