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"What I Say Unto You, I Say Unto All, *WATCH.*" *Jesus.*

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If there was joy in heaven at the birth of Jesus, and an angelic proclamation of "on earth peace, good will toward men," what of the joy when this prophecy is fulfilled? If the first night of the Christian era was filled with joy, what of the many nights in this and other lands, which follow the Christian Science lecturers as they go from city to city producing the effect described in the report referred to, of which I here quote the last paragraph: "In another minute the people were pouring out into the night, carrying with them through the streets of the great city the words which in sickness and sorrow will ever have a new meaning, 'And lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.'"

I am sure every heart that has beat a moment faster at these benign words of our great Master would leap for joy to behold the picture presented to mental vision while reading that report, for it signifies the fulfilment, at our very doors, of that which the Prophets foretold; that for which Jesus lived and suffered; yea, all that is hoped for in the signs of the coming of the kingdom of heaven as signified in his prayer, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

As one who has loved the Christian religion and prayed the Lord's Prayer from childhood, I want to thank all who help to swell the anthem of Christian freedom; and, above all, I want to thank Mrs. Eddy who, by her discovery and selfless life and labor, has made possible this grand anthem which is now filling the earth, even as the birth of Jesus made possible the first grand song-burst of Soul which filled the first Christian night with joy. I have a right to voice these thanks, for Christian Science found me with blighted hopes and blighted health, and has made me sound in body and in Christian faith and understanding, whereas doubt and darkness had well-nigh shut out all the light. Now I can exclaim with the man of old, "Whereas I was blind, now I see."

And what do I see? Why this: That Christ never for a moment left the earth; that his promise, "Lo, I am with you alway," is inviolate; that the signs of his second appearing to human consciousness are the same as were the first; namely, both mentally and physically "the blind see, the lame walk."

The Relation of Science and Health to the Bible.

GERTRUDE SMITH.

THE study of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs. Eddy, ever leads its students to the "book of books." One who becomes a student of Science and Health very soon becomes a diligent student of the Bible.

Few educators deny to the Bible a leading place in the realm of literature, and the great significance of the study of the Bible with Science and Health, lies in the fact that it heals mortal mind and body and spiritualizes motive, thought, and action.

When we consider the importance which the world places upon systematic study of a high order, we may rightly estimate the place and work of one who has inspired, and who is inspiring, thousands to an eager, earnest, and systematic study of the Bible; and can rejoice that the world has gained a great educator,—Science and Health,—which, abiding in our homes, is an insistent, loving teacher, leading always to the best. No one who becomes a daily student of the Bible is ever satisfied with less than the best in literature, and he who reads and loves only good books will choose the best in every direction.

The first year that I began the study of Science and Health, I became a systematic reader of the Bible, and for five years I have been a Bible student. I owe a deep debt of gratitude to our text-book for aiding me in gaining a practical education. My great fear, when I began this study, was that it might not honor Jesus as I felt he should be honored; but before I had studied the book through the

first time, I was satisfied that Jesus was honored far more than I had ever realized that honor was due him. I was healed of nervous dyspepsia of ten years' duration, and through this healing I was awakened to see the immeasurable love of our Master in giving so large a portion of his time to the ministry of healing the sick.

The Christ-nature of Jesus was revealed to me as the idea of divine Love, ever-present with man. I began to long for this nature, and I longed to heal the sick, to bless and comfort others as Jesus did. Surely my reverence and love can never be too great for Mrs. Eddy, and for the gift of Science and Health.

Jesus' Appeal.

J. E. FELLERS.

"JESUS was a mediator between humanity and Spirit. He voiced truth. He spoke to the human sense through the divine" (Science and Health, p. 332).

As the son of Mary, Jesus was human, and formed the link between weak, cringing, fallen, mortal man and Spirit. He sought not to show himself to men. He wanted them to see the Christ. His mission was to lift humanity up.

A vine torn down from the tree which once supported it, had no strength of its own and so lay prone on the ground among the weeds around which it entwined its tendrils. In this condition it bore poor fruit, and unless it were lifted up it would ere long wither and die. With one hand a woodman drew downward a branch of the tree, and with the other he raised up the helpless vine. The vine knew the branch and clung steadfastly to it, reaching out farther and farther until at last the tendrils again took firm hold upon the strong body of the tree. The vine was lifted up from its fallen estate into the bright sunshine and the pure atmosphere. It had been redeemed. The mediator,—the woodman,—had shown it the way back to fruitfulness and life.

Jesus found mortals helpless and hopeless, blind, sensual, and sick. Though God, Truth, Love, was a living presence, mankind was sinking deeper each day into oblivion and doom. Jesus came with a new doctrine. He announced it to the world in a brief discourse which has been called, "The Sermon on the Mount." It has also been called, "The Song of Redeeming Love." There were some who heard the sermon but they did not hear the song. They understood the letter, but did not catch the spirit of his teaching. There were others who arose, shook off old beliefs, and laid hold upon the Christ. They heard the truth Jesus voiced. It was so wonderful and sweet that the human sense was lost in the divine, and as they listened they heard him say, "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." By this he meant that just as he had shown them the way back to God, and had given them strength in hours of trial, they should comfort and sustain each other as they went forth to show others the way.

As Christian Scientists read and study more and more the writings of our Leader, they will hear her sweet and tender pleadings, "Love one another" expressed in some way on almost every page.

[Written for the *Sentinel*.]

Safe Keeping.

CLARA L. DOANE.

IN night time deep,
When I'm asleep,
I am God's child,
And God doth keep.

IN daytime bright,
When all is light,
I am God's child
To do the right.