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LECTURE BY MR. STRICKLER MARKS CHURCH OPENING

Prominent Christian Scientist Heard by Large Audience in Handsome New Edifice.

A large audience greeted Virgil O. Strickler of Boston at the handsome new Christian Science church on French Broad avenue last night, when he delivered a very interesting lecture. The speaker was eloquent and earnest, and that his hearers were clearly impressed with his remarks was evident in the close attention which was given his every utterance. He was introduced by George S. Powell, who made a short and appropriate talk. The church has just been completed, and the lecture last night was in the nature of a formal opening.

In introducing Mr. Strickler to the congregation Mr. Powell said in part: "The universal belief of man for ages could not make the earth flat, neither can it make life in matter, for life is spiritual. Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing. The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life.'"

"If you wished an explanation of the science of mathematics you would not go to one who does not believe in mathematics and had never worked out a problem by its rules, so you show by your presence here this evening that you desire to hear Christian Science explained by one who has studied it; believes in it, and has proved it to be true just as many of us have proved the science of mathematics to be true, without claiming to be able to work out all of its problems. Mrs. Eddy, in the Christian Science text book says: 'We admit the whole because a part

is proved, and that part illustrates and proves the entire problem.' There are many good people who hold erroneous ideas about Christian Science, and without intending to be unfair, they sometimes make public statements based on these erroneous ideas. It is to correct such statements, and to meet a public demand for authentic information that Mrs. Eddy, through the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., established a board of lecturers, and we are now to have the pleasure of listening to a member of this board."

Mr. Strickler then appeared and spoke in part as follows: "However much people may differ in their attitude towards Christian Science every one will admit that it has done many good things. Entirely apart from the question of physical healing, it is generally conceded that it produces a happy and contented mentality, that it destroys fear, and makes people loving and kind."

"When we add to this fact that it has healed many sick people who had previously been unable to find relief under other systems, that it has cured many of the drug habit, and of the liquor habit, has restored harmony in many homes that were discordant, and has given hope and courage to people who were discouraged, it is easy to understand why Christian Science has spread from one end of the earth to the other with such wonderful rapidity."

"Why should any one not wish to believe that God heals the sick? Is it not a thing to be desired? and is it not something for which humanity has been praying through the centuries? Now that it is here why should any one not wish to accept it? Let each one ask himself that question."

"Many people believe that God either sends sickness or at least permits some other power to send it, so that in some way it is an agency for good to work out our spiritual growth. Now if that is true why did Jesus come to make war on it? If God created sickness and either sends it or permits it to be sent for any purpose, and Jesus destroyed it and

taught his followers to destroy it, was he not working against God? And if sickness is a good thing why did Jesus wish to destroy it?"

"Christian Science shows that sickness and sin originate in mortal mind, and result from the operation of this so-called mind. God did not create them, nor do they result from the operation of spiritual law. In destroying them Jesus did not work contrary to God's laws. Christian Science insists that Jesus was consistent. He did not do the will of the Father at one time, and at another seek to overturn His laws. It follows, then, that if Jesus performed his works in accordance with, and by means of, God's laws, the same results must follow in every age whenever those laws are understood and applied. Moses and the prophets, and Jesus and His disciples and followers, healed the sick, raised the dead, and performed many wonderful works by means of this power; and in every age the result of the operation of spiritual law in human consciousness has been to destroy discord and to establish peace."

"Christian Science pleads for a rational understanding of God in place of mere belief about Him, and it is urging mankind to look for the real causation in mind and not in matter. It declares that God is not the author of sin, sickness, or death, hence these conditions are illegitimate and can be destroyed by a knowledge of the truth. It denies that there is any divine authority for man to sin, suffer or die, and recalls the solemn declaration of the Scripture that God gave man as his birthright dominion over all the earth and over all that it contained. "As time goes on humanity exhibits an ever-decreasing interest in theories about God that are not helpful and practical. This tendency has been deplored by the churches as indicating a loss of interest in religion, but it is not so. It indicates a tremendous desire for a religion that is practical."

"This is an Age of Practical Things. The demand for practical things also demands a religion that is practical. People are no longer satisfied with theories about what is to happen in another world. What is desired is a demonstrable religion that saves

from present troubles—from sickness, and sin, and failure, and unhappiness, and the countless ills of everyday human experience—and if there is a religion that will do that, it can be safely trusted for the future."

"Christian Science is essentially a practical religion. It has been called applied Christianity. There is the same difference between Christian Science and other systems that there is between mathematics and engineering. Mathematics does much good in many ways, but it is not until the rules of mathematics are applied to human affairs that we see brought out great bridges, railroads, subways, lofty buildings, and other things that are of public utility, and which contribute to the well being of mankind. So it is only when the teachings of Jesus are understood and applied to human affairs that we see the sick healed, sinners liberated from bondage to evil habits, and other practical things done for the betterment of humanity."

"When viewed from any point Mrs. Eddy stands as one of the great characters of this age. She has made a discovery in the realm of metaphysics that exerts and must continue to exert a more far-reaching influence upon humanity than any discovery ever made in the physical realm. She has founded a religion that has restored to mankind the spiritual healing as practised by the primitive church. Within the brief space of one generation her teachings have so impressed themselves upon the public that it would be difficult to find a place where there is not a Christian Science church or society, or at least where there are not some Christian Scientists."

"Sooner or later every person will adopt that system of religious teaching which brings the largest measure of help and hope and consolation, and so long as any remain who are suffering from unhappiness or sickness or sin, Christian Science will offer to them a sure means of finding divine help."

REV. J. J. BARKER GOES TO NEW WORK SOON

Rev. J. J. Barker, who has been pastor of the Biltmore and Mt. Pleasant Methodist churches during the past year, goes in a few days to Andrews to become the pastor of the church there. While here Rev. Mr. Barker has been identified with the religious and moral work of the city, and there are many who will regret that he is leaving. While making his home in South Biltmore Mr. Barker has been a very active member of the Ministers' association and did a great deal of work in that organization. His friends predict a successful pastorate at Andrews, which is considered a very excellent charge.

Rev. J. W. Campbell, who has just completed a four years' pastorate on the Sulphur Springs circuit, comes to the Biltmore and Mt. Pleasant charges. Mr. Campbell has had success at Sulphur Springs and the congregations of his new charges feel confident that it will be continued.

Rev. F. A. Hawley, pastor of Weaverville station for last year and who was sent back there from conference, yesterday received a telegram from Bishop Denny saying that Mr. Hawley should leave Weaverville and go to Leaksville in the Mt. Airy district, and that he would be replaced by Rev. Mr. West, who had been sent to Leaksville. This order was a great surprise to Mr. Hawley, as it was understood that he was very well pleased with his work at Weaverville and the people like him and Mrs. Hawley very much. It was reported that Mr. West proposed to change charges with Mr. Hawley, who did not consent, and it is presumed by the people of Weaverville that the change was made at the request of Mr. West.

Mr. Hawley was for a time assistant secretary of the Asheville Y. M. C. A. and his popularity has become such that his leaving this section will be regarded with genuine and general regret.

Mrs. Robert Goelet Dead.

By Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Robert Goelet of New York died today at her Paris residence. Her maiden name was Harriet Warren and in 1879 she was married to Robert Goelet, by whom she had two children, Beatrice and Robert Walton Goelet. She passed much of her time abroad, both during her husband's life and afterwards, making long cruises on board their yacht, the Nahma. Mr. Goelet died on the Nahma, on April 27, 1899, in Naples harbor. Mrs. Goelet was taken seriously ill in August this year while at Southampton and her ailment was diagnosed as cancer. She immediately left for France to undergo treatment.

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ELECT OFFICERS

Pisgah Lodge, K. of P., Had Election and Reports of Last Term Were Heard.

Pisgah Lodge No. 32, K. of P., held an election of officers for the coming term at the meeting last night. Reports from the acting officers were heard, and these showed that the lodge is in excellent condition. The attendance was large and much interest was taken in the proceedings. The following were the officers chosen: C. C. R. F. Haskell; V. C. A. T. Morrison; P. E. H. Miller; M. of W., P. P. Brown; K. of R. and S., B. M. Jones; M. of F., E. W. Dodd; M. of E., D. Harris; M. at A., W. C. Pennell; I. G., L. Lipinsky; O. G., C. C. Myers.

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