sketch.

Woman and Society

WITH A PHOTOGRAPH Take, love, the picture that I send, And if the power of art Could give this shadow of myself A voice, the lips would part, And tell you that beneath the fur, The roses, and the lace, My heart is but a living frame That holds your cherished face. -Minna Irving.

The Monday Evening Club held a delightful meeting at the home of Mrs. Heck on Blount street last week. It was an unusually large meeting, and the programme was extremely interesting. Miss Laura Devereux read a criticism

'When Knighthood was in Flower.' Mrs. Chas. McKimmon sang two solos, "A Gypsey Maiden," and "My Love's Like a Red Rose.'

Mr. Field read a character sketch. Miss Higgs sang, "When 'tis Summer

in the Heart." Mr. Asbury read the first chapter of the serial story to be written by members of the club. The title of the story

"The Complete Works of the Thirteen Club." Miss Watson sang "Asthore," and Mr. W. J. Peele read a splendid character

Miss Pattie Mordecai gave a most charming entertainment on Wednesday afternoon. It was a "Book party." The fortunate winner of the prize being Mrs. Grimes Cowper.

The dining room was tastefully decorated with La France roses and smilax, and most delicious refreshments were served by Misses Belle Pescuil, Jennie Pescud, Theodora Marshall and Margaret

Miss Mordecai's guests were Mrs. Brown Shenherd, Mrs. B. S. Jerman, Mrs. Palmer Jerman, Mrs. Geo. Thompson, Grimes Cowper, Mrs. J. D. Bausnall, Mrs. Geo. McGee, Mrs. Frank Ferguson, Mrs. Maynard, Mrs. Van Moore, Mrs. J. M. Turner, Mrs. John Kenny, Mrs. Thos. Kenan, Mrs. Hubert Haywood, Mrs. E. Pogue, Mrs. Ada Rogers Boykin, Mrs. Geo. Strong, Mrs. Robt. Strong, Mrs. Julian Timberlake, Mrs. Lottie McAden, Mrs. Chas. McKimmon, Mrs. James Mc-Kimmon, Mrs. Herbert Jackson, Mrs. Chas. Latta, Mrs. Ludlow Skinner, Mrs. W. P. McGee, Misses Ellie Haywod, Fannie McPheeters, Laura Devereux, Mary McKay, Mrs. Robt. Hall.

The Olla Podrida Club held quite a delightful session at the home of Mrs. B. S. Skinner on Tuesday afternoon. The subject for the afternoon was French History.

Miss Laura Dexereux read an cycellent sketch of the Bourbon family. Mrs. J. A. Chamberlain read a charming

paper on "The Causes of the French Rev-Mrs. W. S. Primrose read a selection

from Seaton Thompson on Wolves in the time of Louis XV. Dainty refreshments were served.

The Current Literature Club met Tuesday morning at the home of Mrs. B. T. McAden on Blount street.

Mrs. Chas. M. Busbee entertained the Klendyke Club Friday afternoon. There were five tables, and Mrs. J. M. Turner won the prize.

Those present were Miss Pearce, of Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. B. S. Jerman, Mrs. Geo. Thompson, Mrs. Mary Calvert, Mrs. Jno. Kenry, Mrs. Grimes Cowper, Mrs. Herbert Jackson, Mrs. F. H. Busbee, Mrs. V. E. Turner, Mrs. J. M. Turner, Mrs. Chas, McKimmon, Mrs. Geo. McGee Mrs. Ludlow Skinner, Mrs. Jos. E. Pogue Mrs. Chas. Latta, Mrs. Lottie McAden, Mrs. Ed. Chambers Smith, Misses Ellie Haywood, Fannie McPheeters, Pattie Mordecai, Laura Devereux.

The rehearsals for Esmeralda are going on every night, under the direction of Mr. Sherrin, and promises to be a great success. Those taking part are Misses Daisy Moring, Minine Tucker, Blanche Blake, Flora Creech, Florence Boylan, Messrs. Sherrin, Butler, Watkins Robards, Hal Ayer and Early Hughes. The company intends presenting it on

Miss Annie Rogers has issued invitations to a card party to be given at her home on Wednesday, November the twen-

the nights of December 11th and 12th.

ty-eighth. Miss Myra Steele Pearce is visiting her

sister, Mrs. Chas. M. Busbee.

Miss Lula Hawkins, who has been visiting Miss Eliza Busbee, has returned

Miss Louise Holt, who has been the guest of Miss Norris, left for Graham Tuesday. Miss Daisy Hanes, who has been visiting Mrs. Busbee, accompanied

iting friends in Waterbury, Conn., and New York, for the past three months is at home again.

Miss Maude Latta, who has been vis-

Miss Tate, who was the guest of Miss Purnell, left for Atlanta Wednesday.

Miss Eliza Simmons has returned from an extended visit to Newbern.

Miss Mary Pruden and Miss Eliza Busbee left Friday to visit Miss Mary Ferebee in Norfolk, Va.

Miss Rosa Battle is visiting friends in Rocky Mount.

Miss Fannie Moore Burwell, of Charlotte, who has been the guest of Miss Sarah Cheshire, has gone home

Messrs. Henry King, Perrin Busbee, John West, John Andrews, Will Vass. John McKee left Friday night for Norfolk, to witness the game of ball between the Universities of North Carolina and Virginia.

Miss Sallie Staton, of Tarboro, who has been the guest of Mrs. Henry Litch-

Mrs. Willie Rosenthal, of Newbern, is in the city, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Rosenthal.

Miss Mary Thompson is visiting in

Smithfield. Misses Minnie Tucker and Adelaide

Snow will leave Tuesday for Baltimore.

Miss Florence Boylan leaves for Washington, D. C., on a visit this week.

Mrs. P. B. Albright has returned from Greensboro.

HINTS FOR THE GIRL BACHELOR. The woman who is leading the rear-

guard of civilization in lone independence may find it useful to know: That marriage is a lottery. That bargains are usually expensive

luxuries. That prettiness is the least of a womans attractions.

That the wearing of a ready-made tie is almost a crime. That so-salled "Behemianism is a good

thing to avoid. That fluffs and frills are out of place

in a business office. That jewelry should not be worn during

wirking hours. That affectation is readily detected and generally despised.

That a white chiffon veil cures many faults in the complexion.

That one can be thoroughly womanly and yet do "a man's work."

That it is proper to get home before

eleven o'clock if you are a bicyclist. That cigarette smoking brings a low train of evils in its wake.

That no woman, no matter how poor, can afford to be badly dressed.

That it is not well to take one's self or one's profession too seriously That a continuous series of table

hote dinners is death to digestion. That undusted tea cups and saucers do not give a homelike air to a den.

That it is not wise to confide too freely even in one's dearest friend. That perfect cleanliness is the first

law of the refined woman's nature. That it is to be as adept with the nee dle as with the bicycle. That all thought of work should be

banished during one's leisure hours. That it does not pay to economize food nor to lunch on tea and crackers. That it is a sign of advancing years

to have a passion for cats and canary birds That it is not comfortable to be in love with more than two men at the same

time. That tea is a strong stimulant, with a bad effect on the nerves when taken

On Thursday afternoon Miss Jennette Biggs delightfully entertained the Thursday Afternoon Euchre Club. The following young ladies were present: Misses Mary Andrews, Hal Morson, Lena Latta, Nell and Annie Hinsdale, Sadie and Annie Root, Harriet Haywood, Mabel Young, of Henderson, Miriam Stamps, Annie Cheshire, Mary Lacy, Blanche Heartt, Louise Linton, Margaret Trapier and Belle Mon-

The first prize was won by Miss Louise Linton, and the booby by Miss Annie Cheshire.

Miss Sarah Cheshire entertained at lunch on Monday complimentary to Miss Fannie Moore Burwell, of Charlotte. Those present were Mrs. William West, Misses Sadie Root, Mary and Lena Latta, Mary Andrews, Elizabeth Montgomery and Belle Pescud.

On Monday Mrs. A. B. Hawkins gave a football party and dinner complimentary to Miss Clara Lewis and Miss Carrie Bailey, of Florida. The invited guests were Misses Lula Hawkins, of Ridgeway, Mary Pruden, of Edenton, Sue Robards, of Henderson, Mary Andrews and Eliza Busbee.

AFTERNOON AND EVENING RECEP-TION.

Fayetteville, N. C., Nov. 24.-From 4 o'clock Tuesday until midnight Mrs. W. M. Morgan held a reception to her many friends and admirers in Fayetteville society, and everything that art and skill could devise, and a cultured taste suggest, was brought into requisition to embellish and adorn the lofty rooms of the beautiful residence on Haymount and emphasize the graceful hospitality of the charming hostess-the prevailing floral decorations of the parlors being white with pyramids of ferns, the tea-room pink, and the supper room glowing in the coloring of deep crimson, the blush and perfume of the American beauty rose

Mrs. E. J. Lilly and Misses Eliza Williams and Kate Broadfoot welcomed the guests in the hall, whence they were ushered into the north parlor, where Mrs. Morgan received, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Fawcette, Misses Tomlinson, Slo comb, Hawley, Cameron and Calvert, while Misses Morehead, Frances MacRae and Bessie Underwood met the visitors at the entrance to the third parlor. Mrs. W. L. Holt presided in the tea-room and Mrs. H. W. Lilly and Mrs. R. W. Bidgood in th supper room, assisted by Misses Ellen Underwood, Fannie Williams, Margaret McNeill, Maud Haigh and Bessie McNeill, who in their grace and loveliness ministered to the enjoyment of the

delighted guests. The hours of the afternoon were devoted to the reception of married visitors, and the later hours of the evening were claimed by the merry younger folks in pleasant converse and the novel and ingenious game of letters, in which Miss

Elia Williams won the first prize. The following gentlemen were invited to join the ladies in the evening. Messrs. A. J. Cook, H. P. Elliott, L. B. Holt, A. B. Hill, W. L. Holt, Capt. N. H. Geachy, R. H. McDuffie, Capt. E. R. Mc-Kethan, W. H. Pope, G. B. Underwood, A. B. Williams, E. H. Williamson, R. L. Williams.

To Dughi, the well-known Raleigh caterer, was entrusted the task of the bounteous provision of the supper tables and their arrangement and setting forth in all their exquisite dainties and elegant appointments.

YOUNG-VICKERS.

Reidsville, N. C., Nov. 21.-The First Baptist Church was the scene of a brilliant wedding today at high noon, when Mr. J. Francaise Young led to the altar Mrs. Rosa E. Harrison Vickers. The auditorium was well filled with friends. Mr. Young is an express messenger on Southern and is a most estimable and promising young man. His bride is a young widow of personal charms and is exceedingly popular throughout the State. the couple boarded the 1 o'clock northbound vestibule for a bridal tour.

The german last night in the Rockingham Club rooms was the social event of the fall. Many couples participated, and kept perfect time to the excellent music by the Columbia, (S. C.), Orchestra, while dancing was in progress. Among those present were the following young ladies from a distance: Miss Nina Hay, Saginaw, Mich.; Miss Laura Lyon, Durham; Miss Laura Boyd, Atlanta, Ga.; Miss! Simpson among proposing women, al-

Vera Lyon, Durham; and Miss Ada Vickrs, Mt. Airy. Miss Lilly Watt Penn entertained a portion of the guests at a uncheon during the evening.

Miss Laura Boyd, a charming young of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting Miss Lilly Watt Penn on Main street.

BRILLIANT RECEPTION AT DURHAM. (Special to News and Observer.)

Durham, N. C., Nov. 23 .- Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore Ward Bryant, and family, of the Scuthern Conservatory of Music, tendered a reception last evening complimentary to the Conservatory home students. The reception was from 8 to 11 o'clock, and was one of the most pleasing social events in Durham's annals

The guests were received in the parlcrs of the Conservatory, which presented a scene of beauty and animation, as charming young ladies, in full evening dress, amid brilliant lights and decorations of palms, vied with each other in introducing guests to students and instructors.

The guests were ushered in by Prof. W. D. Carmichael, and were received by Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore Ward Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Findlay, Miss Marguerite Exum, Miss Elizabeth Fellers, Miss Alberta Robbins and Miss Bettie Blair, instructors, assisted by some twenty or more young ladies of the Conservatory, among whom were some of the sweetest young ladies of the city.

From the reception rooms the guests were conducted to the handsomely decorated dining room, where charming young ladies served a most delicate menu, of tea, ices and cake. The fine handiwork of A. Dughi, of Raleigh, was seen in the refreshments, and they were served with his well-known ability.

The guests who participated in this delightful and charming affair, during the evening, numbered something like five hundred, and embraced a fine representation of Durham's citizenship. It was thoroughly enjoyed by those present and heightened the esteem in which the Southern Conservatory of Music is held by our people. The reception was well planned and admirably carried out, and Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, and their assistants have the thanks of our people for such a delightful evening.

SOCIAL SEASON IN KINSTON. Kinston, N. C., Nov. 20 .- The most important social event of the season in Kinston took place Friday evening, November 16th, when Colonel and Mrs. W A. Bobbitt entertained the Zig-Zag Club in honor of their house party. Their beautiful home was decorated with palms and potted plants, and beneath the glare of electric lights presented a scene of rare loveliness. There was gathered together the beauty and gallantry of town and State. The unique mode of entertainment was a literary love story-the outline of which was given and the guests required to fill out blanks with titles of opular books, making a complete and beautiful story. The first prize was won

by Mr. J. F. Rogers, of Goldsboro. A pretty idea for drawing the consola tion prize was that the hostess entered the room bearing a large tray, covered with handsome chrysanthemums, each flower having a long ribbon attached, upon the end of which was writen the name of a popular and recent novel. The name chosen for the consolation prize was drawn by Miss Mary Currin, of Oxford. Elegant refreshments were served, and altogether the evening was a most de

On Saturday evening, November 17th, Messrs. Hoge Erwine and Randolph Meade entertained the guests of Colonel and Mrs. W. A. Bobbitt with a musicale by Croccia's band. A delightful feature the evening was a solo, "For All Eternity" (Herbert), by Miss Bat Watkins, of Wilson, the entire band accompanying her.

MARRIAGE AT DURHAM.

Durham, N. C., Nov. 24.-There is to be a happy wedding solemnized here on Wednesday, November 28th, when Mr. James Edward Lee and Miss Medora Estevia Smith will be married. The wedding will take place at the bride's parents', Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Smith, who reside near the Commonwealth hosiery mill, at 9 o'clock a. m.

The prospective groom is well known He is the courteous and efficient ticket agent of the Southern Railway in this city. His intended bride is an exceedingly popular young lady. She is a musician of marked ability and has charmed many Durham people with her singing, both during entertainments and at church services.

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To one piece of dark piazza, add a little moonlight. Take for granted two per-Press, in two big strong ones sons. one small soft hand. Sift lightly two ounces of romance; add a large measure of folly; stir in a floating ruffle and one or two whispers; dissolve a half dozen glances in a well of silence; dust in a small quantity of hesitation, one ounce of resistance, two of yielding; place the kisses on a flushed cheek, or two lips; flavor with a slight scream and set

This will succeed in any climate, if directions are carefully followed.

WOMEN WHO PROPOSE.

Miss Kendrick, the beautiful English heiress, celebrated in the ballad of "The Berkshire Lady's Garland," sent Benjamin Child, the handsome young attorney with whom she had fallen in love, ar anonymous letter demanding satisfaction for injuries received. After vainly trying to guess whom his challenger might be and how he had offended, Child be took himself, provided with a second, to the place of meeting. There he saw no fierce gallant, only a masked woman. who flashing a rapier, said: It is I that invite you,

You shall wed me or I'll fight you

Underneath those spreading trees, Therefore, choose from which you please! Taken aback by such a "stand and deliver," Child asked to see his challenger's face before deciding, but the woman re fused to unmask until the knot was tied He decided to surrender, so he and the lady went to church and were married The hero of the romance found that his adventure brought him "beauty, honor riches." He took place among the gentry of the county and was High Sheriff of Berkshire in 1714.

Dr. Thomas Dawson, who was celebrated in the last century as a physician for both soul and body, found one day an admiring patient alone, sitting with the family Bible before her. The physician read the words to which her finger pointed-the words of Nathan to David, 'Thou art the man." He took the hint

and married her. It was hardly fair to reckon Elizabeth

though answering Mr. Inchbald's suggestion that she should marry with "Who would marry me?" was tantamount to seeking the reply, "I will, if you will have me." There certainly could be no mistaking the words spoken by a girl who presided over a refreshment stall at a large railway station in England. She was a good looking girl, but had red hair. A man waiting for a train said to "Could you oblige me with her: match?" She replied: "Yes, if you do not object to a red-headed one." They are now married and happy,

Thinking that it would tend to her spiritual welfare, Margaret Charlton wished to marry Richard Baxter, and sent an ambassadress to negotiate, while she listened at the study door. Hearing him declare that the proposition could not be entertained, Margaret burst into the room, threw herself at his feet and said 'Dear Mr. Baxter, I protest with a sin cere heart, I do not make a tender of my self to you upon any worldly account but to have a more perfect converse with so holy and prudent a yoke-fellow to as sist me on the way to Heaven and to keep me steadfast in my perseverance which I design to God's glory and my soul's good!" Baxter succumbed.

Robert Leighton, bishop of Dumblane might have done the same had he beer proposed to by one as young and fair as Margaret Charlton, but the would-be Mrs Leighton was a spinster of limited Sharms. She called upon the Bishop and informed him that it had been revealed to her from Heaven that he was to be come her husband. His reverence, though somewhat startled, was equal to the occasion. He told the lady that such an intimation was not to be despised, and that he would give his best atention to it when it were vouchsafed to him as well as to her.

RECEPTION AT HENDERSON.

(Special to Nes and Observer.) Henderson, N. C., Nov. 24 .- One of the most magnificent social functions ever given in the State was the reception Thursday evening, at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Y. Cooper in honor of Mr. Sydney Perry Cooper and his beautiful and accomplished bride, who have just returned from their Northern tour

It was recherche in all of its appointments. The rooms were beautifully deco rated with palms, ferns and the rarest flowers. The color scheme throughou the house was pink, except that in the ice cream room golden tints prevailed.

The receiving party were: In the hall Mesdames Henry Perry and J. B. Owens In the parlor, Mr. and Mrs. D. Y. Cooper Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Cooper, Mr. Alex Cooper and Miss Charlotte Young, Mr J. R. Young of Raleigh, and Mrs. Howell Cobb Jackson of Atlanta, Ga., (the handsome and youthful mother of the bride) Mr. D. Y. Cooper, Jr., and Miss Willia Parker, Miss Stella Perry and Master Allison and little Miss Genevieve Cooper The bride was radiantly lovely in her bridal gown of white Duchess satin point lace, chiffon and orange blossoms, and wore a handsome diamond brooch, the gift of the groom. They stood opposite the parlor door, near the bay window and he lace drapery and floral decorations formed a fitting back ground for so fair a

picture. The dining room was superb in its decorations. The table in its artistic arrangement of flowers and smilax, a marvel of beauty. The refreshments were from Richmond's noted eaterer.

Mesdames J. J. Miller, T. H. Chavasse and Misses Anny Butler, Ethel Dorsey and Lemme Jordan presided over this department. In the next room Mrs. N. H. Chavass

served delicately-flavored lemonade. Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyn and Miss Rebecca Butler presided at the coffee urns. Mrs. Owen Davis and Mrs. G. A. Rose had charge of the ice cream room Later in the evening the receiving party

for this hour, were delightfully entertained at an elegant supper. The ladies of the receiving party were elegantly gowned as follows: Mrs. H. C. Jackson, ivory brocade satin

and a number of young gentlemen invited

panne velvet and Duchess lace, diamonds. Mrs. D. Y. Cooper, black satin, lace and chiffon, diamonds. Miss Charlotte Young, pink silk, chiffon

and carnations. Miss Willie Parker, pink silk, lace and

Little Miss Genevieve Cooper, pink silk and carnations. Master Allison Cooper, blue satin and

Mrs. Henry Perry pink and black silk, with carnations, diamonds. Mrs. J. B. Owen, white organdie and chiffon, pink carnations, diamonds.

Miss Ethel Dorsey, pink silk, white embroidered chiffon. Miss Lemme Jordan, white organdie

Mrs. T. H. Chavasse, white organdie, erimson flowers. Mrs. George Rose, black silk with pink

Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyn, in heliotrope silk, pink decorations, diamonds. Mrs. N. H. Chavasse, black silk and

Duchess lace.

die and carnations.

Mrs. J. J. Miller, white silk, with carnations. pink, carnations. Miss Rebecca Butler, white organdie

Miss Amy Butler, white organdie over Miss Gussie Blacknall, white silk with Miss Pattie Lou Jones, white organ-

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"RHEUMATISM IS A LIE, A FALSE CLAIM."

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of a liar is to give forth lies, and if he is strictly a liar, he does nothing else. In the text just quoted, the devil's own, his offspring, that which is of or belonging to him is a lie. Will our friend please tell me how much substance, how much reality there is in a lie? A lie is untrue, hence unreal; it has no existence in fact and dies the moment its opposing truth is revealed. According to Jesus' words we have now proved that the wo who probably would have been called a rheumatic in medical parlance, was bound by a lie, and was healed by the truth We have proved by Jesus' own words that rheumatism, or the like, is a 'lie, a false claim; and inasmuch as it was the Christ's mission to destroy the works of the devil, we consider ourselves justifled in claiming that sin, sickness and death which he surely annihilated were the works of the devil, hence lies, or false claims. Will Dr. Marshall kindly explain how a lie is to be destroyed with medicine? Will he also tell me why he proposes to discard Jesus' diagnosis and remedy for disease, while at the same time he seeks to retain his definition and remedy for sin? Why not let "nature" destroy sin? Why not call the sinners about the altar and administer Dr. King's Pain Killer, or some "regular" medicine. What is his Bible authority for resorting to material methods for overcoming sickness, contrary to Jesus' example, while he seeks to follow the Master's steps in the overcoming of sin? Jesus said: "For whether is it easier to say thy sins be forgiven thee, or to say arise and walk?"

Now as to the denial of the existence

of matter, I propose to prove by the

Master's words that he had no more re-

spect for matter than the Christian

Scientist. He never had a kind thing to say of the flesh. I will treat this ques tion in connection with Dr. Marshall's statesment: "Christian Science teaches that everything real is mind hence there are stars, no trees, no mountains, and we have no bodies." Such a view is no more acceptable to Christian Scientists than to our reverend divine, and indeed is not the teaching of this science. The abstract statement that everything we see is unreal does not express the idea of this faith, which teaches that everything in creation from the least to the greatest is actual, it being only the human material concept of God's creation which is de-clared an illusion. We believe that in our present unspiritual condition we have a wrong sense of the universe. This wrong perception is not the creation itself, but a false sense of it, and it is this false sense, not the creation itself, which the Christian Scientist believes to be unreal It should be understood here that the basic statement of this science is scrip-tural: "God is a spirit." "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh (matter) profiteth nothing." Will our friend please explain what Jesus meant by the statement that spirit alone animates the universe also this passage, "In Him we live, and move and have our being." Will he also note the words: "The flesh profiteth nothing." How much is nothing? And whence cometh this unprofitable thing* Did Goo perpetrate an imposition upon mankind by giving him something which is un profitable? Flesh, or matter, under the light of Christian Science is but the human, false concept of God's creation which is in reality spiritual, and all the discords and sins of earth are occasioned by believing in and serving the false sense named matter, or flesh. Christian science does indeed teach that sin is only as real as we make it by our indulgence; but it also inculcates that the sinner will never be rid of sin until he stops sinning, for

his very indulgence makes evil real to It is stated: "Her (Mrs. Eddy's) teachings go further and insist that death is only another false notion of the mind, and if the race would outgrow its belief in death people would cease to die." Here again I would call upon our brother to interpret a bit of scripture. Jesus said: 'If a man keep my saying, he shall never meaningless? Is it possible to keep the saying of Jesus? We admit that in our present material state we are far from that perfection which is necessary to the fulfillment of Jesus' demands, and that we grow sick, suffer and die because of Nevertheless we know the sacred words are true; that the fulfillment of the same is within human possibility in proportion as human will yields to the divine. We also insist that John's vision will be eventually seen again though centuries may pass before that time: "I saw a new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." Also that prophecy: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." Jesus spoke of death as sleep, and on one occasion He said: "Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not don't have sleepeth." He also said: 'Our friend Lazarus sleepeth." And after having used this expression to the discomfiture of his followers who did not inderstand its significance, "then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.' As much as to say, "I do not consider death as anything more than a dormant mental condition, but if you cannot unde: stand my meaning I will use a term familiar to you, and will say plainly, Lazarus is dead." Should Christian Scientists be criticised for taking the same view of

leath which Jesus held? To quote further from Dr. Marshall: "Add to this the doctrine that Mrs. Eddy herself is the highest expression of the heavy and fancy building.

divine idea in the human form, surpassing Jesus as he surpassed Moses, and you have in brief the doctrine of Christian Science." This is as far from Christian Science as night from day, and there is nothing in the writings of Mrs. Eddy to warrant such assumption. Mrs. Eddy claims absolutely nothing for her personality except that she is the discoverer and founder of Christian Science, and this our friend will probably not deny. She teaches in her text-book that "Jesus was the highest human concept of a perfect man;" that he was the way-shower; that we are to be saved not only in the future, but in the present through the practice of his teachings. Never is the claim made that her text-book should take the place of the Bible, or that Christianity should be supplanted by Christian Science, but that "Science and Health" reveal the spiritual significance of the scriptures and make Christianity more practical.

Or friend seems to believe that Christian Scientists reject his sense of a personal God. Of this it is difficult to be sure, since he has not defined what he means by the word personal. In Christian Science we prefer not to use the word personal as applied to Deity, since such a term is apt to perpetuate the puerile conception that God is a restricted being with an outlined form. We believe in the infinite individuality of God, that He is an all-wise, self-conscious, rational Being, unlimited and everywhere present. We cannot accept any definition of God which would limit Him in any sense; and it should be remembered that every statement of Christian Science is a deduction from the premise that God is Spirit, Love, as the Bible teaches. The Savier's mission was to overcome the world, flesh, devil; to demonstrate the truth of Being in the presence of mortals. and to prove the truth of his words: "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing;" in order that mortals might gain the true Science of Being, and thereby be able to obey the scriptural admonition, "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

The first coming of Christ is the personal Jesus, healing the sick, and proving the power of God; the second coming is the coming to human consciousness of the spiritual Christ; that is the understanding of the peculiar ideas of truth, which Jesus knew and used in his life work, and by which he healed the sick, cast out devils, raised the dead. His death and resurrection proved that God was his life; his ascension proved that Spirit, God was his substance, and illustrated his statement that "the flesh profiteth nothing." We know from this that his death and ascension were necessary to prove certain ideas concerning the science of Being, which were essential to mortals in order that they might follow his example, work out the same results, and reach the same end. at the "right hand of God." But for his advent in the flesh the world could not have known the truth. Indeed, every step of his experience from birth to ascension was necessary to the salvation of mortals.

Dr. Marshall makes the statement: "How wicked the claim of this woman who insists that she has almost banished sickness and death from the world. when hospitals are crowded with weary patients; when the grave-diggers are busy." Mrs. Eddy has never made any such claim. The most that she has said is that longevity has increased perceptibly during the past few decades, according to statistics, and that this increase is co-existent with Christian Science. I know of thousands of people whose lives have been prolonged through Christian Science, and this in itself would decrease the average mortality. It has never been claimed by Mrs. Eddy or any other Christian Scientist that more than a very small percentage of the sickness in the world has been destroyed through Christian Science. It has not even been claimed that Christian Scientists are at this stage in their growth immune from the discords and calamities of earth. Much indeed has been accomplished already through this faith, for which we are grateful, and we will continue our efforts to trust God implicitly, and to hope for better days. Indeed we believe in a final fulfillment of the scriptures, that the taste of death." Was this statement time will come when God will reign supreme in all the affairs of men, and when there will be no more sorrow, sin or

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