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THIS VOLUME IS AN APPRECIATION OF DIVINE METAPHYSICS, OR CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AS PROMULGATED
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FOUNDER, IN THE TEXTBOOK OF CHRISTIAN
SCIENCE, "SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH
KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES," AND AS
TAUGHT AND DEMONSTRATED
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PREFACE

AVING been a student for over twenty-one years of Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., the pioneer in building "on a wholly spiritual foundation," in Miscelaccordance with the request of her revered Leader p. 357.

and Teacher, Mary Baker Eddy, and never having had a shadow of doubt of Mrs. Stetson's true teaching of Christian Science, or divine metaphysics, I feel that the time has come for me to make a statement of my loving gratitude for one, who has defended and demonstrated the spirit and the letter of the teaching of Christ Jesus, which Mary Baker Eddy discovered and founded, as the Science of being,—the healing efficacy of which, Christ Jesus understood and proved. During all these years, I have recognized my teacher's spiritual inter-

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pretation of the Holy Bible and her understanding of Christian Science, as taught by Mrs. Eddy.

Mary Baker Eddy, our revered Leader, gave to the world the volume entitled Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, the textbook of Christian Science.

After long association with one so closely allied to Mrs. Eddy, as was Mrs. Stetson, my teacher, I recognized, through spiritual illumination, the fact so vital to all, that the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, is the *second* manifestation of Christ, seen through human apprehension as woman.

From early childhood, I had longed for spiritual insight,

that I might not be overwhelmed by "the things which are seen," (II. Corinthians, iv., 18) which Paul declared were temporal, and were not eternal, nor real. After having taken every footstep of the wilderness journey, "trusting Truth, the strong deliverer," to reveal to me primal man, in the image and likeness of his creator, God, whose law of life and love governs His children,—striving ever to be obedient to this law, as taught and demonstrated by the ideal man, Christ Jesus, who, at his first appearing, represented the fatherhood

Science and Health, p. 226.

the motherhood of God,—following this ever-present compound Christ idea, I have been able, thus far, to demonstrate with scientific certainty, for myself, the teaching of Science Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy, viz., "Life is real, and "Health death is the illusion."

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Twelve years ago, Mrs. Eddy sent out, through the columns of the Christian Science Journal, the following letter:

When my dear brethren in New York desire to build higher,—to enlarge their phylacteries and demonstrate Christian Science to a higher extent,—they must begin on a wholly spiritual foundation, than which there is no other, and proportionably estimate their success and glory of achievement only as they build upon the rock of Christ, the spiritual foundation. . . .

Spirit is infinite; therefore Spirit is all. "There is no matter" is not Miscelonly the axiom of true Christian Science, but it is the only basis upon lany which this Science can be demonstrated.

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I desired to "demonstrate Christian Science to a higher extent" and withmy faithful teacher, Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., I chose to begin to build "on a wholly spiritual foundation." I have never lost the chord of Christ, and have continued building on the Rock, Christ, viz., "Spirit is infinite; therefore Spirit is all. 'There is no matter. . . .'" The tortures of the Inquisition, the fiery furnace, and the den of lions, through



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which the "persecuted followers of Truth" have passed, in their journey toward the "wholly spiritual" consciousness, have never turned me from my allegiance to God and His Christ.

Poems. bу Mary Baker Eddy, p. 4.

One day I became conscious of a "gentle presence," and felt that it was Christ. I listened, and from the silence I heard, "Write a book; I will help you. Use your treasures. Hidden treasures are as none. Use your knowledge of the Bible and Science and Health. You are hiding your jewels. Give them to the world."

By Mary Bake · Eddy. Christian Science Humnal

Like a timid child, I shrank from this request. Then, after a pause, the voice asked, "Do you sing 'Shepherd, Show Me How to Go'?" I was startled by this question and became conscious that it was the spiritual idea, Christ, whom I had known as my revered Leader, Mary Baker Eddy. The voice then said, "Your book will encourage those who are battling $N_{0.196}$ for the supremacy of spiritual sense, over the material senses. It will be an inspiration to the seeker for Truth, to gain a wholly spiritual sense. Be sure that you get all that comes to you. Keep your thought undisturbed. You must not weary in well writing. Be alone with God, as much as possible. Out of this city of your shattered earthly hopes will grow a monument, not made of wood, eternal in harmony. Your pioneer

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work was your preparatory school. Now you will build and finish a spiritual temple, and you will find your reward."

I had done my pioneer work of healing the sick, according to Christian Science, as taught by Mary Baker Eddy, and, with Miss Mary Bridgers, had erected and dedicated, free of debt, as soon as completed, the edifice of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Wilmington, North Carolina. When the invisible presence requested me to leave my Southern city, and go to a distant one, farther south, that I might write this book, undisturbed by personal association, it dawned upon me, that my revered Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, was moving me to write and give to the world a tribute to her faithful student, Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., who had braved the opposition of the carnal mind and had held uncomplaining watch, for eleven years, during the personal absence of her Leader and Teacher, while Mrs. Eddy's sleeping students regarded Mrs. Eddy as having died. It seemed to me to be the desire of Mrs. Eddy that I should bear faithful witness to her student, and to my teacher,—a work that she knew I could not accomplish, without her sustaining spiritual inspiration. My teacher, Mrs. Stetson, knew nothing of this purpose, until a year later, when the work was finished, and I took this completed tribute to her.



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Accompanied by a friend, I obeyed the divine guidance, and did as I was bidden. I soon learned why our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, took herself away for three years, to study her Bible and to commune with God, that she might learn of the hidden treasures, which later she gave to the world in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures.

As my teacher, Mrs. Stetson, in response to Mrs. Eddy's request in 1909, had been building "on a wholly spiritual foundation," and had been seeking the imperishable things of Spirit, leaving all material trusts to follow her Leader, as her Leader, Mrs. Eddy, followed Christ,—so I saw that I, also, was to be led by the same invisible Christ-presence, and to become a "scribe of Spirit," under the direct orders of Christ.

Therefore, through spiritual conviction and understanding, I affirm that this book is authorized by Christ.



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God said, Let there be light: and there was light. (Genesis i: 3.)

That [Christ, Truth] was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. (John i: 9.)



GES and ages ago, a wonderful City was built above the earth, by the great King.

Perfect and infinite Mind enthroned is heaven. (Science and Health, p. 266.)

This great King owned the sun and stars; so you can see there was no night in this illumined City; and the air was made of music.

... the atmosphere of Spirit, where Soul is supreme. (Science and Health, p. 590.)
... and Love sends forth her primal and everlasting strain. (Science and Health, p. 568.)



There was a noble Son who dwelt there. He was given a great mission to perform on earth.

To reveal this truth was our Master's mission to all mankind, including the hearts which rejected him. (Science and Health, p. 233.)

The Son was chosen because of his unselfishness and purity. He was very happy, as he prepared for the journey. All wished him well, as he stepped into a silvery cloud, ready for his departure.

. . . Truth pierces the error of mortality as a sunbeam penetrates the cloud.

(Science and Health, p. 210.)

These were his parting words: "In a little while I shall return with a multitude." The clouds carried him far into the new country, where he was to seek for the "multitude."

A brilliant star, which the Father owned, sparkled brightly one night and a few saw its light.

So shone the pale star to the prophetshepherds; yet it traversed the night, and came where, in cradled obscurity, lay the Bethlehem babe. . . . (Science and Health, p. vii.)



Soon the brightness led them to a far off place, where a tiny babe, not of material conception, or clay, lay in a manger.

The incarnation of Truth, that amplification of wonder and glory which angels could only whisper and which God illustrated by light and harmony, is consonant with ever-present Love.

(Science and Health, p. 501.)

This babe seemed small to be the Saviour, for whom they had looked. To their material sense, he was a babe, but he was a babe only for a moment; then he was known to be the Son of the great King, who owned the City Foursquare.

As a drop of water is one with the ocean, a ray of light one with the sun, even so God and man, Father and son, are one in being.

(Science and Health, p. 361.)

Many brought gifts to this babe, but he alone had the "pearl of great price" to give to them, in return for their willingness to become like him.

Hence he could give a more spiritual idea of life than other men, and could demonstrate the Science of Love—his Father or divine Principle.

(Science and Health, p. 30.)

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Soon he was walking on a path of gold. Men sought to plant thorns in his path, but he defied the thorns to deter him from reaching the goal.

Jesus mapped out the path for others.

(Science and Health, p. 38.)

The Son was kind and compassionate and wanted to tell the story of the beautiful City to all, so that they, too, could find the new Jerusalem.

The equipollence of God brought to light another glorious proposition,—man's perfectibility and the establishment of the kingdom of heaven on earth. (Science and Health, p. 110.)

Some believed, and were touched by the sacredness of his story. Some were believers, because of his meek and mighty example.

... the conflict between truth and error, understanding and belief, Science and material sense, foreshadowed by the prophets and inaugurated by Jesus, will cease, and spiritual harmony reign. (Science and Health, p. 288.)



He told many, many stories, and said that some day he was going back to the beautiful City, to wait for the "multitude."

... and it is "a city which hath foundations."
(Science and Health, p. 575.)

He fed them with "manna" which eye doth not see. None seemed to know how he did it and none asked. There was a sadness about him, because none *cared* to know how the "manna" came.

Their bread indeed came down from heaven.
(Science and Health, p. 33.)

The Path was long, but the Son was never weary. He claimed no *earthly* home. *His* home was the City to which he was soon to return.

Who is ready to follow his teaching and example? All must sooner or later plant themselves in Christ, the true idea of God.

(Science and Health, p. 54.)

Some were purified, but where was the "multitude" he had hoped to take to his home?

Where were the seventy whom Jesus sent forth? (Science and Health, p. 49.)





Old earth grew tired of his *light*, and struggling flesh could not endure his teaching; so they decided to destroy the Son of the great King.

To-day the cry of bygone ages is repeated, "Crucify him!" At every advancing step, truth is still opposed with sword and spear.

(Science and Health, p. 134.)

When he heard of their plans, he was convinced that there would be no "multitude."

You may know when first Truth leads by the fewness and faithfulness of its followers.

(Science and Health, p. 225.)

They carried the Son of the great King to their court. He stood unafraid. He knew that he was going back to the City of gold, for his Father, the King, had told him to return.

... the Supreme Court of Spirit overruled their motions on the ground that unjust usages were not allowed at the bar of Truth, which ranks above the lower Court of Error.

(Science and Health, p. 437.)





The Son offered living water to the multitude, but they refused it, and continued to drink the drunkard's wine.

Love is impartial and universal in its adaptation and bestowals. It is the open fount which cries, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters." (Science and Health, p. 13.)

When the pretended faithful had proved false, he said, "Thy will be done." He was ready to go back to the King and was preparing for the journey.

The traitor's price was thirty pieces of silver and the smiles of the Pharisees.

(Science and Health, p. 47.)

The scientific unity which exists between God and man must be wrought out in life-practice, and God's will must be universally done.

(Science and Health, p. 202.)

They attempted to kill him. They hung him on a cross. Was the victory theirs?

... but Jesus vanquished every material obstacle, overcame every law of matter, and stepped forth from his gloomy resting-place,



crowned with the glory of a sublime success, an everlasting victory.

(Science and Health, p. 45.)

Carefully the few laid the clay in the tomb.

There adhered to him only a few unpretentious friends, whose religion was something more than a name. (Science and Health, p. 54.)

Then they paused and looked back. Later, as a reward for this, and as he had promised, he presented, for their reassurance, his real substance body, or image,—the temple "not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." (II. Corinthians, v., 1.)

... and he did this for tired humanity's reassurance. (Science and Health, p. 494.)

As the silvery cloud parted and the Son stepped out upon the golden stairs, the gates of pearl opened with a mighty "Hallelujah," and there was great rejoicing in the City of the King.

> Jesus could give his temporal life into his enemies' hands; but when his earth-mission was accomplished, his spiritual life, indestructible and eternal, was found forever the same.

> > (Science and Health, p. 51.)

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The King told His Son that he had performed a great mission, and had taught a lesson of love and faith, that would live forever.

Ages pass, but this leaven of Truth is ever at work. It must destroy the entire mass of error, and so be eternally glorified in man's spiritual freedom.

(Science and Health, p. 118.)

There was now a dark spell on the earth, and the Son was either forgotten, or remembered only as a matter of form.

A finite and material sense of God leads to formalism and narrowness; it chills the spirit of Christianity.

(Science and Health, p. 256.)

The great King had hoped that the story of His Son's journey would reach many, and that there would be built on earth a beautiful city, like the City Foursquare. No such city appeared. All eyes seemed to be blind.

Taken in its allegorical sense, the description of the city as foursquare has a profound



meaning. The four sides of our city are the Word, Christ, Christianity, and divine Science.
. . . (Science and Health, p. 575.)

There was much healing to be done, as the Son had taught.

... that curative mission, which presents the Saviour in a clearer light than mere words can possibly do, cannot be left out of Christianity. . . . (Science and Health, p. 55.)

The great King took a handful of stars and threw them on earth. He desired to plant a garden of beautiful flowers, but as there was no one to water them, they all seemed to die.

If some fortuitous circumstance places promising children in the arms of gross parents, often these beautiful children early droop and die, like tropical flowers born amid Alpine snows.

(Science and Health, p. 61.)

One little seed lived. It grew to be a big white Lily.

Spiritual development germinates not from seed sown in the soil of material hopes, but when these decay, Love propagates anew the higher joys of Spirit, which have no taint of earth. (Science and Health, p. 66.)



The Lily shed its oil, or fragrance, abroad and many wanted to inhale its perfume. There was something inspiring in its sweetness.

OIL. Consecration; charity; gentleness; prayer; heavenly inspiration.

(Science and Health, p. 592.)

The root grew larger, and the Lily grew more beautiful, in a garden of love. There were a few who watered it.

Love never loses sight of loveliness. Its halo rests upon its object.

(Science and Health, p. 248.)

At last the Lily, like the Son, was left alone.

Perhaps the early Christian era did Jesus no more injustice than the later centuries have bestowed upon the healing Christ and spiritual idea of being. (Science and Health, p. 55.)

The Lily was too beautiful to be left to thieves, so this precious flower was transplanted to the Father's Garden of Love, in the City Foursquare.

Judge not the future advancement of Christian Science by the steps already taken. . . . (Science and Health, p. 459.)



On earth there was a gathering of waterpots, to water the Lily, but the Lily was gone, and the place thereof saw it no more.

When God called the author to proclaim His Gospel to this age, then came also the charge to plant and water His vineyard.

(Science and Health, p. xi.)

Darkness again covered the earth, more modern in its quality, but the same darkness; all were calling to each other, "Adam . . . Where art thou?" (Genesis iii., 9.)

The lightnings and thunderbolts of error may burst and flash till the cloud is cleared and the tumult dies away in the distance. Then the raindrops of divinity refresh the earth. (Science and Health, p. 288.)

Adam replied, "I, Adam, am in money, and I hide the great King, so that you cannot see Him. I buy you happiness, but the great King makes you suffer. Away with this King and His City!"

The sensual cannot be made the mouthpiece of the spiritual, nor can the finite become the channel of the infinite.

(Science and Health, p. 73.)





Dear reader, which mind-picture or externalized thought shall be real to you,—the material or the spiritual? Both you cannot have.

(Science and Health, p. 360.)

"I, Adam, own the world. I take you away from your troubles. The whole world is mine in which to travel."

The Son of the Virgin-mother unfolded the remedy for Adam, or error; and the Apostle Paul explains this warfare between the idea of divine power, which Jesus presented, and mythological material intelligence called *energy* and opposed to Spirit.

(Science and Health, p. 534.)

"I, Adam, help you to cross the sea; but the great King gives you a heavy cross to carry, and drowns you in the sea of conscience. I ask no sacrifices."

The real cross, which Jesus bore up the hill of grief, was the world's hatred of Truth and Love. (Science and Health, p. 50.)



"I, Adam, am king. There is no other. I am the ruler of the material world, and you are happy only when you serve me. I am Adam, your father."

Even so goes on the Adam-belief, of which mortal and material life is the dream.

(Science and Health, p. 556.)



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Pilgrim on earth, thy home is heaven; stranger, thou art the guest of God.—MARY BAKER Eddy.

Science and Health p. 254.

PILGRIM



AM tired, father Adam. What has money, and my knowledge of the material world, your kingdom, brought me? I have travelled all over your world, and it has beginning and end, and is so small, that

I always come back to the same place. I have never found the City of happiness."

The sharp experiences of belief in the supposititious life of matter, as well as our disappointments and ceaseless woes, turn us like tired children to the arms of divine Love.

(Science and Health, p. 322.)



Happiness is spiritual, born of Truth and Love. It is unselfish; therefore it cannot exist alone, but requires all mankind to share it.

(Science and Health, p. 57.)

"What do I hear you say, father Adam,—there is one place to which I have not journeyed?"

There is but one way to heaven, harmony, and Christ in divine Science shows us this way.

(Science and Health, p. 242.)

ADAM

"Yes, Pilgrim; and if you are not satisfied with my city, you will have to take the Path that pilgrims travel. If you can continue to walk on that straight and narrow road, you will never return to me. When you step upon that Path, you and I part."

In Christian Science there is never a retrograde step, never a return to positions outgrown. (Science and Health, p. 74.)



PILGRIM

"Tell me, father Adam, how to find it? I am weary of your city, and I will give all my material possessions to you, if you will only show me the Path."

Who that has felt the loss of human peace has not gained stronger desires for spiritual joy?

(Science and Health, p. 265.)

ADAM

(Pointing to briers and thorns) "Do you see the briers and thorns yonder? Push through and you will find a Path, unlike mine. Mine is broad,—plenty of room; and there are many walking on my road. The King's highway is very narrow. Few are found walking on it, and there is no turning back for anyone who intends to reach the City of the King. If you choose the narrow Path, then I bid you farewell."

Here is the great point of departure for all true spiritual growth.

(Science and Health, p. 91.)

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"Here is my money, father Adam. Take it. It has Miscel-mocked me. Christ bids us put our 'trust in Truth, and have no other trusts.'"

... this severance of fleshly ties serves to unite thought more closely to God. . . .

(Science and Health, p. 57.)

Looking at the briers, Pilgrim soliloquized, "Here I am, alone. Surely someone will show me how to push through these thorns and briers to the Path....Oh! I see a light! Perhaps there is a pilgrim just ahead of me, and I shall have company. Here is a sign. I will read and be wise."

Philippians ii., 12.

WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION.

Gazing upon the sign, Pilgrim continued, "I wonder if this means that I am to walk alone. It is dark here."

The finger-posts of divine Science show the way our Master trod, and require of Chris-

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tians the proof which he gave, instead of mere profession. (Science and Health, p. 242.)

... treading alone his loving pathway up to the throne of glory, in speechless agony exploring the way for us,—yet Jesus spares us not one individual experience, if we follow his commands faithfully. . . .

(Science and Health, p. 26.)

Another sign attracted Pilgrim's attention, and she said: "I will read it, and perhaps it will tell me how to find the Light." On this sign, Pilgrim read:

THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET, AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH. Psalm cxix., 105.

Divine Science, the Word of God, saith to the darkness upon the face of error, "God is All-in-all," and the light of ever-present Love illumines the universe.

(Science and Health, p. 503.)

Pilgrim did not understand this sign, as father Adam had said, "Light is money." She remembered that some one had told her to "pray, when in doubt." She prayed, and asked for the "lamp." Then the Path became brighter.

The loss of earthly hopes and pleasures brightens the ascending path of many a heart.

(Science and Health, p. 265.)

Another sign appeared as Pilgrim walked on, which read:

Matthew xi., 28. COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOUR
AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I
WILL GIVE YOU REST.

Millions of unprejudiced minds—simple seekers for Truth, weary wanderers, athirst in the desert—are waiting and watching for rest and drink. (Science and Health, p. 570.)

Pilgrim was alone. The Path seemed desolate. Again she prayed, pleading for rest. Soon Pilgrim felt refreshed, and

the light became brighter and steadier, revealing another sign, upon which were these words:

Ask, and it Shall Be Given You; SEEK, AND YE SHALL FIND. Matthew vii., 7.

When we wait patiently on God and seek Truth righteously, He directs our path.

(Science and Health, p. 254.)

Again, Pilgrim prayed, and asked for—she knew not for what to ask. She prayed for more courage to continue in the narrow way, that would give her peace and happiness.

The world must grow to the spiritual understanding of prayer.

(Science and Health, p. 10.)

Suddenly she seemed to feel a buoyancy, hope, and strength,—the result of her prayer. Pilgrim then saw bits of gold in the Path, as she approached another sign, which read:



This is the Gold;
The Dross is Consumed.

The furnace separates the gold from the dross that the precious metal may be graven with the image of God.

(Science and Health, p. 66.)

All had now changed. There were fragrant flowers in the Path. Pilgrim inhaled their perfume. They were as the lilies of His presence.

It was the living, palpitating presence of Christ, Truth. . . .

(Science and Health, p. 351.)

At length another sign appeared, upon which were these words:

Romans xiii., 10.

LOVE IS THE FULFILLING OF THE LAW.

... progress is the law of God, whose law demands of us only what we can certainly fulfil. (Science and Health, p. 233.)

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Pilgrim did not understand the word "Law," but she prayed to know its meaning. She heard a whisper. It said: "The law of God is love, and must be fulfilled."

It is the "still, small voice" of Truth uttering itself. (Science and Health, p. 323.)

There now seemed to be more gold in the Path. Pilgrim wondered why she was not weary. Then another sign came into view, upon which were these words:

BE NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING.

Mind-science teaches that mortals need "not be weary in well doing." . . . Giving does not impoverish us in the service of our Maker, neither does withholding enrich us.

(Science and Health, p. 79.)

Pilgrim again prayed to know what "Well Doing" meant. The Voice answered, "To be ever about the Father's business."



It is sad that the phrase divine service has come so generally to mean public worship instead of daily deeds.

(Science and Health, p. 40.)

Pilgrim walked on, and on, and on, until she came to a gate with twelve bars, which were colored like precious stones. The railings were of pearl. A large gold Key was chained to the gate.

. . . man will reopen with the key of divine Science the gates of Paradise which human beliefs have closed. . . .

(Science and Health, p. 171.)

Near the gate was another sign, upon which were these words:

Luke xviii., 17. WHOSOEVER SHALL NOT RECEIVE THE KINGDOM OF GOD AS A LITTLE CHILD SHALL IN NO WISE ENTER THEREIN.

Jesus loved little children because of their freedom from wrong and their receptiveness of right. (Science and Health, p. 236.)



Pilgrim prayed; and in answer, the Voice said: "Only the hands of the true and the tried, who possess spiritual power, can unlock with this Key. There is no other 'way,' and this is the only Path that leads Home."

So we have goodness and beauty to gladden the heart; but man, left to the hypotheses of material sense unexplained by Science, is as the wandering comet or the desolate star— "a weary searcher for a viewless home."

(Science and Health, p. 121.)

Pilgrim answered, "I am glad to be a child of the King." The Voice said, "Wash thy hands in the blood (innocence and purity) of the Lamb, and take up the Key. Unloose thy sandals and drop thy Pilgrim mantle." Pilgrim dropped her mantle, and found that she was robed in white.

LAMB of God. The spiritual idea of Love; self-immolation; innocence and purity . . . (Science and Health, p. 590.)

He enthrones pure and undefiled religion, and lifts on high only those who have washed their robes white in obedience and suffering.

(Science and Health, p. 571-572.)





With the turn of the Key, the gate opened and Pilgrim saw before her twelve precious stones. Above the stones shone the words:

THESE ARE THE STEPPING-STONES TO THE NEW JERUSALEM. ONLY AS YOU ATTAIN THE QUALITY OF EACH STONE, DO YOU TAKE THE NEXT STEP.

Truth has furnished the key to the kingdom, and with this key Christian Science has opened the door of the human understanding.

(Science and Health, p. 99.)

Ignorance of God is no longer the steppingstone to faith.

(Science and Health, p. vii.)

Pilgrim stepped upon the first stone, Purity, and her robe became the color of the stone,—a Ruby. The crimson glow seemed to envelop her. Again she heard the Voice, saying, "None but the pure in heart take this step." Pilgrim prayed to be pure.



The baptism of Spirit, washing the body of all the impurities of flesh, signifies that the pure in heart see God and are approaching spiritual Life and its demonstration.

(Science and Health, p. 241.)

Then Pilgrim stepped upon the next stone, KINDNESS, an AGATE, and her robe became aglow with a beautiful milky whiteness. The Voice said, "Be ye kind, one to another." Pilgrim prayed to be kind.

If selfishness has given place to kindness, we shall regard our neighbor unselfishly, and bless them that curse us; but we shall never meet this great duty simply by asking that it may be done. (Science and Health, p. 9.)

Pilgrim stepped upon the next stone, FREEDOM, a CARBUNCLE, and her robe became a deep red. The Voice asked, "Are you free? Owe no man but to do good." Pilgrim prayed for courage to follow the Voice.

There is moral freedom in Soul.

(Science and Health, p. 58.)

Pilgrim stepped upon the next stone, Power, a light AMETHYST. All seemed as a beautiful sunset glow. The



Voice asked, "Have you power with God?" Pilgrim prayed to possess the power of Spirit.

... a power which opens the prison doors to such as are bound, and sets the captive free physically and morally.

(Science and Health, p. 495.)

Pilgrim was now ready for the next step. The Voice said, "This is the stumbling block; take a firm step."

The truths of immortal Mind sustain man, and they annihilate the fables of mortal mind, whose flimsy and gaudy pretensions, like silly moths, singe their own wings and fall into dust. (Science and Health, p. 103.)

Pilgrim's robe took on a new beauty, as she stepped upon the stone LOVE, an OPAL, which flashed over her raiment its myriad fiery lights.

It is Love which paints the petal with myriad hues, glances in the warm sunbeam, arches the cloud with the bow of beauty, blazons the night with starry gems, and covers earth with loveliness.

(Science and Health, p. 247.)



The Voice continued, "God is Love," and asked Pilgrim, "Do you love?" Pilgrim *prayed* to be taught to love in God's way.

Then Pilgrim stepped upon the next stone, Peace, an Aquamarine, and her robe reflected the combined beauty of rare colors. The Voice asked Pilgrim, "Are you at peace with all?"

Pilgrim answered, "I desire to be."

The Voice continued, "'My peace I give unto you."

John xiv., 27.

Then white-robed purity will unite in one person masculine wisdom and feminine love, spiritual understanding and perpetual peace.

(Science and Health, p. 64.)

Pilgrim prayed to understand the peace that God gives, and then she took the next step, Constancy, a stone of Pearl. Her robe became iridescent, like the railings of the gate.

The Voice asked, "Are you constant?"

Pilgrim answered, "Yes; all is so beautiful here, I shall strive ever to be constant."

Spiritual sense is a conscious, constant capacity to understand God.

(Science and Health, p. 209.)



The Voice then continued, "Watch and pray." Pilgrim prayed to be spiritually alert.

Be watchful, sober, and vigilant. The way is straight and narrow, which leads to the understanding that God is the only Life.

(Science and Health, p. 324.)

The next step was wonderful to Pilgrim. Her robe was transformed into a deep purple, as she stepped upon the stone, HEALING, an AMETHYST of richest hue; and the Voice said, "'Thy faith hath made thee whole.'"

Truth's immortal idea is sweeping down the centuries, gathering beneath its wings the sick and sinning. (Science and Health, p. 55.)

Pilgrim prayed to understand the love that heals.

The more difficult seems the material condition to be overcome by Spirit, the stronger should be our faith and the purer our love.

(Science and Health, p. 410.)

Pilgrim then stepped upon the next beautiful stone, TRUTH, a JASPER stone. All seemed like a Southern



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v., 34.

sunset. The Voice asked Pilgrim, "Are you true?" Pilgrim answered, "I pray constantly to be true to God, or Truth."

Love is priestess at the altar of Truth.

(Science and Health, p. 454.)

At first, the light was so bright that Pilgrim thought she could not take the next step. Everything glistened, and she seemed to be in a fountain of sparkling light.

The robes of Spirit are "white and glistering," like the raiment of Christ. Even in this world, therefore, "let thy garments be always white." (Science and Health, p. 267.)

Pilgrim was standing upon the stone, Science, a Diamond.

Christian Science is dawning upon a material age. The great spiritual facts of being, like rays of light, shine in the darkness. . . .

(Science and Health, p. 546.)

The Voice asked, "Do you understand who God is?" Pilgrim bowed her head and implored, "Tell me, thou everpresent Guide." The Voice continued, "God is not seen through flesh-veiled eyes, but through spiritual sense. God is the infinite All, eternal Life, Truth, and Love, and man is His



reflection. This spiritual understanding of man's oneness with God is attained by all who take the Twelve Steps."

Pilgrim was dazzled by the radiance of the many-hued precious stones upon which she had stepped, and almost stumbled to the next stone. She was now clad in gold, as she stood upon the stone of HOPE and FAITH, a GOLD-STONE.

The golden glow, enveloping her, made her feel very happy. She thought how beautiful the first glint of gold looked in the Pilgrim Path. The Voice then asked, "Do you understand Hope and Faith?" and answered, "'Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.' Faith is the thing invisible, that moves mountains."

Hebrews xi., 1.

Glory be to God, and peace to the struggling hearts! Christ hath rolled away the stone from the door of human hope and faith, and through the revelation and demonstration of life in God, hath elevated them to possible at-one-ment with the spiritual idea of man and his divine Principle, Love. (Science and Health, p. 45.)

Then Pilgrim took the next and last step. Her robe became a sparkling blue, as she stood on the stone, Forgiveness, a Sapphire.

Jesus' prayer, "Forgive us our debts," specified also the terms of forgiveness.

(Science and Health, p. 11.)

The Voice asked Pilgrim, "Do you forgive your enemies?"

Universal Love is the divine way in Christian Science.

(Science and Health, p. 266.)

Pilgrim thought, and thought, and suddenly remembered that she had left all resentment, and unforgiving thoughts, or tatters, with father Adam, and therefore she had *no enemies*.

Let us disrobe error. Then, when the winds of God blow, we shall not hug our tatters close about us. (Science and Health, p. 201.)

"Now," said the Voice, "you are admitted to the new Jerusalem, and you are the combination of all the qualities of the Twelve Stepping-Stones."

How shall we declare Him, till, in the language of the apostle, "we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ"?

(Science and Health, p. 519.)



When Pilgrim started to walk, she discovered that she was as a little child, and had to learn to walk in the Path of Christ.

This is the new birth going on hourly, by which men may entertain angels, the true ideas of God, the spiritual sense of being.

(Science and Health, p. 548.)

Pilgrim left the top stepping-stone. Before her she saw a Path of pure gold. The Voice said, "As you go on, you will find a treasure. Carry it with you on your journey. Fare thee well."

Man walks in the direction towards which he looks, and where his treasure is, there will his heart be also.

(Science and Health, p. 451.)

Pilgrim now proceeded on her way along the golden Path, and found that it led directly to a sparkling River.

RIVER. Channel of thought.

(Science and Health, p. 593.)

When Pilgrim reached the water's edge, she found a little Book. She stooped and picked it up, knowing at once that



this was the promised treasure. It proved to be a Guide-Book.

> Then will a voice from harmony cry: "Go and take the little book. . . . Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey." Mortals, obey the heavenly evangel. divine Science. Read this book from beginning to end. Study it, ponder it.

> > (Science and Health, p. 559.)

Raising her eyes from the Book, Pilgrim saw seven stepping-stones of gold, forming a Path through the River. She stopped a moment, to consider the meaning of the seven stones, and opening the little Book for guidance, her eyes fell upon these words: "God is . . . Mind, Spirit, Soul, Prin- Science ciple, Life, Truth, Love."

and Health p. 465.

There is but one way-namely, God and His idea—which leads to spiritual being. (Science and Health, p. 167.)

Pilgrim took the first three steps, upon the stones, MIND, Spirit, Soul, with the open Book in her hand. she reached the central stone, PRINCIPLE, she paused.



She heard music of wonderful sweetness, and found that the ripples of the water were as a song.

Science will correct the discord, and teach us life's sweeter harmonies.

(Science and Health, p. 60.)

Pilgrim stooped and drank of the water, and as she raised her eyes, these words appeared on the horizon in letters of gold:

John iv., 14 WHOSOEVER DRINKETH OF THE WATER
THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM SHALL
NEVER THIRST.

He to whom "the arm of the Lord" is revealed will believe our report, and rise into newness of life with regeneration.

(Science and Health, p. 24.)

Immediately there was a "newness of life" such as Pilgrim had never known, and her step became light, as she stepped upon the stone, Life, then upon the stone, Truth, and finally upon the stone, Love. Pilgrim now found herself



Science and Health p. 576.

LET US GO ON UNTO PERFECTION;
NOT LAYING AGAIN THE FOUNDATION OF
REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS.

Hebrews vi., 1.

As aforetime, the spirit of the Christ, which taketh away the ceremonies and doctrines of men, is not accepted until the hearts of men are made ready for it.

(Science and Health, p. 131.)

As Pilgrim stood on the landing, she read from her little Book, the Guide, these words: "And God said, Let there be Genesis light: and there was light."

No solar rays nor planetary revolutions form the day of Spirit.

(Science and Health, pp. 504-505.)

Reading on, Pilgrim found that this light is not the light of any material sun, moon, or stars, but is the light coming



directly from the Father to His child, after the child has climbed the twelve stepping-stones of character building, and caught the golden gleam of the seven attributes of God.

Beholding the infinite tasks of truth, we pause,—wait on God. Then we push onward, until boundless thought walks enraptured, and conception unconfined is winged to reach the divine glory. (Science and Health, p. 323.)

Pilgrim raised her eyes from the pages of the Book, and there appeared on the horizon, in letters of gold, these words:

Isaiah xl., 5.

AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE REVEALED.

Truth is a revelation.

(Science and Health, p. 117.)

Pilgrim now heard the sound of trumpets, and saw, gliding down the musical waters, a boat made of beautiful flowers.

The floral apostles are hieroglyphs of Deity. (Science and Health, p. 240.)





There were pink and red roses in profusion; asters of heavenly blue; the purples of fragrant lilacs, sweet violets, and the royal iris; there was also the gleam of golden daisies; while on the bow of the boat was one pure white Lily, which sent forth its fragrance, enveloping Pilgrim in its sweetness. Upon the side of this boat, indicated with tiny white rosebuds, was its name—Revelation.

The Revelator tells us of "a new heaven and a new earth." Have you ever pictured this heaven and earth, inhabited by beings under the control of supreme wisdom?

(Science and Health, p. 91.)

In the bow of the boat stood a Pilot, robed in white. In his hand was a compass of gold. Grouped behind him were six angels, blowing golden trumpets. They were "Heralds of Science."

Science and Health p. 223.

Divine Science alone can compass the heights and depths of being and reveal the infinite.

(Science and Health, p. 292.)

The boat drew up to the golden landing, and the Pilot beckoned to Pilgrim to enter. She entered, and they glided



swiftly down the singing waters. Just overhead, there appeared a faint mirage of a beautiful City.

To material sense, this divine universe is dim and distant, gray in the sombre hues of twilight; but anon the veil is lifted, and the scene shifts into light.

(Science and Health, p. 513.)

While Pilgrim stood on the golden landing, she read from her little Book, the Guide: "And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." It dawned upon Pilgrim, that as the light of revelation grows clearer, the child of God begins to understand the beauties of the Father's handiwork, and this is as a firmament beneath his feet. Pilgrim continued reading:

"And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so." It was revealed to Pilgrim, through spiritual sense, that all good comes from above, not

The Scriptures are very sacred. Our aim must be to have them understood spiritually. . . . (Science and Health, p. 547.)

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from beneath.

As Pilgrim raised her eyes from the pages of the Book, there appeared on the horizon, in letters of gold, these words:

Understanding is a Wellspring of Life unto Him that Hath it.

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We should look away from the opposite supposition that man is created materially, and turn our gaze to the spiritual record of creation, to that which should be engraved on the understanding and heart "with the point of a diamond" and the pen of an angel.

(Science and Health, p. 521.)

Again there was a trumpet blast, and Pilgrim saw approaching a boat of crystal, and on its side, in pure white, was the one word, Understanding.

. . . as a man spiritually understandeth, so is he in truth.

(Science and Health, p. 213.)

On and on glided the crystal boat, through the singing waters, and soon another landing place was reached. As the



boat touched the golden shore, Pilgrim sprang out. The boat disappeared.

All things will continue to disappear, until perfection appears and reality is reached.

(Science and Health, p. 353.)

On the sign-post of pearl, were these words:

Genesis i., 8.

And the Evening and the Morning Were the Second Day.

Pilgrim again read from the little Book, her Guide, to learn of the next stage of her journey.

Each successive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine goodness and love. (Science and Health, p. 66.)

Pilgrim's eyes fell upon these words: "And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters called He Seas: and God saw that it was good." Pilgrim learned,



that as eyes open wider, to discern more of the glories of spiritual creation, the "dry land," or substance of spiritual reality, comes to light. The child becomes conscious of never-ending life, his legacy from the Father, and that this life is for all of God's creations, from the least to the greatest.

The divine Mind maintains all identities, from a blade of grass to a star, as distinct and eternal. (Science and Health, p. 70.)

As Pilgrim raised her eyes from the pages of the Book, there appeared on the horizon, in letters of gold, these words:

THIS IS THE FIRST RESURRECTION.

Revelation xx., 5.

Through all the disciples experienced, they became more spiritual and understood better what the Master had taught. His resurrection was also their resurrection. It helped them to raise themselves and others from spiritual dulness and blind belief in God into the perception of infinite possibilities.

(Science and Health, p. 34.)



A blast of trumpets claimed Pilgrim's attention and she beheld another boat approaching. This boat was made of precious stones. There was the pink glow of jasper, the deep red of the carbuncle, the creamy whiteness of the agate, the royal purples of the amethyst, the fiery hues of the opal, the gleam of the gold-stone, the heavenly blue of the sapphire, the flash of the diamond, with here and there the beauty of rare pearls.

The rabbins believed that the stones in the breastplate of the high-priest had supernatural illumination, but Christian Science reveals Spirit, not matter, as the illuminator of all.

(Science and Health, p. 596.)

On the side of the boat, indicated in rubies, was the word,— RESURRECTION.

> Truth will be to us "the resurrection and the life" only as it destroys all error and the belief that Mind, the only immortality of man, can be fettered by the body, and Life be controlled by death.

> > (Science and Health, p. 292.)



The white robe of the Pilot glowed with the reflected colors of the many sparking gems, as did the robes of the angels, and the *singing waters* danced about the boat, glittering with prismatic hues.

Those instructed in Christian Science have reached the glorious perception that God is the only author of man.

(Science and Health, p. 29.)

The mirage above was still clearer, and there was a faint touch of color on the foundation walls, and a whiteness, as of pearl, on a gate.

> These clearer, higher views inspire the Godlike man to reach the absolute centre and circumference of his being.

> > (Science and Health, p. 262.)

With a greater sense of joy, Pilgrim sprang into the boat and on and on it glided, with all its glowing beauty.

The changing glow and full effulgence of God's infinite ideas, images, mark the periods of progress. (Science and Health, p. 511.)



Another golden landing place; and again Pilgrim stepped out, and as the boat touched the golden shore, she read on the sign-post:

Genesis i., 13.

AND THE EVENING AND THE MORNING WERE THE THIRD DAY.

Once more consulting the little Book, her Guide, Pilgrim read: "And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be Genesis for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years."
i., 14.

Hence the eternal wonder,—that infinite space is peopled with God's ideas, reflecting Him in countless spiritual forms.

(Science and Health, p. 503.)

Pilgrim continued to read: "And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to Genesis rule the night: He made the stars also."
i., 16.

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. . . the light which shines "unto the perfect day" as the night of materialism wanes.

(Science and Health, p. 562.)

The stars make night beautiful. . . .

(Science and Health, p. 240.)

Pilgrim learned that in the firmament of understanding, to divide light from darkness, are two great lights, TRUTH and LOVE.

Truth and Love enlighten the understanding, in whose "light shall we see light;" and this illumination is reflected spiritually by all who walk in the light and turn away from a false material sense.

(Science and Health, p. 510.)

At the blast of trumpets, there appeared another boat, made of purest gold, sending a yellow gleam across the waters, until it touched the gold at Pilgrim's feet. The white robe of the Pilot glowed and the angel heralds smiled more brightly in all this golden loveliness. On the side of the boat, in letters of crystal, was the word, Reflection.

God fashions all things, after His own likeness. Life is reflected in existence, Truth in



truthfulness, God in goodness, which impart their own peace and permanence. Love, redolent with unselfishness, bathes all in beauty and light. (Science and Health, p. 516.)

Pilgrim looked up. The mirage of the city above, seemed as a City of gold.

Deity. (Science and Health, p. 517.)

As the boat approached the landing, celestial music ascended from the waters, and the happy heart of Pilgrim likewise made melody.

Mental melodies and strains of sweetest music supersede conscious sound.

(Science and Health, p. 213.)

Pilgrim stepped into the boat, and her robes absorbed the golden glow. On and on they glided, and soon the yellow gleam across the waters touched another landing of gold.

... the motions and reflections of deific power cannot be apprehended until divine Science becomes the interpreter.

(Science and Health, p. 513.)



Leaving the boat, Pilgrim read this sign:

AND THE EVENING AND THE MORNING WERE THE FOURTH DAY.

Genesis i., 19.

The boat disappeared. Pilgrim read from her little Book, the Guide: "And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven."

The fowls, which fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven, correspond to aspirations soaring beyond and above corporeality.

... (Science and Health, pp. 511-512.)

Pilgrim continued to read: "And God blessed them, say- Genesis ing, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth."

Divine Love blesses its own ideas, and causes them to multiply,—to manifest His power. (Science and Health, p. 517.)



As Pilgrim read these words, the atmosphere became highly rarefied. Continuing to read, she learned that spiritual aspirations soar upward to the Giver of all life, and multiply, and that this spiritual Life includes all of God's creation.

The periods of spiritual ascension are the days and seasons of Mind's creation, in which beauty, sublimity, purity, and holiness—yea, the divine nature—appear in man and the universe never to disappear.

(Science and Health, p. 509.)

Pilgrim raised her eyes from the pages of the Book, and there appeared on the horizon, in letters of gold, these words:

Acts ii., 33. THEREFORE BEING BY THE RIGHT
HAND OF GOD EXALTED, AND HAVING
RECEIVED OF THE FATHER THE PROMISE
OF THE HOLY GHOST, HE HATH SHED
FORTH THIS, WHICH YE NOW
SEE AND HEAR.

The advent of this understanding is what is meant by the descent of the Holy Ghost,—that influx of divine Science which so illuminated the

Pentecostal Day and is now repeating its ancient history.

(Science and Health, p. 43.)

There was a blast of trumpets. Pilgrim saw approaching, a boat of amethyst, and the robes of all within it were dyed with the reflected light of its royal purple, which streamed across the waters as a shaft, touching the gold upon which Pilgrim stood. Doves soared above, at times in their pure whiteness, then bathed in the purple that shone down upon them in a reflection of the royal hues, which are found in Spirit, the City of God.

It is indeed a city of the Spirit, fair, royal, and square. (Science and Health, p. 575.)

On the side of the boat, in letters of gold, was the word, Ascension.

Advancing spiritual steps in the teeming universe of Mind lead on to spiritual spheres and exalted beings.

(Science and Health, p. 513.)

Pilgrim entered the boat, and they glided away. Again a golden landing, and a sign post, upon which were these words:



Genesis i., 23.

Genesis

i., 26.

AND THE EVENING AND THE MORNING WERE THE FIFTH DAY.

Pilgrim read from the little Book, her Guide: "God said, Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

The standard of perfection was originally God and man. Has God taken down His own standard, and has man fallen?

God is the creator of man, and the divine Principle of man remaining perfect, the divine idea or reflection, man, remains perfect.

(Science and Health, p. 470.)

Pilgrim continued to read: "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and Genesis female created He them."

The ideal man corresponds to creation, to intelligence, and to Truth. The ideal woman corresponds to Life and to Love.

(Science and Health, p. 517.)



Let the "male and female" of God's creating appear. (Science and Health, p. 249.)

. . . the unity of male and female as no longer two wedded individuals, but as two individual natures in one; and this compounded spiritual individuality reflects God as Father-Mother, not as a corporeal being. In this divinely united spiritual consciousness, there is no impediment to eternal bliss,—to the perfectibility of God's creation.

(Science and Health, p. 577.)

Raising her eyes from the Book, Pilgrim saw on the horizon, these words, in letters of gold:

I AM THE ALMIGHTY GOD; WALK BEFORE ME, AND BE THOU PERFECT.

Genesis xvii., 1.

. . . Then shall man be found, in His likeness, perfect as the Father, indestructible in Life, "hid with Christ in God". . . .

(Science and Health, p. 325.)



There was a ringing blast of trumpets. Pilgrim saw approaching a boat made of diamonds. Bits of rainbow danced on the waters about the boat and one long shaft of rainbow light streamed across the water to the gold at Pilgrim's feet. On the side of the boat flashed the word, "Perfection."

When spiritual being is understood in all its perfection, continuity, and might, then shall man be found in God's image.

(Science and Health, p. 325.)

Pilgrim stepped into the diamond boat, and her robes, like those of the Pilot and angels, were sprayed with bits of rainbow light. The boat glided on and on, until the last golden landing was reached. The sign-post of pearl bore these words:

Genesis
i., 31.

AND THE EVENING AND THE MORNING WERE THE SIXTH DAY.

As Pilgrim stood on the last landing, she read from the little Book, her Guide, "And on the seventh day God ended

His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh Genesis day from all His work which He had made." "And, behold, si. 2; i. it was very good."

The numerals of infinity, called seven days, can never be reckoned according to the calendar of time. These days will appear as mortality disappears. . . .

(Science and Health, p. 520.)

Raising her eyes from the Book, Pilgrim saw on the horizon, in letters of gold, these words:

RETURN UNTO THY REST, O MY SOUL; FOR THE LORD HATH DEALT BOUNTIFULLY WITH THEE.

Psalm cxvi., 7.

. . . Science knows no lapse from nor return to harmony, but holds the divine order or spiritual law, in which God and all that He creates are perfect and eternal, to have remained unchanged in its eternal history.

(Science and Health, p. 471.)

Pilgrim then heard a loud blast of trumpets, and the last boat, made of iridescent pearl, appeared. Behind the Pilot, in this boat of pearl, were grouped twelve angels.

Angels are God's representatives. These upward-soaring beings never lead towards self, sin, or materiality, but guide to the divine Principle of all good, whither every real individuality, image, or likeness of God, gathers.

(Science and Health, p. 299.)

From the bow of the boat floated a pure white banner, bearing in letters of gold, the word,—Excelsion.

Truth is always the victor.

(Science and Health, p. 380.)

As Pilgrim entered this boat, she noticed that the river flowed into a peaceful sea, whose waters had the appearance of gold.

. . . into the unchanging calm and glorious freedom of spiritual harmony.

(Science and Health, p. 248.)

. . . the Peaceful Sea of Harmony.

(Science and Health, p. 576.)



A rainbow formed the gateway to this sea of gold.

To mortal sense Science seems at first obscure, abstract, and dark; but a bright promise crowns its brow. When understood, it is Truth's prism and praise.

(Science and Health, p. 558.)

The boat glided through this rainbow arch. Across the water, Pilgrim saw a beautiful City.

"Is that the City Foursquare?" she asked of the Pilot.

The Pilot answered, "Thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a Isaiah quiet habitation. . . . For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is 20, 22. our lawgiver, the Lord is our King.' . . . 'In my Father's John house are many mansions.' "xiv., 2.

Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present. (Science and Health, p. 16.)

Pilgrim said to the Pilot, "'This is my rest for ever: here Psalm will I dwell; for I have desired it.' Am I always to dwell in cxxxii... this City?" she asked.

The Pilot answered, "'What house will ye build Me? saith Acts the Lord: or what is the place of My rest?'"



Infinite Mind can have no starting-point, and can return to no limit.

(Science and Health, p. 284.)

Pilgrim stood in silence, thinking over these words, as the boat approached the beautiful City. Flaming across the horizon, in letters of golden light, she read,—

THE WORD.

At length she said, "This is one of the gateways to the City Foursquare." The boat drew up to a broad landing of gold, upon which stood three arched gates, each composed of a single pearl. Over the first arch, in golden letters, was the word, Life; over the second, was the word, Truth; and over the third, the word, Love. All the gates were open, and thousands of pilgrims were landing and entering.

Its gates open towards light and glory both within and without, for all is good, and nothing can enter that city, which "defileth, . . . or maketh a lie."

(Science and Health, p. 577.)



An Angel guide appeared and taking Pilgrim by the hand, led her forward, saying: "'Enter into His gates with thanks- Psalm giving, and into His courts with praise."

c., 4.

Pilgrim asked, "Are these gates always open, as now?"

The Angel answered, "Thy gates shall be open con-Isaiah tinually." They entered the City. Many people were walking the golden streets. Exquisite music was heard, in which were blended the songs of birds. There were wonderful trees, and flowers which exhaled sweet perfume. Happiness reigned here, and Pilgrim noticed that her garments were shining, like those of all she met, and she exclaimed: "How marvellous it is to see God's creations, in their original loveliness!"

The singing of a great choir was heard, coming from a magnificent Temple. There were throngs of people going about the streets. Pilgrim recognized many familiar faces, as IL Corshe passed through the crowds, and she said, "The 'vail is done away in Christ."

inthians iii., 14.

The Angel answered, "'I will clothe thee with change of Zecharaiment."

riah iii., 4.

Pilgrim exclaimed, "'We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed." She asked the Angel why she had the honor of his presence, while others walked alone.

I. Corinthians xv., 51.

"Because of the star of gold upon your breast," he answered. "Those who wear the star are they who have given themselves to the service of the Master before coming here. You wear the badge of service. 'He shall give His angels charge over thee.'"

Pilgrim looked around, and saw a few wearing the gold star. The Angel said, "These are prophets, apostles, and demonstrators of Truth and Love, who teach the 'way' in the Temple."

Pilgrim asked, "Are there any relationships here?"

The Angel answered, "One God, Life and Love, the Father and Mother of all; one body; Christ the Head; 'so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.'"

Romans xii., 5.

Psalm xci., 11.

There were beautiful homes here, with long grand verandahs entwined with flowers. All were busy serving the Master. Some told Pilgrim that he, the Master, was coming to them soon, and they were preparing for his visit. When Pilgrim heard this, she rejoiced to find herself so near the City beautiful, his dwelling-place. From the Temple came a burst of song, and Pilgrim caught these words:



"How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! O blest are they that dwell within Thy house! They praise Thee; they praise Thy name evermore."

And, enraptured, again she heard,

"Thou Guide of Israel, hearken, Thou that leadest Joseph like a shepherd, Reveal thee, thou enthroned above the Cherubim."

On, and on, and on rolled the waves of melody, as an ocean of harmony. "Let us enter the Temple," said the Angel, "and hear the Word of God in all its beauty, free from material interpretation of mortal man, but glowing with the divine illumination of understanding. This Temple is called the Temple of Understanding."

If God, the All-in-all, be the creator of the spiritual universe, including man, then everything entitled to a classification as truth, or Science, must be comprised in a knowledge or understanding of God, for there can be nothing beyond illimitable divinity.

(Science and Health, p. 127.)

The Temple was of white stone, built in the form of an amphitheater, a circular building without a roof, but covered



with flowing vines. The Angel told Pilgrim, that the teacher stood in the center, as he addressed the "multitude," and that there were tiers upon tiers of seats.

While they walked the golden streets, the Angel said to Pilgrim, "All who live here have perfected their professions. They are taught to go on and on, and forget all but God's creations. Nothing that mortal man invented is of any value here, but a spiritual sense of values must be gained. Art is eternal; and all learn that they must work in true art. Sculpture and architecture live here in their perfected beauty, the beauty of true form. Painting lives in the beauty of expression, outline, and color."

Beauty is a thing of life, which dwells forever in the eternal Mind and reflects the charms of His goodness in expression, form, outline, and color. (Science and Health, p. 247.)

The Angel continued, "Movement lives in the grace and beauty of the dance, in the gentle breeze that sways the leaves in rhythmic motion, and in the flowing of the musical waters."

All that God imparts moves in accord with Him, reflecting goodness and power.

(Science and Health, p. 515.)





"Speech lives in oratory, which, in its highest expression, is man, the mouthpiece, or Word of God. Music, which is the crown of arts, lives in individual and collective expression of spiritual harmonies, which send forth praise to the Maker of all harmony."

> Music is the rhythm of head and heart. (Science and Health, p. 213.)

Pilgrim now found, that her bright gold star was on the top of her staff. This staff, which she had always carried, had turned to gold on the Path. She noticed that the Angel wore his star on his forehead. "'Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort Psalm me," said Pilgrim, and she continued, "Love is the rod and truth is the staff; love which comforts and truth which supports me,—these, united, shine above me as a bright star." Turning to the Angel, Pilgrim asked, "At his first coming, did not Christ appear as a pale star, shining in the night of materialism? But at this, his second appearing, is he not the Brightest Morning Star, lighting the way to eternal harmony? Is not your exalted understanding of this, the reason that you wear your star upon your forehead?"

"Even so," replied the Angel.



Pilgrim was very happy, because she had served, and had taken every step up to this point, for she now knew that she would not have to tarry for preparation for further advancement.

Said the Angel to Pilgrim, as they moved toward the great Temple, "Your star is your pass to the next gate."

As they entered the vestibule, the Angel told Pilgrim to record her name, and she obeyed.

. . . the vestibule in which a material sense of things disappears, and spiritual sense unfolds the great facts of existence.

(Science and Health, p. 597.)

Pigrim said to the Angel, "'One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the xxvii.,4. Lord, and to enquire in His temple.'"

In divine Science, man possesses this recognition of harmony consciously in proportion to his understanding of God.

(Science and Health, p. 576.)



The Angel and Pilgrim now left the vestibule and entered the Temple of Understanding. Pilgrim saw a throng of people, listening to one who stood in their midst, with his robe glistening and his face shining with the light of divine inspiration.

> Eloquence re-echoes the strains of Truth and Love. It is due to inspiration rather than to erudition. (Science and Health, p. 88.)

These words of the teacher came to Pilgrim, as she took her place in the throng: "'Blessed is the man whom Psalm Thou chooseth, and causeth to approach unto Thee, that he may dwell in Thy courts.' All ye having reached this place, let your hearts sing in gratitude to the Father; let your faces shine with the light of His love; let your voices join in the songs of the redeemed, as they unite in one grand anthem to the Giver of all good."

"Come," said the Angel. They left the Temple. Pilgrim saw another beautiful gateway in the distance. Above it, shining in splendor, was the word,—

CHRIST.



"Come," said the Angel again, "there are wonders ahead"; and taking her hand, he led her forward. In the twinkling of an eye, Pilgrim found herself in front of the gateway she had seen afar. There were three arches of pearl, each bearing a word, in letters of gold. The words were MIND, SPIRIT, SOUL. The Angel led her through the open gateway. Pilgrim saw a lofty Temple of white stone. Again she recorded her name in the vestibule, and then the Angel led her within.

"This is the Temple of Art," said the Angel. They were alone in its vast grandeur. Before them was a circle of massive Corinthian columns of white stone. In the center of this circle was a fountain. Leading Pilgrim toward the fountain, the Angel continued, "In this place all art is seen in its perfection." Pointing to the fountain, the Angel said, "Here is the perfection of sculpture."

The water of the fountain was iridescent, like liquid gems, and its music as a refrain from celestial choirs. The Angel called Pilgrim's attention to the floor upon which they walked. It was composed of precious stones, laid in beautiful mosaics, forming graceful palm leaves. "This is the perfection of mosaic art," remarked the Angel.

As they approached the fountain, Pilgrim said, "'For the Revela-Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and tion vii., shall lead them unto living fountains of waters."

Drawing nearer, Pilgrim saw that the alabaster brim of the fountain was beautifully carved with decorations of pomegranates, both flower and fruit, and the center of the fountain was composed of exquisitely sculptured lilies. Pointing to the lilies, the Angel said, "This is the handiwork of the highest spiritual conception, the sculpture that lives."

The Angel continued, "'Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Luke Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Immortal and spiritual facts exist apart from this mortal and material conception.

(Science and Health, p. 213.)



Pilgrim remarked, "I have asked of Him, and He hath given me living water." She stooped and drank from the fountain.

Said the Angel to her, "Beautiful is your understanding of the fountain of Life."

Pilgrim raised her eyes. On the circular walls of the Temple she saw twenty-four paintings, the originals of masterpieces the world has seen.

From the infinite elements of the one Mind emanate all form, color, quality, and quantity, and these are mental, both primarily and secondarily. Their spiritual nature is discerned only through the spiritual senses.

(Science and Health, p. 512.)

The Angel led Pilgrim to the first painting, while throughout the Temple was heard the melodious music of the singing waters. The Angel continued, "The original masterpiece of each artist is represented in this Temple. It is a spiritual production." And the Angel added, "Masterpieces, or the conceptions of spiritual sense, never portray sin, nor suffering. They express only the qualities found in divine Mind."



Objects utterly unlike the original do not reflect that original.

(Science and Health, p. 506.)

After having seen the masterpieces, the Angel and Pilgrim walked along a corridor leading to a Garden. As they entered, the Angel remarked, "This is the original Garden of Eden."

The trees and flowers were heavenly in the perfection of beauty and fragrance. The fruit trees were hung with their original, God-created products.

> Thought will finally be understood and seen in all form, substance, and color, but without material accompaniments.

> > (Science and Health, p. 310.)

The Angel and Pilgrim walked on and on, through garden after garden, and the Angel gave to Pilgrim the spiritual interpretation of the original Garden of Eden, saying:

"'Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, xxviii... the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship



of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.'

"The child of God, being like his Father, is perfect. Every precious stone, every divine quality, is his covering, for he is clothed with all righteousness. Every member of his body, or 'image,' which emanated from the Source of his being, is perfect and immortal and is contained in divine Mind, or Spirit, giving forth sweetest harmonies; and this spiritual, creative power, eternal Life and Love, governs every idea in the universe of Spirit,—God's Garden of Eden. This perfect creation of the Father knows only perfection. In the true Eden lives the perfect, spiritual child of God, possessing a harmonious body, whose spiritual members are governed by the power of Almighty God, and 'all precious stones,' all the divine qualities, are his 'covering,' as the real man manifests his Maker. So each individual idea, which constitutes God's universe, is sustained and governed by divine Mind. The real man stands before his Maker,—His (God's) masterpiece."

As the Angel explained the spiritual, original Garden of Eden, Pilgrim noticed that the walks were of the same precious stones upon which she had stepped in the process of character building. They walked on and on, through groves of

magnificent trees, beneath which were carpets of velvety grass. There were many dancing fountains of rainbow water. The trees seemed to sing and laugh, as they clapped their hands. All expressed the love and joy of Spirit. Pilgrim told the Angel that she was happy to have the revelation of the original Garden of Eden,—God's paradise. The Angel answered, "Spiritual sense has enabled you to understand the wonders of the paradise of God and to enjoy its perfections. Therefore you were not left to learn of this in the Temple of Understanding. You and all who wear the gold star and have trod the Path you have travelled, are of the Order of the Brightest Morning Star."

The Wisemen were led to behold and to follow this daystar of divine Science, lighting the way to eternal harmony.

(Science and Health, p. vii.)

The Angel and Pilgrim continued to walk through garden after garden, each more beautiful than the last, while the Angel explained the beauties of God's original creations. They journeyed on, through the perfume of lilies, until at length they emerged from the Garden of Eden.



In the distance, Pilgrim saw on the horizon, in flaming letters of golden light, the word,—

CHRISTIANITY.

In the twinkling of an eye, she found herself before three arched gates, each composed of a single pearl. Over the first arch, in letters of gold, was the word Principle; over the second, appeared the word IDEA, while over the third was the word HARMONY.

They passed through the pearly gateway. Pilgrim caught a strain of celestial music, coming from a temple in the distance, and she clapped her hands for joy. The Angel informed her that this was real, or *divine* music, which is the highest of all arts.

To discern the rhythm of Spirit and to be holy, thought must be purely spiritual.

(Science and Health, p. 510.)

The Angel then told Pilgrim, that this was the Temple of Music. It was all of gold, and its front was in the shape of a large lyre, whose strings formed the doors. The Angel bade



her touch the golden wires, and they would announce her entrance. She did as she was bidden, and found herself in the vestibule. After she had recorded her name, they entered the Temple of Music.

Upon their entrance, a mighty, celestial chord was struck. Pilgrim found that the inner walls of this Temple were of gold filigree, and on them was represented every kind of musical instrument. There was an innumerable choir. The Angel Guide told Pilgrim that this was the cherubic host, composed of those who had attained spiritual wisdom and understanding, —man's spiritual individuality. A great organ was being played upon by an angel, who understood the music and harmony of immortal Mind.

To be master of chords and discords, the science of music must be understood.

(Science and Health, p. 304.)

The Angel Guide asked Pilgrim to be seated. There was silence. Another chord, sweeter than the music of the melodious waters, was sounded, and a pilgrim walked out on the grand platform. The Angel Musician struck the keynote, and the soloists of the celestial choir sang, "I know that my Re-



deemer liveth, and that I am alive in him." This was a song of welcome to Pilgrim, the Star Standard-Bearer of Truth in divine Science.

"Let there be light," is the perpetual demand of Truth and Love, changing chaos into order and discord into the music of the spheres.

(Science and Health, p. 255.)

The choir then sang:

"List! the cherubic host, in thousand choirs,
Touch their immortal harps of golden wires,
With those just spirits that wear victorious palms,
Singing everlastingly devout and Holy psalms."

Milton.

As the final chords of this divine anthem reverberated through the vast Temple, Pilgrim's voice blended with the great organ of eternity and swelled the chorus of the grand "Amen."

. . . the stars sang together and all was primeval harmony. . . .

(Science and Health, p. 565.)

Then the celestial choir sang, "Open the gates of His temple." After listening to more immortal music, the Angel and Pilgrim left for the fourth and final Temple.



Flaming across the horizon, in letters of golden light, Pilgrim read the words,—

In the twinkling of an eye, she found herself before three arched gates, each composed of a single pearl. Over the first. in letters of gold, appeared the word, Omnipotence. Over the second, was the word, Omniscience; and over the third, OMNIPRESENCE.

They passed through the gateway. The Angel said, "We shall now go to the Temple of Jewels, the Master's study."

Pilgrim saw the spires of this magnificent Temple shining in the distance. They were of rubies. Drawing nearer, she noticed that the doors of the Temple were of jasper, while the whole glorious structure glittered and flashed forth myriad prismatic hues. As Pilgrim paused to contemplate this spiritual building, she exclaimed, "'Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the Chronpower, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all xxix. that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine; Thine is the 11.



kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as Head above all.'
And I acknowledge Thee, and Thy Son, Christ, the Head of the body, upon whose shoulders Thy government rests. All nations shall acknowledge him 'King of kings and Lord of lords'—the executor of Thy law, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Royal dynasties shall lay down their honors at his feet."

Unfathomable Mind is expressed. The depth, breadth, height, might, majesty, and glory of infinite Love fill all space. That is enough!

(Science and Health, p. 520.)

As they entered the spacious vestibule, Pilgrim saw, just beyond, a large Book, open and illuminated, which rested upon a pedestal composed of one pearl. "That," said the Angel, "is the Book of Life. You will inscribe your name therein."

Pilgrim walked to the end of the vestibule, and mounted the row of small golden steps which led up to the book. The glistering folds of her soft white robe hid the golden steps, as she stood there. Just before her was a large window, and pictured therein was the boat, with its Pilot and twelve angels, which had brought her to the first gateway.

The Angel Guide said, "'He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before His angels.' 'And there shall in no Revelawise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever 5; xxi., worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are 27. written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

Pilgrim took the golden pen and wrote her name in the Book of Life. Then she turned and faced the Angel, and her countenance was changed, as it glowed with spiritual light from within.

"Now you are alive in Him," said the Angel.

Pilgrim answered, "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that I am alive in him."

As the Angel led Pilgrim forward, she saw a curtain made of ropes of rare pearls, hanging from ceiling to floor, across the entire width of the Temple, dividing the vestibule from the interior. Taking Pilgrim's right hand, the Angel placed upon her finger a ring, set with one brilliant diamond. "This ring," said the Angel, "signifies the unity of Spirit and its idea."

> The Revelator saw also the spiritual ideal as a woman clothed in light, a bride coming down

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from heaven, wedded to the Lamb of Love. To John, "the bride" and "the Lamb" represented the correlation of divine Principle and spiritual idea, God and His Christ, bringing harmony to earth. (Science and Health, p. 561.)

The Angel and Pilgrim now entered the Master's Temple. In the midst of it she saw a miniature model of the Holy City, composed of diamonds. From the center of the ceiling hung a crown of gold, studded with all manner of gems. Pilgrim noticed that she was walking on precious stones. The Temple was filled with angels, playing upon "immortal harps of golden wires," and upon every instrument which is to be found in divine Mind.

"These," said the Angel Guide, "know only celestial music, the harmony of infinite Life and Love."

The Angel and Pilgrim spent a long time in the Temple of Jewels, talking of the beauty of the Holy City, the dwelling-place of God and His Christ. As they left the Master's Temple, the Angel took Pilgrim's hand, saying, "'Ye are come unto Mount Sion, and unto the City of the Living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn,

Hebrews xii., 22, 23.

which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect."

Prolonged silence followed. The Angel said, "Now your vision is wholly spiritual."

In the midst of the Holy City, Pilgrim beheld the throne of God. The Angel continued, "Now you see Him 'face to face,' or His reflection in every idea in the universe. Through spiritual sense, you now behold the true brotherhood of man in God's 'image' and 'likeness.' Universal love alone reveals this. You have fulfilled the law of Love and are conscious of your oneness with eternal Life."

In their places around the throne, were Elias and all the prophets, and an innumerable host filled the City of God, praising God, and saying, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

The throne was a combination of all the beauties Pilgrim had seen. There were steps of gold that led to the seat of God. As the Angel Shepherd led Pilgrim to the steps, a great "Hallelujah!" was shouted by the heavenly hosts.

The same Voice that Pilgrim had heard all the "way" said, "It is finished!" And Pilgrim found that she had awakened from the Adam dream, the hallucination of a belief of life



apart from God, Spirit, the eternal Father-Mother Love, and that now, through her spiritual senses, she would forever occupy and enjoy the harmonious universe, governed by a loving Father-Mother God,—only now seen through a spiritual concept,—while spiritual sense would continue to unfold and reveal the wonders of infinite Mind.

