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### SUPPLICATION.

As from the bud the rose unfolds,  
And leaf by leaf the sun beholds,  
Unfold Thyself, O God, in me,  
That I Thy majesty may see.  
Reveal in me to all mankind,  
Infinite wisdom, truth and mind,  
So may each thought of mine confess  
The beauty of Thy holiness.  
As into life and light I creep  
Awakening from this dreamlike sleep,  
O shadow forth thy love in me,  
Immeasurable, eternal, free.  
Reflect in me Thy likeness true,  
Distinct and clear to mortal view;  
Then will I with unending power  
Emit Thy glory every hour.

*Hannah More Kohaus.*

### PROGRESS.

We confess ourselves surprised at the ample-ness of the testimony from our friends, as evinced by their subscriptions, and their advertising, that they believe the bow "drawn at a venture," will send its arrow certainly and effectively to its aim. In answer to enquiries we say, the subscription price will be fixed in the January number, meanwhile, all who will help the starting wheel, shall be credited for amount sent, from that time on, making fifteen numbers for the first year. We are also assured of all the material, from our best writers on the Science of the Real, that our pages will hold. There is

### WHY NOT?

If blood can be given by one human being to another, likewise skin and other portions of the body, and they can be assimilated by the recipient; used as his own, why not make an addition to his brain in the same way?

If the brain is the seat of the mind and mind is the product of the brain, and the owner of a large one could be found unselfish enough to bestow of his abundance upon a lacking fellow man, why could not the gift be likewise assimilated? And in that case the expression "made a man to order" would be neither extravagant or absurd.

A syndicate could be joined to operate such a made man to the joint advantage of the members thereof.

A dozen or two of large brains could each spare a bit, and the aggregate assimilated with the natural brain, would make a giant mind which could outplot all combinations and undermine all monopolies. Why not? It is but an extension of a theory; and if the theory be correct, be law, the continuity of law makes it possible.

All the wonderful operations so far performed by surgical skill upon the body, but reveal truth to those who can see. They show that body is under the dominion of mind, and reconstruction of the body consciously, is a possibility of, no very far in the future date; it is what has been going on uncsciously for ages.

URSULA N. GESTEFELD.

### LETTERS ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

No. 1.

DEAR FRIEND:—Your letter, from beginning to end, is an interrogation point. How shall I begin my answer? With what words; can I make clear to your mind, the knowledge of the

You ask me "What is Christian Science?" "Can everybody learn it?" "Can everybody use it?" "How is it practiced?" "Does it depend upon one's self, or some other power?" "Can we use it for any other purpose, save healing the sick?" "If it is all true, why has not the world always known about it?"

In answering this enflaming fire of questions, perhaps suggestions would be more effectual than assertion. The investigation of this subject needs an honest, inquiring mind, more than a profoundly learned teacher. If you are really willing to know the Truth that can make you free, there remains no reason why you should not, save your own ability to understand the doctrine. Knowing you have always been candid in determining claims set forth for postulates, at the time, not clearly proven, consenting rather to wait for the solution, I am willing to meet your questions with equal frankness.

Taking the queries in the order asked, let us see what its leading exponents define Christian Science to be. Page after page has been written upon the subject. It is not expected we can find any ground uncamped upon, at this late day. Still a concise repetition of a known truth, in our own words, is often of benefit to both speaker and hearer. When you and I were in school together, we used to begin our written rhetorical exercises with a definition from the Unabridged. Let us do so now: Christian, pertaining to Christ. Science, knowledge. Christ, signifying Truth, would make Christian, Truthful. Christian Science then must be Truthful Knowledge, or Knowledge of the Truth, not of a Truth, but of the whole Truth. Truth is the Knowledge of the Real, as distinguished from the Unreal. They who learn of Christian Science learn how to distinguish the brightness of the Only Light, from the image and glitter of the reflection.

Christian Science is not the evolution of any new or strange doctrine. It is only one of the items of a forgotten knowledge, that has in the past filled all the Far East, and the *habitat* of the Aryan race, with ponderous ruins of magnificent structures. A wisdom, that has left in Egypt and India, traces and proof of lost arts, which we with all our boasted civilization, in vain, seek to reveal.

The great books of remembrance of the astral library, constantly in the presence of the Good must be largely filled with knowledge once committed to man's keeping but allowed to slip from a feeble grasp, and a hesitating soul.

Christian Science declares, all things were pronounced good by the Creator. Man's belief

of Evil as opposed to an Omnipotent Good, was the so-called original sin of Adam. His persistence in the belief of good and evil, when there was only good, constituted his disobedience and sin. Christian Science is the understanding of this. I leave the rest until next month.

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Mrs. ANNA M. HATCH,  
Corresponding Sec'y.

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The "Path" for November surpasses itself, it is always brimming with the choicest knowledge from the far East.

The new competitor for public favor "Lucifer," the Light-bearer, is fully up to what might be expected from two such gifted editors, as Madame Blavatsky, and Mabel Collins.

The "Theosophist," like a long range gun, reaches us, from Adyar, India, and every shot it makes, tells for the cause of the occult truth it so earnestly and persistently advocates.

Dr. Charles, Quarterly, "The Christian Metaphysician" is at hand. It is an able defender and advocate of Christian Metaphysics, building on the only true foundation, Truth.

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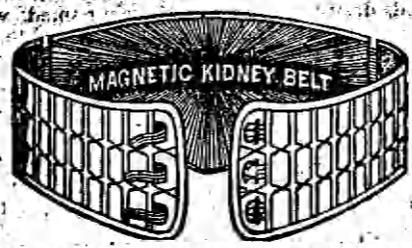
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