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1 In 1870 I copyrighted the first publication on spirit-  
2 ual, scientific Mind-healing, entitled "The Science of  
3 Man." This little book is converted into the chapter on  
4 Recapitulation in Science and Health. It was so new —  
5 the basis it laid down for physical and moral health was  
6 so hopelessly original, and men were so unfamiliar with  
7 the subject — that I did not venture upon its publication  
8 until later, having learned that the merits of Christian  
9 Science must be proven before a work on this subject  
10 could be profitably published.

11 The truths of Christian Science are not interpolations  
12 of the Scriptures, but the spiritual interpretations thereof.  
13 Science is the prism of Truth, which divides its rays and  
14 brings out the hues of Deity. Human hypotheses have  
15 darkened the glow and grandeur of evangelical religion.  
16 When speaking of his true followers in every period, Jesus  
17 said, "*They* shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall  
18 recover." There is no authority for querying the authen-  
19 ticity of this declaration, for it already was and is demon-  
20 strated as practical, and its claim is substantiated, — a  
21 claim too immanent to fall to the ground beneath the stroke  
22 of artless workmen.

23 Though a man were girt with the Urim and Thummim  
24 of priestly office, and denied the perpetuity of Jesus' com-

1 mand, "Heal the sick," or its application in all time to  
those who understand Christ as the Truth and the Life,  
3 that man would not expound the gospel according to  
Jesus.

6 Five years after taking out my first copyright, I taught  
the Science of Mind-healing, *alias* Christian Science, by  
writing out my manuscripts for students and distribut-  
ing them unsparingly. This will account for certain pub-  
9 lished and unpublished manuscripts extant, which the  
evil-minded would insinuate did not originate with me.