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1 Through four successive years I healed, preached,
and taught in a general way, refusing to take any
3 pay for my services and living on a small annuity.

At one time I was called to speak before the Lyceum
Club, at Westerly, Rhode Island. On my arrival my
6 hostess told me that her next-door neighbor was dying.
I asked permission to see her. It was granted, and with
my hostess I went to the invalid's house.

9 The physicians had given up the case and retired. I
had stood by her side about fifteen minutes when the sick
woman rose from her bed, dressed herself, and was well.
12 Afterwards they showed me the clothes already prepared
for her burial; and told me that her physicians had said
the diseased condition was caused by an injury received
15 from a surgical operation at the birth of her last babe, and
that it was impossible for her to be delivered of another
child. It is sufficient to add her babe was safely born,
18 and weighed twelve pounds. The mother afterwards
wrote to me, "I never before suffered so little in child-
birth."

21 This scientific demonstration so stirred the doctors and
clergy that they had my notices for a second lecture pulled
down, and refused me a hearing in their halls and churches.

24 This circumstance is cited simply to show the opposition

1 which Christian Science encountered a quarter-century
ago, as contrasted with its present welcome into the sick-
3 room.

Many were the desperate cases I instantly healed,
"without money and without price," and in most instances
6 without even an acknowledgment of the benefit.