

## Preface

**T**HIS volume contains scintillations from press and 1  
pulpit — utterances which epitomize the story of the  
birth of Christian Science, in 1866, and its progress 3  
during the ensuing thirty years. Three quarters of a  
century hence, when the children of to-day are the elders  
of the twentieth century, it will be interesting to have 6  
not only a record of the inclination given their own  
thoughts in the latter half of the nineteenth century,  
but also a registry of the rise of the mercury in the glass 9  
of the world's opinion.

It will then be instructive to turn backward the tele-  
scope of that advanced age, with its lenses of more 12  
spiritual mentality, indicating the gain of intellectual  
momentum, on the early footsteps of Christian Science  
as planted in the pathway of this generation; to note 15  
the impetus thereby given to Christianity; to con the  
facts surrounding the cradle of this grand verity — that  
the sick are healed and sinners saved, not by matter, but 18  
by Mind; and to scan further the features of the vast  
problem of eternal life, as expressed in the absolute  
power of Truth and the actual bliss of man's existence 21  
in Science.

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