

MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS 1883-1896

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Chapter XII

Testimonials

LETTERS FROM THOSE HEALED BY READING "SCIENCE
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The Editor of *The Christian Science Journal* (Falmouth and St.
Paul Streets, Boston, Mass.) holds the original of most of the letters
that authenticate these.

A student of Christian Science was employed in the
Massachusetts State Prison at Charlestown, to teach the
prisoners to make shoes. He carried his copy of "Science
and Health with Key to the Scriptures" and the *Journal*
with him, and as he had the opportunity would tell the
men what this wonderful truth could do for them, set-
ting them free in a larger and higher sense than they had
dreamed of.

We make extracts from a number of letters that one
of the prisoners has written to those who are interesting
themselves in this work.

*"Editor of The Christian Science Journal: — At the
prison, once a week, there are Christian papers given*

to the inmates. But none of those papers point out so clearly the fallibility of the mortal or carnal mind, and the infallibility of the divine Mind, as does the teaching of Christian Science.

"I was strangely blind and stupid. I loved sin, and it seemed as though I never would be able to forsake it. I did everything that would be expected of one entirely ignorant of God.

"I also had a complication of diseases. I could not begin to describe the medicines I have taken.

"I no longer look for material treatment, but humbly seek for the divine assistance of Jesus, through the way Christian Science has taught me. I am, indeed, an altered man. I now have no more doubt of the way of salvation than I have of the way to the prison workshop.

"I am very grateful to the students of Christian Science, for the interest they have taken in me and my fellow-prisoners. Their letters and books have been of great profit, and in accordance with their wish I have done what I could for the others.

"I gave the *Journal* to every man who would accept it, and related my experience to those who would listen. I told them they need go no farther than myself to see what the demonstration was; for not only have my eyes been healed, but many other ailments have disappeared.

"Some of the fellows told me I was becoming religiously insane, but acting upon your advice, I did not stop to argue with those opposed; and I am glad to be able to tell you that those who expressed interest were more than those who opposed.

"The chaplain told me I could keep Science and Health until I got through with it. I never should get through with that book, but, as others were waiting for it, I did not like to keep it too long. God bless the author!

"I need have no fear after leaving here; I feel that I can make an honest living. I can honestly add, that my bad reputation is largely due to my lack of education. What little I do know, I learned here and in the House of Correction. I tell you this, for I feel that I must be honest with the kind friends who have done so much for me.

"Providing I should not be paroled, I shall remain here until the 24th of next December. God bless you all. — J. C."