

**Is The Sickle
Reaping?**

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**And Judge For
Yourself**

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INTRODUCTION

This pamphlet is handed you with the most loving desire possible – the desire to give you Life, God, Good, and give it to you more abundantly than you have ever possessed before.

Whether you will reject this love offering and continue to “ask and receive not” or accept and gain your heart’s desire, depends entirely on your own Reason and judgment.

The great Paul said, “If Christ be not risen then is my preaching vain.” The early Christian Fathers called right “Reason” the Christ.

Thus we see that the words of Paul meant – if the ability to reason rightly (about God and man) has not yet arisen in your mentality, then what I desire to teach you will not be understood, and thus my preaching will be vain.

If you are so mesmerized by religious zeal or erring human belief, that you cannot recognize Truth when it is presented to you, then you are in the mental state of which Jesus made mention, Matthew 13:15. “For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.”

Not from choice are any thus, but few indeed have made sufficient mental effort to awaken to the actual Facts of Life, through right thought (Reason), and thus break the mesmeric spell of human belief in sickness, sin and death as a necessity, and a personal God as an actuality.

The caterpillar encases itself in a cocoon, woven by itself and thereafter is limited to the confines of the condition it has created.

The so-called human mentality, through false thinking, just as surely weaves a mental cocoon of false belief about itself, thus limiting itself to the narrow confines of its erring beliefs. The caterpillar, to become re-born,

as a butterfly and enjoy a larger and fuller sense of life, must awaken and break through and cast off the cocoon it builded about itself.

The so-called human mentality, to become re-born or free from the limitations imposed upon itself through false thinking must also break through and cast off the mental cocoon of false belief which it has builded and with which it has limited itself; and as Reason is the Christ or Savior, the work must be done through right thought (Reason).

Jesus said, "Unless a man be born again he can in no wise enter the kingdom of heaven." This being born again means to awaken from the erring belief that you are a material being to the understanding that really you are a spiritual being; without this understanding you can never gain perpetual harmony (heaven). Many will agree that they are spiritual beings, but they in reality know not what they agree to. If a material being is matter, then by the same reasoning, a spiritual being would be Spirit or God.

Awake thou that sleepeth and see the glory of God—awaken from your erring belief that you are a mere mortal, to the understanding that you are a particle of the great and only Cause, God, for the Master said, "I and the Father are one"—"the I of me is God"—*Science and Health*, Second Edition.

A LETTER FROM BOSTON

Dear Mr. Walter:

Oh! I bless you with my whole being for “The Sickle”! I feel as if I was spiritually, intelligently and mercifully being born out of death into life itself, from darkness into light itself. It makes me so humble!

My one absorbing interest is this new-old light. In 1887 there was some of the real light in our denomination, but it was lost in blind belief. The one point that rebuked me to the quick was to know that I always was unlimited mind but through wrong teaching I believed that I was a mere servant. My former teacher invited me to go through your class with you, as he is also going through it, and he says I am spiritually equipped and ready. He dug me out of my grave of blind belief by showing me your light and understanding, so I have everything to unfold.

Your teaching is a life boat to those who have been drifting on the sea of blind belief in Christian Science. After reading the chapter on “Metaphysics” in “The Sickle” I thought of my former position in Science as a sea-bound sailor; water water (truth, truth) everywhere and none to drink (because of the salt, — veil). I drank your living water (simple teaching) and it was so refreshing to me and I am healed.

Most gratefully yours,

FROM INDIANA

Dear Friend:

Enclosed find my check for fifty dollars for two copies of “The Sickle” for two of my students whose addresses I will furnish, and who are ready for the advanced thought and method of working as given in this book. I have let each of them read my copy so they know just what they are buying.

I have deferred writing my thought about “The Sickle” until I had made quite a study of its contents. So far, this

study might be called mere surface digging, but it has given me the incentive to go on exploring the mine until more treasures are revealed. I want you to know that I truly appreciate the study and time you have given this subject.

Every word the book contains is practical common sense Christian Science teaching and any one ready and willing to work can prove it for themselves. I call it a blessing to all workers in the field. The many failures in the past to heal with the old method was discouraging, especially when we had done the best we knew.

After twenty years of healing and teaching, I have often asked myself, "What do I lack, I need something more." This need is supplied by your book.

Sincerely yours,

FROM MICHIGAN

Dear Friend:

I received "The Sickle" and I must confess I am not able to find words to express my appreciation for the wonderful message that you are giving to the people in that little book.

I have refrained from writing you until I could truthfully say I had read it carefully and tried to read your meaning out of it and until I could report some benefit.

I feel that I can say I am getting to where I am more able to think. I can see in your message where I have been thinking wrong and I know that must be corrected. Page 214 of "The Sickle" seems to state my case, "self-mesmerized." I had been unable even to work in the old way, which perhaps was just as well for I should only have made more sickness for my patients.

I have read "The Sickle" through three times and a long way on the fourth reading and it is more wonderful each reading. Although I seemed to understand what I had to do, not until the third reading did I seem to be able to use the tools you had given me, but now success is constant.

Upon the first reading of the book, I closed the afternoon reading on the chapter of the "Unholy Trinity" and was trying to digest what I had just read, and had the book contained only just the chapter I had read, I should have been perfectly satisfied, for I felt so grateful for what I had been given, I remarked aloud to myself, "I am more than repaid for the price I have paid for the book," and when taking up the book again on the chapter of "Application," I did not feel that I was one of those who merited the little rebuke you give us in asking, "Show us the application," for I was just so grateful for what you had shown me I did not feel to ask for more.

The chapter on "Metaphysics" was a great revelation to me. I see now why I could never get it straight about God and man, for the veil was so thick that even the honest seeker lost his way.

Also the chapter on "Metaphysical Diagnosis" has been a wonderful help to me in my practice, although at times in the past, I could not help noticing certain characteristics in patients who would be similarly afflicted and thought there must be some law governing Science the same as mathematics, although the Science law had not been found.

Will you pardon this lengthy letter? I feel I would like to even say more but must not. With a heart full of thanks to you for your help, I am,

Sincerely,

FROM BOSTON

My Dear Mr. Walter:

Some time ago a friend put into my hands your book, "The Unfoldment." I read it at one sitting. No hungry canine caught more eagerly at a bone; only it was not a bone, but the unadulterated MEAT of reason and common sense.

I had read some of your lesser reasonings and recognized your understanding of Science. I had been drifting toward

the "polar magnet" (drifting is a good word), and was altogether quickened when I felt the first influence of the truth, but I was blind. I felt like exclaiming when I had done reading "The Unfoldment," "Now Lord, let thy servant run in activity; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

I once received a letter from my teacher, Mrs. Eddy, in which she said, "I take your hand in mine as a token of mother and son." I now feel like one "born out of due season," or not born at all at that time.

About a year ago I read, and have many times since read an article by Mrs. Eddy entitled, "Principle and Practice." From the moment I first read that, I knew that we Christian Scientists were all dead asleep; but I did not know how to wake up! Anyone with a grain of intelligence, who is not snowed under by the ecclesiasticism of the ages, can see that the Christian Science movement is wallowing in the mire of "religious superstition and false teaching," to quote the last few words of "The Unfoldment."

Now Mr. Walter, Solomon did not know "how to go out, or how to come in." I go the venerable wise man one better. I do not know how to sit still! I want to know your system of teaching. I have been a Christian Science teacher for years and have been unwittingly misteaching all the time. Will you give me some instruction as to how to apply your system, when I have assimilated enough to teach "the new-old" truth acceptably, "The Sickle" will reap the earth of ignorance and church superstition.

Most sincerely yours,

FROM NEW YORK

Dear Friend:

I wish to thank you for "The Sickle." I find it very helpful in my desire to get to the place of understanding where I know that I know.

During my early years in Science I had class instruction from Mrs. Eddy. Of course I have done some good work,

but realize since reading "The Sickle" that it was more blind faith than understanding.

Your work in Christian Science is wonderful. I am much older in C.S. than you are, and comparing the growth, I am almost ashamed.

My first copy of "Science and Health" is the eighth edition, which I foolishly laid aside at the suggestion of blind believers. The eighth edition is now again very dear to me. I just wanted to talk with you tonight through this letter, for in reading "The Sickle" I seem again to hear Mrs. Eddy's plain simple explanations of Truth.

Very truly yours,

FROM BOSTON

My Dear Mr. Walter:

Your kind letter came duly. I trust I shall be able to enter the first class you teach and hope it will be in the late summer.

In a former letter I promised to write you when I had read "The Sickle," but what shall I say—**what can** I say? I fear I have lost my voice, and for the same reason that Zacharias became dumb after the vision in the Temple. When reading the last chapter, to a friend, I actually did lose my voice for a moment—**not through any kind of belief**, but out of sheer joy that I had sensed the situation when reading "The Unfoldment," and there I was reading a **confirmation** of the fact, i.e., a man had arrived who knows, and knows why he knows.

I confess to some impatience, for I just could not read slowly the first time. I am reading every spare moment. Perhaps I best can tell what I think of the book by saying this: I was called to a Scientist who was quite convinced that she was going to die. She is a C.S.B. but like many other teachers, did not know the actual of Science. She had sent for relatives to administer her affairs, was arranging everything to pass out and I think her plan might have won out in a few days; but I was full of the new light after

my “Sickle” reading and for more than an hour “talked like a god.” That was last Friday. She will come to my office tomorrow—was prevented today by the snow.

Now, Mr. Walter, I have taken a—to me—important step, severance of the church ties, and I have enclosed a letter that tells the tale. My peculiar situation forced a decision and action. I shall not again take so much of your time.

Very truly,

FROM MISSOURI

Dear Sir:

I bought your book “The Sickle” and I am just living on it. It seemed to meet everything I have needed since receiving it. Nothing had made me so alive to the “Science of Life” as your books. I have been under Christian Science treatment for nearly ten years and while I have had help it has not been permanent, but since reading your “Sickle” I have been able to do my own work and am about well and all my friends wonder what I am doing.

I would like you to write me what you charge for class instructions. I am certainly anxious to get all of this wonderful Principle that I can take.

Respectfully,

FROM NEW YORK

Dear Mr. Walter:

Receiving your notice of “The Unfoldment” makes me sit right down to do what I have done mentally many times, try to thank you for what you have done in giving earnest students the meat of the Word in your “Plain Talks” and “The Sickle.”

Several months ago I wrote for the “Plain Talk Series,” one of which I had seen when in British Columbia last summer, and the friend that gave it to me told of “The Sickle” which she had received and said it had opened up a new heaven and earth for her.

“The Sickle” is my constant companion and for the first time in all my years in Science I am gaining a workable understanding of Christian Science. In the past I had helped people from time to time, through blind faith, with varying success.

I don’t wonder I was not sure. I never could understand “Science and Health” and the more I read, the more confused I became. I now wonder how I ever dared try to help any one, when I knew so little.

Since studying your book, much work is coming to me and I am now taking cases I would not have dared to take before my study of “The Sickle.”

Gratefully yours,

FROM TEXAS

Dear Friend:

I received your book and O! how I do thank you for it, it has helped me so much. I went through class last year, Mr. Walter, with one of the so-called loyal teachers, but it was such a disappointment to me. I felt empty when I came out. About the fourth day of the class some of the members of the class asked me if I had not had class instructions before. I told them no, but there was a doubt in their minds, and lots and lots of people have asked me how in the world I got so much understanding in such a short time when they had studied years. At first I mentioned your books, stating that I gained much through reading “The Pastor’s Son” and “The Doctor’s Daughter” and “Five Years in Christian Science.” I only told a few for O! my, **what a change** in their actions toward me!

Did that stop me? No. I have sat up night after night studying and searching and so when I saw the announcement of “The Unknown God,” I ordered it because of its title and its author, and when it came, I **knew** from the first explanatory passage that I was reading something else to help me on my way. Then “The Sickle” came. O! I am so glad for this book for I know ‘tis such

works that is going to keep Christian Science alive; Mrs. Eddy spoke of the probability of its being lost.

Until I had read your "Plain Talk Series" I had never been satisfied with Science. I have always felt that C.S. was the Truth but there were so many mystifying statements I was always confused. Now actual understanding has come.

Gratefully yours,

FROM OHIO

Dear Friend in Truth:

I have read my precious volume "The Sickle" through once. I could not read it fast, for all along the way I had to read over and over again, think and reason, until I gained the understanding I needed to enable me to feel convinced of the Truth contained therein. I am grateful to say I am satisfied that I have gained much in understanding already, for I am using the Truth each day, and having better success with my cases.

I shall continue to read and study the little book, for I know I shall receive great good by so doing. How I wish I had known of it six years ago; I should have progressed more rapidly. I am indeed grateful to have it now, for it came in answer to my honest, humble, silent desire to gain a deeper understanding of the Truth, so that I could help others. I shall do better work now, I am sure.

I have had class instruction years ago, and while it was a help, I was at the place where I was not satisfied with results. I would like so much to have instructions from you. What would be the charges? It would help me so much in the right application of the Truth.

Very truly yours,

FROM ARIZONA

Dear Mr. Walter:

I have received "The Sickle" and have read it carefully. I am sure you would like to know what I think of the book.

I seem to have accepted it without question just as we breathe in the air. My only regret is that there isn't more of it for I know you have much more to say. Every day new questions arise, you see I have not penetrated all of Life's seeming mystery, but "The Sickle" is clearing up things a little each day.

Again let me express my great appreciation of your vision, courage and useful labor for mankind. "The Lord is marching on."

Most gratefully,

FROM MARYLAND

Dear Friend in Truth:

About five months ago my copy of "The Sickle" came just when I needed it the most and since May I have given every possible moment to the reading and studying of Christian Science as given by you in the "Plain Talk Series" and this "Sickle."

It is impossible to find words to express my gratitude for these wonderful books which show me so much that has been very mysterious, and how to gain the real meat of the Word.

I have been a member of the Mother church for years, but shall now work out of organization.

Thank you again and again for the feast I have been able to digest from your wonderful book "The Sickle."

Sincerely,

Dear Friend:

Sick and discouraged with what I could find in church Science after twenty-eight years of effort and healing work, I prayed for light. A friend handed me your book "The Unfoldment."

In desperation I read it and decided to go at least one step farther from the so-called loyal pathway and send for the seven "Plain Talk" booklets. I read them once, then I read them again and awoke from my church mesmerism

and mentally shook hands with the liberating thoughts in "The Unfoldment" and "Plain Talks."

I sent for "The Sickle" and read it and as I read, my thought unfolded and I knew that the unfoldment from blind belief to understanding, that I had waited years for, has come; so simply, so naturally, so quietly has this been wrought that surely a master mind had graded the thoughts in the various books.

The synagogues cast out Jesus and his teachings, scholastic theology had no use for Mrs. Eddy and her discovery, and now, the Christian Science organization is too dead asleep to perceive Mrs. Eddy's successor, with his "Sickle" of pure metaphysical logic. No, not a leader, for I have heard that you publicly stated you would not make that mistake; but the most logical teacher on earth today. My heart is overflowing and I am reborn.

Gratefully yours,

FROM NEW YORK

Dear Mr. Walter:

It would be impossible for me to tell you just how much "The Sickle" has done for me during the past nine months I have been studying it. Now I feel I am ready for one of your classes. If it were necessary I would come west, but a very dear friend tells me you expect to be in the east soon to teach a class, so if I may, I should like to arrange for instructions at that time.

Most sincerely,

FROM OHIO

Dear Mr. Walter:

"The Sickle" is doing wonders for me and there is also improvement in the store. I have re-established my business through right thinking and supply is expressed more than it has ever been. I know that when Truth uncovers and casts out more error in my consciousness,

I can then better help others to see the light, which I am anxious to do.

Yours in Truth.

FROM BOSTON

Dear Mr. Walter:

Since I have been studying "The Sickle" experiences are coming so fast that I wonder just what to do next.

A man who had been having a practitioner who could not meet his case and the doctors said was in the last stages of tuberculosis of the lungs, having hemorrhages, etc., I healed him in three weeks time and he gained twenty-three pounds in that time. I simply followed your instructions in "The Sickle" closely.

Another, who was helped in C.S. in some ways but was not healed of spinal and bladder trouble of long standing, by other practitioners, came to me. I have done the work for her with rapid results, merely following the practical teaching of "The Sickle."

Now cases are coming to me so fast and I haven't the heart to turn them away, but I feel the need to understand just how to diagnose each case in order to do still better work.

The crying need is for understanders and that is what I want to be. Please tell me the earliest moment that I can have teaching from you.

Sincerely yours,

FROM COLORADO

Dear Friend:

I have read and reread "The Sickle" and find it to be everything you claimed for it. It is the most wonderful and enlightening book I ever read and I would not part with it for many times what it cost. I want to recommend Mr. _____ as a purchaser for the book. Knowing him to be an honest seeker for Truth and knowing that he has

accepted the "Plain Talk Series" I loaned him "The Sickie" for a day and now he wants one for his own. I have just completed the reading of "The Christ Way" the second time and think it a jewel.

With many thanks for what you have done for me and helped me to do for myself through your writings, I am,
Very truly yours,

FROM MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Mr. Walter:

Your letter received and I want to thank you for the help contained therein. It was a treatment itself.

Now that I am beginning to realize even a little bit what "The Sickie" really does contain, I am at a loss for words to express my gratitude to you. It has awakened within me the most intense longing to obtain an understanding of the fundamental Principle of Truth so that no material appearances can daunt me.

I am enclosing self-addressed stamped envelope for particulars and prices of class.

Sincerely yours,

THE HOLY TRINITY

Dear Mr. Walter:

Many, many times since meeting you those few moments at --- on the Sunday you gave the "little talk" I have meant to write and tell you of the help your words have been to me and also to tell you of the wonderful enlightenment I have found in "The Sickie." It has been a daily companion; in the evening when studying at home after my work in the everyday business world is over, and then bringing some beautiful thoughts with me the next morning to help me throughout the day.

The chapters on "Thought" and "The Holy Trinity" have been especially helpful. I am overcoming my physical beliefs and gaining a poise that is making life all over for me.

I am studying every moment in order to become fitted for the class instruction you will give when next you come to our city.

Yours in Right Thought,

METAPHYSICAL DIAGNOSIS

Dear Mr. Walter:

We received "The Sickle" some time ago and have read it over several times but realize that it needs still more study to apply it to our problems and get quick results.

The chapter on "Metaphysical Diagnosis" is indeed a revelation and with the understanding of the power of true or right thinking as explained by you, we should be able to accomplish good results. We are indeed very grateful for this book, and the work already accomplished.

Very sincerely,

FOLLOWED POOR ADVICE

Dear Friend:

I have "The Sickle" and have read it through carefully twice, now I am ready to study it. I shall continue to put into practice your method of working as far as I understand it for I know, from results already obtained, you have found the key to all metaphysical healing and work.

I have had the first and third editions of "Science and Health" and while I have grasped a slight sense of the import of Mrs. Eddy's first statements I failed to investigate because I was told the present editions were the ones to be studied.

I have been through two classes with Mr. _____ but he did not give us what you have in "The Sickle."

Mrs. _____ will be the first I shall send to you for "The Sickle." She is an up-to-date worker, seeking like myself, for more light, better methods and better results.

Very truly,

FROM TEXAS

My Dear Mr. Walter:

It is now Cape Jassimine time in this portion of Texas so I have arranged to have a few forwarded to you from the village which I hope you will enjoy as much as I am enjoying my "Sickle."

I have finished reading the book only once, yet from the results obtained will say that after twelve years of suffering since the age of eighteen years, I feel that I am now on the road to being healed and reborn.

Sincerely,

DEEPLY IMPRESSED

Dear Mr. Walter:

I received my copy of "The Sickle" about ten days ago and have carefully read it through several times. I am deeply impressed with its lines of new light and reasoning and can readily understand that it requires constant and sincere study and abiding individual effort to bring its lessons into the fruitage of right thought and practical daily living.

Please place my name upon your mailing list that I may receive notice of any other books you may publish, as it is my desire to keep in touch with you from now on.

Yours very truly,

FROM COLORADO

Dear Mr. Walter:

Undoubtedly you think it rather strange that I have never sent you word of thanks and appreciation after receiving your wonderful little volume "The Sickle." It is certainly due you, but receiving it just prior to your trip to California, I thought it best not to burden you with unnecessary correspondence.

I find words quite inadequate to express what the book means to me, and what it is doing for me. It is surely lifting

me out of the ill state I have seemed to be in since passing through some very trying and sad experiences. I now see the sunlight of Truth once more upon my pathway and am learning the lessons of Life in its true and more beautiful sense.

I now see that the experiences of the past can only have the effect of lifting me beyond and away from the illusions of the past. I too have had similar experiences to your own in my church work. In the twenty years of effort in which I served in the capacity of First Reader, Director on the Board, Sunday School Superintendent, and many other minor places only to find that the highest and best that one has to give in church work has been as pearls cast in vain and in return most of the recipients have only turned and sought to rend me, but even that experience has never embittered me but only shocked me until I awake. Now since gaining a measure of understanding from the Sickle, I am grateful for these experiences.

So far as I have gone with your interpretations I have found nothing that deviates from Mrs. Eddy's teaching but only makes them more clearly understood. As far as I have understood your explanations I have tried faithfully to apply them and have not found them wanting, but feel I have only grasped a small part of what the wonderful little volume contains.

Your explanation of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost as the three distinct states of the mentality; first, Consciousness as the Primal Element; second, the Primal Element in activity and thirdly, the Conclusion, Understanding or Conviction. This has certainly opened up for me a most wonderful line upon which to base my healing efforts. It gives me a much clearer conception of what I am trying to do, and how the work is accomplished. I have been a practitioner many years.

Your advice to refrain from putting The Sickle into the hands of the casual enquirer or ordinary reader of Science, I have observed and feel that you are right, that the seeker study the "Plain Talk Series" first. My husband and I read

it much together, but I now feel the need of delving more deeply into the study of the book and I must have a copy for my own daily use, therefore I am enclosing herewith twenty-five dollars for another copy if you will be so good as to send it to me at your earliest convenience. I feel assured that your book contains the very essence of Truth and I am willing to strive and work to obtain its blessing.

Gratefully yours,

FROM NEW JERSEY

Dear Brother:

Your "Sickle" is the greatest Christian Science work that I have ever studied during my ten years in Science. There is nothing on record to my knowledge that can be compared with it.

I feel safe in saying from my own wide search that the only plain, true, demonstrable book on Christian Science is the "Sickle," with which you have cut deep and wide and the book is so simply written that even the beginner can understand and apply it and get fine results.

Mr. _____ is also the owner of one of your books, he sends his best wishes to you and claims "The Sickle" put him on his feet when all other methods failed. He has tried travelling, baths, all kinds of medicine, several Christian Church Methods such as prayers, etc., including long sessions of the old kind of Christian Science treatment. Was a member of the Christian Science church (from which he has now withdrawn) and when all else failed, "The Sickle" gave him the right understanding and he is this day a healthy man.

Very truly yours,

IN STEADY USE

Dear Mr. Walter:

"The Sickle" arrived about ten days ago and has been in steady use ever since.

My wife and daughter sixteen and myself have all read it and are now all studying it carefully, so the book is rarely idle. My wife expects shortly to buy her own copy of "The Sickle."

I wish to take up further teaching with you and am therefore sending self-addressed stamped envelope to obtain particulars and prices. Do you intend giving class instruction on the west coast this winter?

Very sincerely,

TRUE WAY NOT LOST

My Dear Mr. Walter:

I have long before wanted to write to you a word of thanks. I am deeply moved in realizing that the true way is not lost.

"The Sickle" brings the true light to my inquiring mind, I would not part with it for one hundred dollars, even though I am in need of many things.

"The Sickle" is a master piece.

Very truly yours,

A PRACTITIONER HEALED

My Dear Sir:

Easter Sunday a friend gave me your set of "Plain Talk Series." It proved to be a resurrection day for me, the wonderful light I gained is far more than I could ever tell. I at once made application for your book, "The Sickle." I have just finished it. It is indeed the wonder of the age and will reap the earth.

I feel so filled with thanksgiving, that I must write you, for that book has healed me. Before I had read fifty pages, I became so enthused that I had to lay the book down and think, it was all so new, so beautiful and wonderful.

The book healed me of consumption, a claim I had been fighting for twelve years and had treatment from many practitioners with little relief. All symptoms have left and I understand why they will never return.

I am using your works now with all my patients. It was one of my patients that sent for "The Sickle" last Sunday from _____; in fact, I wrote the letter for him.

I wish to apply for instruction in one of your classes. I took up the study of Christian Science in 1902, was healed of many minor things and took class instruction in 1907 and it was after that time that I met with my disappointment that brought on this claim which has lasted until now.

I could write all day but would say little else than that I am so grateful. Now please send me three sets of "Plain Talks" also a copy of "The Unfoldment." I recently bought "The Unknown God," a practitioner had it and her teacher forbid her reading it, so she sold it to me instead of burning it as she had been directed.

I am most gratefully yours,

ANTAGONISTIC SCIENTISTS

Dear Mr. Walter:

It may interest you to know some Scientists who thought they were antagonistic to you have enjoyed "The Sickle." It surprised me, but really no thinker can dodge your logic. My husband who has thought of leaving his old church has become interested in "The Sickle" and would like a copy to study in _____ where he is to be, for some time. I enclose a check for twenty-five dollars for a copy of the book which I trust you may be able to mail to him soon.

Very truly,

THE DAUGHTER HEALED

Dear Sir:

June 11th I sent for a copy of your book "The Sickle" for my daughter, aged eighteen. We have been students of Christian Science for twelve years but my daughter failed to respond to treatment given by the regular practitioners, in her last illness. We stopped treatment and sent for the

book and the application of the understanding of Life as given in the book was grasped by her and she was healed.

Her healing has been so marked and her spiritual growth so remarkable, that I feel I want to **own** "The Sickle" myself, so I enclose my check for twenty-five dollars for one for myself.

We are most grateful and happy with results of the teaching of your wonderful book.

Sincerely yours,

MOST HELPFUL

Dear Friend:

I wish to express my gratitude for your book "The Sickle." I have read and re-read it and surely do find it most helpful.

I have presented some of your writings to some of my friends whom I felt were ready for your book "The Unfoldment" and each one has accepted the literature with much gratitude and will be "Sickle" owners soon, I am sure.

Enclosed please find my check for a copy of "The Sickle" to be sent to Mr._____. I recommend this student as ready for it.

I should like to know when you will be teaching another class.

With sincere regards and best wishes I am,

Very truly,

NEW IDEA OF MYSELF

My Dear Mr. Walter:

Thank you for your splendid book "The Sickle."

This new idea of myself and manifestation is unfolding wonderfully and the sick are being healed, through your new method, as never before all in **my** experience. I am fairly bursting with gratitude and joy. I am very keen in putting this before all who will take it. I have met no one

so far, who is not as enthusiastic as myself. "If I be lifted up from the earth I shall draw all men unto me."

It is very evident to me that consciousness is ripe for this unveiling, at least to those who are beginning to open one eye.

Of course, to those who are just coming to the Truth, it is taken without question and digested easily and naturally, while those who have been mistaught, have trouble in forgetting the old.

While I have read the works of many others who hold out so-called absolute Truth, I could not take their ideas, therefore I have rather held aloof. I read your "Unknown God" and clearly saw that you had what I wanted and that it was true. "Plain Talks" was the best luncheon I have ever tasted while "The Sickle" is my "Pentecostal Feast."

The books will satisfy me until I can have a good talk with you personally—and class instruction. Your good certainly blesses you.

Faithfully yours,

STANDING ALONE

My Dear Mr. Walter:

It is hard to put feeling into words and tell you what it means to me to have found your grasp of the Science of Life as you have it in "The Sickle". You have been wonderful in your efforts and your standing alone against the whole Science field until you convinced them that you had understood Mrs. Eddy aright, is remarkable. "Moral courage is the lion of the tribe of Juda."

Twenty years ago I turned to Christian Science to see what it had to offer in the way of understanding the first great **Cause** of all causation. I would not call it God, for that to me meant a mysterious personality whose "kind will" had killed one of my children in order to take her to himself for her good, and therefore also my happiness.

I was told that I must be resigned and love that God, no matter what he did. In my grief I called him murderer,

an assassin, and promptly took my children out of the Sunday School and then closed the Bible.

For three years I lived up to my highest sense of good, then Christian Science loomed up before me. I sensed its truth, bought "Science and Health" and in my hunger fairly ate it up and found that I healed right and left.

Two years later I went into the practice, giving up my whole time to the work, night and day. After the first flush of inspiration and faith died down, the healing has never been as uniformly good. Now I know why, and thank Goodness, there is great hope for great change!

All through my journey in Science there has been much that I could not accept, so I quietly worked with what I could, then more would come, a little at a time.

Two years ago I realized the doom of material organization was at hand or about to begin, but I saw nothing better in view. Then came the valley of decision, that of standing alone with God, as it were, and then the parting of the ways with Science church.

I did not turn to Christian Science for physical healing, for I am never ill, that is to speak of. It was for heart healing and that of understanding the Science of Being, so I am aiming for your class in that subject as well as that of Physical Harmony.

Very sincerely yours,

THE RIGHT NAME

Dear Friend of humanity:

I came into possession of your "Book of Books" to this age and have just finished my first reading.

"The Sickle" is certainly the **very** name for it, for it **surely** will cut down all ignorance of Truth as time goes on. I can safely prophesy that "all will own one from the least to the greatest," only give it time.

I felt there was something wrong somewhere in the present teaching as Mrs. Eddy says "there should be painless progress" then why have, earnest, loyal students

suffer unnecessarily, I mean by “loyal” those who are trying to live the Truth in their daily lives. Some time ago I applied for class instruction and after an interview with the teacher I found he had nothing to give me, in fact, he didn’t see as far as I do, so I decided it was foolish to throw money away just for the sake of saying “I have been through class.”

You, Mr. Walter, are the only one that I know of who has anything to satisfy my craving mentality. I will be truly grateful if you can give me information about your classes.

I could not close this letter without thanking you for your great and loving labor. I can realize the digging you have done, having done a little myself, but very little in comparison to yours.

Very gratefully yours,

QUESTIONS BEING ANSWERED

Dear Mr. Walter:

I can refrain no longer from writing to you; first, let me say “The Sickle,” if I absolutely knew I could not obtain another, no material means could purchase it, it does indeed lead us to the prize that is “beyond rubies.” I remember you said of it, in one of your letters, it will answer most if not all of your questions and you are right, they are all being answered, and “Love is indeed the fulfilling of the law” as you so clearly explain it in the chapter “The Holy Trinity,” and it is to be proved by us all and the every day chance is here to do so. Surely “The Sickle” is reaping.

Kindly and thankfully,

FROM MARYLAND

Esteemed Sir:

Four years ago after, and during reading of “Science and Health” no less that forty times from cover to cover, I turned in faith completely to Christian Science,

but I failed to gain understanding or permanent help for my troubles. All these years I have been at a loss to understand why I was not permanently healed in the face of the fact that I had entirely desisted my old way of living and followed Christian Science to the best of my understanding.

I found the solution to it all in "The Sickle." My erring beliefs had never been scientifically destroyed through right thought and understanding; but merely a faith cure had been affected each time I had received a little benefit.

In other words, one belief casting out another, and I thought this was actual Science. Now I am convinced beyond the vestige of a doubt that the power to correct these ill conditions is in my OWN RIGHT THOUGHT, and not in any mentally outlined God outside of my own consciousness, and since I have applied the correct scientific understanding as you have brought it out in your book "The Sickle," the real healing has come and I know it is permanent.

Gratefully yours,

FROM MAINE

Dear Friend:

I have been reading your book entitled "The Sickle" about two months and it is wonderful. Although I have been interested in Christian Science over ten years, still I never gained a practical understanding until I read this book.

Respectfully yours,

A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING

Dear Sir:

Received the copy of "The Sickle" I ordered recently and want to say I am enjoying it most thoroughly. It has given me a much clearer understanding of Science and it

makes me feel much more firm. I am also enjoying "The Plain Talks."

I would like to place my application for class instruction this fall for reference I give you Mrs._____.

Yours truly,

A NEW WORLD

Dear Mr. Walter:

I have now been reading, studying "The Sickle" for some time and it has opened up such a wonderful new world to me—I know it is the very truth I have so long been seeking.

I want very much to take class instruction from you, and would like to enter the next class you teach if you can take me. I am a class student of Mr._____. Will you please advise me if I may enter your next class and when and where it will be and the price of tuition.

With a heart full of gratitude for your wonderful book, I am,

Sincerely,

NEW YORK PRACTITIONER

Dear Mr. Walter:

I am indebted to you for your kind letter, especially as I omitted to enclose stamped envelope as you request, I can assure you it was an oversight. I only realized it as I was going through "The Sickle" again. I shall indeed be happy to be a student in the class you teach in New York whenever it may be convenient to you, so will you kindly keep my name on your list; I cannot tell you how much I am looking forward to the feast that I know is in store for me.

I am glad to tell you that since I have studied "Metaphysical Diagnosis" in "The Sickle" I am doing much better healing work, the method is so positive. I am truly grateful to you.

Very sincerely yours,

OLD PROBLEMS SOLVED

Dear Sir:

I have been spending many months in the study of "The Sickle" and am desirous to know if you have yet thought it advisable to place on the market your finding of "Revelation of St. John," if so, I certainly want the work.

I have had a few talks with your student Mr. F_____ and bought several books and hope to go through class with him very shortly as he feels I am ready.

After studying "The Sickle" I worked out several old problems with the understanding I gained from it.

I certainly want to express my gratitude for such a clear and concise way of presenting the Truth as you have used in this book.

I sincerely hope to be ready to go through your class when next you have one out here.

Sincerely,

PRACTICED TWENTY-ONE YEARS

My Dear Mr. Walter:

Through the love of a friend I have had your gift to the world and for the wholeness of joy which I have received I wish to send you my thanks.

I have practiced Christian Science for twenty-one years, have held every church office, yet at least once a year honesty and sincerity made me stand still and take account of stock and realize there was something woefully lacking.

Now I know that as the Israelites of old took forty years to go through the wilderness so I have taken twenty, because I too, "wandered." I had no struggle to accept your revelation, the struggles had been had before, but habits of thought had rejected the revelation that came to me in many cases.

I now understand the "Day by day the manna (manifestation) fell" and have seen that we have been

eating much mouldy bread. The "Sickle" has changed this, thanks to you.

Sincerely,

AN EYE-OPENER

Dear Mr. Walter:

I want to thank you for letting me have "The Sickle" through the recommendation of Mr. _____ of this city. The first book of yours that I ever read was "The Pastor's Son" and being myself the daughter of a clergyman and having at that time just begun to study "Science and Health," your book meant much to me. Later, however, I became a member of the Mother church and an active worker in the local church and you know the restrictions that go with church membership.

Not more than four weeks ago I borrowed a copy of "The Unfoldment" and it certainly was an eye-opener to me. Since then I have read and studied (and am continuing to study) your "Plain Talk Series"—and now I own and have read and am re-reading "The Sickle." In other words, I seem to have arrived at the place where the word disloyal, as used by Boston, does not hold the terror for me that it must have done formerly.

I suppose the milk of the word was all that I could stand when I first withdrew from membership in my old orthodox church and so I must not regret having discontinued the reading of your books at that time, still I know that I lost years by doing so.

Again thanking you, I am,
Sincerely,

FROM CONNECTICUT

Dear Mr. Walter:

We have received "The Sickle" and are thoroughly enjoying same and my husband says it is what he has been looking for ever since he read "Science and Health." He is showing

constant improvement from the reading and we of course know that he will gain constantly and get entirely well.

We have been west since the latter part of March and are anxious to get back home. We are both anxious to go through class with you and will try to make arrangements as soon as we return.

Most sincerely,

FROM TEXAS

Dear Mr. Walter:

I have just finished reading your book "The Sickle"—I am so filled with gratitude for the proof of what I said to my Christian Science students years ago, "Mrs. Eddy's Science and Health" and other writings is **not** the **last word** of metaphysics," that I don't just know how to commence, but write you I must.

I have always been seeking Truth for Truth's sake. I have **wrestled** with Christian Science for thirteen years, have healed by teaching the gospel (oral teaching) from the beginning. I could not heal in any other way, and my absent treatments were always supplemental with letter of instruction. Have read and studied all of your books and have several of them loaned out now to my patients.

Gratefully yours,

FROM PENNSYLVANIA

Dear Mr. Walter:

I am very much pleased with "The Sickle." It has meant so much to me. My healing work has improved wonderfully. As I keep studying the book I see things from new angles which means a still greater unfoldment. You deserve much praise for coming to the front the way you did and showing others the way, and you must feel well satisfied in the benefit you have rendered thousands who were stepping away from the true course of Understanding to the road of blind belief. I trust some day my light shall shine still more brightly also.

I used to give a number of beautiful treatments; yes, they **sounded** beautiful, but now I can see they lacked force, too much like putty, no backbone to them. This is all changed now and the **results** are “beautiful,” which is more practical than a beautiful treatment with no results.

Very truly yours,

FROM BOSTON

Dear Mr. Walter:

I have received “The Sickle” and have studied it well. For twenty years I read nothing but so-called authorized literature, in fact bought and read all that was printed. I went through class, joined the Mother church in 1900. I was healed through reading an early edition of “Science and Health,” hence my faith in Science was wonderful.

I raised one child and she became a loyal Christian Scientist. About two years ago this lovely woman passed away here in Boston under the best practitioners. I brought her here for treatment feeling that I did not have the necessary understanding to meet the case and feeling sure they knew all about the Christ Science here. She left me and it tore my heart out, also all faith in Christian Science, though I was sure there was something wrong. This failure to heal also left me with no faith in my own ability.

After studying “The Sickle” I see through it all now and with my only earthly tie gone, my hearts desire and work will be to reach the point where I will now have to stand by and helplessly see one go as before.

For more than a year after this shock I struggled night and day seeking God. I had, through striving, pierced the veil a little—had worked my way up ready for this revelation of yours. I found no one here agreed with me. I have perfect health but not peace, yet I know it is for me. I want the highest, the purest metaphysics, as soon as it is wisdom for me to have it. Surely I have struggled long enough. Will you not take me for class instruction? If so when and where. I will come to you for teaching anywhere on earth that you say.

Twenty years of blind faith—two years of struggle—I desire the highest teaching, and feel I am ready for the door to be opened wide. “The Sickle” has awakened me and I am so grateful.

A TOO LOYAL MEMBER

Dear Sir:

I have been a student of Christian Science and a member of the Mother church for over ten years. Am the mother of four fine children.

All these years I was a faithful student of “Science and Health” and as I learned to my sorrow a **too loyal member** of the local church, for my **foolish loyalty almost lost me my life on** this plane.

I trust you will pardon the length of this letter, but feel I must write you particulars.

Some two years ago I was taken with an illness and called upon a friend who is also a practitioner and a class student of yours. I was soon healed. This practitioner, during her few visits, left me some of your books to read and later a few copies of the “Plain Talk Series.”

Hearing from church friends that you were not considered loyal, I could not become convinced that your method of teaching Science was correct, and so drifted back again to the church thought, and from ignorance to deeper ignorance until last fall I again became the victim of illness and for several months, despite our own best efforts, I grew steadily worse. We called in one of the “listed” loyal church practitioners (not the friend who healed me and handed me your books to read) who treated me for six weeks. I grew steadily worse and was confined to my bed and the outward appearance was such that no one expected me to recover and the practitioner no doubt became frightened for she begged to be released from the case, to which we agreed. A dear neighbor of mine (a student of Christian Science, but not a practitioner), was called in for advice as to what we should do next. Fortunately for me, this neighbor

had just a few days previously received "The Sickle" from you, and told me of it. I asked her to read to me from the book, to which she kindly consented. I next asked her to help me and she promised to take my case. Though the lady was never a regular practitioner, yet with the understanding she had gained in her short study of "The Sickle" she was able to overcome, with your method, in a few days the ill condition that had grown steadily worse to the point of death under the old blind faith church method as applied by the "listed" practitioner.

I am writing to express my gratitude to you. To be free of such terrible claims when one is nearly gone, naturally must bring gratitude though I fail to find suitable words.

I now wish a "Sickle" of my own and you will find twenty-five dollars enclosed for same. If you wish further reference, I refer you to your student Mrs.*_____.

Yours in gratitude,

FROM PENNSYLVANIA

Dear Friend in Truth:

Some time ago I wanted to write to you, but put it off again. My friend, Miss_____ received her "Sickle" three weeks ago and she, like the rest, is hard at work studying it. I must say it again, "The Sickle" is a **wonderful book**, one cannot study it enough. It is so much easier now to meet one's problems.

Very truly yours,

FROM MICHIGAN

Dear Mr. Walter:

My wife and I have certainly enjoyed studying "The Sickle" and have greatly benefited by the reading. It certainly puts the Truth in a plain understandable way. We have been able to make some splendid demonstrations through this new understanding.

Very truly yours,

FROM KANSAS

My Dear Friend:

I suppose you will remember me through the books that I have purchased of you for several years past, and they all have been such a wonderful help to me. The last one was "The Sickle" and Oh! how thankful I am that I have it. I would not take ten times the price I paid for it, for I have learned who and what God is. I am surely also grateful for the "Plain Talk" booklets. I have been studying and working in Christian Science since 1915. Have taken treatment from three practitioners and did not receive much help. Maybe I was partly to blame but at the same time I did not know who God was and either did they. I would get so confused when I would study "Science and Health" and my practitioner made my confusion still deeper with her nonsensical statements, that I never did understand who or what was God until I studied "The Sickle." I am now working out my own salvation and had I been given the right understanding when I first came to Science, in 1915, I would never have been in the state I am now.

My hands are deformed and have become stiff, but through what I have learned in "The Sickle" I am overcoming all this, but I cannot help from feeling this could all have been averted if my practitioner had known anything. I will be completely healed now even though I am sixty-three years old, for I know, from results already obtained, that every word is true that you have in your books and "The Sickle."

Gratefully yours,

A PRACTITIONER IN NEW YORK

My Dear Mr. Walter:

Although you have not heard from me since purchasing that precious little book, "The Sickle," from you, I know you have learned from me in another way,

the right thought or fruitful way from several of my friends.

The good word regarding "The Sickle" has been passed on to several worthy friends who have since written you and purchased the book. I realize that I must be wise and emerge harmoniously from the old regime.

Words could not express my appreciation for the ever widening unfoldment and illumination of "The Sickle."

Most gratefully yours,

FROM NEW ZEALAND

Dear Mr. Walter:

"The Sickle" arrived safely; we are deeply grateful. We have been students of Christian Science for about nineteen years, and the deep things about God that you state so fearlessly and clearly came to me over and over again in the past, but I put them from me and foolishly went back to try and get satisfaction from the false sense and false teaching, that I was only an image, reflection or window pane, and that therefore I could do nothing of myself, for self or others.

Very truly,

FROM A LONDON PRACTITIONER

Dear Friend:

I am sending a few words of gratitude, first for the "Plain Talk" booklets, second for "The Sickle."

You seem to be the only one who searched until you found the "Pearl" of Truth in the 1st edition of "Science and Health" and the Bible.

True, I got a shock, even as you did yourself, when the Truth that the "I" is God and there is no other, appeared, but it woke me up.

This veiling is no doubt responsible for the "trouble at headquarters" and when this whole truth of Being is understood, each will be free to work it out even as Jesus

did. Yes, from my heart I say it, I know that this unveiling is letting in the Light continually.

I would love to have instructions from you. I have been a practitioner for sixteen years, and oh how glad I am I never became a teacher for I would have taught all my students wrong the same as I was taught.

Sincerely and gratefully,

FROM SWITZERLAND

My Dear Mr. Walter:

For a long time I have felt I wanted to write you and in some way thank you for writing "The Sickle." I cannot find suitable words to do it, so it will need to remain a thought very poorly expressed. We have read it a great deal but the more one reads and appreciates the depths the less adequate seems any words of thanks we can say. We are working very hard along the line given us by all your splendid books and can see gain all the time.

Sincerely yours,

ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Kind Friend:

I have been thinking of taking class instruction from you if you haven't already all you want for your next class.

I have been studying your work "The Sickle" for a year now and feel that I am on the right track, and I know I have gained some understanding from it which I never did from anything else. I am putting in every spare moment in trying to gain more understanding.

You know of Mrs. _____ and if you wish you may write her in regard to my being an earnest student and if she thinks I am ready for the class. I meet her very often.

My wife is also an earnest student of "The Sickle" which makes our home a real home of Truth.

Yours in Truth.

THE REAPING HAS BEGUN

My Dear Mr. Walter:

“The Sickle” received and it is thrust in.

The reaping has begun in lively earnest. You surely feel waves of love and gratitude sweeping over you constantly from those of us accepting and appreciating the beauties of holiness embodied in your grasp of Truth.

I have become free. I resigned from the Christian Science organization for no other reason than that of better vision.

It is a wise man, who seeing his Star in the East follows it. I could no longer say to a divine impulsions, desire or inspiration, “wait a minute, I can’t follow you now, I am sorry but a by-law forbids.”

So, I too, stand on the Rock of Truth unafraid of the winds and waves of human opinion and their froth.

I resigned from organization after having been in it since 1902.

I have been in practice of my highest sense of Christian Science for seventeen years.

I feel now that I am indeed new born and I am inexpressibly happy.

I am enclosing my check for another “Sickle” and a set of “Plain Talk Series” for _____.

Sincerely with gratitude and love, believe me your co-worker in the Truth.

BLIND LEADING THE BLIND

My Dear Mr. Walter:

Thank you very much for your nice letter just received. You ask, who recommended “The Sickle” to me. In fact it was the other way around. I had heard the **worst** about it—but knowing you in the “Plain Talks” and realizing the truth of every single point you make, I made up my mind that there was a reason for the “churchy” (I am tickled over that term) ones to stir about—hence my order. Today I don’t wonder at the stir poor blind ones leading the

blind—and alas, for a time I was blind too—tho, in justice to my sense of things, I was never satisfied with many of the old explanations and flatly refused to accept others. Oh, how I long to have a plain talk with you personally.

Please let me have an appointment when you come to _____ or I will even travel to Aurora if you think best.

I realize fully how careful we must be in placing “The Sickle”—indeed I do. The Truth-seekers who come to me are almost wholly those whose eyes are open or somewhat open to something stronger than candle light. They are all clamoring for “Plain Talks.”

A “churchy” practitioner who, through Plain Talks with me is now on the verge of growing up or standing alone, is hungry for your “Sickle,” she has read snatches from my copy, she is an earnest worker wanting the pure unclouded light. Must give my pen a treatment for over-action. With best wishes and great appreciation, I am most sincerely,

FROM NEW YORK

Dear Mr. Walter:

After all my floundering around in the past, you will be pleased I know, to hear I am at last settled on the Rock of Understanding as you give it in “The Sickle.”

Nothing can shake me now—no, not all the _____ nor his kind on earth. All this while I did not know what was holding me, but I do now, it was the belief of a personal God, though named, Divine Love.

I will write you at some length soon for I have a good deal I want to say to you about your great work.

Yours gratefully,

A WELL-SPRING OF JOY

Dear Mr. Walter:

The Sickle is a well spring of eternal joy and is now my daily study.

My husband is also a student of the book and it is our intense hope and desire to secure class instruction under you at some future time.

I have been interested in Christian Science since nine years of age and am now twenty-seven, but never had any real understanding or results until I studied and applied your writings.

Sincerely,

THREE YEARS A FIRST READER

Dear Mr. Walter:

I feel I must write you how much good I am getting from your book, especially "The Sickle" and "Plain Talk" booklets. I feel sure they came in answer to a prayer for more light.

In 1910 I joined the Mother Church, also the second church of this city. I have served two years on the board, as Treasurer, three years as First Reader, and one year as second reader, only missing two Sundays in the four years and that was while taking class instruction from a C.S. teacher and never missing a Wednesday evening during the four years. At the time of my leaving the church, I was acting as teacher of the advanced class in the Sunday School. At the same time was filling the position of Librarian and was on a committee to revise the by-laws; so when I asked the board to drop my name from the church roll and resigned from my various positions, it created quite a stir. Instead of the board acting on my request as they always had done before, they called a church meeting to decide what was to be done, if they should let me go or not.

Mr. Walter, if any body had told me a few years ago that Christian Scientists **were so narrow** I would not have believed it. I had prayed times without number for more light and when it came as it did through reading one of your Plain Talk booklets, although I knew it meant giving up everything, along the church line, that seemed to be a part of me for so many years, I simply had to do it for I knew it was the Master's voice speaking to me for it said:

“This is the way, walk ye in it.” This is a long letter, Mr. Walter, but as I wish very much to go through class with you when you come to our city, I though perhaps you would like to know some things about me.

I am enclosing a check for twenty-five dollars for a Sickie for *_____ who is a very earnest student and ready for the higher thought.

Sincerely yours,

THE RIGHT NAME

My Dear Mr. Walter:

I know the enclosed will interest you, for there is but one Mind and we are endeavoring to follow the Master.

I am now reading your book “The Sickie,” the name is most appropriate. To say that I am enjoying it is to put it mildly. The message it contains will help to bring about the end of all matter, and this is solely our business right now.

Thanking you for the pleasure and understanding which I am receiving from the reading of the book, I remain

Cordially your friend,

GAVE TO A PATIENT

Dear Friend:

Enclosed find a cheque for another book, “The Sickie.” The one I had I gave to a patient—I knew he was ready for it—he is getting much help from reading “The Sickie.” I am also beginning to grasp its meaning, I wish to enter your next class, please write me when it will be held and what my chances are of being enrolled.

Very sincerely,

CLEAR VISIONS OF TRUTH

Dear Mr. Walter:

I thank you for your promptness in sending “The Sickie” and it contains the most clear vision of the Truth

of any book I have ever perused along metaphysical lines.

Please tell me when you have class and cost of same and if I could have the pleasure of the instruction from you in the Spring or any time now in the near future.

Very truly,

WAS READY FOR IT

My Dear Mr. Walter:

I received the "Plain Talk" series and "The Sickle." I'm so glad to know that in this day, some one had the moral courage to give the fundamentals of Life to weary seekers of Truth.

I am unable to give expression of gratitude for all I have learned in three weeks' time from studying from your viewpoint.

I was deeply impressed with and helped so much by "The Unfoldment" and the "Plain Talk Series."

When "The Sickle" came I was ready for it and began reading as soon as I unwrapped the book. The first chapter "Emptying Out" appealed to me wonderfully as I had been doing so unconsciously for over a year. As I read on in the book a great burden was lifted from me as I realized that here at last, I had found what I had been seeking.

I could hardly stop reading to eat or sleep, I was so anxious to know more all the time, I had a latent fear that when I turned the next page, you might turn off on a tangent and leave me baffled in mystery as had always been my experiences before with other writings.

Behold, no such disappointment in "The Sickle" for I find the marvelous unfolding of the deepest and most important fundamentals of metaphysics continue to the last page in the book.

Mr. Walter, I should like to have full details of your courses of instruction. I am interested in the complete course for practicing and teaching.

Thanking you for the enlightenment I have received,
I am

Yours sincerely,

THE OLD SCIENCE VIEW

Dear Mr. Walter:

You will pardon me, I know, for again imposing upon your precious time, but "The Sickle" has been such a delight and help to me and so many new thoughts have arisen, that in my endeavor to trace your thought on a certain idea, the very beauty of the thing seems to hold me spellbound and I hesitate as it were, to make the onward step, but see that I must, because reason will not be satisfied with the old Science view. I am gaining so rapidly in understanding that this is a new world to me.

Yours very sincerely,

THANKS FOR THE AWAKENING

Dear Friend:

I received my "Sickle" some time ago and many thanks for the awakening. Have neglected writing you because I wanted to read it through several times first. I think it is a wonderful book. I am just finishing class with your student, Mrs._____, and now "The Sickle" is still more wonderful than before. I have been asleep in the church Science all these years, but your book has awakened me. I hope to be able to take class from you when you come to _____ next time.

Yours very sincerely,

IS HEALING MANY

Dear Mr. Walter:

I need not tell you how much good I am daily deriving from reading your book, "The Sickle," for you know better than anyone else the Truth that it contains.

My work is now very interesting especially since I have had your books to bear out what I had already begun to formulate in thought. I was almost afraid to tell others what my understanding was, but now since I have the Truth as you set it forth, it brings actual understanding which is unshakable.

I am healing many through your method who have had treatments from many practitioners spreading over a period of from seven to fifteen years.

One or two who I have helped are sending for your book, "The Sickle," they have already sent for your "Plain Talks" and are ready for the book. It was through my teacher that I heard of you.

Sincerely,

THE FIRST EDITION

Dear Mr. Walter:

I have been a student of "The Sickle" and your other works for the past four months and I recently had your class work from your student Mrs._____, also studied from a first edition of "Science and Health" and find your methods and teaching absolutely true. I have always taught while healing and have a large practice.

I am desirous and anxiously awaiting the opportunity of having class instruction from you. Will you kindly inform me if I may have this opportunity and when and where.

Most gratefully,

TEXTBOOK IS VEILED

Dear Mr. Walter:

I have just returned home from my vacation. I have had a very profitable time of study and now feel that I have something worth while to give the people here.

I had quite a lengthy interview with my former teacher on my way back. She admitted that the present text-

book is veiled, she also admitted after a lengthy talk that your viewpoint was the only true viewpoint according to Mrs. Eddy's teaching. Well, they all will see this great fact some day.

Sincerely your friend,

INCREASED UNDERSTANDING

Dear Mr. Walter:

I am so very grateful for "The Sickle" and am able each hour to teach and help others from it with increased understanding. I have many instantaneous healings right during the time that I am teaching and helping others, and during the instruction, which proves our faith (understanding) by the works (demonstrations).

With gratitude to you, I remain,

Yours in Truth,

FROM 8,000 MILES AWAY

Dear Mr. Walter:

As one of us, either my wife or myself earnestly desires to go through a class with you as soon as possible, it would be kind of you to let us know by cable eight weeks ahead of the time of your next class.

The unfoldment has been so beautiful, especially this last week with me. What you say of organization only endorses our experience for the last twenty years.

Your book "The Unfoldment" is very helpful and yet so true. When your booklet referring to "The Sickle" told me that I (my mentality) was God (Mind) and man meant body, I too was shocked—yet something within me kept saying it is quite true and its Truth will unfold.

I cannot in words express my deep gratitude for the light on Christian Science you are unveiling and I too, know and wish all good is yours.

Sincerely,

DISPEL THE GLOOM

Dear Mr. Walter:

Your works, especially "The Sickle" and "Plain Talks," are quite a revelation on Christian Science and reveal so much. They dispel the gloom and uncertainty that I have been combating for many years, and I am deeply indebted to you.

Will you please send book "The Unknown God" and two full sets of the "Plain Talk Series"?

Your idea of turning the churches into colleges for daily instruction is splendid and truly practical and may eventuate.

This would indeed herald in the time "when they shall all know me."

With love and gratitude,

JUST IN TIME

Dear Sir:

Your wonderful book "The Sickle" has been in my possession for a few days by the kindness of Mr. _____ and I must say, I am so interested in it, that I would like to have a copy for myself. I therefore take the liberty to ask you to mail me a copy and enclose at the same time, a postal money order of twenty-five dollars to cover the price.

Your "Plain Talk" booklets came just in time in my possession to open my eyes, so that I did not make my application for the card in the Christian Science Journal and I am very thankful for the light you have brought to me.

Please accept my best thanks and be assured that I appreciate your kindness very much.

Sincerely yours in Truth,

FROM CANADA

Dear Mr. Walter:

I received "The Sickle" some three months ago and have been waiting until I returned home again after a visit, before writing to you.

It is a wonderful book and since reading it I am able to heal others, something I never dared even attempt before gaining this fuller understanding.

I consider it is well worth the price you have set for it. Thanking you for the wealth of understanding contained in "The Sickle" I will close.

Sincerely,

MUST HAVE ONE

Dear Friend:

I can stand it no longer, I must have a "Sickle" of my own. My husband is so absorbed in the study of the book that he is using it nearly all of the time and while I have had opportunity to read about all of the book in piecemeal fashion, it has merely convinced me that the actual truth about Life has at last been revealed, and in such simple language that all who will read and think, can gain the facts of Being.

My husband and I have been in Science and practiced it for many, many, years; that is, we practiced what we supposed was Christian Science, but "The Sickle" has shown us both that we merely had a belief about Christian Science and not actual understanding.

After reading all your other writings and your enlightening letters, I thought you must have reached the limit of your understanding of Science, and wondered what more you could have in "The Sickle," but was sure you would not ask twenty-five dollars for a book unless the value was there, so I cheerfully sent for it.

My husband, after his weeks of intensive study of "The Sickle," remarked to me, "The Sickle is oceans deeper than appears on the surface, and I have a positive conviction that Mr. Walter, if he chooses, could reach as much deeper into metaphysics, as 'The Sickle' is deeper than his other writings."

Your chapter on "Metaphysical Diagnosis" is certainly new to the world and is so simple that its truth cannot be

rejected, and gives the honest student a sure foundation and guide to unveil the hidden errors in his own mentality and thus help to greater self-perfection.

I fully agree with your price of twenty-five dollars for the book, though when I consider what my husband and I have gained in a few months study of it, fifty or one hundred dollars would be cheap as compared with another text-book at five dollars that we both know of.

Results are what count. We paid five dollars for a certain text-book and spent the greater part of twenty years in its study. We paid twenty-five dollars for "The Sickle" and gained a hundred times more real understanding in twenty days than twenty years spent on the other text-book. It certainly would not take any one very long to realize that "The Sickle" would be the cheaper book, even at one hundred dollars.

Your little book is beyond price to us both for it has given us the only true insight into life that we have ever gained.

Find check enclosed and send book soon, please.

Yours, thankfully,

FROM NEW YORK

My Dear Mr. Walter:

Will you kindly give me the name of some good Christian Science practitioner who has gone through one of your classes and is located here in New York?

I have just returned from _____ and need help badly and know no one outside one or two of the old school practitioners who have never really helped me very much.

I have just read your seven "Plain Talk" booklets and the "Sickle," and am overjoyed to have eventually found a man with enough courage and wisdom to come out in the open and explain Mrs. Eddy's teaching so that any one can understand them.

Please forgive me for writing you in this informal manner and I would appreciate it very much if you will

be so kind and give me the desired information as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

FROM BOSTON

My Dear Mr. Walter:

“The Sickle” is my steady pal. Words do not half express the deep joy I feel that I can turn at once to where mind is so full and plain and be sure of being shown the right and only way.

The far-reaching good that the “Sickle” and booklets are doing is overwhelming. I am in a position to know this for hundreds come to tell me of benefits received.

I am over fifty and know that I am just coming into my own through your teaching.

Will you tell me your terms also the time and length of class instruction. Never have I been so happy as now for I live only to help others.

Sincerely and gratefully,

FROM WASHINGTON

Dear Friend:

Your books have a wonderful way of explaining the Truth, especially “The Sickle,” and are doing me a great deal of good and I expect still greater good in reading them over and over again.

I only wish and hope that I may be able to go through one of your classes at an early date. Please send full particulars of the very next class.

Sincerely yours,

FROM MISSOURI

Dr. Mr. Walter:

Mrs. _____ and I can never thank you enough for giving us a better understanding mind and correct thinking.

We have been studying Christian Science many years and did not have any sort of an understanding.

I was living in _____ and Mrs. _____ was living in _____ for we had separated. In the last two months clear thinking has brought us together. We love each other very dearly, it was a false sense in my consciousness that caused us to be apart. Our coming together again has been the result of our studying your pamphlets, "Plain Talk" series and reading of "The Sickle." We wish to know more of your teaching, so please inform us regarding your class instruction, etc.

Very sincerely,

PREFACE OF "THE SICKLE"

This book was written for the thinker, and not the trifler; it was not written to benefit the writer, but to enlighten the honest seeker for Truth.

The price was placed at twenty-five dollars to prevent its fall into the hands of the trifler, for the trifler takes paper and binding and size into consideration in determining the value of a book,—the thinker scans the contents.

To the trifler it would be dear at any price and to the actual thinker it would be cheap at any price.

That large sales or financial gain were not the intent of the writer, should be evident. Were this true, the book would have been put on the market at the usual price.

This is a metaphysical work, and therefore, the determination of its price was based upon the metaphysical (mental) viewpoint,—that the human mind values cheaply that which it estimates as cheap, but craves that which it finds difficulty in obtaining.

Some honest thinkers may object to the price as being a bar to the worthy poor.

It can be argued in reply that the family in humble circumstances usually succeeds in obtaining the necessary sum, were it twice twenty-five dollars,—to pay for a remedial appliance, electric belt, battery, etc., ordered or advised by the physician.

This book is a mental battery, charged to its fullest capacity, not with lightening, but with enlightening true thought, or Truth, and Love the true elixir of Life, and this current of true thought, rightly applied, will not heal the body and mind merely, but the purse as well.

This work should not be loaned to the trifler for he is not ready for the meat of the Word. He will not exert the necessary effort to understand it, and may therefore turn and rend you mentally for your ill-chosen charity. It is a mistaken kindness to loan it to the casual thinker. He will read it hurriedly, and doubtless think that he has gained all the good contained therein through this hurried reading,

whereas, if he had paid twenty-five dollars for a copy, he would be inclined to read it carefully and more than once.

It is well to tell the earnest seeker about the book, or read a fitting chapter to him or permit him to read it in your presence, but to loan the book outright will in most cases tend to deprive the ones you wish to benefit, of the very good they would gain by their owning and studying it.

In Matthew, chapter 7, verse 6, we read: "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you." The necessity for such strong language must have existed, else Jesus would not have used it. So use due caution in giving the plain truth, and thus save yourselves unnecessary rending by the narrow minded.

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