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Trial Law

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Hymn 178

Hymn 178

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LIGHT

LUDVIG M. LINDEMAN

Love is life's true crown and glory,
Love the splendor of the light,
Truly is God's counsel gentle,
Truly all His ways are bright;
Jesus knew the law of kindness,
Healing mind and heart of blindness;
And in heavenly wisdom taught
Holy works of love he wrought.

Love, the Golden Rule of living,
Showeth forth the perfect Mind;
Love, our debt to God who gives it,
All compassion is, and kind;
Charity the law fulfilleth,
Mid the nations rancor stilleth;
Loving hearts in friendship blend,
One in Him, our heavenly Friend.

Hymn 102

Hymn 102, 103

FLORENCE L. HEYWOOD

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CROSS OF JESUS

JOHN STAINER

(103)

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Hear our prayer, O gracious Father,

Author of celestial good,
That Thy laws so pure and holy
May be better understood.

Armed with faith, may we press onward,
Knowing nothing but Thy will;
Conquering every storm of error
With the sweet words: Peace, be still.

Like the star of Bethlehem shining,
Love will guide us all the way,
From the depths of error's darkness
Into Truth's eternal day.

Hymn 216

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FROM THE GERMAN OF
GEORG NEUMARK

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NEUMARK

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O he who trusts in God's protection
And hopes in Him when fears alarm,
Is sheltered by His loving-kindness,
Delivered by His mighty arm;
If ye God's law can understand,
Ye have not builded on the sand.

O wait on Him with veneration,
Be silent in humility;
He leads you after His own counsel,
His will is done and still shall be;
All good for you His wisdom planned;
O trust in God and understand.

Rom 8:2

- 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

SH 430:17-442:32

- 18 Suppose a mental case to be on trial, as cases are tried
in court. A man is charged with having committed liver-
complaint. The patient feels ill, ruminates,
and the trial commences. Personal Sense is
21 the plaintiff. Mortal Man is the defendant. False Belief
is the attorney for Personal Sense. Mortal Minds, Ma-

A mental court
case

teria Medica, Anatomy, Physiology, Hypnotism, Envy,
24 Greed and Ingratitude, constitute the jury. The court-
room is filled with interested spectators, and Judge
Medicine is on the bench.

27 The evidence for the prosecution being called for, a
witness testifies thus: —

I represent Health-laws. I was present on certain nights
30 when the prisoner, or patient, watched with a sick friend.
Although I have the superintendence of human affairs, I
was personally abused on those occasions. I was told that
431:1 I must remain silent until called for at this trial, when I
would be allowed to testify in the case. Notwithstanding
3 my rules to the contrary, the prisoner watched with the sick
every night in the week. When the sick mortal was thirsty,
the prisoner gave him drink. During all this time the pris-
6 oner attended to his daily labors, partaking of food at ir-
regular intervals, sometimes going to sleep immediately
after a heavy meal. At last he committed liver-complaint,
9 which I considered criminal, inasmuch as this offence is
deemed punishable with death. Therefore I arrested Mor-
tal Man in behalf of the state (namely, the body) and cast
12 him into prison.

At the time of the arrest the prisoner summoned Physi-
ology, Materia Medica, and Hypnotism to prevent his pun-
15 ishment. The struggle on their part was long. Materia
Medica held out the longest, but at length all these assist-
ants resigned to me, Health-laws, and I succeeded in get-
18 ting Mortal Man into close confinement until I should
release him.

The next witness is called: —

21 I am Coated Tongue. I am covered with a foul fur,
placed on me the night of the liver-attack. Morbid Secre-
tion hypnotized the prisoner and took control of his mind,
24 making him despondent.

Another witness takes the stand and testifies: —

I am Sallow Skin. I have been dry, hot, and chilled by
27 turns since the night of the liver-attack. I have lost my
healthy hue and become unsightly, although nothing on my
part has occasioned this change. I practise daily ablutions
30 and perform my functions as usual, but I am robbed of my
good looks.

432:1 The next witness testifies: —

I am Nerve, the State Commissioner for Mortal Man.
3 I am intimately acquainted with the plaintiff, Personal
Sense, and know him to be truthful and upright, whereas
Mortal Man, the prisoner at the bar, is capable of false-
6 hood. I was witness to the crime of liver-complaint. I

knew the prisoner would commit it, for I convey messages from my residence in matter, *alias* brain, to body.

9 Another witness is called for by the Court of Error and says: —

12 I am Mortality, Governor of the Province of Body, in which Mortal Man resides. In this province there is a statute regarding disease, — namely, that he upon whose person disease is found shall be treated as a criminal and
15 punished with death.

The Judge asks if by doing good to his neighbor, it is possible for man to become diseased, transgress the laws, and merit punishment, and Governor Mortality replies in
18 the affirmative.

Another witness takes the stand and testifies: —

21 I am Death. I was called for, shortly after the report of the crime, by the officer of the Board of Health, who protested that the prisoner had abused him, and that my presence was required to confirm his testimony. One of the
24 prisoner's friends, *Materia Medica*, was present when I arrived, endeavoring to assist the prisoner to escape from
27 the hands of justice, *alias* nature's so-called law; but my appearance with a message from the Board of Health changed the purpose of *Materia Medica*, and he decided at
30 once that the prisoner should die.

433:1 The testimony for the plaintiff, Personal Sense, being closed, Judge Medicine arises, and with great solemnity
3 addresses the jury of Mortal Minds. He analyzes the offence, reviews the testimony, and explains the law relating to liver-complaint.

Judge Medicine charges the jury

6 His conclusion is, that laws of nature render disease homicidal. In compliance with a stern duty, his Honor, Judge Medicine, urges the jury not to allow their judgment to be warped by the irrational, unchristian suggestions of Christian Science. The jury must regard in such
9 cases only the evidence of Personal Sense against Mortal
12 Man.

As the Judge proceeds, the prisoner grows restless. His sallow face blanches with fear, and a look of despair and
15 death settles upon it. The case is given to the jury. A brief consultation ensues, and the jury returns a verdict of "Guilty of liver-complaint in the first degree."

18 Judge Medicine then proceeds to pronounce the solemn sentence of death upon the prisoner. Because he has loved his neighbor as himself, Mortal Man has
21 been guilty of benevolence in the first degree,

Mortal Man sentenced

and this has led him into the commission of the second
crime, liver-complaint, which material laws condemn as
24 homicide. For this crime Mortal Man is sentenced to
be tortured until he is dead. “May God have mercy on
your soul,” is the Judge’s solemn peroration.

27 The prisoner is then remanded to his cell (sick-bed),
and Scholastic Theology is sent for to prepare the fright-
ened sense of Life, God, — which sense must be immortal,
30 — for *death*.

Ah! but Christ, Truth, the spirit of Life and the
friend of Mortal Man, can open wide those prison doors
434:1 and set the captive free. Swift on the wings of divine
Love, there comes a despatch: “Delay the execution;
3 the prisoner is not guilty.” Consternation fills
the prison-yard. Some exclaim, “It is con-
trary to law and justice.” Others say,
6 “The law of Christ supersedes *our* laws; let us follow
Christ.”

Appeal to a
higher tribunal

After much debate and opposition, permission is ob-
9 tained for a trial in the Court of Spirit, where Christian
Science is allowed to appear as counsel for
the unfortunate prisoner. Witnesses, judges,
12 and jurors, who were at the previous Court of Error,
are now summoned to appear before the bar of Justice
and eternal Truth.

Counsel for
defence

15 When the case for Mortal Man *versus* Personal Sense
is opened, Mortal Man’s counsel regards the prisoner
with the utmost tenderness. The counsel’s earnest,
18 solemn eyes, kindling with hope and triumph, look up-
ward. Then Christian Science turns suddenly to the
supreme tribunal, and opens the argument for the
21 defence: —

The prisoner at the bar has been unjustly sentenced.
His trial was a tragedy, and is morally illegal. Mortal
24 Man has had no proper counsel in the case. All the testi-
mony has been on the side of Personal Sense, and we shall
unearth this foul conspiracy against the liberty and life of
27 Man. The only valid testimony in the case shows the
alleged crime never to have been committed. The pris-
oner is not proved “worthy of death, or of bonds.”

30 Your Honor, the lower court has sentenced Mortal Man
to die, but God made Man immortal and amenable to
Spirit only. Denying justice to the body, that court com-
435:1 mended man’s immortal Spirit to heavenly mercy, — Spirit
which is God Himself and Man’s only lawgiver! Who or
3 what has sinned? Has the body or has Mortal Mind
committed a criminal deed? Counsellor False Belief has
argued that the body should die, while Reverend Theology

6 would console conscious Mortal Mind, which alone is capa-
ble of sin and suffering. The body committed no offence.
Mortal Man, in obedience to higher law, helped his fellow-
9 man, an act which should result in good to himself as well
as to others.

The law of our Supreme Court decrees that whosoever
12 *sinneth* shall die; but good deeds are immortal, bringing
joy instead of grief, pleasure instead of pain, and life
instead of death. If liver-complaint was committed by
15 trampling on Laws of Health, this was a good deed, for the
agent of those laws is an outlaw, a destroyer of Mortal
Man's liberty and rights. Laws of Health should be sen-
18 tenced to die.

Watching beside the couch of pain in the exercise of a
love that "is the fulfilling of the law," — doing "unto
21 others as ye would that they should do unto you," — this
is no infringement of law, for no demand, human or divine,
renders it just to punish a man for acting justly. If mor-
24 tals sin, our Supreme Judge in equity decides what penalty
is due for the sin, and Mortal Man can suffer only for his
sin. For naught else can he be punished, according to the
27 law of Spirit, God.

Then what jurisdiction had his Honor, Judge Medicine,
in this case? To him I might say, in Bible language, "Sit-
30 test thou to judge . . . after the law, and commandest . . .
to be smitten contrary to the law?" The only jurisdiction
to which the prisoner can submit is that of Truth, Life, and
33 Love. If they condemn him not, neither shall Judge Medi-
cine condemn him; and I ask that the prisoner be restored
to the liberty of which he has been unjustly deprived.

436:1 The principal witness (the officer of the Health-laws)
deposed that he was an eye-witness to the good deeds for
3 which Mortal Man is under sentence of death. After be-
traying him into the hands of your law, the Health-agent
disappeared, to reappear however at the trial as a witness
6 against Mortal Man and in the interest of Personal Sense,
a murderer. Your Supreme Court must find the pris-
oner on the night of the alleged offence to have been acting
9 within the limits of the divine law, and in obedience
thereto. Upon this statute hangs all the law and testimony.
Giving a cup of cold water in Christ's name, is a Christian
12 service. Laying down his life for a good deed, Mortal Man
should find it again. Such acts bear their own justifica-
tion, and are under the protection of the Most High.

15 Prior to the night of his arrest, the prisoner summoned
two professed friends, Materia Medica and Physiology, to
prevent his committing liver-complaint, and thus save him
18 from arrest. But they brought with them Fear, the sheriff,
to precipitate the result which they were called to prevent.
It was Fear who handcuffed Mortal Man and would now
21 punish him. You have left Mortal Man no alternative.
He must obey your law, fear its consequences, and be pun-
ished for his fear. His friends struggled hard to rescue the
24 prisoner from the penalty they considered justly due, but

they were compelled to let him be taken into custody, tried,
and condemned. Thereupon Judge Medicine sat in judg-
27 ment on the case, and substantially charged the jury, twelve
Mortal Minds, to find the prisoner guilty. His Honor sen-
tenced Mortal Man to die for the very deeds which the di-
30 vine law compels man to commit. Thus the Court of Error
construed obedience to the law of divine Love as disobedi-
ence to the law of Life. Claiming to protect Mortal Man
33 in right-doing, that court pronounced a sentence of death
for doing right.

One of the principal witnesses, Nerve, testified that he
437:1 was a ruler of Body, in which province Mortal Man resides.
He also testified that he was on intimate terms with the
3 plaintiff, and knew Personal Sense to be truthful; that he
knew Man, and that Man was made in the image of God,
but was a criminal. This is a foul aspersion on man's
6 Maker. It blots the fair escutcheon of omnipotence. It in-
dicates malice aforethought, a determination to condemn
Man in the interest of Personal Sense. At the bar of Truth,
9 in the presence of divine Justice, before the Judge of our
higher tribunal, the Supreme Court of Spirit, and before
its jurors, the Spiritual Senses, I proclaim this witness,
12 Nerve, to be destitute of intelligence and truth and to be
a false witness.

Man self-destroyed; the testimony of matter respected;
15 Spirit not allowed a hearing; Soul a criminal though
recommended to mercy; the helpless innocent body tor-
tured, — these are the terrible records of your Court of
18 Error, and I ask that the Supreme Court of Spirit reverse
this decision.

Here the opposing counsel, False Belief, called Chris-
21 tian Science to order for contempt of court. Various
notables — Materia Medica, Anatomy, Physiology, Scho-
lastic Theology, and Jurisprudence — rose to the ques-
24 tion of expelling Christian Science from the bar, for such
high-handed illegality. They declared that Christian Sci-
ence was overthrowing the judicial proceedings of a regu-
27 larly constituted court.

But Judge Justice of the Supreme Court of Spirit over-
ruled their motions on the ground that unjust usages
30 were not allowed at the bar of Truth, which ranks above
the lower Court of Error.

The attorney, Christian Science, then read from the
33 supreme statute-book, the Bible, certain extracts on the
438:1 Rights of Man, remarking that the Bible was better au-
thority than Blackstone: —

3 Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and
let them have dominion.

Behold, I give unto you power . . . over all the power
6 of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

Then Christian Science proved the witness, Nerve, to
9 be a perjurer. Instead of being a ruler in the Province
of Body, in which Mortal Man was reported to reside,
Nerve was an insubordinate citizen, putting in false
12 claims to office and bearing false witness against Man.
Turning suddenly to Personal Sense, by this time silent,
Christian Science continued: —

15 I ask your arrest in the name of Almighty God on three
distinct charges of crime, to wit: perjury, treason, and con-
spiracy against the rights and life of man.

18 Then Christian Science continued: —

Another witness, equally inadequate, said that on the
night of the crime a garment of foul fur was spread over
21 him by Morbid Secretion, while the facts in the case show
that this fur is a foreign substance, imported by False Be-
lief, the attorney for Personal Sense, who is in partnership
24 with Error and smuggles Error's goods into market with-
out the inspection of Soul's government officers. When
the Court of Truth summoned Furred Tongue for examina-
27 tion, he disappeared and was never heard of more.

Morbid Secretion is not an importer or dealer in fur, but
we have heard Materia Medica explain how this fur is
30 manufactured, and we know Morbid Secretion to be on
friendly terms with the firm of Personal Sense, Error, &
439:1 Co., receiving pay from them and introducing their goods
into the market. Also, be it known that False Belief, the
3 counsel for the plaintiff, Personal Sense, is a buyer for this
firm. He manufactures for it, keeps a furnishing store,
and advertises largely for his employers.

6 Death testified that he was absent from the Province of
Body, when a message came from False Belief, command-
ing him to take part in the homicide. At this request
9 Death repaired to the spot where the liver-complaint was
in process, frightening away Materia Medica, who was then
manacled the prisoner in the attempt to save him. True,
12 Materia Medica was a misguided participant in the misdeed
for which the Health-officer had Mortal Man in custody,
though Mortal Man was innocent.

15 Christian Science turned from the abashed witnesses,
his words flashing as lightning in the perturbed faces
of these worthies, Scholastic Theology, Materia Medica,
18 Physiology, the blind Hypnotism, and the masked Per-
sonal Sense, and said: —

God will smite you, O whited walls, for injuring in your
21 ignorance the unfortunate Mortal Man who sought your
aid in his struggles against liver-complaint and Death.

24 You came to his rescue, only to fasten upon him an offence
of which he was innocent. You aided and abetted Fear
and Health-laws. You betrayed Mortal Man, meanwhile
27 declaring Disease to be God's servant and the righteous
executor of His laws. Our higher statutes declare you all,
witnesses, jurors, and judges, to be offenders, awaiting the
30 sentence which General Progress and Divine Love will
pronounce.

We send our best detectives to whatever locality is re-
ported to be haunted by Disease, but on visiting the spot,
33 they learn that Disease was never there, for he could not
440:1 possibly elude their search. Your Material Court of Errors,
when it condemned Mortal Man on the ground of hygienic
3 disobedience, was manipulated by the oleaginous machina-
tions of the counsel, False Belief, whom Truth arraigns
before the supreme bar of Spirit to answer for his crime.
6 Morbid Secretion is taught how to make sleep befool reason
before sacrificing mortals to their false gods.

Mortal Minds were deceived by your attorney, False Be-
9 lief, and were influenced to give a verdict delivering Mortal
Man to Death. Good deeds are transformed into crimes,
to which you attach penalties; but no warping of justice
12 can render disobedience to the so-called laws of Matter
disobedience to God, or an act of homicide. Even penal
law holds homicide, under stress of circumstances, to be
15 justifiable. Now what greater justification can any deed
have, than that it is for the good of one's neighbor? Where-
fore, then, in the name of outraged justice, do you sentence
18 Mortal Man for ministering to the wants of his fellow-man
in obedience to divine law? You cannot trample upon the
decree of the Supreme Bench. Mortal Man has his appeal
21 to Spirit, God, who sentences only for sin.

The false and unjust beliefs of your human mental legis-
lators compel them to enact wicked laws of sickness and so
24 forth, and then render obedience to these laws punishable
as crime. In the presence of the Supreme Lawgiver, stand-
ing at the bar of Truth, and in accordance with the divine
27 statutes, I repudiate the false testimony of Personal Sense.
I ask that he be forbidden to enter against Mortal Man
any more suits to be tried at the Court of Material Error.
30 I appeal to the just and equitable decisions of divine Spirit
to restore to Mortal Man the rights of which he has been
deprived.

33 Here the counsel for the defence closed, and the Chief
Justice of the Supreme Court, with benign and imposing
441:1 presence, comprehending and defining all law and evi-
dence, explained from his statute-book, the
3 Bible, that any so-called law, which under-
takes to punish aught but sin, is null and void.

He also decided that the plaintiff, Personal Sense, be
6 not permitted to enter any suits at the bar of Soul, but
be enjoined to keep perpetual silence, and in case of

temptation, to give heavy bonds for good behavior. He
9 concluded his charge thus: —

The plea of False Belief we deem unworthy of a hearing.
Let what False Belief utters, now and forever, fall into
12 oblivion, “unknelled, uncoffined, and unknown.” Accord-
ing to our statute, Material Law is a liar who cannot bear
witness against Mortal Man, neither can Fear arrest Mortal
15 Man nor can Disease cast him into prison. Our law refuses
to recognize Man as sick or dying, but holds him to be for-
ever in the image and likeness of his Maker. Reversing the
18 testimony of Personal Sense and the decrees of the Court of
Error in favor of Matter, Spirit decides in favor of Man
and against Matter. We further recommend that Materia
21 Medica adopt Christian Science and that Health-laws,
Mesmerism, Hypnotism, Oriental Witchcraft, and Esoteric
Magic be publicly executed at the hands of our sheriff,
24 Progress.

The Supreme Bench decides in favor of intelligence, that
no law outside of divine Mind can punish or reward Mortal
27 Man. Your personal jurors in the Court of Error are
myths. Your attorney, False Belief, is an impostor, per-
suading Mortal Minds to return a verdict contrary to law
and gospel. The plaintiff, Personal Sense, is recorded in
30 our Book of books as a liar. Our great Teacher of mental
jurisprudence speaks of him also as “a murderer from the
beginning.” We have no trials for sickness before the tri-
442:1 bunal of divine Spirit. There, Man is adjudged innocent
of transgressing physical laws, because there are no such
3 laws. Our statute is spiritual, our Government is divine.
“Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

The Jury of Spiritual Senses agreed at once upon a
6 verdict, and there resounded throughout the vast audience-
chamber of Spirit the cry, Not guilty. Then
the prisoner rose up regenerated, strong, free.

Divine verdict

9 We noticed, as he shook hands with his counsel, Chris-
tian Science, that all sallowness and debility had dis-
appeared. His form was erect and commanding, his
countenance beaming with health and happiness. Divine
12 Love had cast out fear. Mortal Man, no longer sick
and in prison, walked forth, his feet “beautiful upon the
15 mountains,” as of one “that bringeth good tidings.”

Neither animal magnetism nor hypnotism enters into
the practice of Christian Science, in which truth cannot
18 be reversed, but the reverse of error is true.
An improved belief cannot retrograde. When
Christ changes a belief of sin or of sickness into
21 a better belief, then belief melts into spiritual understand-
ing, and sin, disease, and death disappear. Christ, Truth,
gives mortals temporary food and clothing until the ma-

Christ the great
physician

24 terial, transformed with the ideal, disappears, and man
is clothed and fed spiritually. St. Paul says, “Work
out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” Jesus
27 said, “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good
pleasure to give you the kingdom.” This truth is
Christian Science.

30 Christian Scientists, be a law to yourselves that mental
malpractice cannot harm you either when asleep or when
awake.