

The Hot Stove

Allen lives in London, England and has attended a Christian Science Sunday school ever since he can remember. Here, he listens to the spiritual truths about God, and he learns how to use these truths to help him at school and at home.

Allen's home, like some homes in England, does not have a furnace. These houses are kept warm by stoves that burn wood or coal. There was one stove in Allen's home that he loved to look after because it kept burning day and night, and it was easy to take care of because it would never go out.

Early one morning, Allen got up and went softly downstairs to see if the fire needed any more wood. As he was opening the front of the stove, he accidentally put his hand on a piece of metal. It was so hot that it burned his hand.

His mother heard his cries of pain and came to him. She immediately began talking about God's love for him. She also repeated the first lines of the "Scientific Statement of Being" that has been given to us by Mary Baker Eddy. But the pain in Allen's hand was so great that he kept on crying. He asked his mother to go and call a practitioner for help.

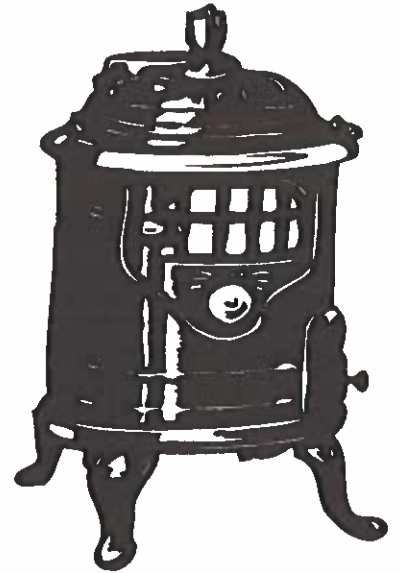
Mother soon returned from the telephone saying that the practitioner was praying for him, and she wanted both of them to remember that there can be no accidents in God's kingdom. Mother and Allen turned away from the suggestion of pain and began reading from the Bible and *Science and Health*.

First, they read the ninety-first Psalm from the Bible. Next, they read the 23rd Psalm. They also read Mrs. Eddy's spiritual interpretation of the 23rd Psalm, and felt comforted by its words.

Mother then shared with Allen some beautiful healings of burns that she knew of that had happened with Christian Science treatment. She also talked to him about the three Hebrew boys that were thrown into the fiery furnace, and how they came out unharmed. She reminded Allen that if the Hebrew boys had been thinking thoughts of anger and hate towards the king, they could not have walked safely in the fire. Their thoughts were so filled with love and trust in God's tender care, that they felt the presence of the Christ, and therefore they were safe.

Just then, Allen looked at his hand and said: "Mother, the pain is gone and my hand is all right. I'm healed!"

Allen proved that the Christ, truth was present to heal him. He and his mother thanked God for his beautiful healing, and they thanked God for the practitioner who had helped them. They also were so thankful for Christian Science. It teaches us to know God and to trust that He will always be with us to help and heal us.



S&H 468:9 "There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all."

S&H 578:17 "And I will dwell in the house [the consciousness] of [Love] for ever."