

## A Healing at the Campfire

Melanie was having such a good time at summer camp. There were so many fun things to do. Swimming in the lake everyday was just the greatest! Tonight there was to be a special picnic supper that was to be held on the beach. A fire had been made and there was corn roasting in the hot ashes. There was also a large kettle, hung over the fire, and cocoa was being made in it.

Melanie thought about how much fun it was to be eating outside at nighttime by the light of the fire. She loved picnics and she especially liked the kind where food was cooked on a campfire. Melanie thought back to last summer and how much happier she was this year than last year because she had found Christian Science. She had been completely healed of a skin problem that had made her life miserable



A practitioner, who had helped her with the healing of the skin condition, asked her to learn the “Scientific Statement of Being”. She told her that there would be many times when it would be a big help to her. It had not been easy for Melanie to learn this, for it had some words in it that she didn’t understand. But she kept at it until she had memorized it perfectly. Because she used it every day, she understood it more and more.

As she was finishing up the cocoa, she heard a friend call to her that it was time to begin the picnic supper. Melanie quickly began removing the kettle from the fire so she could take it to the table. As she lifted the kettle, it tipped, and some of the boiling hot cocoa splashed over her hand. Immediately, before fear could even get started in her thought, she found herself repeating, the “Scientific Statement of Being.” Her back was turned to the rest of the people that were busy setting out the trays of food, so no one saw the accident happen.

As Melanie came to the words, “Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness. Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual,” she lost the feeling of intense pain in her hand. A great sense of peace filled her thought. She set the kettle down carefully and wiped the cocoa off her hand with a tissue she had in her pocket. There wasn’t the slightest redness or mark of any kind on her skin. She had had an instantaneous healing, and had proved for herself that God was always present to help her. When she got to the table, she was able to pour out the cups of cocoa for her friends. And as she poured each cup she was silently saying to herself how thankful she was that she had learned the “Scientific Statement of Being.”

After the picnic was over and marshmallows were toasted over the coals in the fire, Melanie stood for a few minutes watching the twin lights shining from the lighthouses on either end of the island. A really special thought came to her. “Why the lighthouses are like the Bible and *Science and Health*,” thought Melanie. “The books are the two lighthouses that shed their steady rays to keep students of Christian Science from being harmed.” How glad she was that she was following the light of Truth, and that she could prove it was a very present help in trouble.

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*Psalms 46:1 “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”*