Influence of Language.

The Mental Science teachers and healers make this statement: "There is great power in the spoken word."

All persons, who think, know that this statement is an everyday fact.

Let those who doubt, do a little observing and experimenting, without prejudice, and they will soon be convinced.

The spoken, or written, word exerts a powerful influence on every quality of the mind, and thus affects morals, customs, and every condition of life. Thus it is evident that it is a matter of the highest importance that we be very careful in the choice of words used to express our ideas.

It is an error of common occurrence, and an error authorized by custom, to use masculine gender pronouns when common gender pronouns should be used. The influence of this error is prejudicial, detrimental and unjust. No matter what the standard grammarians say about "a deficiency in the English language" there really is no such deficiency. All linguists sanction the use of the pronoun you and your both in the singular and plural number.

It is equally as proper to use the pronouns they, their and them, both in the singular and plural number. The word man, is not feminine enough, in its commonly accepted meaning, so that it should not be used when reference is made to both sexes.

The use of such words as person, people, and human, when referring to both sexes is far more proper, just, and favorable to mental elevation.

In searching for all things which will promote moral reform and progress toward the right we must not overlook the great and mighty influence of language. BERTHA MOORE.