Elizabeth Earl Jones was a great Bible scholar and had had the opportunity while in England to pursue the study because of the availability of historic papers and manuscripts. In her healing work—along with "spiritual discernment" which Mrs. Eddy had said was the most important thing in a Christian Science treatment—Miss Jones emphasized strongly: "Study the Bible and see how Jesus healed."

The following case which she had soon after returning to America after World War I, illustrates her keen spiritual discernment and, -- the following of her own advice on going to the Scriptures to see how the Master healed. Excerpts from her account:

"Two expensively dressed women drove up in a handsome limousine. I do not recall where they were from or their names, but they were stopping in Asheville at the time. They were mother and daughter. The daughter's face was terribly scarred, and she seemed most unhappy. Mortal mind would say that she was not entirely sound mentally. The mother explained that her daughter had spells when she would claw her face, beat her head against the wall, and try to injure herself. She had not always been like that, but the last two or three years she had had spells when she was mentally afflicted and tried to do herself harm."

"I gave her a treatment and they left, and were to come again the following day. That evening I gave another treatment to the case in which I worked specifically for 'spiritual discernment.' The daughter's face haunted me; it was so unhappy.

"I opened my Bible with a prayer for spiritual guidance. I pondered the Bible account of one of the Master's notable healings (Mt. 8:28-34), because I felt it held the key to the case I was treating. (See also Mark 5:2-17)

"This is the way the whole thing opened up to me because I prayed for spiritual discernment:—"In this account of the lunatic and the swine, the swine ran violently over the precipice and were choked in the sea.—The whole environment was cleaned out by the Master's understanding of the One divine all-presence and all-power of God, divine Principle, when he healed the lunatic.
"The very fact that the keepers of the swine fled indicates that they knew that they were doing wrong—and when told what had been done, the people in the city were frightened also and begged that Jesus would leave their country. If the people were confident that they were law-abiding citizens, they would not have asked the Master to leave their country. I asked myself, 'Why did not those men who owned the swine, or were keeping the swine, attack Jesus and try to harm him, seeing his work had cause such a heavy financial loss to them?' Then I recalled the fact that in those hot countries it was against the law to keep swine or to eat swine's flesh. They had no refrigeration and the meat would not keep; it spoiled very quickly, and they believed that fatal diseases came of eating swine's flesh. So, those men who dealt in unlawful food were what we call 'bootleggers.' Evidently the people of that city were also making money on illicit trade in swine's flesh.

"'Bootlegging' in whiskey was one of the unlawful things in America after the First World War. . . . Bootleggers took great risk of being fined heavily and put in jail, but some people were making a lot of money.

"All of a sudden I saw what was the matter with this young woman. In the case Jesus healed, the man was suffering because he was not in sympathy with the lawless bootlegging in swine's flesh, and so he was mentally deranged because he did not know how to protect himself. I saw clearly why my patient clawed her flesh in spells of derangement: -- Her mother was making her money in the bootlegging business.

"When the mother and daughter came the next day for treatment, the daughter was vastly better. . . . I asked the mother if she was a bootlegger, and she nearly jumped out of her chair. . . . The daughter answered my question by saying, 'Yes, Miss Jones, I have begged my mother not to do it, but she keeps right on!' I never saw them after that day, but the daughter acknowledged her complete healing after that second treatment."