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1898

EARLY CHIMES

(Sentinel issue of November 10, 1898)

BEFORE the Christmas Bells shall ring, allow me to improvise some new notes, not specially musical, to be sure, but admirably adapted to the key of my feeling, and emphatically phrasing strict observance, or note well.

This year, my beloved Christian Scientists, you must grant me my request, namely, that I be permitted total exemption from Christmas gifts. Also I beg to send to you all a deep-drawn, heart-felt breath of thanks for those things of beauty and use forming themselves in your thoughts to send to Mother. Thus may I close the door of mind on this subject, and open the volume of Life on the pure pages of impersonal presents, pleasures, achievements, and *aid*.

Of the inquiry prevalent as to whether it is proper to read interesting newspaper articles at our Wednesday Evening meetings, let me say: It is right to do this if the articles are properly selected. But to guard the possibility of unwise selection is quite as requisite as to avoid the mischances of personal sermons, which has been our endeavor. To secure perfect safety on this subject the Readers at these meetings shall examine beforehand whatever is sent to be read on this occasion, and accept only the right authors, and such articles as elucidate Truth. Since the opening of these meetings in Concord newspaper matter, and even interesting letters from the Field, have been read at intervals, but I have selected them.

MARY BAKER EDDY

A WORD.

ACCORDING to Solomon words fitly spoken are prolific of silver and gold. Mr. James T. White, publisher of "The National Cyclopedia of American Biography," and author of "Captive Memories," for conscience' sake if you please, complied with the business terms of the Christian Science Publishing Society, and put into market a new edition of "Captive Memories" that was considered even better than the preceding ones, with the expectation that it would be liberally patronized because of its high merit. Will my beloved Christian Scientists give a helping hand to the sale of "Captive Memories," by purchasing this rare book for a gift to their friends on the ensuing holidays? It is on sale by the Christian Science Publishing Society, 95 Falmouth St., Boston, Mass.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM OF THE
MASSACHUSETTS METAPHYSICAL COLLEGE.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of December 15, 1898)

THE Massachusetts Metaphysical College of Boston, Massachusetts, was chartered A.D. 1881. As the *vox populi* observed the success of this Christian system of healing all manner of disease, over and above the approved Schools of medicine, they became deeply interested in it. Now the wide demand for this universal benefice is imperative, and it should be met, as heretofore, cautiously, systematically, scientifically. This Christian educational system is established on a broad and liberal basis, law and order characterize its work, and secure a thorough preparation of the student for practice.

The growth of human inquiry, and the increasing popularity of Christian Science, I regret to say, have called out of their hiding-places those poisonous reptiles and devouring beasts—superstition and jealousy. Toward the animal elements manifested in ignorance, persecution, and lean glory—and to their Babel of confusion worse confounded—let Christian Scientists be charitable. Let the voice of Truth and Love be heard above the dire din of mortal nothingness, and the majestic march of Christian Science go on *ad infinitum*, praising God, doing the works of primitive Christianity, and enlightening the world.

To protect the public, students of the Massachusetts Metaphysical College have received certificates of degrees until they graduated with diplomas. These credentials are still required—and their dates examined—of all who claim to practise or teach Christian Science. Inquiries are made as to the precise signification of the letters of degrees that follow the names of Christian Scientists. They indicate, respectively, the degrees of Bachelor and Doctor of Christian Science, conferred by the President or Vice President of the Massachusetts Metaphysical College. The first degree (C.S.B.) is given to students from the Primary Class; the second degree (C.S.D.) to those who, after receiving the first degree, continue as practitioners of Christian Science during three years in good and regular standing. In the intervening time these collegiates can enter the College class in Obstetrics.

The above reprint is to show that any departure therefrom would break the rules for giving diplomas. The detail thereof having slipped my memory—I did not inform my last class as to this entire matter, and do earnestly hope it will occasion no disappointment, but serve to make us all more perfect, more worthy of the high calling whereunto our Father hath called us. The certificates have been forwarded by mail to each member of this excellent class. Students who enter the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, or are examined under its auspices by the Board of Education, must be well educated, and have practised Christian Science three years, with good success.

1899

TO THE PUBLIC.

(Sentinel issue of April 13, 1899)

(THE following views of the Rev. Mary Baker Eddy upon the subject of the Trinity, are known to us to be those uniformly held and expressed by her. A reference to her writings will fully corroborate this statement.—ED. Sentinel.)

The contents of the last lecture of our dear brother, the Rev. Irving C. Tomlinson, on the subject "The Unknown God Made Known," were unknown to me till after the lecture was delivered in Boston, April 5.

The members of the Board of Lectureship are not allowed to consult me relative to their subjects, or the handling thereof, owing to my busy life, and they seek a higher source for wisdom and guidance. The talented author of this lecture has a heart full of love towards God and man. For once he may have overlooked the construction that people unfamiliar with his broad views and loving nature might put on his comparisons, and ready humor. But all Christian Scientists deeply recognize the oneness of Jesus — that he stands alone in word and deed, the visible discoverer, founder, demonstrator, and great Teacher of Christianity, whose sandals none may unloose.

The Board of Lectureship is absolutely inclined to be, and is instructed to be, charitable towards all, and hating none. The purpose of its members is to subserve the interest of mankind, and to cement the bonds of Christian brotherhood, whose every link leads upward in the chain of being. The cardinal points of Christian Science cannot be lost sight of, namely—one God, supreme infinite, and one Christ Jesus. The Board of Lectureship is specially requested to be wise in discoursing on the great subject of Christian Science.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

Dedicatory Address of Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy.

(Sentinel issue of April 6, 1899)

THE following is a dedicatory message sent by Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, to First Church of Christ, Scientist, Atlanta, Georgia, and read on the occasion of the dedication of a beautiful church edifice in that city, on Easter Sunday, 1899.

My Beloved Brethren:—

You have met to consecrate your beautiful temple to the worship of the only true God. Since the day wherein you were brought into the light and liberty, of His children, it has been in the hearts of this people to build a house unto Him whose name they would glorify in a new commandment — " that ye love one another." In this new recognition of the riches of His love and the majesty of His might you have built this house—laid its foundations on the Rock of Christ; and the stone which the builders rejected you have made the head of the corner. This house is hallowed by His promise, " I will put my name there forever, and my presence shall be there perpetually, and mine eyes shall be open and my ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this house." Your feast days will not be

in commemoration but in recognition of His presence; your ark of the covenant will not be brought out of the city of David, but out of the secret place of the Most High, whereof the Psalmist sang, even the omniscience of omnipotence, your tabernacle of the congregation will not be temporary, but " a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens ; " your oracle, under the wings of the cherubim, is Truth's evangel, enunciating, " God is Love."

In spirit I enter your inner sanctuary, your heart's heart, breathing a benediction for God's largess. He surely will not shut me out from your presence ; and the ponderous walls of your grand cathedral cannot prevent me from entering where the heart of a Southron has welcomed me. Christian Science hath a place in its court, in which, like beds in hospitals, one man's head lies at another's feet. As you work, the ages win, for the majesty of Christian Science teaches the majesty of man. When it is learned that spiritual sense and not the material senses convey all impressions to man, he will naturally seek the Science of his spiritual nature, and, finding it, be God-endowed for discipleship. Where divine Love gains admittance to a humble heart, that individual ascends the scale of miracles, and meets the warmest wish of men and angels. Clad in invincible armor, grasping the sword of Spirit, you have started in this sublime ascent, and should reach the mount of revelation; for " if ye would run, who shall hinder you ? " So dear, so due, to God is *obedience*, that it reaches high Heaven in the common walks of life,—and it affords even me a perquisite of joy.

You worship no distant Deity, nor talk of unknown Love. The silent prayers of our churches, resounding through the dim corridors of time, go forth in waves of sound, a diapason of heart-beats, vibrating from one pulpit to another and from one heart to another, till truth and love, commingling in one righteous prayer, shall encircle and cement the human race. The government of divine Love derives its omnipotence from the love it creates in the heart of man; for love is allegiant, and there is no loyalty apart from love. When the human senses wake from their long slumber to see how soon earth's fables flee, and faith grows wearisome, then that which defies decay and satisfies the immortal cravings is sought and found. In the twilight of the world's pageantry, in the last drawn sigh of a glory gone, we are drawn towards God.

Beloved brethren, I cannot forget that yours is the first Church edifice of our denomination, erected in the sunny South — once my home. There my husband died, and the song and the dirge, surging my being, gave expression to a poem written in 1844, from which I copy this verse: —

Friends, why throng in pity round me?
Wherefore pray! the bell did toll,
Dead is he who loved me dearly:
Am I not alone in soul?

Did that midnight shadow, falling upon the bridal wreath, bring the recompense of human woe, which is the merciful design of divine Love, and so help to evolve that larger sympathy for suffering humanity which is emancipating it with the morning beams and noonday glory of Christian Science !

The age is fast answering this question: Does Christian Science equal *materia medica* in healing the worst forms of contagious and organic diseases? My experience in both practices—*materia medica*, and the scientific Metaphysical practice of medicine—shows the latter not only equaling but vastly excelling the former.

Christians, who accept our Master as authority, regard his sayings as infallible. Jesus' students, failing to cure a severe case of lunacy, asked their great Teacher, "Why could we not cast him out ? " He answered, "This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." This declaration of our Master, as to the relative value, skill, and certainty of the Divine laws of Mind, over the human mind and *above matter* in healing disease, remains beyond questioning a Divine decision in behalf of Mind.

Jesus gave his disciples (students) power over all manner of diseases ; and the Bible was written in order that all peoples, in all ages, should have the same opportunity to become students of the Christ, Truth, and thereby God-endued with power (knowledge of

divine law) and signs following. Jesus declared that his teaching and practice would remain, even as it did, "for them also which shall believe on me through their word." Then, in the name of God, wherefore villify His prophets to-day who are fulfilling his prophecy, and verifying his last promise, " Lo, I am with you always " ?

It were well for the world if more of the wisdom of the ancient Rabbi survived, who said, "No man can do the miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." Be patient towards persecution : Injustice hath not a tithe of the power of justice. Your enemies will advertise for you. Christian Science is spreading steadily throughout the world. Persecution is the weakness of tyrants engendered by their fear, and love will cast it out. Continue steadfast in love and good works. Children of Light,— you are not children of darkness — let your light shine. Keep in mind the foundations of Christian Science — one God, and one Christ — keep personality out of sight — and Christ's " blessed are ye " will seal your apostleship.

This glad Easter morning witnesseth a risen Saviour, a higher human sense of Life and Love, that wipes away all tears. With grave-clothes laid aside, Christ, Truth, has come forth from the tomb of the past, clad in immortality.

(Sentinel issue of April 6, 1899)

From the Boston Globe of April 3, 1899, we copy the following relative to the dedication of the edifice at Atlanta, Georgia: —

The first Christian Science temple erected in the South was dedicated on Easter Sunday, Mrs. Livingston Mims, the head of the faith in Atlanta, officiating. The services were most impressive and almost dramatic. The exercises were opened by a short talk by Mrs. Mims, in which she welcomed the congregation to the new church and outlined the plans for the faith and the history of the movement which resulted in the construction of the temple.

Mrs. Mims made a striking figure as she delivered the opening address. She is an unusually handsome woman, of ideal figure, beautiful face, silvery gray hair and with inimitable grace in every movement. She is the wife of the president of Atlanta's most exclusive social club and has taken a foremost part in all woman's intellectual affairs there.

At the conclusion of her address she read a long dedicatory message sent by Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, above published. The church, which is on West Baker street, is very handsome and imposing. It is built of Georgia granite so ranged as to give an impression of marble. On the inside the edifice is harmoniously completed, white and pink marble forming the material decorations, the organ loft and reader's desk being especially ornate. There is a handsome bronze pedestal just below the organ loft, where burn the seven lights which the Christian Scientists associate with those referred to in the fourth chapter of Zachariah.

The first Christian Science church was organized in Atlanta ten years ago. Since then, under the sagacious management of Mrs. Mims, the faith has grown by leaps and bounds until today it numbers some of the most prominent people in the city among its membership. The fund, with the exception of one thousand dollars, for the erection of the temple was raised among the immediate members of the congregation.

The new religion has been attacked by pulpit and press, and openly expressed opposition accompanied every step made by the Scientists in the direction of their new church. When its necessity was fully appreciated the members quietly set to work to accumulate the required funds, and more than twenty thousand dollars has come into the church treasury in the last few years.

Of the members of the congregation few of them are wealthy people, but they have all given with a spirit and generosity indicative of their great earnestness and their desire to build a church that should for all time be a monument to the first congregation of

Christian Scientists in this section of the country, as well as being a medium, as they hope, for the more general dissemination of the principles of that religion.

Mrs. Eddy's Answer.

Editor of The Commercial Advertiser:

SIR — Over the signature " A Priest of the Church," somebody, kindly referring to my address to the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Concord, N. H., writes: "If they (Christian Scientists) have any Truth to reveal which has not been revealed by the Church or the Bible, let them make it known to the world, before they claim the allegiance of mankind."

I submit that Christian Science has been widely made known to the world, and that it contains the entire Truth of the Scriptures, as also whatever portions of Truth may be found in creeds. In addition to this, Christian Science presents the demonstrable Divine Principle, and rules of the Bible, hitherto undiscovered in its translations, and lacking in the creeds. In evidence thereof, I query; Do Christians who believe in sin, and especially those who claim to pardon sin, believe that God is Good, and that God is *All* ? Christian Scientists firmly subscribe to this statement; yea, they understand it and the law governing it, God being the divine Principle of Christian Science, and " of purer *eyes* than to behold iniquity." On this basis they endeavor to cast out the belief in sin, or in aught besides God, thereby enabling the sinner to overcome sin according to the Scripture, " Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for God worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

Does he who believes in sickness, know or declare that there is no sickness or disease, and thus heal it ? Christian Scientists do this, and by reason thereof its divine Principle, demonstrated, heals the most inveterate diseases. Does he who believes in death, understand or aver that there is no death, and proceed to overcome " the last enemy," and raise the dying to health? Christian Scientists do this in Christ's name, and are striving to reach the summit of His words, " If a man keep my sayings he shall never see death." If as this kind Priest claims, these things, inseparable from Christian Science, are common to his Church, we propose that he make known his doctrine to the world, that he teach Christianity thus, and send out students according to Christ's command, " Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," " Heal the sick, cleanse the leper, raise the dead, cast out devils." The tree is known by its fruit. If, as he implies, Christian Science is not a departure from the first century churches — as surely it is not — why persecute it ? Are the churches opening fire on their own religious ranks ? or, are they attacking a peaceable party quite their antipode ? Christian Science is a reflected glory; it shines with borrowed rays — from Light emitting light; it is the new old Christianity, that which was and is the revelation of divine Love.

The present flux in religious faith may be found to be a healthy fermentation, whereby the lees of religion will be lost, whereby dogma and creed will pass off in scum, leaving a solid Christianity at the bottom — a foundation for the builders. I would that all the churches on earth could unite as brethren in one prayer: Father, teach us the Life of Love. I shall decline entering into newspaper controversy.

Mary Baker G. Eddy.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., March 22.

Editorial.

**Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy.
The Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science.**

(Sentinel issue of September 7, 1899)

THE above is the title to the leading article in the Old Home Week Supplement of the *Boston Traveler*, which supplement was an important feature in the Old Home Week celebration in Concord, N. H. This article was printed with the permission of the Mother and contains important facts concerning her that have never appeared before in print. The supplement is beautifully printed on calendered paper, and besides an excellent portrait of our Leader, it contains handsome illustrations of Pleasant View, the Mother Church, and the Christian Science Hall in Concord, N. H. This important publication is sold at five dollars per hundred, and can be had by addressing the Christian Science Publishing Society. The supplement will be very suitable for distribution among those who are becoming interested in Christian Science, and we would suggest a ready response from the Field to this opportunity for letting the truth be known.

Our Literature.

THIS number begins Volume II. of the *Sentinel*. The table of contents on the cover will be appreciated by all. The use of the smaller type on some pages enables us to insert more matter than formerly.

Progress is the order of the day. The *Sentinel* will continue its mission of watchfulness and usefulness, untouched and unharmed by foes either in open field or in ambush. The enemies of Christian Science are hostile to whatever tends to spread its teaching. They bitterly assail the principal book of the Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," and seek by every form of denunciation, invective, distortion of its fair meaning, and ridicule, to destroy its effect. How well they are succeeding is evidenced by its increasingly rapid sales. It has reached its 172nd edition.

"Miscellaneous Writings," and the minor books of Mrs. Eddy are in fair proportion with the text-book; a healthy increase in their circulation bearing testimony to their appreciation, and the good work they are doing. The Quarterly Lesson-Sermons are going out in goodly numbers carrying the Word to the uttermost parts of the earth; but their great mission is only in its infancy. They should reach the masses in their homes regardless of whether there are enough students and investigators in the neighborhood to hold services or not.

The *Journal* and *Sentinel* are doing a grand missionary work. All earnest workers and seekers need these hand-in-hand messengers, not only for their own good, but for the use they can make of them in interesting others in the great cause. The world of sickness, sin, and sorrow is calling out for relief. Thousands are asking: Where is our God? They have been taught to look for relief in matter, and its impotence to heal and save is coming to be more and more recognized by earnest, thinking people, and the need of a higher and more efficacious religion as well as pathological system is forcing itself rapidly into consciousness. Our literature is among the effective agencies in bringing to public attention this better religion and healing system, and hence the deep importance of its wide extension. Gratifying as is its present circulation, there is no cause for lack of alertness and interest in its more rapid increase.

We know well what the open opposition to Christian Science literature is; but are we alert to that which is hidden? Are we watchful of the mental suggestions which are deliberately intended to cause prejudice against it? Do we flatter ourselves that while we slumber the mental suggested or operator, is not vigilantly and constantly at work? He who claims to be a Christian Scientist, and yet ignores the methods of the mental malpractitioner is not much in advance of non-Scientists in ability to guard against the devices of evil. He has yet to learn a fundamental *fact* in connection with this mortal existence.

It is not in accord with the teaching of our text-book to assume to wipe all evil aside by the mere mental declaration that all is Good, therefore there is no evil; for evil is a human *fact* until it is overcome and destroyed by the Scientific methods of divine Truth. Until

"the powers of darkness" are destroyed by turning upon them the light of Truth, they remain a condition to which mortals are under bondage and servitude.

Let us not be deceived by these powers of darkness, for in their Satanic stealth they assume the guise of plausibility and good. They could not otherwise deceive. A Christianity that is not Scientific is like a system of mathematics without a principle. Such a system of mathematics would lead to endless confusion. Chaos would reign supreme, and the "sects" of mathematicians would be numerous. How about a Christianity whose starting point is not the Divine Principle, eternal in His supremacy, infinite in His unity, and uniform in His government? Christian Science teaches that the ultimate of man is to be Godlike. Man, to be Godlike, must reflect—show forth—Good in life and character.

If a miracle is a special Providence, then, if "the day of miracles is past," the day of special providences is past. In other words, God is not the God He once was,—is not "the same yesterday, to-day, and forever." Is it not Scriptural to assume that the unchanging God is not "special," in any sense, but eternally general? Eternal Truth cannot be special or limited.

A Christless Christianity is an impossibility. Christ is the when he said: Go ye into all the world, preach the Gospel. Heal the sick. Cleanse the lepers. Raise the dead. The measure of fulfilment of this command is the evidence of the Christianity of Christ. He who would wish a niche in the world's true pantheon must lead a life that is unselfish,— "meek, merciful, just, and *pure*."

That punster was a philosopher who said, "'Tis better to have a *window* in the soul than a *pane* in the stomach." Truth is total. It is neither limited nor capricious. It does not ebb and flow. 'It was not present yesterday **but** absent to-day. It is the eternal *Now*. Prayer is praise and praise is prayer. Joyless prayer would be like a starless and moonless night,—lightless and gloomy.

A Correction.

BY MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of October 19, 1899)

IN the last *Sentinel* was the following question: "If all matter is unreal, why do we deny the existence of disease in the material body and not the body itself?" We deny first the existence of disease, because we can meet this negation more readily than we can negative all that the body affirms. It is written in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures;" "There are degrees in the material or human belief, and a harmonious belief is one step out of error; a belief of health is an improvement on a belief of sickness."

Thus it is that our great Exemplar, Jesus of Nazareth, first takes up the subject. He does not require the last step to be taken first. He came to the world not to destroy the law of being, but to fulfil it in righteousness. He restored the diseased body to its normal action, functions, and organization, and in explanation of his deeds he said, "Suffer these things to be so now, for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." Job said, "In my flesh shall I see God." Neither the Old nor the New Testament furnishes reasons or examples for the destruction of the human body but its restoration to life and health as the scientific proof of "God with us." The power and prerogative of Truth are to destroy all disease and to raise the dead—even the self-same Lazarus. The *spiritual* body came with the *ascension*.

Jesus demonstrated the divine Principle of Christian Science when he presented his *material* body absolved from death and the grave. The introduction of pure abstractions in Christian Science without their correlatives leaves its divine Principle unexplained, tends to confuse the mind of the reader, and ultimates in what Jesus denounced, namely, "straining out gnats and swallowing camels."

HISTORICAL.

(Sentinel issue of October 26, 1899)

WE desire to quote some letters and articles which will give a retrospect for a year, and inform our readers regarding the opportunities given the *Washington News Letter*. In May, 1898, Captain Linscott of Washington, D. C, reported to Rev. Mary Baker Eddy that a patient of his had been filling the pages of a little sheet of which he was editor with articles relating to Christian Science, and as a consequence had so lost patronage that financial ruin threatened him. The response of Mrs. Eddy to this appeal was immediate.

In the *Christian Science Journal* for June, 1898, appeared letter from our Leader, recommending "every Scientist on *terra firma*" to subscribe for the *News Letter* for one year. Can one imagine greater kindness to a struggling paper about to cease its existence, than this recommendation, which gave it entrance and welcome into thousands of homes of good people? Kind thoughts were given to the editor, many subscriptions were sent in to his enterprise, and contributions poured in for his columns, so that success was assured; but it should be clear that all this grace of love was solely the outcome of the recommendation referred to, which called it forth. Years and years of toil could not gain for any paper such a position. Does this warrant the charges now made by Mr. Sabin about exclusive "combines," "trusts," etc. ? The fact is that in their loving desire to help, some Christian Scientists passed the line of kindness, and poured in what was really flattery, which became so much of an intoxicant as to turn our brother's head, and make him believe that his success was due to his own greatness and cleverness.

At the expiration of the year, Scientists everywhere began to send inquiries both to Mrs. Eddy and to the Publishing Society as to whether they were expected to renew their subscriptions to the *Washington News Letter*. One year of weekly issues had surely furnished the paper with ample opportunity to prove its service to the Cause, and its usefulness to workers therein; therefore it seemed expedient to let the paper stand upon its own merits, so any obligation to continue subscriptions because of the first recommendation was removed by the publication of the following letters:—

We quote first the letter from the Publishing Society which appeared in the August, 1899, *Journal*.

THE WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER.

The Publishing Society has felt and still entertains a friendly interest in the *Washington News Letter*, and through the loving counsel and admonition of our beloved Leader—not to "cast the first stone"—we trust that this attitude has been put upon the truly Christian and Scientific basis.

The editor of the *News Letter* in a recent editorial says of his paper, that it is "not a Christian Science organ, nor is it a Christian Science publication." We understand that he thereby defines his position in relation to our cause.

The matter which appears in the Christian Science organs is under the careful inspection of the Christian Science Publishing Society, and is understood to be officially representative of our movement. The *News Letter* does not come under this care and inspection.

Nevertheless, the friendly interest of the Publishing Society will continue so long as its editor boldly defends the Truth, and is obedient to the Principle and rules of Christian Science; but the Publishing Society cannot in any way be responsible for what appears in the *News Letter*.

**Christian Science Publishing Society,
JOSEPH ARMSTRONG, Business Manager,
SEPTIMUS J. HANNA, Editor.**

We quote next the following letter from the Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, which appeared in the same *Journal*.

***Dear Editor:*—Having received a letter from Captain John F. Linscott, C.S.D., of Washington, D. C, in or about May, 1898, informing me that Colonel Sabin of that city, editor of the *Washington News Letter*, had become a Christian Scientist, and by reason thereof had lost the principal patronage of his newspaper,— I immediately requested all Christian Scientists to subscribe for said newspaper one year. In a letter Colonel Sabin pleasantly assured me that their generous subscription had resulted in the present prosperity of his paper. I had never heard of Colonel Sabin up to the above-named date, and have never had the pleasure of meeting him.**

In answer to the questions from the Field: "Are Christian Scientists under obligation to continue their subscriptions for the *Washington News Letter*?"—*they are under no further obligations to me.*

July 10, 1899.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

Take Notice.

BY MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of October 26, 1899)

THE following three quotations from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" are submitted for the dear Churches of Christ, Scientist, to select from, and to place one of them only on the walls of the church. Otherwise, as our churches multiply, promiscuous selections would write your text-book on the walls of your churches.

Divine Love always has met, and always will meet, every human need.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

Christianity is again demonstrating the Life that is Truth, and the Truth that is Life.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

Jesus' three days' work in the sepulchre set the seal of eternity on time. He proved Life to be deathless, and Love to be the master of hate.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

A Card.

(Sentinel issue of December 28, 1899)

***Beloved:*—I accept most gratefully your purpose to clothe me, and when God has clothed you sufficiently He will make it easy for you to clothe one of His "little ones." Give yourselves no more trouble to get the three garments called for by me through last week's *Sentinel*.**

MARY BAKER EDDY.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., December 25, 1899.

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Christian Science History.

(Sentinel issue of February 1, 1900)

THE First Readers of the Branch churches are each requested to distribute at least five hundred copies of the booklet "Christian Science History" in such manner as will do the most good. Also, will the members of the Board of Lectureship see that large numbers of this booklet are properly distributed in their sections of labor?

MARY BAKER EDDY.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., January, 1900

From Our Leader.

(Sentinel issue of February 8, 1900)

THE following letter from our Leader, to the First Reader of one of our churches, we have gained permission to give to our readers that all may share its blessing. EDITOR.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., February 2, 1900.

Beloved Student:—Christ is meekness and Truth enthroned. Put on the robes of Christ and you will be "lifted up and will draw all men unto you." The little fishes in my fountain must have felt me when I stood silently beside it, for they came out in orderly line to the rim where I stood. Then I fed these sweet little thoughts that, unfearing me, sought their food of me.

God has called you to be a fisher of men. It is not a stern but a loving look that calls forth mankind to receive your bestowal; not so much eloquence as *tender persuasion* that takes away their fear, and it is Love alone that feeds them.

Do you come to your little flock so filled with divine food that you cast your bread upon the waters? Then be sure that after many, or a few days, it will return to you.

The little that I have done, has all been done through love, self-forgetful, patient, unfaltering tenderness.

With love, Mother.

M. B. EDDY

Church By-law.

BY MARY BAKER EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of February 15, 1900)

A MEMBER of the Mother Church shall not, under pardonable circumstances, sue his patient for recovery of payment for said member's practice, on penalty of discipline and liability to have his name removed from this church membership. Also, he shall

reasonably reduce his price in chronic cases of recovery,—and in cases wherein he has not effected a cure. A Christian Scientist is a humanitarian— he is benevolent, forgiving, long-suffering, and seeks to overcome evil with good.

Take Notice.

(Sentinel issue of May 10, 1900)

MY attention has just been called to a proof of a photograph of mine sent out by William H. Pierce & Co., Boston, which they claim is the best extant of me to-day. This photo is merely a facsimile of a photograph taken by an artist in Concord, N. H., about ten years ago, which I condemned, and I have refused to sit for a photograph since that date. The photographs sold by J. C. Derby & Co. are authorized by me. I have also consented to let Mr. Derby manufacture a Christian Science insignia.

M. B. EDDY

A Word in Defence.

THE following card from Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy appeared in the *Boston Herald* of May 5, 1900.

To the Editor of *The Herald*:—

I even hope that those who are kind enough to speak well of me may do so honestly, and not too earnestly, and this seldom, until mankind learn more of my meaning and can speak justly of my living.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., May 4, 1900

Church By-law.

BY MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

ONLY the Christian Science Board of Directors and the First Reader of the Mother Church, shall be present at meetings for the examination of complaints against Church members. Only the Board of Directors and the First Reader shall confer or vote on cases of and church discipline. A complaint against a member of the Mother Church, *if said member belongs to no other church*, shall be laid before this Board, and within thirty days thereafter, the clerk of the Church shall address a letter of inquiry to the member complained of, as to its validity. If the previous Christian character of the accused member is good, his reply to the clerk contradicting the accusations, or his confession thereof and compliance with our Church Rules, shall be sufficient on behalf of said member for the Board to dismiss the subject, and the clerk of the Church shall immediately so inform him. Also, the complainant shall cease to speak ill of him, or be subject to discipline and dismissal from this Church. No cards shall be removed from our periodicals except by a majority vote of the Christian Science Board of Directors and First Reader, at a meeting of the Mother Church held for this purpose, or for the examination of complaints. No Church discipline shall ensue until the requirements, according to the Scripture in Article XXVI., Section 6, of our Manual, have been strictly obeyed.

A member of the Mother Church, and a member or the Reader of a Branch Church of Christ, Scientist, shall not send to the Mother Church a complaint against another member of a Branch Church. Each Church shall separately and independently discipline its own members,—if this sad necessity ever occurs.

Card.

(Sentinel issue of May 17, 1900)

Beloved Students:—In reply to the eager questions from the Field, Does Mrs. Eddy purpose to attend the next Annual Meeting of the Mother Church?—Will say, I shall not be with you personally, but do not let this prevent your attendance.

MARY BAKER EDDY

Lectures.

(Sentinel issue of September 20, 1900)

I HAVE the pleasure of announcing to our readers, by consent of Judge Joseph R. Clarkson of Omaha, Neb., that he is now available as a lecturer throughout the United States and Canada. Any Church of Christ, Scientist, can call for his valuable services in this capacity, and be supplied according to the rules regulating the Board of Lectureship.

MARY BAKER EDDY

My Reply.

BY MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of September 27, 1900)

THE *Granite Monthly* published in New Hampshire, for which I requested Christian Scientists to subscribe one year, is not adapted to the issuance of Christian Science literature, and it was not my intention to make it an organ therefor. If you have paid a subscription fee for said magazine one year, that suffices. My purpose in calling on you for this subscription, was personal, not however in relation to myself, nor was it to aid our Cause— it concerned alone the interest of the proprietors.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., September 22, 1900.

Christian Science Thanks.

(Sentinel issue of December 6, 1900)

THE following was contributed by the Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy to a symposium on Thanksgiving which appeared in the *Boston Globe*, November 29, 1900. There were

twenty-three articles written by prelates of various denominations, and Mrs. Eddy's was the only one contributed by a woman. The communications were sent in answer to the following telegraphic inquiry from *The Globe*:—

On the threshold of the twentieth century, will you please send through *The Globe* to the people of New England, which is the birthplace of Thanksgiving Day, a sentiment on what the last Thanksgiving Day of the nineteenth century should signify to all mankind? New England's last Thanksgiving Day of this century signifies, to the minds of men, the Bible better understood and Truth and Love made more practical; the first commandment of the decalogue more imperative, and, "loving thy neighbor as thyself," more possible and pleasurable.

That Love, unselfed, knocks more loudly than ever before at the heart of humanity and finds admittance.

That revelation, spiritual voice and vision are less subordinate to material sight and sound and more apparent to reason.

That evil flourishes less, invests less in trusts, loses capital, and is bought at par value.

That the Christ spirit will cleanse the earth of human gore.

That civilization, peace between nations, and the brotherhood of man should be established and justice plead not vainly in behalf of the sacred rights of individuals, peoples, and nations.

That the Science of Christianity has dawned upon human thought to appear full-orbed in millennial glory.

That Scientific religion and Scientific therapeutics are improving the morals and increasing the longevity of mankind—mitigating and destroying sin, disease, and death.

That religion and *materia medica* be no longer tyrannical and proscriptive.

That divine Love, understood in Divine Science, impartial and universal, forms the coincidence of the human and divine, which fulfils the saying of our great Master, "The kingdom of heaven is already within you."

That the atmosphere of the human mind, when cleansed of self and permeated with divine Love, will reflect its subjective state in clearer skies, less thunderbolts, tornadoes, and extremes of heat and cold.

That agriculture, manufacture, commerce, and wealth should be governed by honesty, industry, and justice, reaching out to all classes and peoples. For these signs of the times we thank our Father-Mother God.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY

Christian Science and the Episcopal Congress.

THE following article from the pen of the Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy appeared in the *Boston Herald*, Sunday, December 2, 1900.

The Church Congress of the Episcopal Church, recently convened at Providence, R. I., smiled mildly on some features of Christian Science, but its arrangement of the programme for the discussion of the subject was unfortunate, in the interests of strict justice and fair play. The discussion was opened, first, with an address by Professor Theodore F. Seward of New York, author of "The Brotherhood of Christian Unity," and a member of the Episcopal Church, which was able, compact, courteous, and altogether logical and ample. It was a conscientious tribute from one whose heart is manifestly full of the love of Christ and love for his fellow-men; who has studied Christian Science from its spiritual standpoint, with a firm belief in Christ Jesus, his example, and his teachings; and who has aimed to get to the very bottom of his subject. It is reported that he was listened to with rapt attention, from its beginning to its close, by an audience of fifteen hundred persons. His opening of the discussion gave unlimited opportunity for unbridled criticism from those who followed him, without possible reply; and a lawyer, who referred

to Christian Science in objectionable phrase made the argument against it, and made his exit from the Congress, substantially uncorrected and unrebuked.

As Christian Science is founded strictly on the life and teachings of Christ Jesus, it may be pertinent to ask why a doctor or a lawyer, who evidently has no aggressive faith in Jesus and his life labors for humanity, and who seldom reads a chapter from the Gospels and rarely enters a Christian house of worship, should be asked to address such a Congress on such a subject? Is it not obvious that the religious side of the question—its important and vital side—would be studiously ignored? Note the addresses of Dr. William M. Polk and Mr. W. A. Purrington, as reported in the *Providence Journal*, for a definite answer. Lawyer Leavitt's reply to unjust criticisms against the Christian Science textbook was a spiritual sunburst on the darkness. As an interesting illustration of the lack of spirit and breadth, and nobility of Mr. Purrington's address, the following is quoted from it verbatim:—

"It is only just to say that Mrs. Eddy's practice is in accord with this part of her teaching. She says there is no pain and no disease, and that she can restore decaying bones to healthy condition (Science and Health, 16, 359), yet she had her teeth extracted by Dr. Fletcher of 77 North Main Street, Concord, N. H., under the so-called painless method, by local anaesthesia, and she now wears artificial dentures made by him."

The following over Dr. Fletcher's own signature is also given verbatim:—

"The story told by the Rev. Dr. Whitaker and others, to the effect that Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy called at my office in Concord, N. H., in great pain, and had a carious tooth extracted, requesting me to use a local anaesthetic before extracting the tooth, is incorrect. Mrs. Eddy did call at my office and had a troublesome tooth extracted. But it was not a carious tooth, neither was she in pain at the time. She did request me to extract the tooth, allowing me to use my own painless method for extracting teeth, which I had recommended.

"I shall take no further notice of inquiries on this subject."

(Signed) JOHN M. FLETCHER

"Concord, N. H., November 22, 1900."

I have a copy of a letter which Dr. Fletcher received, in which the writer proposed a bribe of \$200 if the doctor would authorize a story about Mrs. Eddy concerning this remarkable episode (!) such as the correspondent might dictate. But Dr. Fletcher said practically, "Get thee behind me, Satan." The doctor is a man of repute—a native of my native state—a man that cannot be bought or sold. Those familiar with my writings know that long ago I instructed Christian Scientists not to interfere with methods

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Monument to Baron and Baroness de Hirsch.

(Sentinel issue of January 10, 1900)

A MONUMENT is soon to be erected in Central Park, New York, in commemoration of the eradication of racial prejudice. The monument will cost upwards of fifty thousand dollars, and the amount is to be raised entirely by voluntary subscriptions.

The sculptor's conception is highly artistic and effective. A female figure in bronze, heroic size, typifying Philanthropy, is represented holding in her left arm a tablet on which are engraved the features of the Baron and Baroness. Before this figure is a smaller one, that of a child, representing posterity, placing on the tablet a bunch of palms. These figures will be placed on a pedestal of highly polished pink granite. The pedestal will take the form of an exedra, whose majestic sweep of unbroken curves will be intended to convey the idea of the all-embracing arms of true charity.

The motive which prompted the erection of the monument has appealed to all classes. Many letters from clergymen and laymen, college presidents and publicists, have been sent to the Baron and Baroness de Hirsch Monument Association, indorsing the project. A number of these letters were published in the *New York Mail and Express* of January 1, 1901. The Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, wrote as follows:

The movement to erect a monument to the late Baron and Baroness de Hirsch enlists my hearty sympathy. They were unquestionably used in a remarkable degree as instruments in the Divine Love.

Divine Love reforms, regenerates; giving to human weakness strength, serving as admonition, instruction, and governing all that really is. Divine Love is the noumena and phenomena, principle and practice of Divine metaphysics. Love talked and not lived is a poor shift for the weak and worldly. Love lived in a court or cot is God exemplified, governing governments, industries, human rights, liberty, life.

In love for man we gain the only and true sense of Love for God, practical good, and so rise, and still rise, to His image and likeness, and are made partakers of that Mind whence sprang the universe.

Philanthropy is loving, ameliorative, revolutionary; it wakens lofty desires, new possibilities, achievements, and energies; it lays the axe at the root of the tree that bringeth not forth good fruit; it touches thought to spiritual issues, systematizes action, and insures success. It starts the wheels of right reason, revelation, justice, and mercy; it unselfs men and pushes on the ages. Love unfolds marvelous good and uncovers hidden evil. The philanthropist or reformer gives little thought to self-defence—his life's incentive and sacrifice need no apology. The good done and the good to do are his ever-present reward. Love is the elevator of the human race; it demonstrates Truth and reflects Love. Good is divinely natural; evil is unnatural; it has no origin in the nature of God, and He is the father of all.

The great Galilean prophet was, is, the reformer of reformers. His piety partook not of the travesties of human opinions, pagan mysticisms, tribal religion, Greek philosophy, creed, dogma, or *materia medica*. The Divine Mind was his only instrumentality in religion or medicine. The so-called laws of matter he eschewed; with him matter was not the auxiliary of Spirit. He never appealed to matter to perform the functions of Spirit, Divine Love. Jesus cast out evil, disease, death, showing that all suffering is commensurate with sin; therefore, he cast out devils and healed the sick. He showed that every effect or amplification of wrong will revert to the wrong-doer; that sin punishes itself; hence his

saying, "Go and sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." Love atones for sin through love that destroys sin. His rod is Love.

We cannot re-make ourselves, but we can make the best of what God has made; we can know that all is good because God made all, and that evil is not a fatherly grace. All education is work; the thing most important is what we do, not what we say. God's open secret is seen through Grace, Truth, and Love.

I enclose a check for \$500 for the De Hirsch monument fund.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

A Letter to the Children.

(Sentinel issue of January 24, 1901)

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., December 27, 1900.

To the Sunday School Children.

Beloved Children:—It was very lovely in you to remember me on Christmas and send me a pretty pen tray. Among my rare gifts none seemed sweeter than thine. When I saw it I said in my heart I wish I could see those dear children, I wish I knew their sweet faces on the street that I might bow to them, and I hope sometime to see them at our Hall in Concord and address them there. May the loving Christ still keep you, dear ones, in his arms, and give your young lives love, purity, peace, health, holiness—is the prayer of her who loves you.

Ever yours,

M. B. EDDY.

MRS. EDDY TAKES NO PATIENTS.

The author of the Christian Science text-book takes no patients, does not consult on disease, nor read letters referring to these **subjects**.

Mrs. Eddy's Reply.

(Sentinel issue of February 28, 1901)

THE following telegraphic communication from the Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy appeared in the *New York World*, February 24:—

The teachings of Christian Science were the feature, in fact the basis, of the Brush will contest before Surrogate Fitzgerald during last week. Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, the noted alienist, was asked:—

"Do you say that a person who believes in the power of God, operating through a human agent to cure disease without material means, suffers from delusions?"

"Yes," he answered, "most decidedly."

Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, the head of the Christian Scientists, was telegraphed the substance of Dr. Hamilton's testimony and requested to reply. She sent the following:
Concord, N. H., February 22.

To the Editor of *The World*.

Is faith in divine metaphysics insanity? All sin is insanity, but healing the sick is *not* sin. There is a universal insanity which mistakes fable for fact throughout the entire testimony of the material senses. Those unfortunate people who are committed to insane asylums are only so many well-defined instances of the baneful effects of illusion on mortal minds and bodies. The supposition that we can correct insanity by the use of drugs is in itself a species of insanity. A drug cannot of itself go to the brain or affect cerebral conditions in any manner whatever. Drugs cannot remove inflammation, restore disordered functions, or destroy disease without the aid of mind.

If mind be absent from the body drugs can produce no curative effect upon it. Mind must be, is, the vehicle of all modes of healing disease and of producing disease. Through the mandate of mind or according to his belief, a man can be helped or he can be killed by a drug; but mind, not matter, produces the result in either case.

Neither life nor death, health nor disease, can be produced on a corpse whence mind has departed. This self-evident fact is proof that mind is the cause of all effect made manifest through so-called matter. The general craze is that matter masters mind; the specific insanity is that brain, matter, is insane.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

Churches Opened at New York and Chicago.

(Sentinel issue of April 11, 1901)

THE Second Church of Christ, Scientist, of New York City, was opened Easter Sunday, April 7, and the Second Church of Christ, Scientist, of Chicago, was dedicated. In both churches the services were repeated several times to accommodate the thousands who desired to participate. A full account of these interesting services, including the addresses, will appear in the *Journal*.

In this issue of the *Sentinel* it is our great pleasure to publish the following letters from our Leader, the Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, which, were sent to the churches at New York and Chicago, and read at each of the services.

To Second Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, N. Y.

Beloved Brethren:—Please accept a line from me in lieu of my presence on this auspicious occasion. Hope springs exultant on this blest morn. May its white wings widen over this white temple and soar above it, pointing the path from earth to heaven; from human ambition, fear, or distrust, to the faith, meekness and might of him who hallowed this Easter morn.

Now may his salvation draw near, for the night is far spent, and the day is at hand. In the words of St. Paul: "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; honor to whom honor. Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law."

May the benediction of "well done, good and faithful," rest worthily on the builders of this beautiful temple, and the glory of the resurrection morn burst upon the spiritual sense of this people with renewed vision, infinite meanings, endless hopes, and glad victories in the onward and upward chain of being.

With love,

MARY B. G. EDDY.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., April 5, 1901

Mrs. Eddy's letter to the Church at Chicago was as follows:—

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., April 4, 1901.

To the Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Chicago, Ill.

My Beloved Brethren:—Your card of invitation to this feast of soul was duly received—accept my thanks. Ye sit not in the idol's temple. Ye build not to an unknown God. Ye worship Him whom ye serve. Boast not thyself, thou ransomed of divine Love, but press on unto the possession of unburdened bliss. Heal the sick, make spotless the blemished, raise the living dead, cast out fashionable lunacy.

The ideal robe of Christ is seamless. Thou hast touched its hem and art being healed. The risen Christ is thine. The haunting mystery and gloom of his glory rule not this century. Thine is the upspringing hope, the conquest over sin and mortality, that lights the living way to Life, not death.

May the God of our fathers, the infinite Person whom we worship, be and abide with you; may the blessing of divine Love rest with you. My heart hovers around your churches in Chicago, for the dove of peace sits smilingly on these branches and sings of our Redeemer.

Lovingly yours,

MARY BAKER EDDY

Easter Largess.

(Sentinel issue of April 18, 1901)

Beloved Students:—One and all from North to South, from East to West, please receive through our columns Mother's best thanks for your varied, multiform, beautiful, useful Easter gifts—all unexpected and lovingly appreciated.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., April 13, 1901

MARY BAKER G. EDDY

A Word to the Wise.

BY MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of April 25, 1901)

THE hour is imminent. Upon it lie burdens that time will remove. Just now divine Love and wisdom saith "Be *still* and know that I am God." Do all Christian Scientists see or understand the importance of that demand at the moment when human wisdom is inadequate to meet the exigencies of the hour, and they should wait on the logic of events?

I respectfully call your attention thereto, knowing a little as I ought the human need, the Divine demand, and the blessing and the bane which follow obedience and disobedience. Hurried conclusions as to the public thought are not apt to be correctly drawn. The public sentiment is helpful, or dangerous only in proportion to its right, or its wrong concept, and the forward footsteps it impels, or the prejudice it instils which the future must disclose and dispel. Avoid for the immediate present, public debating clubs. Also be sure that you are not caught in some author's net, or made blind to his loss of the Golden Rule of which Christian Science is the predicate and postulate—when borrowing the thoughts, words, and classification of one author, without quotation marks; and giving full credit to another more fashionable but less correct. My books state Christian Science correctly. They may not be as taking to those ignorant of this Science as books less correct—and therefore less profound. But it is not safe to accept the latter as standards. We would not deny their authors a hearing since the Scripture declares: "He that is not against us is on our part." And we would also speak in loving terms of their efforts, but we cannot afford to recommend any literature as wholly Christian Science, that is not absolutely genuine.

Beloved students, just now let us adopt the classic saying,—"They also serve who only stand and wait." Our cause is growing apace under the present persecution thereof. This is a crucial hour wherein the coward and the hypocrite come to the surface to pass off; while the loyal at heart and the worker in the spirit of Truth are rising to the zenith of success,—the "well done good and faithful"—spoken by our Master

Mrs. Eddy Talks.

(Sentinel issue of May 9, 1901)

THE following account of an interview with the Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, appeared in the *New York Herald*, May 1, 1901. The report will be read with interest by the many readers of the *Sentinel*, and the honest investigator of Christian Science will find that the many false rumors which have come to his ears are without foundation.

The *Herald's* report of the interview was as follows:—

CONCORD, N. H., Tuesday, April 30, 1901.—Christian Science has been so much to the fore of late that unusual public interest centres in the personality of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the Founder of the cult, and in her opinions on the matters which have brought her followers in opposition to state laws and the public opinion behind those laws. More than that, unkind rumors, started doubtless by the unfriendly, have made Mrs. Eddy a myth. She died long ago, said some; she is living but bedridden, said others, and her place is taken by another woman whenever it is a question of a public appearance.

To settle both these rumors at one stroke was the object of a call at Pleasant View, her handsome home near here. The granting of interviews is not usual. Mrs. Eddy's house would be overrun with reporters, and the followers of Christian Science itself would be present in growing numbers. Hence it was a special favor that Mrs. Eddy received the *Herald* correspondent. It had been raining all day and was damp without. The change from the misty air outside to the pleasant warmth within the ample, richly furnished house was agreeable. The house represents only a part of Mrs. Eddy's wealth, resulting from the sale of her books. It contains hundreds of costly objects, sent to her with heartfelt good wishes by her "children in Christ."

Seated in the large parlor, I became aware of a white haired lady slowly descending the stairs. She entered with a gracious smile, walking uprightly and with light step, and after a kindly greeting took a seat on a sofa. It was Mrs. Eddy.

While the lady in a clear but not loud voice was telling how she had sought light upon the matter of seeing me, and what had induced her at last to reach a favorable conclusion, let me say first of all that the lady was Mrs. Eddy indeed. There was no mistaking that. Older in years, white haired and frailer, but Mrs. Eddy herself. The likeness to the portraits of twenty years ago, so often seen in reproductions, was unmistakable. There is no mistaking certain lines that depend upon the osseous structure; there is no mistaking the eyes—those eyes the shade of which is so hard to catch, whether blue gray or grayish brown, and which are always bright. And when I say frail, let it not be understood that I mean weak, for weak she was not. Well preserved age is not uncommon now, and Mrs. Eddy seemed very well preserved.

Later, when we were snugly seated in the other smaller parlor across the hall, which serves as a library, Mrs. Eddy sat back to be questioned. She seemed to think that I would want to know about her lawsuit with the Messrs. Woodbury of Boston, but was not anxious to discuss it. It would come on in a couple of weeks, and it had occupied some of her attention, but would we not talk of more fundamental matter?

FORETELLS ABSORPTION OF CHURCHES.

"The continuity of the Church of Christ, Scientist," she said, in her clear voice, "is assured. It is growing wonderfully. It will embrace all the churches, one by one because in it alone is the simplicity of the oneness of God; the oneness of Christ and the perfecting of man stated Scientifically."

"How will it be governed after all now concerned in its government shall have passed on?"

"It will evolve Scientifically. Its essence is evangelical. Its government will develop as it progresses."

"Will there be a hierarchy, or will it be directed by a single earthly ruler?"

"In time its present rules of service and present rulership will advance nearer perfection."

It was plain that the answers to questions would be in Mrs. Eddy's own spirit. She has a rapt way of talking, looking large-eyed into space, and works around a question in her own way, reaching an answer often unexpectedly after a prolonged exordium. She explained: "No present change is contemplated in the rulership. You would ask, perhaps, whether my successor will be a woman or a man. I can answer that. It will be a man."

"Can you name the man?"

"I cannot answer that now."

Here, then, was the definite statement that Mrs. Eddy's immediate successor would, like herself, be the ruler.

NOT A POPE OR A CHRIST.

"I have been called a Pope, but surely I have sought no such distinction. I have simply taught as I learned while healing the sick. It was in 1866 that the light of the Science came first to me. In 1875 I wrote my book. It brought down a shower of abuse upon my head, but it won converts from the first. I followed it up, teaching and organizing, and trust in me grew. I was the mother, but of course the term Pope is used figuratively.

"A position of authority," she went on, "became necessary. Rules were necessary and I made a code of by-laws, but each one was the fruit of experience and the result of prayer. Intrusting their enforcement to others, I found at one time that they had five churches under discipline. I intervened. Dissensions are dangerous in an infant church. I wrote to each church in tenderness, in exhortation, and in rebuke, and so brought all back to union and love again. If that is to be Pope, then you can judge for yourself. I have even been spoken of as a Christ, but to my understanding of Christ that is impossible. If we say that the sun stands for God, then all his rays collectively stand for Christ, and each separate ray for men and women. God the Father is greater than Christ, but Christ

is 'one with the Father,' and so the mystery is Scientifically explained. There can be but one Christ."

"And the soul of man?"

"It is not the spirit of God, inhabiting clay and withdrawn from it—but God preserving individuality and personality to the end. I hold it absurd to say that when a man dies, the man will be at once better than he was before death. How can it be? The individuality of him must make gradual approaches to Soul's perfection."

"Do you reject utterly the bacteria theory of the propagation of disease?"

"Oh," with a prolonged inflection, "entirely. If I harbored that idea about a disease, I should think myself in danger of catching it."

ABOUT INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

"Then as to the laws—the health laws of the states on the question of infectious and contagious diseases. How does Christian Science stand as to them?"

"I say render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's. We cannot force perfection on the world. Were vaccination of any avail I should tremble for mankind, but knowing it is not and that the fear of catching smallpox is more dangerous than any material infection, I say where vaccination is compulsory let your children be vaccinated and see that your mind is in such a state that by your prayers it will do the children no harm.

"So long as Christian Scientists obey the laws I don't suppose their mental reservations will be thought to matter much. But every thought tells, and Christian Science will overthrow false knowledge in the end."

"What is your attitude to science in general? Do you oppose it?"

"Not," with a smile, "if it is really science."

"Well, electricity, engineering, the telephone, the steam engine—are these too material for Christian Science?"

"No, only false science—healing by drugs. I was a sickly child. I was dosed with drugs until they had no effect on me. The doctors said I would live if the drugs could be made to act on me. Then homoeopathy came like blessed relief to me, but I found that when I prescribed pellets without any medication they acted just the same and healed the sick. How could I believe in the science of drugs?"

"But surgery?"

"The work done by the surgeon is the last healing that will be vouchsafed to us or rather attained by us as we near a state of spiritual perfection. At present I am conservative about advice on surgical cases."

"But the pursuit of modern material inventions?"

"Oh, we cannot oppose them. They all tend to newer, finer, more etherealized ways of living. They seek the finer essences. They light the way to the Church of Christ. We use them, we make them our figures of speech. They are preparing the way for us."

We talked on many subjects, some only of which are here touched upon, and her views, strictly and always from the standpoint of Christian Science, were continually surprising. She talks as one who has lived with her subject for a lifetime—an ordinary lifetime—and so far from being puzzled by any question, welcomes it as another opportunity for presenting another view of her religion.

Those who have been anticipating nature and declaring Mrs. Eddy non-existent, may learn authoritatively from the *Herald* that she is in the flesh and in health. Soon after I reached Concord on my return from Pleasant View, Mrs. Eddy's carriage drove into town and made several turns about the court house before returning. She was inside, and as she passed the same expression of looking forward, thinking, thinking, was on her face.

"Great Masterpieces."

(Sentinel issue of June 13, 1901)

WE are glad of the privilege of publishing the following endorsement of the above entitled work by the Rev. Mary Baker Eddy:—

"The World's Great Masterpieces," published by The American Literary Society, New York City, I consider *par excellence*. In its convenient arrangement for the reader, its grasp of classics, and its rare literary selections it has few peers. I am glad to recommend it to all Christian Scientists and to the *literati* of the world.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY

Notice.

(Sentinel issue of September 19, 1901)

T H E Church By-laws on the qualification of students to teach Christian Science have not recently been changed. My notice in the *Sentinel* of September 5, 1901, contained nothing new on this subject or that would naturally alarm the Field. It meant simply that those students who have neither taken courses of instruction at the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, nor passed examination there by the Board of Education, are not now expected to teach Christian Science. Please turn to page 47, section 3, and page 71, section 3, in Church Manual, and you can verify the above statement.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

Mistake Corrected.

WE republish from *The Daily Patriot* of Concord, N. H., the following letter from Mrs. Eddy:—

Dear Editor:—In reference to two reports that found their way into the kindly notices of the press relative to this year's State Fair in Concord, I beg to say: One mistake that was made last year was repeated this year, namely, that our governor invited me. The invitation came from the officers of the Fair Association; and my small gift to the children came from my love for children, and it would have pleased me not to have had that gift emphasized. I find it more troublesome to be overrated publicly than underrated, since conscience requires a bit of my time to correct the former, while happily the latter old time will correct.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H.,
September 7, 1901

Memorial Service.

IN accordance with the Proclamations of President Roosevelt and of Governor Crane, memorial services for the late President William McKinley, were held in the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, Mass., Thursday, September 19, 1901, at 10.30 A.M. Christian Scientists constituting the congregation which worship in the Mother Church, as well as those worshipping in the various branches thereof,

spontaneously united with other Christian peoples in responding to the proclamations of those in authority, and large numbers attended these special services in Boston and elsewhere. In common with good people everywhere, Christian Scientists deplore the sin which led to the assassination of the great and good President, and unite their prayers with others for the continued prosperity of our great republic under the administration of the late President's successor, President Roosevelt, also for the latter's divine guidance and protection.

With sorrowing, but not hopeless, hearts, those of our faith assembled and offered their devotions. Their desire went out for the speedy coming upon earth of the government through Divine Love whereof Holy Writ prophesies, and for the coming of which earnest hearts are everywhere praying—that government wherein the supreme God shall be recognized as Supreme, the wise ruler, the true potentate, the real authority.

Following is the order of service in the Mother Church:—

1. Hymn 183, "Shepherd, show me how to go."
2. Selections from the Scriptures, and correlative passages from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures."
3. Lord's Prayer.
4. Hymn 69, "Lead, kindly Light."
5. Reading Proclamation.
6. Address by the First Reader.
7. Hymn 158, "Nearer, my God, to thee."
8. Scientific Statement of Being and correlative Scripture and benediction.

Before delivering his address the First Reader read the following letter from the Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy to Mrs. McKinley:—

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., September 14, 1901.

My dear Mrs. McKinley:—My soul reaches out to God for your support, consolation, and victory. Trust in Him whose love enfolds thee. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is staid on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee." "Out of the depths have I called thee." Divine Love is never so near as when all earthly joys seem most afar.

Thy tender husband, our nation's chief magistrate, has passed earth's shadow into Life's substance, through a momentary mist he beheld the dawn. He awaits to welcome you where no arrow wounds the eagle soaring—where no partings are for love—where the high and holy call you again to meet.

"I know Thou hearest me always,"—are the words of him who suffered and subdued sorrow. Hold this attitude of mind, and it will remove the sackcloth from thy home.

With love,

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

Mrs. Eddy Explains.

(Sentinel issue of October 3, 1901)

CONCORD, N. H., September 25,—The opinion of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, the head of the Christian Science denomination, on the death of President McKinley has been obtained through an answer to the question: "Why did Christians of every sect in the United States fail in their prayers to save the life of our late lamented President?"

Mrs. Eddy says:—

"My answer to this inquiry is briefly this: Insufficient faith or spiritual understanding, and a compound of prayers wherein one earnest, tender desire works unconsciously against the *modus operandi* of another, would prevent the result desired. In the June message to my church in Boston, this year, I refer to the effect of one human desire or belief, equally sincere, unwittingly neutralizing another.

"In the practice of *materia medica*, croton oil is not mixed with morphine to remedy dysentery, for those drugs are supposed to possess opposite qualities, and so to produce opposite effects. The spirit of the prayer of the righteous heals the sick; but this spirit is of God, and the divine Mind is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever, whereas the human mind is a compound of faith and doubt, of fear and hope, of faith in truth and faith in error. The knowledge that all things are possible to God excludes doubt; but differing human concepts as to the divine power and purpose of infinite Mind, and the so-called power of matter, act as the different properties of drugs are supposed to act,—one against the other,—and this compound neutralizes itself.

WHY PRAYER FAILED.

"Our lamented President, in his loving acquiescence, believed that his martyrdom was God's way. Hundreds, thousands of others believe the same, and hundreds of thousands who prayed for him feared that the bullet would prove fatal. Even the physicians may have feared thus.

"These conflicting states of the human mind, of trembling faith, hope, and of fear, evinced a lack of the absolute understanding of God's omnipotence, and thus they prevented the power of absolute Truth from reassuring the mind, and through it resuscitating the body of the patient.

"The Divine power and poor human sense, yea, the spirit and the flesh, struggled, and to mortal sense the latter prevailed. Had prayer so fervently offered possessed no opposing element, and his recovery been regarded wholly contingent on the power of God, the power of divine Love to overrule the purposes of hate, and the law of Spirit to control matter, the result would have been scientific and the patient would have recovered.

"St. Paul writes: For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.' And the Saviour of man saith: 'What things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.' Human governments maintain the right of the majority to rule. Christian Scientists are yet in a large minority on the subject of divine metaphysics, but they improve the morals and the lives of men; and they heal the sick on the basis that God has all power, is omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, supreme over *all*.

"In a certain city the Master 'did not mighty works because of their unbelief,' because of the mental counteracting elements, the startled, or the unrighteous, contradicting minds of mortals. And if he were personally with us to-day, he would rebuke whatever accords not with a full faith, and spiritual knowledge of God—he would mightily rebuke a single doubt of the ever-present power of divine Spirit to control all the conditions of man and the universe.

"If the skilful surgeon or the faithful M. D. is not dismayed by a fruitless use of the knife or the drug, has not the Christian Scientist, with his conscious understanding of omnipotent power, reason for his faith shown by God's works, even under constant stress of the hindrances aforesaid?"—*Boston Journal*.

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Easter Message.

(Sentinel issue of April 10, 1902)

WE clip the following from *The Daily Patriot* regarding the Easter service at First Church of Christ, Scientist, Concord, N. H.

The Easter service at Christian Science Hall was largely attended. The sermon as usual consisted of readings from the Bible and the Christian Science text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker G. Eddy, and was conducted by the First and Second Readers, Irving C. Tomlinson and Mary E. Tomlinson. The following selections were rendered by Villa Whitney White of Boston: Easter Carol, J. T. Field; Angels Ever Bright and Fair, Handel; Angels Roll the Rock Away, C. B. Hawley.

The floral decorations, which were sent from Pleasant View, were beautiful. They consisted of palms, Easter lilies, hyacinths, and roses. Conspicuous among them was a cluster-rose tree which had been trained to form a cross. The church was made glad by the following beautiful letter from Mrs. Eddy, which was read during the service:

To the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Concord, N. H.

Beloved Brethren:—Allow me to thank you for lending to me your good Church-leader, Rev. I. C. Tomlinson, a few days in the week, and on the seventh day cheering him with your earnest attention.

May this glad Easter morn find the members of this dear church having a pure peace, a fresh joy, a clear vision of heaven here, heaven within us—and an awakened sense of the risen Christ. May long lines of light span the horizon of their hope, and brighten their faith with a dawn that knows no twilight, and no night. May those who discourse music to-day, sing, as the angels, Heaven's symphonies that come to earth.

May the dear Sunday School children always be gathering Easter lilies of love, with happy hearts, and ripening goodness. To-day, may they find some sweet scents, and beautiful blossoms in Mother's love, that she sends to them this glad morn in the flowers and the cross from Pleasant View, smiling on them. Tenderly, truly,

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., March 30, 1902

MARY BAKER EDDY.

A Card.

(Sentinel issue of May 29, 1902)

I HEREBY correct a mistake in a By-law of the Mother Church published in Vol. 4, No. 38, of the *Christian Science Sentinel*. Said By-law, on the election of Readers in this Church, has been amended to read:—

"Every third year the Mother Church shall elect new Readers."

The effect of this By-law has been earnestly and conscientiously considered. Its intent is to enlarge the capacity and increase the interest in this large Church—by conferring its duties and honors on a larger proportion of its members.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., May 23, 1902

MARY BAKER EDDY.

By-law.

A MEMBER of the Mother Church shall not endorse or countersign an application for membership therewith, until after the blank has been properly filled out by an applicant. Any member who violates this By-law shall be disciplined and subject to being excommunicated.

Afterglow.

(Sentinel issue of July 24, 1902)

Beloved Students:—The By-law of the Mother Church, stipulating three years as the term for its Readers, neither binds nor compels the branch churches to follow suit. And it applies only to Christian Science churches in the United States and Canada. Doubtless the churches adopting this By-law will discriminate its adaptability to their conditions. But if now is not the time, the branch churches can wait for the favored moment to act on this subject.

I rest peacefully in knowing that the impulsion of this action in the Mother Church was from above. So I have faith that whatever is done in this direction by the branch churches will be blest. The Readers who have filled this sacred office many years, have beyond it duties and attainments beckoning them. What these are I cannot yet say. The great Master saith: "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter."

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., July 21, 1902.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

Our Leader's Thanks.

To the members of the Mother Church:—I am bankrupt in thanks to you, my beloved brethren, who at our last Annual Meeting pledged yourselves with startling grace to contribute any part of two millions of dollars towards the purchase of more land for its site, and to enlarge our church edifice in Boston. I never before felt poor in thanks, but I do now, and will draw on God for the amount I owe you, till I am satisfied with what my heart gives to balance accounts.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., July 21, 1902.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

The Signs of the Times. Editor, *Concord Evening Monitor*.

Your article on the decrease of students in the seminaries, and the vacancies occurring in the pulpits, points unmistakably to the signs of the times whereof Jesus spake. This flux and flow in one direction, and so generally apparent, tend to one ultimate; namely, the final spiritualization of all things—of all codes, modes, hypotheses, and of man and the universe. How can it be otherwise, since God is Spirit, and the origin of all that really is, and this great fact is to be verified in just this way.

Since 1877 these special signs of the times have increased year by year. My book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," was published in 1875. Note, if you

please, that many points in theology and *materia medica* at that date undisturbed are now agitated, modified, and disappearing; and the more spiritual modes and significations are adopted.

It is undoubtedly true that Christian Science is destined to become the one and the only religion and therapeutics on this planet. And why not? since Christianity is fully demonstrated to be Divine Science, and nothing can be correct and continue forever that is not—for Science is the Mind of God, who is the originator of all that really is. The Scripture reads: "He made all that was made." Here let us remember that God is not the Alpha and Omega of man and the universe. He is supreme, infinite, the great forever, the eternal Mind that hath no beginning and no end.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY

OBEY THE LAW.

(Sentinel issue of November 27, 1902)

THE following, from the pen of the Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, appeared in the *Boston Herald* on the 17th inst.:—

To the Editor of the *Herald*:

On the subject of reporting contagion I have this to say: I have always believed that Christian Scientists should be law-abiding; and, actuated by this conviction, I authorized the following statement, which appeared in the *Boston Herald* about one year ago:—

"Rather than quarrel over vaccination, I recommend that if the law demand an individual to submit to this process, he obey the law; and then appeal to the gospel to save him from any bad results. Whatever changes belong to this century, or any epoch, we may safely submit to the providence of God, to common justice, individual rights, and governmental usages."

This statement should be so interpreted as to apply, on the basis of Christian Science, to the reporting of contagion to the proper authorities when the law so requires. When Jesus was questioned about obeying the human law, he declared: "Render unto Caesar the things that are Cæsar's," even while you "render unto God the things that are God's."

Concord, N. H., Feb. 17, 1901

MARY BAKER EDDY.

Wherefore?

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

OUR faithful laborers in the field of Science have been told, through the alert editor-in-chief of the *Christian Science Sentinel* and *Journal*, that "Mrs. Eddy advises, until the public thought becomes better acquainted with Christian Science, that Christian Scientists decline to doctor infectious or contagious diseases."

The great Master said, "For which of these works do ye stone me?" He said this to satisfy himself whereof he spake as God's representative—as one who never weakened in his own personal sense of righteousness because of another's wickedness, or the minifying of his own goodness. Charity is quite as rare as wisdom, but when it does appear it is known by its patience and endurance. When, under the protection of State or

United States laws, good citizens are arrested for manslaughter because one out of three of their patients, having the same disease and in the same family, dies while the others recover, we naturally turn to Divine justice for support, and wait on God. Christian Scientists should be influenced by their own judgment in the taking of a case of malignant disease, they should consider well as to their ability to cope with the case—and not overlook the fact that there are those lying in wait to catch them in their sayings; neither should they forget that, in their practice, whether successful or not, *they are not specially protected by law*. The above quotation stands for this: Inherent justice, constitutional individual rights, self-preservation, and the gospel injunction, "Cast not your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under foot and turn again and rend you."

And it stands side by side with Christ's command, "Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also," I abide by this rule, and triumph by it. The sinner may sneer at this beatitude, for "the fool hath said in his heart, No God." It is known that the good young student, Mr. Lathrop, after he was prosecuted for practising Christian Science, finished healing the cases of diphtheria that he had on hand. Statistics show that this Science cures a larger per cent of malignant diseases than does *materia medica*.

I call disease by its name, and have cured it thus; so there is nothing new on this score. My book Science and Health names disease, and thousands are healed by reading its name and learning that so-called disease is a sensation of mind, not matter. Evil minds signally blunder in Divine Metaphysics: hence I am always saying the unexpected to them. The evil mind calls it "skulking," when to me it is wisdom to "overcome evil with good." I fail to know how one can be a Christian, and yet depart from Christ's teachings.

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Rev, Mary Baker Eddy's Gift.

(Sentinel issue of May 9, 1903)

Concord, N. H., May 6, 1903.

Through the generous gift of the Reverend Mary Baker Eddy the Christian Scientists of Concord, N. H., are to have one of the finest church structures in the Granite State. The plans for this edifice were presented at a largely attended church meeting to-night, and work will begin upon the new structure in the near future. The gift of Mrs. Eddy includes the desirable lot of land now occupied by Christian Science Hall in the heart of the city at the corner of State and School Streets, and is without doubt one of the finest locations in Concord for a church building. In addition to the gift of this choice lot Mrs. Eddy presents to the church a cash donation of \$100,000, making her total present represent the sum of \$120,000. The meeting to-night sent to the generous donor the following letter of appreciation and gratitude:—

"Rev. Mary Baker Eddy,

"Pleasant View, Concord, N. H.

*"Beloved Teacher and Leader:—*The members of the Concord Church are filled with profound joy and deep gratitude that your generous gift of \$100,000 is to be used at once to build a beautiful church edifice for your followers in the Capital City of your native state. We rejoice that the prosperity of the Cause in your home city, where, without regard to class or creed, you are so highly esteemed, makes necessary the commodious and beautiful church home you have so freely bestowed. We thank you for this renewed evidence of your unselfish love."

The church will be built of the same beautiful Concord granite of which the National Library Building in Washington is constructed. This is in accord with the expressed wish of Mrs. Eddy, made known in her original deed of trust first announced in the *Concord Monitor* of March 19, 1898. In response to an inquiry from the editor of that paper Mrs. Eddy made the following statement:—

"On January 31, 1898, I gave a deed of trust to three individuals which conveyed to them the sum of \$100,000 to be appropriated in building a granite church edifice for First Church of Christ, Scientist, in this city.

Very truly,

"MARY BAKER EDDY."

The architecture will be Gothic, and in keeping with modern ideas of a church building. It is intended that the pews of the church will seat one thousand. The trustees of the Building Fund, Fred N. Ladd, Josiah E. Dwight, and J. Wesley Plummer, will have charge of the construction of the new edifice. Francis Richmond Allen and Charles Collins of Boston have been employed as architects.

The present First Reader of the church is Rev. Irving C. Tomlinson; Second Reader, Miss Mary E. Tomlinson. In the fall of 1897 Mrs. Eddy purchased the property opposite the High School and adjoining the State Capitol, and after remodelling the mansion into a hall and reading rooms at a total outlay of \$20,000 she presented the grounds and

building to the local members for their use. The building has since become well known as Christian Science Hall.

On February 22, 1899, First Church of Christ, Scientist, was organized with a membership of seventy-eight. The new church is needed to accommodate the increase in membership which has been remarkable. Since the congregation has already outgrown the accommodations of Christian Science Hall, building operations will be begun at an early date.

The citizens of Concord regard Mrs. Eddy's generosity with favor and are greatly pleased that another splendid building is to be added to the handsome edifices of the Capital City.

Mrs. Eddy Explains.

(Sentinel issue of June 20, 1903)

"My recent reply to the reprint of a scandal in the *Literary Digest* was not a question of 'Who shall be greatest?' but 'Who shall be just?' Who is or is not the founder of Christian Science was not the trend of thought, but to lift the curtain on wrong, on falsehood persistently misrepresenting my character, education, and authorship, and attempting to narrow my life into a conflict for fame.

"Far be it from me to tread on the ashes of the dead, or to dissever any unity that may exist between Christian Science and the philosophy of a great and good man, for such was Ralph Waldo Emerson, and I deem it unwise to enter into a newspaper controversy over a question that is no longer a question. The false should be antagonized only for the purpose of making the true transparent. I have quite another purpose in life than to be thought great; time and goodness determine greatness. The greatest reform, with almost unutterable truths to translate, must wait to be transfused into the practical and to be understood in the 'new tongue.' Age, with experience acquired patience and unselfed love, waits on God. Human merit or demerit will find its proper level. Divinity alone solves the problem of humanity, and in God's own time. 'By their fruits ye shall know them.' "

This clear and consistent statement of our Leader, appeared in *The New York Sun* of June 15, in the distorted form which we publish below.

It will be seen that the word *discover* has been supplied for the word *dissever*, in the second line of the second paragraph, and that Mrs. Eddy is thus made to say precisely the opposite of what she did say. The injustice of this misstatement of her thought is the more marked in view of the fact that the article was an explanation, and was made by one whose words receive the closest attention of hundreds of thousands of readers, and we protest against the wrong that has been done our Leader and our Cause under circumstances which so greatly augment its seriousness.

Those who are acquainted with Mrs. Eddy, who have been unspeakably blessed by the ministry of her life, and who know how unjustifiable was the charge which evoked her explanation, can but feel a sense of indignation that her effort to define her position was subject to this perversion

MARY BAKER G. EDDY EXPLAINS. ANIMUS OF HER REPLY TO AN ARTICLE IN THE "LITERARY DIGEST."

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The Letter of the Pastor Emeritus.

(Sentinel issue of July 4, 1903)

THE following letter read at the Communion services, was worthily supplemented by the brief address which Mrs. Eddy delivered from the balcony of her residence in Concord on Monday last. The latter was remarkable for the fact that the speaker, apparently without effort, succeeded in being heard by practically all of the assembled thousands. To address an audience of this size, in the open air, is a task which few public speakers would undertake with any hope of being heard by more than a limited number, but Mrs. Eddy's strong, clear voice was distinctly heard even by those a long distance removed. These utterances of our Leader contain much food for thought, and if we are wise we will carefully ponder their import and take into our hearts their loving counsel, and endeavor to imbibe their exalted Christian sentiment.

The following is Mrs. Eddy's letter read at the Communion service; the address delivered at Pleasant View appears on page 696 of this issue. M.

My Beloved Brethren:—I have a secret to tell thee, and a question to ask. Do you know how much I love you, and the nature of this love? No: then my sacred secret is incommunicable, and we live apart. But, yes: and this inmost something becomes articulate—and my book is not all you know of me—but your knowledge with its magnitude of meaning uncovers my life, and your heart has discovered it. The spiritual bespeaks our temporal history. Difficulty, abnegation, constant battle against the world, the flesh, and evil, tell my long kept secret—evidence a heart wholly in protest, and unutterable in love.

The unprecedented progress of Christian Science is proverbial, and we cannot be too grateful, nor too humble for this—inasmuch as our daily lives serve to enhance or to stay its glory. To triumph in truth, to keep the faith individually and collectively, conflicting elements must be mastered. Defeat need not follow victory; joy over good achievements and work well done should not be eclipsed by some lost opportunity, some imperative demand not yet met. Truth, Life, and Love will never lose their claim on us.

And here let me add:—

Truth happifies life in hamlet or town;
Life lessons all pride—its pomp and its frown—
Love comes to our tears like soft summer shower,
To beautify, bless, and inspire man's power.

With everlasting love,

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

Mrs. Eddy Expresses Sympathy.

(Sentinel issue of July 25, 1903)

IN response to the following letter from the editor of the *Concord Evening Monitor*, Mrs. Eddy gave out the statement which appeared in the *Monitor* and in the leading papers throughout the country.

Concord, N. H., July 20, 1903.

The Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, Pleasant View.

My Dear Mrs. Eddy:—In case you care to make any public comment upon the death of Pope Leo XIII., which occurred at Rome this afternoon, the *Monitor* would be pleased to become the vehicle to transmit your tribute to the public.

Faithfully yours,

GEORGE H. MOSES

The sad, sudden announcement of the decease of Pope Leo XIII, touches the hearts and will move the pen of millions. The intellectual, moral, and religious energy of this illustrious Pontiff have moved the Church of Rome for one quarter of a century. The august ruler of 250,000,000 human beings has now passed through the shadow of death into the great forever: The Court of the Vatican mourn him—his relatives shed "the unavailing tear;" he is the loved and lost of many millions. I sympathize with those who mourn; but rejoice in knowing our dear God comforts such with the blessed assurance that life is not lost, its influence remains in the minds of men, and divine Love holds its substance safe in the certainty of immortality. "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men" John, 1 : 4.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., July 20, 1903

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

Card.

(Sentinel issue of September 5, 1903)

THE Executive Members of the Mother Church will please accept my heartfelt acknowledgment of their beautiful gift to me,—a LOVING CUP,—presented July 16, 1903. The exquisite design of boughs encircling this cup, illustrated by Keats' touching couplet, would almost suggest that Nature had reproduced her primal presence, bough, bird, and song to salute me. The twelve beautiful pearls that crown this cup, call to mind the number of our great Master's first disciples, and the parable of the priceless pearl which purchases our field of labor in exchange for all else.

While I treasure my LOVING CUP, with all its sweet associations, who shall say that Mrs. Eddy is fond of her cups!

MARY BAKER G. EDDY

MENTAL DIGESTION.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of September 12, 1903)

WILL those beloved students whose growth is taking in the Ten Commandments and scaling the steep ascent of Christ's Sermon in the Mount, accept profound thanks for their swift messages of rejoicing over the Twentieth Century Church Manual? Heaps upon heaps of praise confront me, and for what? That of which I said in my heart, It will never be needed; namely, laws of limitation for a Christian Scientist. "Thy ways are not as ours." Thou knowest best what we need most; hence my disappointed hope and grateful joy. The redeemed should be happier than the elect. Truth is strong with destiny; it takes life profoundly, it measures the infinite against the finite. Notwithstanding the sacrilegious moth of time, eternity awaits our Church Manual, which will maintain its rank as in the past, midst ministries aggressive and active, and will stand when those have passed to rest.

Scientific pathology illustrates the digestion of spiritual nutriment as both sweet and bitter. Sweet in expectancy and bitter in experience, or the senses' assimilation thereof, and digested only when Soul silences the dyspepsia of sense. This church is impartial; its rules apply not to one member only, but to one and all equally. Of this I am sure, that each rule and by-law in this Manual will increase the spirituality of him who obeys it, invigorate his capacity to heal the sick, to comfort such as mourn, and to awaken the sinner.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., Sept. 7, 1903

Exhortation, and Prayer for Country and Church

MARY BAKER EDDY

(Sentinel issue of September 19, 1903)

EXHORTATION

BELOVED BRETHREN, the love of our loving Lord was never more manifest than in its stern condemnation of all error, wherever found. I counsel thee, rebuke and exhort one another. Love all Christian churches for the gospel's sake; and be exceedingly glad that the churches are united in purpose, if not in method, to close the war between flesh and Spirit, and to fight the good fight till God's will be witnessed and done on earth as in heaven.

Sooner or later all shall know Him, recognize the great truth that Spirit is infinite, and find life in Him in whom we do "live, and move, and have our being"—life in Life, all in All. Then shall all nations, peoples, and tongues, in the words of St. Paul, have "one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians iv. 6). Once more I write, Set your affections on things above; love one another; commune at the table of our Lord in one spirit; worship in spirit and in truth; and if daily adoring, imploring, and living the divine Life, Truth, Love, thou shalt partake of the bread that cometh down from heaven, drink of the cup of salvation, and be baptized in Spirit.

PRAYER FOR COUNTRY AND CHURCH

Pray for the prosperity of our country, and for her victory under arms; that justice, mercy, and peace continue to characterize her government, and that they shall rule all nations. Pray that the divine presence may still guide and bless our chief magistrate, those associated with his executive trust, and our national judiciary; give to our congress wisdom, and uphold our nation with the right arm of His righteousness.

In your peaceful homes remember our brave soldiers, whether in camp or in battle.* Oh, may their love of country, and their faithful service thereof, be unto them life-

preservers! May the divine Love succor and protect them, as at Manila, where brave men, led by the dauntless Dewey, and shielded by the power that saved them, sailed victoriously through the jaws of death and blotted out the Spanish squadron. Great occasion have we to rejoice that our nation, which fed her starving foe,—already murdering her peaceful seamen and destroying millions of her money,—will be as formidable in war as she has been compassionate in peace.

May our Father-Mother God, who in times past hath spread for us a table in the wilderness and "in the midst of our enemies," establish us in the most holy faith, plant our feet firmly on Truth, the rock of Christ, the "substance of things hoped for"—and fill us with the life and understanding of God, and good will toward men.

*This refers to the war between the United States and Spain for the liberty of Cuba.

Question Answered.

(Sentinel issue of October 3, 1903)

I REPLY to the following question from unknown questioners:

"Are the students whom we have taught obliged to take both Primary and Normal class instruction at the Board of Education in order to become teachers of Primary classes?" No; not if you and they are loyal Christian Scientists, and after examination by the Board of Education your students are found eligible to enter the Normal class—which at present is taught by the Board of Education only.

There is evidently some misapprehension of my meaning as to the mode of instruction by the Board of Education. A Primary student of mine can teach pupils the practice of Christian Science, and after three years of good practice he himself can be examined by this Board, and if found eligible receive a certificate of the degree C.S.D.

Pleasant View, September 29, 1903

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

Our Leader's Letter to the Teachers.

(Sentinel issue of October 31, 1903)

General Association of Teachers.

My Beloved Students:—I call you mine, for all is Thine and mine. What God gives, elucidates, armors, and tests in His service, is ours—and we are His. You have convened only to convince yourselves of this grand verity; namely, the unity in Christian Science; cherish steadfastly this fact. Adhere to the teachings of the Bible, Science and Health, and our Manual,—and you will obey the law and gospel. Have one God and you will have no devil. Keep yourselves busy with divine Love, then you will be toilers, always distributing sweet things, which, if bitter to sense, will be salutary as Soul, and like the bee, but not the spider that weaves webs which ensnare.

Rest assured that the good you do unto others you do to yourselves as well, and the wrong you may commit must, will, rebound upon you. The entire purpose of true education is to make one not only know the truth but live it—enjoy doing rightly—and not work in the sunshine and run away in the storm—but work midst clouds of wrong,

injustice, envy, hate; and wait on God, the strong deliverer, who will reward righteousness and punish iniquity. "As thy days, so shall thy strength be."

With love,

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., October 27, 1903

MARY B. G. EDDY.

Card.

(Sentinel issue of November 7, 1903)

My beloved Students:—If your right hand is not to know what your left hand doeth, may I ask you to change hands, and allow me to thank you deep down in my heart for the gift of \$1,632.46 from the Christian Scientists who were present at the General Association of Teacher, which convened October 26, *Anno Domini* 1903. This generous sum is to be applied to the building of First Church of Christ, Scientist, edifice in Concord, N. H.

Pleasant View, November 1.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

A Memorable Coincidence and Historical Facts.

(Sentinel issue of November 21, 1903)

WE are glad to publish the following interesting letter and enclosures received from our Leader. That legislatures and courts are thus declaring the liberties of Christian Scientists is most gratifying to our people; not because a favor has been extended, but because their inherent rights are recognized in an official and authoritative manner. It is especially gratifying to them that the declaration of this recognition should be coincident in the southern and northern states in which Mrs. Eddy has made her home.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H.

October 16, 1903.

Dear Editor:—I send for publication in our periodicals the following deeply interesting letter from Elizabeth Earl Jones of Asheville, N. C.,—the state where my husband, Major George W. Glover, passed on and up,—the state that so signally honored his memory, where with wet eyes the Free Masons laid on his bier the emblems of a Master Mason, and in long procession with tender dirge bore his remains to their last resting-place. Deeply grateful I recognize the Divine hand in turning the hearts of the noble southrons of North Carolina legally to protect the practice of Christian Science in that state.

Is it not a memorable coincidence, that, in the Court of New Hampshire, my native state, and in the legislature of North Carolina, they have the same year, in 1903, made it legal to practise Christian Science in these states ?

MARY B. G. EDDY.

105 Bailey St., Asheville, N. C., October 11.

Beloved Leader:—I know the inclosed article will make your heart glad, as it has made glad the hearts of all the Christian Scientists in North Carolina. This is the result of the work done at last winter's term of our legislature, when a medical bill was proposed calculated to limit or stop the practice of Christian Science in our state. An amendment was obtained by Miss Mary Hatch Harrison and a few other Scientists who stayed on the field until the last. After the amendment had been passed, an old law, or rather a section of an act in the legislature regulating taxes, was changed as follows, because the representative men of our dear state did not wish to be "discourteous to the Christian Scientists." The section formerly read, "pretended healers," but was changed to read as follows: "All other professionals who practise the art of healing," etc. We thank our heavenly Father for this dignified legal protection and recognition, and look forward to the day, not far distant, when the laws of every state will dignify the ministry of Christ as taught and practised in Christian Science, and as lived by our dear, dear Leader, even as God has dignified, blessed, and prospered it, and her.

With devoted love,

ELIZABETH EARL JONES.

The following article, copied from the *Raleigh (N. C.) News and Observer*, is the one referred to in Miss Jones's letter.

The Christian Science people, greatly pleased at the law affecting them passed by the last legislature, are apt also to be pleased with the fact that the law recognizes them as healers, and that it gives them a license to heal. This license of five dollars annually, required of physicians, has been required of them, and how this came about in Kinston is told in the Kinston *Free Press* as follows:—

Sheriff Wooten issued licenses yesterday to two Christian Science healers in this city. This is probably the first to be issued to the healers of this sect in the state. Upon the request of a prominent healer of the church, the section of the machinery act of the legislature covering it was shown, whereupon application for license was made and obtained.

The section, after enumerating the different professions, for which a license must be obtained to carry them on in this state, further says, "and all other professionals who practise the art of healing for pay, shall pay a license fee of five dollars."

This was construed to include the healers of the Christian Science Church, and license was accordingly taken out. The idea prevails that the last General Assembly of North Carolina relieved the healers of this sect from paying this fee, but this is not so. The board only excused them from a medical examination before a board of medical examiners. Mrs. Eddy's reference to the death of her husband, Major George W. Glover, gives especial interest to the following letter from Newbern (N. C.), which appeared in the *Wilmington (N. C.) Dispatch*, October 24, 1903.

Mrs. Eddy has in her possession photographed copies of the notice of her husband's death and of her brother's letter, taken from the *Wilmington (N. C.) Chronicle* as they appear in that paper in the issues of July 3, and August 21, 1844, respectively. The photographs are verified by the certificate of a notary public and were presented to Mrs. Eddy by Miss Harrison.

MISS MARY HATCH HARRISON'S INTERESTING LETTER.

To the Editor.

At no better time than now, when the whole country is recognizing the steady progress of Christian Science and admitting its interest in the movement as shown by the fair

attitude of the press everywhere, could we ask you to give your readers the following communication. It will put before them some interesting facts concerning Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy and some incidents of her life in North and South Carolina, which might not have been known but for a criticism of this good woman, which was published in your paper in August, 1901.

I presume we should not be surprised that a noteworthy follower of our Lord should be maligned, since the great Master himself was scandalized, and he prophesied that his followers would be so treated. The calumniator who informed you in this instance locates Mrs. Eddy in Wilmington in 1843, thus contradicting his own statement, since Mrs. Eddy was not then a resident of Wilmington. A local Christian Scientist of your city, whose womanhood and Christianity are appreciated by all, assisted by a Mason of good standing there and a **Copyright, 1903, by Mary Baker G. Eddy.**

Take Notice.

(Sentinel issue of December 12, 1903)

I HEREBY notify the public that scurrilous letters purporting to bear my signature—letters of evil intent—that I never wrote, never caused to be written, and never saw until they were given to me by the individuals to whom they were superscribed, are constantly being circulated. But those who know me, know that I never wrote them.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., Nov., 13, 1903

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

No Claim to New Harlem.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

New York, December 6, 1903.—

Regarding the rumor that Christian Scientists are planning to establish a "New Jerusalem" on the ground occupied by New Harlem, in New York City, Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy has sent the following dispatch to the *New York World*:—

"Over an article on the above subject published in the *World*, November 27, you said: 'The followers of Mrs. Eddy plan to establish a New Jerusalem there.' Allow me to state I knew nothing of the Harlem movement until recently when receiving a book written on the subject. Said book I have not read, and am not at all concerned in the history of New Harlem, or the building of a New Jerusalem, since, as I apprehend it, the New Jerusalem 'cometh down from heaven,' and is not an outcome of litigation. Christian Scientists are not, to my knowledge, interested in locating heaven, but in finding it within themselves." *Boston Herald.*

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Christian Science Board of Education.

MARY B. G. EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of May 14, 1904)

THE Magna Charta of Christian Science means much, *multum in parvo*,—all-in-one and one-in-all. It stands for the inalienable, universal rights of men. Essentially democratic, its government is administered by the common consent of the governed, wherein and whereby man governed by his Creator is self-governed. The Church is the mouthpiece of Christian Science,—its law and gospel are according to Christ Jesus; its rules are health, holiness, and immortality,—equal rights and privileges, equality of the sexes, rotation in office.

The long term of the incumbent teacher in the Board of Education, Mr. Edward A. Kimball, C.S.D., expires in June next, when he retires crowned with honors—his Teacher and Leader loving him, his students praising him, and the race benefited by his labors. May his successor "go and do likewise."

Card.

Thanking the courteous Christian Science lunchers for their respectful attention to our denominational By-law on clubs and organizations, I beg to say: Said By-law prohibits neither informal meetings nor luncheons and select, invited guests.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., May 6, 1904

MARY B. G. EDDY.

Take Notice.

MARY B. G. EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of May 21, 1904)

I BEG to inform my beloved members of the Mother Church that the By-law in Article XXVI. of its Manual does not require members of benevolent and progressive organizations, such as the Free Masons, Odd Fellows, temperance societies, and those of similar cult, to resign this membership. It specifies in plain English that after individuals become members of our Church they shall not *thereafter* "be made" members of clubs or other organizations not named in its Manual, and wherefore? Because our religious denomination demands the faithful attention and labor of its members in all philanthropic, therapeutic, and progressive Christian work for the human race, and relies upon the adequate, scientific Source and resource therefor.

The Mental Murderers.

(Sentinel issue of June 11, 1904)

THEIR published boast, in 1903, that Mary Baker G. Eddy would never again meet with her church is not fulfilled. She deems it wise for her church not to visit her home at each Communion season. Also, the less ceremony we include in our worship the better. Hence I hereby notify my beloved brethren that I shall not attend the church dedications, but, as usual, remain at home working and praying for the prosperity of Zion.

The mental assassins are in God's hands, and He will uncover their *crimes*, and punish them in His own good time and way. Let us obey Jesus' command, to bless our enemies, and do good to them that despitefully use us.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., June 7, 1904

MARY B. G. EDDY.

Another Expression of Gratitude.

(Sentinel issue of July 2, 1904)

THE following letters disclose another happy incident in connection with the building of the Concord church, and they give further evidence of the loving regard for our Leader, and appreciation of her work, which animate the Field. The donors are blessed in the giving, as well as in the spiritual food which they have found in Mrs. Eddy's acknowledgment of their gift

LETTER TO MRS. EDDY.

Boston, Mass., June 23, 1904.

Reverend Mary Baker Eddy, Pleasant View, Concord, N. H.

Beloved Teacher and Leader:—The enclosed draft for \$10,000 is sent you on behalf of the local members of the Mother Church in Boston and of the members of the nearby branch churches who frequently attend the services in the Mother Church. It is their gift to you to pay for the organ for First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Concord, N. H. This is a token of love and gratitude from those who have been healed and spiritually blessed through your ministry. The beautiful edifice in Concord erected by your munificent gift of \$120,000 stands as a perpetual testimonial to the teachings of Christ Jesus, and to the fact that the sick are healed and sinners are reformed through the right understanding of his gospel. This right understanding you have given to the world through your work, and it has richly blessed the race.

Lovingly yours, for the donors,

WILLIAM B. JOHNSON, *Clerk*

MRS. EDDY'S REPLY.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., June 25, 1904.

The Mother Church.

My Beloved Brethren:—Your munificent gift of ten thousand dollars wherewith to furnish First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Concord, N. H., with an organ is positive proof of your remembrance and love. Days of shade and shine, may come and go, but we will live on and never drift apart. Life's ills are its chief recompense; they develop hidden strength. Had I never suffered for the Mother Church, neither she nor I would be practising the virtues that lie concealed in the smooth seasons and calms of human existence. When we are willing to help and to be helped, Divine aid is near, and if all our years were holidays, sport would be more irksome than work. So, my dear ones, let us together sing the old-new song of salvation and our measure of time and joy be spiritual not material.

Lovingly yours,

MARY B. G. EDDY

A Little Gem.

(Sentinel issue of August 27, 1904)

I RECOMMEND to Christian Scientists, and to all lovers of truth, to read the little book—"On The Way There"—by Katherine M. Yates. It is scientific, simple. It is an object lesson for each one of us to learn the meaning of this saying of our Master: "Be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., August 18, 1904.

MARY B. G. EDDY.

Sold by K. M. Yates & Co., 45 East Fifty-third Street,
Chicago. Postpaid, 50 cents

Take Notice.

(Sentinel issue of October 1, 1904)

ALL inquiries coming directly or indirectly from a member of The Mother Church, which relate in any manner to keeping or breaking one of its By-laws, shall be addressed to the Christian Science Board of Directors, and not to the Pastor Emeritus.

MARY BAKER EDDY

What Our Leader Says.

(Sentinel issue of November 12, 1904)

Beloved Christian Scientists:—Keep your minds so filled with Truth and Love that sin, disease, and death cannot enter them. It is plain that nothing can be added to the mind already full. There is no door through which evil can enter, and no space for evil to fill in a mind filled with goodness. Good thoughts are an impervious armor; clad therewith you are completely shielded from the attacks of error of every sort. And not only yourself are safe, but all whom your thoughts rest upon are thereby benefited. It is the evil-thinker who injures himself with what he would have harm others. Goodness involuntarily resists

evil. The evil-thinker takes his own dose and dies of his own physic. The right thinker is safe, and abides under the shadow of the Almighty. His thoughts can only reflect peace, good will, health, and holiness.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

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Good deeds overdone numerically, or bad deeds, are remedied by reading the Manual.—

MARY BAKER EDDY

Editorial.

Charity and Invalids.

(Sentinel issue of December 3, 1904)

MRS. EDDY endeavors to bestow her charities for such purposes only as God indicates. Giving merely in compliance with solicitations or petitions from strangers incurs a liability to work in wrong directions. As a rule, she has suffered most from those whom she has labored much to benefit—also, from the undeserving poor to whom she has given large sums of money, worse than wasted, she has, therefore, finally resolved to spend no more time nor money in such uncertain, unfortunate investments. She has qualified students for healing the sick, and ceased practice herself in order to help this work in other of its highest and infinite meanings as God, not man, directs. Hence, letters from invalids demanding her help, under such circumstances, do not reach her, they are committed to the waste basket by her secretaries.

"Charity suffereth long and is kind," but wisdom must govern charity, else love's labor is lost, and giving is unkind. As it is, Mrs. Eddy is constantly receiving more important demands on her time and attention than one woman is sufficient to supply; hence, it were as unwise for her to undertake new tasks, as for a rentor, who has not an empty apartment in his house, to receive more rentees.

Pleasant View, November 18, 1904

MARY BAKER EDDY.

Appreciation of a By-law.

New York City, November 20, 1904.

Rev. Mary Baker Eddy.

Our Beloved Leader:—We, the officers and teachers of Second Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, desire to express to you our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the great help given to us in our work by the new Bylaw, Article XIX., Section 6, "Subject for Lessons." Valuing, as we all do so greatly, every word that comes from your pen, we have kept in constant reference your article on the same subject, published in the October *Journal*, 1895, and have based thereon our entire line of work. We have also

been carrying out the method suggested in the last sentence of the amendment to Section 5, and it is a great help and inspiration to us to know that in so doing we have been unconsciously fulfilling your desires. How often we are privileged to witness, in just such ways, the constant reflection, through you, of that divine Love and Wisdom "which supplieth all our needs." The sacred importance of our Sunday School work, and the great privilege of being connected with it, come to us more and more strongly each day, for in what nobler work could one be occupied than that of giving to the children of this generation the grand equipment for the future which is contained within the teachings outlined in the new By-law? Our earnest desire is to impart, adequately and faithfully, to the "little ones" in our charge, some measure of the priceless understanding of God which has been revealed to us through you.

Lovingly and gratefully yours,
(In behalf of the officers and teachers.)

DORA S. INNIS, *Superintendent.*

MRS. EDDY'S REPLY.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., November 24, 1904.

Officers of Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Sunday School, New York City.

Beloved Brethren:—You will accept my thanks for your interesting report. It rejoiced me that you are recognizing the proper course, unfurling your banner to the breeze of God; and sailing over rough seas with the helm in His hands. Steering thus, the waiting waves will weave for you their winning webs of life in looms of love that line the sacred shores. The right way wins the right of way, even the way of Truth and Love whereby all our debts are paid, mankind blessed, and God is glorified.

Yours in Christ,

MARY BAKER EDDY.

The Teachers' Association in London.

(Sentinel issue of December 10, 1904)

THE following cablegram, conveying an expression of the love of the English students, was recently received by our Leader.

London, November 28, 1904.

Rev. Mary Baker Eddy,

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H.

Members of Teachers' Association, London, send much love, and are striving by doing better to help you.

DUNMORE

MRS. EDDY'S REPLY.

Concord, N. H., November 29, 1904.

Earl of Dunmore, and Teachers' Association, London, G. B.

Increasing gratitude and love for your lordly help and that of your loving Association.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

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From the Isles of the Sea.

(Sentinel issue of February 11, 1905)

Nassau, N. P., Bahamas, January 16, 1905.

Reverend Mary Baker G. Eddy, Concord, N. H.

Dear Leader:—We, the Christian Scientists in Nassau, wish to convey to you our thanks and gratitude for your kind thought expressed in sending copies of "Rudimental Divine Science" for distribution here. We feel sure that they will bring a blessing to those who receive them. We are endeavoring to show forth in our lives our gratitude to you for the understanding of Truth which your pure life has enabled you to receive and give forth.

We remain, dear Leader, in the Christ-love.

T. H. C. LOFTHOUSE.

On behalf of the Christian Scientists in Nassau, Bahamas.

MRS. EDDY'S REPLY.

Christian Scientists, Nassau, N. P., Bahama Islands.

Beloved Brethren:—May you in a distant isle of the sea know "no night there," no sorrow, no pain. May His peaceful presence guard and guide you.

Lovingly yours,

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

Heaven.

(Sentinel issue of February 18, 1905)

IN response to an invitation received by her from the *New York American*, Mrs. Eddy has contributed a brief but comprehensive article upon a subject which has engaged the attention of humanity for centuries. We feel sure that our Leader's words will bring light to many. Mrs. Eddy's article is as follows:—

Concord, N. H., February 9, 1905.

To the *New York American*.

Is heaven spiritual?

Heaven is spiritual—heaven is harmony, infinite, boundless bliss. The dying or the departed enter heaven in proportion to their progress, fitness to partake of its quality and quantity. One individual may awaken first, from his dream of life in matter, with a

sense of music; another with that of relief from fear or suffering, and still another with a bitter sense of lost opportunities and remorse.

Heaven is the reign of divine Science. Material thought tends to obscure spiritual understanding, to darken the true conception of man's divine Principle, Love, wherein and whereby soul is emancipated and environed with everlasting Life. Our great Teacher hath said,—

"Behold, the kingdom of God is within you"—within man's spiritual understanding of all the divine modes, means, forms, expression or manifestation of goodness and happiness.

MARY BAKER EDDY

Letters to our Leader.

(Sentinel issue of May 13, 1905)

Brooklyn, N. Y., April 30, 1905.

Reverend Mary Baker G. Eddy,

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H.

Beloved Teacher, Leader, and Guide:—We, the united members of First Church of Christ, Scientist, at our first public service, send you loving greetings and heartfelt thanks for your words of admonition, encouragement, and love. "Progress is a law of the Infinite" and "takes off human shackles," as our text-book declares, therefore we have reached the point of our present demonstration through the answered prayer of sincere desire to be your true followers. We realize the necessity for continued watchfulness and self-sacrifice, until the goal of perfection is won and our debt to infinite Love fully canceled.

We shall earnestly strive to let our efforts as a Church express to the world the efficacy of a healing religion, and our gratitude to you for showing us the way and the Mind of Christ. Your unselfish adherence to Principle and unceasing effort to uplift humanity, is being rewarded in the many evidences of awakened consciousness. The pattern given on the Mount, and your example, are before us, and in humility, chastened affections, and love, we consecrate ourselves anew to God and to the advancement of His kingdom on earth. This is one of the deeds that rejoice your heart, and our prayer is and shall be that we may continue in such deeds, thereby showing a lasting and satisfying gratitude which shall be an example to all mankind.

Accept our grateful thanks for your years of work and achievement, which are enabling us to work out our salvation. The members and friends assembled arose to their feet in reverence and love while your dispatch was being read.

Faithfully and lovingly yours,

EMILIE B. HULIN, C.S.D.,
FRANK H. LEONARD, C.S.B.
Committee.

When this letter reached the *Sentinel*, it bore the following comment in the handwriting of our Leader:—

"I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee." Jeremiah, 31 : 3 .

Yours in Christ,

MARY BAKER EDDY.

Signs of the Times.

(Sentinel issue of July 2, 1905)

Is God infinite? Yes. Did God make man? Yes. Did God make all that was made? He did. Is God Spirit? He is. Did infinite Spirit make that which is not spiritual? No. Who or what made matter? Matter as substance or intelligence never was made. Is mortal man a creator, is he matter or spirit? Neither one. Why? Because Spirit is God and *infinite*, hence there can be no other creator and no other creation,—man is but His image and likeness. Are you a Christian Scientist? I am. Do you adopt as truth the above statements? I do. Then wherefore this meaningless commemoration of birth days, since there are none?

Had I known what was being done in time to have prevented it,—that which commemorated in deed or in word what is not true, would never have entered into the history of our church buildings. Let us have no more of echoing dreams. Will the beloved students accept my full heart's love for them and their kind thoughts.

Pleasant View, July 18, 1905

MARY BAKER EDDY.

Mrs. Eddy's Requests.

THE following article is copied from *The Boston Herald* of July 13, and we take pleasure in republishing it so that there may be no excuse for misunderstanding our Leader's position respecting this important matter. The article appeared in the *Herald* as follows:—

During the annual business meeting of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, the Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, through a written message, requested her Church to make special prayer in behalf of the peace of nations. Later she issued another request, advising that this special prayer be discontinued.

The second request evoked a great deal of "comment from the public press and other sources, which indicated that it had been taken to mean a cessation of prayer for peace rather than a cessation of the special prayer which the first request enjoined. Mrs. Eddy has issued the following, presumably in explanation of her real attitude:—

"HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE.

"In no way nor manner did I request my Church to cease praying for the peace of nations, but simply to pause in special prayer therefor. And wherefore this asking? Because a spiritual foresight of the nations' drama presented itself and awakened a wiser want, even to know how to pray other than the daily prayer of my Church,—'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.' I cited as our present need faith in God's disposal of events; faith, full-fledged, soaring to the Horeb height brings blessings infinite, and the spirit of this orison is the fruit of rightness,—'on earth peace, good will toward men.' On this basis the brotherhood of all peoples is established; namely, one God, one Mind, and 'love thy neighbor as-thyself,' wherein and whereby the infinite God, good, the Father-Mother Love, is ours and we are His in divine Science.

"MARY BAKER G. EDDY."

"Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., July 12, 1905."

A Letter of Thanks.

(Sentinel issue of July 15, 1905)

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., July 3, 1905.

Mr. Edward F. Dellano, Christian Scientist.

Beloved Student:—You will accept my thanks for your hand-illuminated parchment copy of Christ's Sermon in the Mount. It is indeed joyous to trace both the divine and the human hand in that glorified sermon of our Master glowing with light and love. You ought to receive ample financial compensation for so beautiful an illustration of that gospel gem now radiant with art and divine Science.

MARY BAKER G EDDY

Watching versus Watching Out

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of September 23, 1905)

THE above is the caption to an article in the *Sentinel* of September 16, 1905, that needs to be corrected.

Our Lord and Master left to us the following sayings as living lights in our darkness: "What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch;" and "If the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through." (Luke, 12 :39.)

Here we ask: Are Christ's teachings the true authority for Christian Science? They are. Does not the text-book of Christian Science, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," read on page 252, "A knowledge of error and of its operations must precede that understanding of Truth which destroys error, until the entire mortal, material body finally disappears, and the eternal man, created by and of Spirit, is understood and recognized as the true likeness of his Maker"? It does.

If so-called watching produces fear or exhaustion, and no good results, does that watch accord with Jesus' saying? It does not. Can watching as Christ demands harm you? It cannot. Then should not "watching out" mean watching against a negative watch, *alias*, no watch; and gaining the spirit of true watching, even the spirit of our Master's command? It must mean that. Is there not something to watch in yourself, in your daily life, since "by their fruits ye shall know them," which prevents an effective watch? otherwise, wherefore the Lord's Prayer, "deliver us from evil"? and if this something when challenged by truth frightens you, should you not put that out instead of *patting out your watch*? I surely should.

Then are you not made better by watching? I am. Which should we prefer, ease or unease in sin? Is not discomfort from sin better adapted to deliver mortals from the effects of belief in sin than ease therein, and can you demonstrate over the effects of other people's sins by indifference thereto? I cannot. The Scriptures say, "They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace" (Jeremiah, 6 : 14), thus taking the name of God in vain. Ignorance of self is the most stubborn belief to overcome, for apathy, dishonesty, sin, follow in its train.

One should watch to know what his errors are; and if this watching destroys his peace in error, should one watch against such a result? He should not. Our Master saith, "He

that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. . . and he that loseth his life [his false sense of life] for my sake shall find it." (Matthew, 10 : 38, 39.)

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., September 18, 1905

A Question.

WHY does not Mrs. Eddy attend our State Fair? This question would not naturally be asked concerning another lady of my years and every-day life, but being up we answer it. Because I have lost all pleasure in such entertainments by having found so much else in moral and spiritual directions that demand my entire time and attention, that I deem it my duty and privilege to abstain from all else.

The managers of our State Fair have my good wishes.

MARY BAKER EDDY

Take Notice.

(Sentinel issue of December 23, 1905)

Members of our Church that have not read the By-law, "Duty to God," in the issue of our *Sentinel* of December 16, 1905, are not amenable for disobeying it until they have read it, but they will be thereafter.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., December 21, 1905

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

Church By-law.

ARTICLE XI.

DUTY TO GOD.—SECTION 4. Members of this Church who turn their attention from the divine Principle of being to personality, sending gifts, congratulatory dispatches or letters to the Pastor Emeritus on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year, or Easter, break a rule of this Church and are amenable therefor.

Greetings from Germany.

Bad Sachsa am Harz, Hermannklause, Deutschland, November 24, 1905.

Mrs. Eddy.

Dear Revered Leader:—About a year ago I asked you to allow "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" to be translated into German, and though my wish is, and ever will be, the same, I have seen since then how wise it was of you not yet to give that permission. I admire your wisdom, and I am waiting silently and patiently, knowing that the right time will be revealed to you. I am full of joy to have become now a member of The Mother Church, full of thanks to belong to the great brotherhood of Scientists, and do see in you a wise and beloved Leader. In thinking of you there is always the one thought coming to me, that by you "Love is reflected in love." My desire is to do the same, to give up self-will and to do nothing but the will of my Father, to overcome personality, and to be nothing but "reflection." This is the goal which I am wanting to reach, and I think that in

striving for it I can best prove my gratitude to you, for what you have done and are doing for me and mankind.

I am, dear Mrs. Eddy, yours in reverence and love,

COUNTESS FANNY VON MOLTKE

MRS. EDDY'S REPLY.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., December 11, 1905.

To the Countess Fanny von Moltke, Christian Scientist.

I thank you for your excellent letter, and reply in the words of Scripture:—

"The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant."

"Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

"Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness."

"For as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed."

Lovingly yours,

MARY BAKER EDDY

CHRISTMAS AS IN CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of December 16, 1905)

CERTAIN occasions, considered collectively, individually, and observed properly, tend to give the activity of man infinite scope; but mere merry making or needless gift giving is not that wherein human capacities find the most appropriate and proper exercise. Christmas respects the Christ too much to submerge itself in merely temporary means and ends. It represents the eternal informing Soul recognized only in harmony, in the beauty and bounty of Life everlasting,—the truth that is Life,—the Life that heals and saves mankind. An eternal Christmas would make matter an alien save as phenomenon, and matter would reverentially withdraw itself before Mind. The despotism of material sense, or the flesh, would flee before such reality to make room for substance, and the shadow of frivolity and inaccuracy of material sense would disappear.

Christmas, in Christian Science, stands for the real, the absolute and eternal,—the things of Spirit, not matter. Science is divine; it hath no partnership with human means and ends, no half-way stations, nothing conditional or material belongs to it. Human reason and philosophy may pursue paths devious, the line of liquids, the lure of gold, the doubtful sense that falls short of substance—the things hoped for and evidence unseen.

The basis of Christmas is the Rock, Christ Jesus; its fruits, inspiration and spiritual understanding of joy and rejoicing; not because of tradition, usage, or corporeal pleasures, but because of fundamental and demonstrable truth, the heaven within us. It is love loving its enemies, returning good for evil, that suffereth long and is kind. It elevates medicine to Mind, it casts out evils, heals the sick, raises the dormant faculties, appeals to all conditions, and supplies every need of man. It leaves hygiene, medicine, ethics, and religion to God and His Christ, to that which is the Way, in word and in deed,—the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Hitherto there is but one Christ Jesus on record. Christ is incorporeal. Neither the you nor the I in the flesh can be or is Christ.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H.

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Christmas for the Children.

(Sentinel issue of January 6, 1906)

METHINKS the loving parents and guardians of youth oft-times query: How shall we cheer the children's Christmas and profit them withal? The wisdom of their elders, who seek wisdom of God, seems to have amply provided for this, according to the custom of the age and to the full supply of juvenile joy. Let it continue thus, with one exception; namely, the children should not be taught to believe that Santa Claus has aught to do with this pastime. A deceit or falsehood is never wise. Too much cannot be done towards guarding and guiding well the germinating and inclining thought of childhood.

To mould aright the first impressions of innocence aids in perpetuating purity and unfolding the immortal model, man in His image and likeness. St. Paul wrote, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, . . . but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., December 28, 1905

MARY BAKER EDDY.

Card.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

THE following letter from the Clerk of First Church of Christ, Scientist, at Manchester, England, is indeed interesting. This church was organized by Lady Victoria Murray, daughter of the Earl of Dunmore. Neither space nor time can separate genuine Christian Scientists. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Manchester, England, December 15, 1905.

Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy.

Beloved Leader:—The approach of Christmas prompts the members of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Manchester, England, to offer you a loving greeting, and an expression of their abiding gratitude for all the blessings they are realizing through your teaching of Christian Science.

The third lecture called for by this church has just been delivered by Mr. Bicknell Young, and we are able to record a greater attendance than before, and a wider interest in Christian Science, as manifested in the press and around us in other ways. We recognize now more fully your wise provision that one lecture or more should be called for annually by each church, as we experience the growing attention given to this "preaching of the Gospel," which through your teaching is healing suffering humanity of their sickness, sin, and woe.

We also are deeply grateful for the help which comes to us through the *Journal* and *Sentinel* publications, showing us as they do how our sisters and brothers "across the water" have fought and overcome the same erring senses against which we are contending, and are also learning to overcome through our understanding of "the better

way." Your loving gift of Christian Science, made yet more priceless by your selfless labors and constant prayers for all, has welded a bond of union between us "in the old country" and you "in the new" which nothing can sever, and as your teaching becomes more widely known it will grow into the "more perfect bond of peace."

Truly "God is good to Israel," and in the fulness of our hearts we pray we may learn to press meekly on in the way of your teaching, showing our gratitude to you in blameless lives, and by striving for "that Mind to be in us, which was also in Christ Jesus."

Faithfully yours,

WILLIAM WEBB, *Clerk.*

First Church of Christ. Scientist, Manchester, England.

A Letter from our Leader.

(Sentinel issue of March 10, 1906)

WITH our Leader's kind permission, the *Sentinel* is privileged to publish her letter of recent date, addressed to Mr. John C. Higdon of St. Louis, Mo. This letter is especially interesting on account of its beautiful tribute to Free Masonry.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., Feb. 9, 1906.

John C. Higdon, Counselor at Law, Christian Scientist.

Beloved Student:—Your interesting letter was handed to me duly. This is my earliest moment in which to answer it.

"Know Thyself," the title of your gem quoted, is indeed a divine command, for the morale of Free Masonry is above ethics—it touches the hem of his garment who spake divinely. It was truly Masonic, tender, grand in you to remember me as the widow of a Mason.

May you and I and all mankind meet in that hour of Soul, where are no partings, no pain.

Lovingly yours in Christ,

MARY BAKER EDDY

MRS. EDDY'S LETTER.

(Sentinel issue of March 31, 1906)

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., March 24, 1906.

Mr. Edward J. Wessels, 275 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Student:—I am in grateful receipt of your timeworn Bible in German. This Book of books is also the gift of gifts; and kindness in its largest, profoundest sense is goodness. It was kind of you to give it to me. I thank you for it.

Christian Scientists are fishers of men. The Bible is our sea-beaten Rock. It guides the fishermen. It stands the storm. It engages the attention and enriches the being of all men.

Sincerely yours,

MARY BAKER EDDY.

Card.

(Sentinel issue of April 14, 1906)

WILL one and all of my dear correspondents accept this, my answer, to their fervid question: Owing to the time consumed in travel, etcetera, I cannot be present *in propria persona* at our annual Communion and the dedication in June next of The Mother Church of Christ, Scientist. But I shall be with my blessed Church in spirit and in truth. I have faith in the givers and in the builders of this church edifice,—admiration for and faith in the grandeur and sublimity of this superb superstructure, wherein all vanity of victory disappears and the glory of divinity appears in all its promise.

Pleasant View, April 8, 1906

MARY BAKER EDDY.

A Letter from our Leader.

(Sentinel issue of April 28, 1906)

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., April 23, 1906.

Christian Science Board of Directors.

My Beloved Students:—Your generous check of five thousand dollars, April 23, 1906, is duly received. You can imagine my gratitude and emotion at the touch of memory. Your beneficent gift is the largest sum of money that I have hitherto received from my Church, and quite unexpected at this juncture, but not the less appreciated. My message for June 10 is ready for you. It is too short to be printed in book form, for I thought it better to be brief on this rare occasion. This Communion and dedication include enough of their own.

The enclosed notice I submit to you, and trust you will see, as I foresee, the need of it. Now is the time to *throttle the lie* that students worship me, or that I claim their homage. This historical dedication should date some special reform, and this notice is requisite to give the true animus of our Church and denomination.

Lovingly yours,

MARY BAKER G. EDDY

Notice.

To the beloved members of my Church, The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston:

Divine Love bids me say,—Assemble not at the residence of your Pastor Emeritus, at or about the time of our Annual Meeting and Communion service, for the divine and not the human should engage our attention at this sacred season of prayer and praise.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY

Inconsistency.

(Sentinel issue of May 26, 1906)

To teach the truth of life without using the word death, its opposite, were as impossible as to define truth and not name its opposite, error. Straining at gnats, one may swallow camels.

The tender mother, guided by love, faithful to her instincts, and adhering to the imperative rules of Science, asks herself: Can I teach my child the correct numeration of numbers and never name a cipher? Knowing that she cannot do this in mathematics, she should know that it cannot be done in Metaphysics, and so definitely name the error, uncover it, and teach truth scientifically.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY

[The above words of loving admonition and instruction were called forth by a paragraph of the following letter, recently received by our Leader.—EDITOR.]

Indianapolis, Ind., May 10, 1906.

Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy,

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H.

Dearly Beloved Leader:—Several months ago the question of contributing to the Mother Church Building Fund was presented to our children. They were told to consider that such contribution might delay their own future church building, but to remember that The Mother Church is an outward manifestation of the "structure of Truth and Love" (Science and Health, p. 583) being built in each consciousness; also that not one thought of criticism or selfishness must accompany our gift, else it would not be perfect in the sight of God, nor worthy to assist you in your great work for mankind. The children were very quiet in silent prayer for a few moments, and when the vote was called for, rose unanimously. When the call for prompt responses from the Field came, we decided to send what we had raised to date, and with the help of some others, who had heard of the demonstration and wished to follow the child thought, we were able to send one hundred dollars to Mr. Chase.

The "milk" with which we are striving to feed His lambs is our highest understanding of the spiritual meaning of the Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments, and Sermon on the Mount; and we realize that our success must be measured by ever-increasing attendance, punctuality, attention, and obedience.

From the question often asked by parents, "What shall I read to my children?" and from my own realization that the Scriptures cannot be spiritually explained until the little ones are familiar with the exact text, grew the plan of announcing each Sunday in the school a chapter from the Bible to be read during the week. Those unable to write are given written references to carry home. Each week I study the references for the next week's Lesson-Sermon and choose a chapter suggested by one of these references; for example, Noah and the Ark, Daniel in the Lions' Den, the Fiery Furnace, etc. The parents were asked to remain after a Wednesday evening meeting and it was explained to them how much they could further the work of the school. This reading at home does not interfere with the teachers' work. During the ten minutes allotted to me as superintendent, I try to have the main points of the story brought out by the children themselves, with the spiritual interpretation thereof. I believe it would have pleased you to hear the thought they brought out that the lions were hungry for flesh, but that, through Daniel's understanding of God all that was present was the manifestation of Life,

Truth, and Love; and again, that neither fire nor water can ever destroy the manifestation of infinite Mind.

Once, when the chapter was Matthew, 2, a young mother said, "My child has never heard the word death, so I did not read about Herod's killing of the children." It seemed to me to attempt such a course was impracticable and really suggested by fear; that instead, the child needed the protection of the spiritual explanation.

Several testimonies given prove that these references have been the means of spiritual growth to both parents and teachers. A number of parents have thanked me personally and added that their children dearly love the reading. To you, who have taught us all to better understand and love the Bible, these fruits belong.

Our organist, a true musician, has continued the labor of love, begun by two young girls, of training the children in singing during the half hour before the school opens. Poems from the *Journal* and *Sentinel*, as well as some of our own hymns, have been set to simple music, suitable to childish voices. But the last and best loved hymn each morning is "Shepherd."

I would like to add also that copies of the *Christian Science Sentinel*, furnished by church members as soon as they are through with them, stamped with our Reading Room address, are to be had in the hall at each church service, and our secretary sees that each child is given one every Sunday as they pass out, where it is not subscribed for in the home. The children seem to appreciate the *Sentinels* very much.

Lovingly and reverently yours,

CLARA P. WALES, *Superintendent*. Sunday School,
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Indianapolis, Ind

Personal Contagion.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of July 7, 1906)

THE following letter is so right and requisite that I hereby endorse it for the benefit of the reader. At a time of contagious disease, Christian Scientists endeavor to rise in consciousness to the true sense of the omnipotence of Life, Truth, and Love, and this great fact in Christian Science realized will stop a contagion. In time of religious or scientific prosperity, certain individuals are inclined to cling to the personality of its Leader. This state of mind is sickly; it is a contagion—a mental malady, which must be met and overcome. Why? Because it would dethrone the First Commandment, "Thou shalt have one God."

If God is one and God is Person, then Person is infinite; and there is no personal worship, for God is divine Principle, Love. Hence the sin, the danger and darkness of personal contagion.

Forgetting divine Principle brings on this contagion. Its symptoms are based upon personal sight or sense. Declaring the truth regarding an individual or Leader, rendering praise to whom praise is due, is not a symptom of this contagious malady, but persistent pursuit of his or her person is.

Every loss in grace and growth spiritual, since time began, has come from injustice and personal contagion. Had the ages helped their leaders to, and let them alone in God's glory, the world would not have lost the Science of Christianity. "What went ye out for to see?" A person, or a Principle? Whichever it be, determines the right or the wrong of this following. A personal motive gratified by sense will leave one "a reed shaken with the wind," whereas helping a Leader in God's direction, and giving this Leader time and retirement to pursue the infinite ascent—the comprehending of the Divine order and

consciousness in Science—will break one's own dream of personal sense, heal disease, and make one a Christian Scientist.

Is not the old question still rampant? "When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?" But when may we see you, to get some good out of your personality?

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (St. John). This great truth of God's impersonality and individuality and of man in His image and likeness, individual, but not personal, is the foundation of Christian Science. There was never a religion or philosophy lost to the centuries except by sinking its divine Principle in personality. May all Christian Scientists ponder this fact, and give their talents and loving hearts free scope only in the right direction!

I left Boston in the height of prosperity to *retreat* from the *world*, and to seek the one divine Person, whereby and wherein to show others the footsteps from sense to Soul. To give me this opportunity is all that I ask of mankind. My soul thanks the loyal, royal natures of the beloved members of my Church who cheerfully obey God and steadily go on promoting the true Principle of Christian Science. Only the disobedient spread personal contagion, and any imaginary benefit they receive is the effect of self-mesmerism wherein the remedy is worse than the disease.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., June 30, 1906

The letter to which Mrs. Eddy refers in the first paragraph of the foregoing article reads as follows:—

Boston, Mass., June 26, 1906.

Dear Leader:—Being about to leave the States for South America, to make my home in Ecuador for an indefinite season, I took the liberty of visiting Concord and driving out to your home, some days since.

I just wish to say that the lesson learned during that visit will not soon be forgotten, and I came away with a sense of having intruded upon your much-desired, yea needed, seclusion.

The significance of your words, "time to assimilate myself to God " came to me with renewed force, and I saw how, under the guise of loving interest, we might become tedious hindrances to the fulfilment of not only your highest hope, but our own as well. Therefore my next visit to Concord can only be upon special invitation from an authorized source.

From the "genial tropics" my love will go out to you, as it ever has here. In joyous anticipation of future good news to tell you, I am Earnestly yours,

Guayaquil, Ecuador, S. A.

(MRS.) NINA M. HENDERSON,

Card.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of July 14, 1906)

WE lose the sense of personality when describing love, and so base the behests of praise on worth akin to unworldliness, on goodness shorn of self, and on charity governed by God influencing the acts of men—even a charity which "suffereth long and is kind."

Mrs. Mary Beecher Longyear's charity is of the sort that letteth not the left hand know what the right hand doeth, that giveth unspoken to the needy, and is felt more than heard in a wide field of benefactions. Seldom have I seen such individual, impartial giving as this. Therefore I hasten to praise it and turn upon it the lens of spiritual faith and love, which enforce the giving liberally to all men and the upbraiding of none.

Begging her pardon for the presumption of my pen, if such it be to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's," I hope that I have neither grieved her meekness nor overrated her generosity thereby.

AN "EXPRESSION OF LOVE AND GRATITUDE."

(Sentinel issue of October 13, 1906)

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 3, 1906.

Beloved Leader:—The enclosed check for five hundred dollars from Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Minneapolis, Minn., is a small expression of love and gratitude to you for having shown to all mankind the road to health, holiness, and heaven. May it serve to make smooth a little of the way over which you pass on your daily drives through the stately street of dear old Concord, with its sheltering elms and Christlike, ministering church.

Throughout the years may an ever-increasing fruitage whisper to you the tender love and immeasurable gratitude of this church of your planting in the "Flour City" of the West.

Lovingly your student,

EMMA A. THOMPSON.

MRS. EDDY'S REPLY.

Beloved Brethren:—In the words of the Scripture, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

Lovingly, gratefully yours,

MARY BAKER EDDY.

LETTERS TO OUR LEADER.

(Sentinel issue of October 27, 1906)

Concord, N. H., Oct. 13, 1906.

Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy,

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H.

Beloved Leader:—In making the arrangements for the lecture on Christian Science to be delivered in this city by Professor Hermann S. Hering, C.S.B., on Sunday, Oct. 28, the committee have thought of inviting the Mayor, Judge Charles R. Corning, to introduce the

speaker, if this choice meets your approval. Judge Corning performed this courtesy most acceptably last year, on the occasion of Judge Ewing's lecture.

The committee will be very happy to send you as many invitations as you may desire for use at Pleasant View.

Most sincerely yours,

JOHN H. WORTHEN, MABEL C. GAGE,
MRS. ANNA MEEHAN, *Committee*

MRS. EDDY'S REPLY.

Beloved Brethren:—I am in receipt of your letter and hasten to say our Mayor, Judge Charles R. Corning, is the very man for the hour and for this introduction. His history armors him with moral mail.

MARY BAKER EDDY

[From the *Concord Monitor*.]

MRS. EDDY'S DAILY DRIVE.

(Sentinel issue of November 10, 1906)

THE following communication has been received at this office. It is written entire in Mrs. Eddy's own hand, which is unmistakable and characteristic, and which, it may be added, is in clearness and steadiness superior to that of most people who communicate with newspaper editors

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H.

Dear Editor of the Monitor:—I have changed the hour for going out in my carriage from 2 P.M. to 1 P.M., owing to my business demands.

Cordially yours,
Oct. 30, 1906.

MARY BAKER EDDY

[From the *New York American*.]

MRS. EDDY'S ACTIVITY SHOWN.

(Sentinel issue of December 1, 1906)

MR. ALFRED FARLOW'S article in the *New York American* needs *correction*. It was a great mistake to say that I employed Rev. James Henry Wiggin to correct my diction. It was for no such purpose. I engaged Mr. Wiggin so as to avail myself of his criticisms of my statement of Christian Science, which criticisms would enable me to explain more clearly the points that might seem ambiguous to the reader.

Mr. Calvin A. Frye copied my writings, and he will tell you that Mr. Wiggin left my diction quite out of the question, sometimes saying, "I wouldn't express it that way." He often dissented to what I had written, but I quieted him by quoting corroborative texts of Scripture.

In Christian Science my diction has been called original. The liberty that I have taken with capitalization, in order to express the "new tongue," has well-nigh constituted a new style of language. In almost every case where Mr. Wiggin added words, I have erased them in my revisions. Mr. Wiggin was not my proofreader for my book "Miscellaneous Writings," and for only two of my books. I especially employed him on "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," because at that date some critics declared that my book was as ungrammatical as it was misleading. I availed myself of the name of the former proofreader for the University Press, Cambridge, to defend my grammatical construction, and confidently awaited the years to declare the moral and spiritual effect upon the age of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures."

I invited Mr. Wiggin to visit one of my classes in the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, and he consented on condition that I should not ask him any questions. I agreed not to question him just so long as he refrained from questioning me. He held himself well in check until I began my attack on agnosticism. As I proceeded, Mr. Wiggin manifested more and more agitation, until he could control himself no longer and, addressing me, burst out with: "How do you know that there ever was such a man as Christ Jesus?"

He would have continued with a long argument, framed from his ample fund of historical knowledge, but I stopped him.

"Now, Mr. Wiggin," I said, "you have broken our agreement. I do not find my authority for Christian Science in history, but in revelation. If there had never existed such a person as the Galilean Prophet, it would make no difference to me. I should still know that God's spiritual ideal is the only real man in His image and likeness." My saying touched him, and I heard nothing further from him in the class, though afterwards he wrote a kind little pamphlet, entitled "Phare Pleigh."

I hold the late Mr. Wiggin in loving, grateful memory for his high-principled character and well-equipped scholarship.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., Nov. 20, 1906

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

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[From the *Concord* (N.H.) *Evening Monitor*.]

MRS. EDDY'S LETTER TO THE MOTHER CHURCH.

(Sentinel issue of April 6, 1907)

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., April 2, 1907.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass.

My Beloved Church:—Your love and fidelity cheer my advancing years. As Christian Scientists you understand the Scripture, "Fret not thyself because of evildoers;" also you spiritually and scientifically understand that God is divine Love, omnipotent, omnipresent, infinite, hence it is enough for you and me to know "that our Redeemer liveth and intercedeth for us."

At this period my demonstration of Christian Science cannot be fully understood, theoretically, therefore it is best explained by its fruits, and by the life of our Lord as depicted in the chapter "Atonement and Eucharist," *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY

[From the *Concord* (N.H.) *Daily Patriot*.]

CARD.

I AM pleased to say that the following members constitute the Board of Trustees who own my property:—

1. Hon. Henry M. Baker, who won a suit at law in Washington, D. C, for which it is alleged he was paid the highest fee ever before received by a native of New Hampshire.
2. Archibald McLellan, editor-in-chief of the Christian Science periodicals, circulating in the five grand divisions of our globe; also in Canada, Australia, etc.
3. Josiah E. Fernald, Justice of the Peace and President of the National State Capital Bank, Concord, New Hampshire. To my aforesaid Trustees I have committed the hard earnings of my pen,—the fruits of honest toil, the labor that is known by its fruits,—benefiting the human race: and I have so done that I may have more peace, and time for spiritual thought and the higher criticism.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., April 3, 1907

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

[From the *Concord* (N.H.) *Evening Monitor*.]

A LETTER FROM MRS. EDDY.

AT the Wednesday evening meeting of April 3, in The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, the First Reader, Mr. W. D. McCrackan, read the following letter from Mrs. Eddy. In announcing this letter, he said,—

"Permission has been secured from our beloved Leader to read you a letter from her to me. This letter is in Mrs. Eddy's own handwriting, with which I have been familiar for several years, and it shows her usual mental and physical vigor."

MRS. EDDY'S LETTER.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., March 22, 1907.

Mr. W. D. McCrackan.

Beloved Student:—The wise man has said, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things." That this passage of Scripture and its concluding declaration may be applied to old age, is a solace.

Perhaps you already know that I have heretofore personally attended to my secular affairs,—to my income, investments, deposits, expenditures, and to my employees.

But the increasing demands upon my time and labor, and my yearning for more peace in my advancing years, have caused me to select a Board of Trustees to take the charge of my property; namely; Hon. Henry M. Baker, Mr. Archibald McLellan, and Mr. Josiah E. Fernald.

As you are the First Reader of my Church in Boston, of about forty thousand members, I inform you of this, the aforesaid transaction.

Lovingly yours in Christ,

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

MRS. EDDY AND THE PEACE MOVEMENT.

(Sentinel issue of April 27, 1907)

Pleasant View, Concord, N. EL, April 3, 1907.

Mr. Hayne Davis, American Secretary, International Conciliation Committee,

542 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Mr. Davis:—Deeply do I thank you for the interest you manifest in the success of the Association for International Conciliation. It is of paramount importance to every son and daughter of all nations under the sunlight of the law and gospel.

May God guide and prosper ever this good endeavor.

Most truly yours,

MARY B. G. EDDY.

MRS. EDDY'S LETTER.

(Sentinel issue of May 4, 1907)

THE following is Mrs. Eddy's letter to First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York, acknowledging the courtesy of that church in subscribing for her a membership of the highest class in the Association for International Conciliation.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., April 22, 1907.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City,
Mr. John D. Higgins, Clerk.

My Beloved Brethren:—Your appointment of me as *Fondateur* of the Association for International Conciliation is most gracious. To aid in this holy purpose is the leading impetus of my life. Many years have I prayed and labored for the consummation of "on earth peace, good will toward men." May the fruits of said grand Association, pregnant with peace, find their birthright in divine Science.

Right thoughts and deeds are the sovereign remedies for all earth's woe. Sin is its own enemy. Right has its recompense, even though it be betrayed. Wrong may be man's highest idea of right until his grasp of goodness grows stronger. It is always safe to be just.

When pride, self, and human reason reign, injustice is rampant. Individuals, as nations, unite harmoniously on the basis of justice, and this is accomplished when self is lost in Love—or God's own plan of salvation. "To do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly" is the standard of Christian Science.

Human law is right only as it patterns the divine. Consolation and peace are based on the enlightened sense of God's government.

Lured by fame, pride, or gold, success is dangerous, but the choice of folly never fastens on the good or the great. Because of my rediscovery of Christian Science, and honest efforts (however meagre) to help human purpose and peoples, you may have accorded me more than is deserved,—but 'tis sweet to be remembered.

Lovingly yours,

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

MRS. EDDY'S AFFIDAVIT.

(Sentinel issue of May 25, 1907)

THE following affidavit, in the form of a letter from Mrs. Eddy to Judge Robert N. Chamberlin of the Superior Court, was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Saturday, May 18. *The Boston Globe*, referring to this document, speaks of it as, "in the main, an example of crisp, clear, plain-speaking English." The entire letter is in Mrs. Eddy's own handwriting and is characteristic in both substance and penmanship:—

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., May 16, 1907.

Hon. Judge Chamberlin, Concord, N. H.

Respected Sir:—It is over forty years that I have attended personally to my secular affairs, to my income, investments, deposits, expenditures, and to my employees. I have personally selected all my investments, except in one or two instances, and have paid for the same.

The increasing demands upon my time, labors, and thought, and yearning for more peace and to have my property and affairs carefully taken care of for the persons and purposes I have designated by my last will, influenced me to select a Board of Trustees to take charge of my property, namely, Hon. Henry M. Baker, Mr. Archibald McLellan, Mr. Josiah E. Fernald. I had contemplated doing this before the present proceedings were brought or I knew aught about them, and I had consulted Lawyer Streeter about the

method. I selected said Trustees because I had implicit confidence in each one of them as to honesty and business capacity. No person influenced me to make this selection. I find myself able to select the Trustees I need without the help of others. I gave them my property to take care of because I wanted it protected and myself relieved of the burden of doing this. They have agreed with me to take care of my property and I consider this agreement a great benefit to me already.

This suit was brought without my knowledge and is being carried on contrary to my wishes. I feel that it is not for my benefit in any way, but for my injury, and I know it was not needed to protect my person or property. The present proceedings test my trust in divine Love. My personal reputation is assailed and some of my students and trusted personal friends are cruelly, unjustly, and wrongfully accused.

Mr. Calvin A. Frye and other students often ask me to receive persons whom I desire to see but decline to receive solely because I find that I cannot "serve two masters." I cannot be a Christian Scientist except I leave all for Christ. Trusting that I have not exceeded the bounds of propriety in the statements herein made by me, I remain most respectfully yours,

MARY BAKER G. EDDY

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, Merrimack, ss.

On this sixteenth day of May, 1907, personally appeared Mary Baker G. Eddy and made oath that the statements contained in the annexed letter directed to Honorable Judge Chamberlin and dated May 16, 1907, are true.

Before me

ALLEN HOLLIS, *Justice of the Peace*

[From the *Concord* (N. H.) *Daily Patriot*.]

A CORRECTION.

(Sentinel issue of June 1, 1907)

Mr. Meehan.

Dear Editor:—In the issue of your good paper, *The Patriot*, May 21, when referring to the Memorial service of the E. E. Sturtevant Post held in my church building, it read, "It is said to be the first time in the history of the Church in this country that such an event has occurred." In your next issue please correct this mistake. Since my residence in Concord, 1889, the aforesaid Memorial service has been held annually in some church in Concord, N. H. When the Veterans indicated their desire to assemble in my church building, I consented thereto only as other churches had done. But here let me say that I am absolutely and religiously opposed to war, whereas I do believe implicitly in the full efficacy of divine Love to conciliate by arbitration all quarrels between nations and peoples .

Concord, N. H., May 28, 1907

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

NOTA BENE!

(Sentinel issue of July 27, 1907)

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., July 8, 1907.

To the Directors of the Central Christian Science Reading Room

23 West 23d Street, New York, N. Y.

My beloved Christian Scientists:—Because I suggested the name for one central Reading Room, and this name continues to be multiplied, you will permit me to make the *amende honorable*—notwithstanding "incompetence"—and to say, please adopt generally for your name, Christian Science Reading Room. An old axiom says, Too much of one thing spoils the whole. Too many centers may become equivalent to no center.

Here I have the joy of knowing that Christian Scientists will exchange the present name for the one that I suggest, with the sweet alacrity and uniformity that they accepted the first name.

Merely this appellation seals the question of unity, and opens wide on the amplitude of liberty and love a far reaching motive and success, of which we can say, the more the better.

Yours in Love,

MARY BAKER EDDY

[Telegram.]

New York, July 13, 1907.

To Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy,

Pleasant View, Concord, New Hampshire.

Beloved Leader:—Your message dated July eighth, to the Directors of the Central Christian Science Reading Room, has been received, and at a meeting of the Board this afternoon your request, that we shall adopt generally for our name "Christian Science Reading Room," has been promptly and gratefully carried out. We thank you for your beautiful letter and for this added token of your wise and loving guidance in our work.

Lovingly yours,

For the Board of Directors.

IONE REVENAUGH, *Secretary*

A BENEDICTION.

[Copy of Cablegram.]

(Sentinel issue of September 14, 1907)

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., Aug. 31, 1907.

Countess of Dunmore and family,

55 Lancaster Gate, West, London, England.

Divine Love is your ever-present help. You, I, and mankind have cause to lament the demise of Lord Dunmore; but as the Christian Scientist, the servant of God and man, he still lives, loves, labors.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY

YOUTH AND YOUNG MANHOOD.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of December 7, 1907)

[THE following article by Mrs. Eddy, mention of which was made in the *Sentinel* of Nov. 2, appeared in the *Cosmopolitan* for November with the accompanying editorial note.—EDITOR *Sentinel*.]

EDITOR'S NOTE.—The *Cosmopolitan* presents this month to its readers a facsimile of an article sent to us by Mrs. Eddy, with the corrections on the manuscript reproduced in her own handwriting. Not only Mrs. Eddy's own devoted followers, but the public generally, will be interested in this communication from the extraordinary woman who, nearly eighty-seven years of age, plays so great a part in the world and leads with such conspicuous success her very great following.

Mrs. Eddy writes very rarely for any publications outside of the Christian Science periodicals, and our readers will be interested in this presentation of the thought of a mind that has had so much influence on this generation.

The *Cosmopolitan* gives no editorial indorsement to the teachings of Christian Science, it has no religious opinions or predilections to put before its readers. This manuscript is presented simply as an interesting and remarkable proof of Mrs. Eddy's ability in old age to vindicate in her own person the value of her teachings.

Certainly, Christian Scientists enthusiastic in their belief are fortunate in being able to point to a Leader far beyond the allotted years of man, emerging triumphantly from all attacks upon her, and guiding with remarkable skill, determination, and energy a very great organization that covers practically the civilized world.

Youth and Young Manhood

King David, the Hebrew bard sang, "I have been young, and now I am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." I for one accept his wise deduction, his ultimate spiritual sense of thinking, feeling, and acting. This sense of rightness acquired by experience, and wisdom should be early presented to youth and to manhood in order to forewarn and forearm humanity

The ultimatum of life here and hereafter is utterly apart from a material or personal sense of pleasure, pain, joy, sorrow, life and death. Life in truth is a scientific knowledge that is portentous; and is won only by the spiritual understanding of Life as God, good, ever-present good, and therefore life eternal.

You will agree with me that the material body is mortal, but Soul is immortal; also that the five personal senses are perishable, they lapse and relapse, come and go until at length they are consigned to dust. But say you, "Man awakes from the dream of death in possession of the five personal senses, does he not?" Yes, because death alone does not awaken man in God's image and likeness. The divine Science of Life alone gives the true sense of life and of righteousness, and demonstrates the Principle of life eternal; even the Life that is Soul apart from the so-called life of matter or the material senses.

Death alone does not absolve man from a false material sense of life, but goodness, holiness and love do this and so consummate man's being, with the harmony of Heaven; the omnipotence, omnipresence, and omniscience of Life,-even its all-power, all-presence, all-science.

Dear reader, right thinking, right feeling and right acting - honesty, purity, unselfishness - in youth tend to success, intellectuality, and happiness in manhood. To begin right "enables one to end right and thus it is that one achieves the Science of life, demonstrates health, holiness and immortality.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY, FOUNDER OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

To me Christmas involves an open secret, understood by few—or by none—and unutterable except in Christian Science. Christ was not born of the flesh. Christ is the Truth and Life born of God—born of Spirit and not of matter. Jesus, the Galilean prophet, was born of the Virgin Mary's spiritual thoughts of Life and its manifestation. God creates man perfect and eternal in His own image. Hence man is the image, idea, or likeness of perfection—an ideal which cannot fall from its inherent unity with divine Love, from its spotless purity and original perfection.

Observed by material sense, Christmas commemorates the birth of a human, material, mortal babe—a babe born in a manger amidst the flocks and herds of a Jewish village. This homely origin of the babe Jesus falls far short of my sense of the eternal Christ, Truth, never born and never dying. I celebrate Christmas with my soul, my spiritual sense, and so commemorate the entrance into human understanding of the Christ conceived of Spirit, of God and not of a woman—as the birth of Truth, the dawn of divine Love breaking upon the gloom of matter and evil with the glory of infinite being.

Human doctrines or hypotheses or vague human philosophy afford little divine effulgence, deific presence or power. Christmas to me is the reminder of God's great gift—His spiritual idea, man and the universe—a gift which so transcends mortal, material, sensual giving that the merriment, mad ambition, rivalry, and ritual of our common Christmas seem a human mockery in mimicry of the real worship in commemoration of Christ's coming

I love to observe Christmas in quietude, humility, benevolence, charity, letting good will toward man, eloquent silence, prayer and praise express my conception of Truth's appearing.

The splendor of this nativity of Christ reveals infinite meanings and gives manifold blessings. Material gifts and pastimes tend to obliterate the spiritual idea in consciousness, leaving one alone and without His glory

"HEAR, O ISRAEL."

(Sentinel issue of December 14, 1907)

THE late lamented Christian Scientist brother and the publisher of my books, Joseph Armstrong, C.S.D., is not dead, neither does he sleep nor rest from his labors in divine Science; and his works do follow him. Evil has no power to harm, to hinder, or to destroy the real spiritual man. He is wiser to-day, healthier and happier, than yesterday. The mortal dream of life, substance, or mind in matter; has been lessened, and the reward of good and punishment of evil and the waking out of this Adam dream of evil will end in harmony,—evil powerless, and God, good, omnipotent and infinite.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., Dec. 10, 1907

MARY BAKER EDDY.

TO FOUND AN INSTITUTION.

(Sentinel issue of December 21, 1907)

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., Dec. 14, 1907.

Mr. Archibald McLellan.

My Dear Trustee:—I desire to commence immediately to found a Christian Science institution for the special benefit of the poor and the general good of all mankind. The founding and endowment of this institution will cost at least one million of dollars.

Please come to me at your earliest opportunity, and I will give you further details. Most truly yours,

MARY BAKER EDDY

THE HIGHER CRITICISM.

AN earnest student writes to me: "Would it be asking too much of you to explain more fully why you call Christian Science the higher criticism?"

I called Christian Science the higher criticism in my Dedicatory Message to The Mother Church, June 10, 1906, when I said, "This Science is a law of divine Mind, . . . an ever-present help. Its presence is felt, for it acts and acts wisely, always unfolding the highway of hope, faith, understanding."

I now repeat another proof, namely, that Christian Science is the higher criticism because it criticises evil, disease, and death—all that is unlike God, good—on a Scriptural basis, and approves or disapproves according to the word of God. In the next edition of Science and Health I shall refer to this.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY

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THE WAY OF WISDOM.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of January 16, 1908)

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.—Matthew 6 : 24.

THE infinite is One, and this One is Spirit; Spirit is God, and this God is infinite good.

This simple statement of oneness is the only possible correct version of Christian Science. God being infinite, He is the only basis of Science; hence materiality is wholly apart from Christian Science, and is only a "suffer it to be so now" until we arrive at the spiritual fulness of God, Spirit, even the divine idea of Christian Science,—Christ,—born of God,—the offspring of Spirit,—wherein matter has neither part nor portion, because matter is the absolute opposite of spiritual means, manifestation, and demonstration. The only incentive of a mistaken sense is malicious animal magnetism,—the name of all evil.—and this must be understood.

I have crowned The Mother Church building with the spiritual modesty of Christian Science, which is its jewel. When my dear brethren in New York desire to build higher,—to enlarge their phylacteries and demonstrate Christian Science to a higher extent,—they must begin on a wholly spiritual foundation, than which there is no other, and proportionably estimate their success and glory of achievement only as they build upon the rock of Christ, the spiritual foundation. This will open the way, widely and impartially, to their never-ending success,—to salvation and eternal Christian Science.

Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*. "There is no matter" is not only the axiom of true Christian Science, but it is the only basis upon which this Science can be demonstrated

MISS CLARA BARTON.

(Sentinel issue of January 18, 1908)

IN the *New York American*, Jan. 6, 1908, Miss Clara Barton dipped her pen in my heart, and traced its emotions, motives, and object. Then, lifting the curtains of mortal mind, she depicted its rooms, guests, standing and seating capacity, and thereafter gave her discovery to the press. Now if Miss Barton were not a venerable soldier, patriot, philanthropist, moralist, and stateswoman, I should shrink from such salient praise. But in consideration of all that Miss Barton really is, and knowing that she can bear the blows which may follow said description of her soul-visit, I will say amen, so be it.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., Jan. 10, 1908

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

TAKE NOTICE.

(Sentinel issue of February 29, 1908)

I REQUEST the Christian Scientists universally to read the paragraph beginning at line 30 of page 442 in the edition of Science and Health which will be issued Feb. 29. I consider the information there given to be of great importance at this stage of the workings of animal magnetism, and it will greatly aid the students in their individual experiences.

The contemplated reference in Science and Health to the "higher criticism" announced in the *Sentinel* a few weeks ago, I have since decided not to publish.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

WAR.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of April 11, 1908)

FOR many years I have prayed daily that there be no more war, no more barbarous slaughtering of our fellow-beings; prayed that all the peoples on earth and the islands of the sea have one God, one Mind; love God supremely, and love their neighbor as themselves. National disagreements can be, and should be, arbitrated wisely, fairly; and fully settled.

It is unquestionable, however, that at this hour the armament of navies is necessary, for the purpose of preventing war and preserving peace among nations

MRS. EDDY SENDS THANKS.

(Sentinel issue of April 25, 1908)

MRS. MARY BAKER G. EDDY has sent the following to *The Herald*:—

"Will the dear Christian Scientists accept my thanks for their magnificent gifts, and allow me to say that I am not fond of an abundance of material presents; but I am cheered and blessed when beholding Christian healing, unity among brethren, and love to God and man; this is my crown of rejoicing, for it demonstrates Christian Science.

"The psalmist sang, That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.'

IN view of the recent rumors as to her health, Mrs. Eddy has given out the following statement:—

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

(Sentinel issue of May 16, 1908)

Since Mrs. Eddy is watched, as one watches a criminal or a sick person, she begs to say, in her own behalf, that she is neither; therefore to be criticized or judged by either a

daily drive or a dignified stay at home, is superfluous. When accumulating work requires it, or because of a preference to remain within doors she omits her drive, do not strain out gnats or swallow camels over it, but try to be composed and resigned to the shocking fact that she is minding her own business, and recommends this surprising privilege to all her dear friends and enemies.

MARY BAKER EDDY

NOTA BENE.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

Beloved Students:—Rest assured that your Leader is living, loving, acting, enjoying. She is neither dead nor plucked up by the roots, but she is keenly alive to the reality of living, and safely, soulfully founded upon the Rock, Christ Jesus, even the spiritual idea of Life with its abounding, increasing, advancing footsteps of progress, primeval faith, hope, love. Like the verdure and evergreen that flourish when trampled upon, the Christian Scientist thrives in adversity; his is a life-lease of hope, home, heaven; his idea is nearing the Way, the Truth, and the Life, when misrepresented, belied, and trodden upon. Justice, honesty cannot be abjured; their vitality involves life,—calm, irresistible, eternal.

MRS. EDDY SAYS:

(Sentinel issue of May 30, 1908)

WHEN the By-law was passed to exclude scholars above a certain age from the Sabbath School it was requisite, and when the spiritual point at issue was attained the older members were invited and received into the Sabbath School.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

[From the *Minneapolis (Minn.) News.*]

UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP.

Brookline, Mass., May 1.

Editor Daily News:—Christian Science can and does produce Universal Fellowship. As the sequence of divine Love it explains love, it lives love, it demonstrates love. The human, material, so-called senses do not perceive this fact until they are controlled by divine Love; hence the Scripture, "Be still, and know that I am God."

MARY BAKER G. EDDY

TAKE NOTICE.

(Sentinel issue of June 17, 1908)

I HAVE not read Gerhardt C. Mars' book "The Interpretation of Life," therefore I have not endorsed it, and any assertions to the contrary are false. Christian Scientists are not concerned with philosophy; Divine Science is all they need, or can have in reality.

June 24, 1908

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

[From the *Boston Globe.*]

LETTER FROM MRS. EDDY.

IN a letter addressed to Christian Scientists Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy explains that dropping the annual Communion service of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, need not debar distant members from attending occasionally The Mother Church. The following is Mrs. Eddy's letter:—

June 21, 1908.

Beloved Christian Scientists:—Take courage. God is leading you onward and upward. Relinquishing a material form of Communion advances it spiritually. The material form is a "Suffer it to be so now" and is abandoned so soon as God's Wayshower, Christ, points the advanced step. This instructs us how to be abased and how to abound. Dropping the Communion of The Mother Church does not prevent its distant members from occasionally attending this church.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

[From the *Boston Globe.*]

COMMUNION SEASON IS ABOLISHED.

THE general Communion service of the Christian Science denomination, held annually in The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in this city, has been abolished by order of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy. The services attended last Sunday [June 14] by ten thousand persons were thus the last to be held. Of late years members of the Church outside of Boston have not been encouraged to attend the Communion seasons except on the triennial gatherings, the next of which would have been held next year.

The announcement in regard to the services was made last night [June 21] by Alfred Farlow of the Publication Committee as follows:—

First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, has taken steps to abolish its famous Communion seasons. In former years, the annual Communion season of the Boston church has offered an occasion for the gathering of vast multitudes of Christian Scientists from all parts of the world. According to the following statement, which Mrs. Eddy has just given out to the press, these gatherings will be discontinued :—

"The house of The Mother Church seats only five thousand people, and its membership includes forty-eight thousand communicants, hence the following:—

"The branch churches continue their Communion seasons, but there shall be no more Communion season in The Mother Church that has blossomed into spiritual beauty. Communion universal and divine. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ' (1 Corinthians, 2 : 16)."

[Mrs. Eddy has only abolished the disappointment of communicants who come long distances and then find no seats in The Mother Church.—EDITOR *Sentinel*.]

A LETTER AND ITS REPLY.

Boston, Mass., June 22, 1908.

Beloved Leader:—I am glad to hear that the stated Communion season in The Mother Church is abolished. The new By-law reminds me of the By-law on Easter observances, and especially your beautiful and impressive words, "Gratitude and love should abide in every heart each day of all the years." The abolition of the formal and stated Communion points us toward the spiritual and unceasing Communion.

Sincerely yours,

CLIFFORD P. SMITH.

MRS. EDDY'S REPLY.

Box G, Brookline, Mass., June 24, 1908.

Judge Clifford P. Smith, LL.B, C.S.B.,

First Reader, Mother Church, Boston, Mass.

Beloved Christian Scientist:—Accept my thanks for your approval of abolishing the Communion season of The Mother Church. I sought God's guidance in doing it, but the most important events are criticised. The Mother Church Communion season was literally a Communion of branch church communicants which might in time lose its sacredness and merge into a meeting for greetings. My beloved brethren may some time learn this and rejoice with me, as they so often have done over a step higher in their passage from sense to Soul.

Most truly yours,

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

A WORD TO THE WISE.

(Sentinel issue of June 20, 1908)

My Beloved Brethren:—When I asked you to dispense with the Executive Members' meeting, the purpose of my request was sacred. It was to turn your sense of worship from the material to the spiritual, the personal to the impersonal, the denominational to the doctrinal, yea, from the human to the divine.

Already you have advanced from the audible to the inaudible prayer; from the material to the spiritual communion; from drugs to deity; and you have been greatly recompensed. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for so doth the divine Love redeem your body from disease; your being from sensuality; your soul from sense; your life from death. Of this abounding and abiding spiritual understanding the prophet Isaiah said, "And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them."

MARY BAKER G. EDDY

A LETTER FROM MRS. EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of August 1, 1908)

MRS. MARY BAKER EDDY, Leader of the Christian Science movement, will hereafter abandon her much-talked-of "daily" drives, and instead will drive out only when her work makes no urgent demand on her time. This announcement comes through a response to a letter written to Mrs. Eddy by Mrs. Ella E. Williams, formerly Second Reader of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in this city, and now a resident of Chestnut Hill. Mrs. Williams wrote as follows:—

Beloved Leader:—I have been pleased to see you drive out in your carriage every day, also to know that you can take time from your work to enjoy this daily drive. It brightens the day for me when I see you in your carriage.

Very lovingly your student,

Chestnut Hill, July 24

ELLA E. WILLIAMS.

In reply, Mrs. Eddy wrote:—

Box G, Brookline, Mass., July 25, 1908.

Beloved Student:—I enjoy brightening your day, but the divine Principle and not a personality should illumine the life of a Christian Scientist; therefore, I repeat, turn your thought away from matter to Spirit. I have so much that is of more importance to attend to than a daily drive that hereafter I shall go out only when the demands on my time at home are not imperative, and if I remain at home, I hope you will be influenced by a higher thought than a peep at my personality, and know that I love you.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY

[From the *Boston Post*.]

POLITICS.

(Sentinel issue of November 7, 1908)

MRS. MARY BAKER G. EDDY has always believed that those who are entitled to vote should do so, and she has also believed that in such matters no one should seek to dictate the actions of others. In reply to a number of requests for an expression of her political views, she has given out this statement:—

"I am asked, 'What are your politics?' I have none, in reality, other than to help support a righteous government; to love God supremely, and my neighbor as myself."

MARY BAKER EDDY

MRS. EDDY'S THANKS.

(Sentinel issue of November 21, 1908)

Box G, Brookline, Mass., Nov. 16, 1908.

Beloved Christian Scientists:—Accept my thanks for your successful plans for the first issue of *The Christian Science Monitor*. My desire is that every Christian Scientist, and as many others as possible, subscribe for and read our daily newspaper.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY

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THE MONITOR.

(Sentinel issue of January 9, 1909)

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS in the field who send four subscriptions to the *Monitor* for one year, will receive their own paper gratuitously.

Chestnut Hill, Jan. 7, 1909

MARY BAKER EDDY.

CLASS TEACHING.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of May 29, 1909)

MRS. EDDY thus replies, through her student, Mr. Adam Dickey, to the question, Does Mrs. Eddy approve of class teaching:—

Yes! She most assuredly does, when the teaching is done by those who are duly qualified, who have received certificates from the Massachusetts Metaphysical College or the Board of Education, and who have the necessary moral and spiritual qualifications to perform this important work. Class teaching will not be abolished until it has accomplished that for which it was established, viz., the elucidation of the Principle and rule of Christian Science through the higher meaning of the Scriptures. Students who are ready for this step should beware the net that is craftily laid and cunningly concealed to prevent their advancement in this direction.

TAKE NOTICE.

(Sentinel issue of June 12, 1909)

*To Christian Scientists:—*See Science and Health, page 442, line 30, and give daily attention thereto.

MARY BAKER EDDY

MRS. EDDY'S STATEMENTS.

Chestnut Hill, Mass., June 7, 1909.

To Whom It May Concern:—

I have the pleasure to report to one and all of my beloved friends and followers that I exist in the flesh, and am seen daily by the members of my household and by those with whom I have appointments. Above all this fustian of either denying or asserting the personality and presence of Mary Baker Eddy, stands the eternal fact of Christian

Science and the honest history of its Discoverer and Founder. It is self-evident that the discoverer of an eternal truth cannot be a temporal fraud.

The Cause of Christian Science is prospering throughout the world and stands forever as an eternal and demonstrable Science, and I do not regard this attack upon me as a trial, for when these things cease to bless they will cease to occur. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. . . . What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"

MARY BAKER EDDY.

Mrs. Eddy also sent the following letter to the members of her church in Concord, N. H.:—

Brookline, Mass., June 7, 1909.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Concord, N. H.

My Beloved Brethren:—Give yourselves no fear and spare not a moment's thought to lies afloat that I am sick, helpless, or an invalid. The public report that I am in either of the aforesaid conditions is utterly false.

With love, ever yours,

MARY BAKER EDDY

A CORRECTION.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of June 26, 1909)

IN the last *Sentinel* was the following question: "If all matter is unreal, why do we deny the existence of disease in the material body and not the body itself?" We deny first the existence of disease, because we can meet this negation more readily than we can negative all that the body affirms. It is written in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures:" "There are degrees in the material or human belief, and a harmonious belief is one step out of error; a belief of health is an improvement on a belief of sickness."

Thus it is that our great Exemplar, Jesus of Nazareth, first takes up the subject. He does not require the last step to be taken first. He came to the world not to destroy the law of being, but to fulfil it in righteousness. He restored the diseased body to its normal action, functions, and organization, and in explanation of his deeds\ he said, "Suffer these things to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." Job said, "In my flesh shall I see God." Neither the Old nor the New Testament furnishes reasons or examples for the destruction of the human body, but its restoration to life and health, as the scientific proof of "God with us." The power and prerogative of Truth are to destroy all disease and to raise the dead—even the self-same Lazarus. The *spiritual* body came with the *ascension*.

Jesus demonstrated the divine Principle of Christian Science when he presented his *material* body absolved from death and the grave. The introduction of pure abstractions in Christian Science without their correlatives leaves its divine Principle unexplained, tends to confuse the mind of the reader, and ultimates in what Jesus denounced, namely, "straining out gnats and swallowing camels."

LETTERS TO OUR LEADER.

(Sentinel issue of July 24, 1909)

Sydney, Australia, May 31, 1909.

Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, Brookline, Mass.

Beloved Leader:—At the annual meeting of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Sydney, Australia, it was unanimously agreed that a letter be sent to you, to express individually and as a church our love and gratitude, and to say humbly and fervently that we are prayerfully striving to apprehend more of that glorious teaching so beautifully expressed by you in these two lines on page 6 of *Science and Health*: "God is Love. More than this we cannot ask, higher we cannot look, farther we cannot go."

We feel it will interest you to hear a little about the Sydney (Australia) church. During the year we were compelled to move to a larger hall for our services, and, as this is rapidly filling, we are again looking for more ample accommodation. The Sunday School shows a very encouraging growth in numbers and interest. The lectures by Bicknell Young, given in our Town Hall, were listened to on each occasion by large and appreciative audiences. Class instruction has been given in Sydney to fifteen students, by an Australian teacher who has qualified for this work. Our greatest satisfaction however lies in this, that the sale of our text-book, *Science and Health*, is increasing wonderfully, and there is a steady demand for all your precious writings.

The government of the one Mind is more apparent in every department of our church work, and the Cause is growing more dear to each one of us. Each succeeding year must surely find our love, reverence, and gratitude increasing, even as our spiritual perception is awakened to perceive the eternal greatness of your life-work. Dearest Leader, what a debt of gratitude the world owes you for Christian Science, and for the marvelous organization which demonstrates the oneness of Science through you as Discoverer and Founder.

Forgive this rather long letter. It is the bursting forth of our song of thanksgiving to God, the joy of knowing that all our blessings have come through your unselfed consecration to Him. We do thank Him, and rest content in this, that because you dwell "in the secret place of the most High," you abide "under the shadow of the Almighty." Lovingly and loyally yours,

MINNIE D. SYMONDS, *Clerk*

MRS. EDDY'S REPLY.

Box G, Brookline, Mass., July 15, 1909.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Sydney, Australia.

Beloved Brethren:—Accept my deep thanks for your highly interesting letter. It would seem as if the whole import of Christian Science had been mirrored forth by your loving hearts, to reflect its heavenly rays over all the earth.

Lovingly yours,

MARY BAKER EDDY

THERE IS NO DEATH.

(Sentinel issue of September 4, 1909)

A SUPPOSITIONAL gust of evil in this evil world is the dark hour that precedes the dawn. This gust blows away the baubles of belief, for there is in reality no evil, no disease, no death; and the Christian Scientist who believes that he dies, gains a rich blessing of disbelief in death, and a higher realization of heaven.

My beloved Edward A. Kimball, whose clear, correct teaching of Christian Science has been and is an inspiration to the whole Field, is here now as veritably as when he visited me a year ago. If we would awaken to this recognition, we should see him here and realize that he never died; thus demonstrating the fundamental truth of Christian Science.

MARY BAKER EDDY

LETTERS TO OUR LEADER.

(Sentinel issue of September 9, 1909)

Waukegan, Ill., Sept. 6, 1909.

Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, Brookline, Mass.

Dear Leader:—We hasten to express gratitude for your forceful and helpful lines,— "There is no Death,"—published in this issue of the *Sentinel*. We who are Mr. Kimball's students appreciate the "clear, correct teaching" we received; and also his precept and example of unfaltering and unwavering loyalty and obedience to you. In loving and grateful appreciation for these lines we will continue to follow implicitly your every request, as he taught us to; and in humility consecrate our lives anew, that we may become better demonstrators of the truth and more worthy of the blessings we have received through him from you.

Ever yours in love,

CHAUNCEY J. GUTHRIE,
ALICE E. GUTHRIE

MRS. EDDY'S COMMENT.

The above tribute to our beloved brother is *just*, and my soul sends forth its echo.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

TAKE NOTICE.

(Sentinel issue of October 16, 1909)

I APPROVE the By-laws of The Mother Church, and require the Christian Science Board of Directors to maintain them and sustain them. These Directors do not act contrary to the rules of the Church Manual, neither do they trouble me with their difficulties with individuals in their own church or with the members of branch churches.

My province as a Leader—as the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science—is not to interfere in cases of discipline, and I hereby publicly declare that I am not personally involved in the affairs of the church in any other way than through my written and published rules, all of which can be read by the individual who desires to inform himself of the facts.

Oct. 12, 1909

MARY BAKER EDDY.

A LETTER FROM MRS. EDDY.

In our issue of July 31, 1909, there appeared under the heading "None good but one," a number of quotations from a composite letter, dated July 19, which had been written to Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson by twenty-four of her students who then occupied offices in the building of First Church of Christ, Scientist, of New York, and were known as "the practitioners." This letter was forwarded to Mrs. Eddy by Mrs. Stetson with the latter's unqualified approval. Upon receipt of this letter Mrs. Eddy wrote to Mrs. Stetson as follows:—

Brookline, Mass., July 23, 1909.

My Dear Student:—Awake and arise from this temptation produced by animal magnetism upon yourself, allowing your students to deify you and me. Treat yourself for it and get your students to help you rise out of it. It will be your destruction if you do not do this. Answer this letter immediately.

As ever, lovingly your teacher,

MARY BAKER EDDY

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of November 13, 1909)

MY address before the Christian Scientist Association has been misrepresented and evidently misunderstood by some students. The gist of the whole subject was not to malpractise unwittingly. In order to be sure that one is not doing this he must avoid naming, in his mental treatment, any other individual but the patient whom he is treating, and practise only to heal. Any deviation from this direct rule is more or less dangerous. No mortal is infallible,—hence the Scripture, "Judge no man."

The rule of mental practice in Christian Science is strictly to handle no other mentality but the mind of your patient, and treat this mind to be Christly. Any departure from this golden rule is inadmissible. This mental practice includes and inculcates the commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Animal magnetism, hypnotism, etc., are disarmed by the practitioner who excludes from his own consciousness, and that of his patients, all sense of the realism of any other cause or effect save that which cometh from God. And he should teach his students to defend themselves from all evil, and to heal the sick by recognizing the supremacy and allness of good. This epitomizes what heals all manner of sickness and disease, moral or physical

LETTERS TO OUR LEADER.

(Sentinel issue of November 20, 1909)

Edinburgh, Scotland, Oct. 22, 1909.

Dear Leader:—The board of directors of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Edinburgh, are desirous that you should know of the progress we are making here, so I have been asked to write and tell you about it. We feel sure you will be glad to hear that we are going to build a church. Eight years ago you started our building fund by a very generous gift which came as a great encouragement to us in our work. The gracious words which you wrote to us at the time seemed to bring you very near to us, and gave us a wonderful sense of your loving care for even such a little band as we were, so far across the sea. You have shown us that "space is no separator of hearts" (*Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 150), and we love to remember that Edinburgh is dear to you as your great-grandfather's home, and that tales of Scotland told you in childhood's days are still fresh in your memory.

We want to thank you again for the *Monitor*, and the grand work it is accomplishing in removing prejudices of all sorts and drawing nations and classes together. I am sure there never was a time when the need for this was more felt than it is now. The work of the *Monitor* will go deeper than any Act of Parliament or Peace Congress; it is a messenger to announce to the world the approach of the millennium, and to prepare men's hearts to receive it.

Lovingly and loyally, your student's student,

C. LILIAS RAMSAY,
For the Board of Directors of First Church
of Christ, Scientist, Edinburgh

MRS. EDDY'S REPLY.

Box G, Brookline, Mass., Nov. 2, 1909.

Miss C. Lilies Ramsay, C.S.B., and Board of Directors,

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Beloved Christian Scientists:—Like the gentle dews of heaven and the refreshing breeze of morn, comes your dear letter to my waiting heart,—waiting in due expectation of just such blessedness, crowning the hope and hour of divine Science, than which nothing can exceed its ministrations of God to man.

I congratulate you on the prospect of erecting a church building, wherein to gather in praise and prayer for the whole human family.

Lovingly yours,

MARY BAKER EDDY

[Telegram.]

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 5, 1909.

Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, Brookline, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Eddy:—We rejoice to inform you that Third Church of Christ, Scientist, has been formed here. At this our initial meeting we wish to send a unanimous expression of our love and greetings to you, the Discoverer of Christian Science, and our heartfelt gratitude for your ceaseless labors in our behalf; and for the loving wisdom which has protected and made possible the growth and prosperity of this most blessed Cause. We pray that the love which you teach may illuminate the life of every member.

Your loyal followers,

THIRD CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST,
Milwaukee, Wis.

MRS. EDDY'S REPLY.

Third Church of Christ, Scientist, Milwaukee, Wis.

Beloved Christian Scientists:—Accept my love, thanks, and encouragement

MARY BAKER EDDY.

LETTERS TO OUR LEADER.

(Sentinel issue of December 11, 1909)

Belmont, Mass., Nov. 25, 1909.

Dear Leader:—I want to send you a token of recognition and grateful appreciation of your word that gave to us *The Christian Science Monitor*. Our Lesson-Sermon reaches a great multitude each week, but the *Monitor* reaches other thousands daily who do not attend our services and who are not direct followers of this teaching, and they are attracted to this paper because it is clean in its make-up, kindly in its sentiment, and wise and helpful in its counsel. It has been well described as printing all the news that is fit to read, and as an expression of every-day righteousness, and it has called forth favorable comment from the editors of other newspapers who, while having no leaning toward Christian Science, still have recognized that a new and welcome standard has been raised in the field of journalism. A good newspaper is a modern wonder, and in the rapidity of thought and action in present-day affairs and the unprecedented and unexplainable phases of error they present,—whatever is neither good nor true,—the clear plain truth found in the *Monitor* becomes doubly welcome, and as the advance herald of a new and better order of things is certainly doing a grand work. I know that all this was foreseen by you. In love,

JAMES OTIS SIMONDS

MRS. EDDY'S REPLY.

Stick to your text, and you will stick to your newspaper, and text and paper will carry you onward and upward.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

A LETTER BY MRS. EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of December 18, 1909)

Brookline, Mass., Dec. 11, 1909.

Miss Marion E. Stephens, 112 West 78th Street, New York City.

My Dear Student:—Your favor of the 10th instant is at hand. God is above your teacher, your healer, or any earthly friend. Follow the directions of God as simplified in Christian Science, and though it be through deserts He will direct you into the paths of peace.

I do not presume to give you personal instruction as to your relations with other students. All I say is stated in Christian Science to be used as a model. Please find it there, and do not bring your Leader into a personal conflict. I have not seen Mrs. Stetson for over a year, and have not written to her since Aug. 30, 1909.

Sincerely yours,

MARY BAKER EDDY.

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MENTAL DIGESTION.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

WILL those beloved students whose growth is taking in the Ten Commandments and scaling the steep ascent of Christ's Sermon in the Mount, accept profound thanks for their swift messages of rejoicing over the Twentieth Century Church Manual? Heaps upon heaps of praise confront me, and for what? That of which I said in my heart, It will never be needed; namely, laws of limitation for a Christian Scientist. "Thy ways are not as ours." Thou knowest best what we need most; hence my disappointed hope and grateful joy. The redeemed should be happier than the elect. Truth is strong with destiny; it takes life profoundly, it measures the infinite against the finite. Notwithstanding the sacrilegious moth of time, eternity awaits our Church Manual, which will maintain its rank as in the past, midst ministries aggressive and active, and will stand when those have passed to rest.

Scientific pathology illustrates the digestion of spiritual nutriment as both sweet and bitter. Sweet in expectancy and bitter in experience, or the senses' assimilation thereof, and digested only when Soul silences the dyspepsia of sense. This church is impartial; its rules apply not to one member only, but to one and all equally. Of this I am sure, that each rule and by-law in this Manual will increase the spirituality of him who obeys it, invigorate his capacity to heal the sick, to comfort such as mourn, and to awaken the sinner.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., Sept. 7, 1903

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CHRISTMAS AS IN CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

CERTAIN occasions, considered collectively, individually, and observed properly, tend to give the activity of man infinite scope; but mere merry making or needless gift giving is not that wherein human capacities find the most appropriate and proper exercise. Christmas respects the Christ too much to submerge itself in merely temporary means and ends. It represents the eternal informing Soul recognized only in harmony, in the beauty and bounty of Life everlasting,—the truth that is Life,—the Life that heals and saves mankind. An eternal Christmas would make matter an alien save as phenomenon, and matter would reverentially withdraw itself before Mind. The despotism of material sense, or the flesh, would flee before such reality to make room for substance, and the shadow of frivolity and inaccuracy of material sense would disappear.

Christmas, in Christian Science, stands for the real, the absolute and eternal,—the things of Spirit, not matter. Science is divine; it hath no partnership with human means and ends, no half-way stations, nothing conditional or material belongs to it. Human reason and philosophy may pursue paths devious, the line of liquids, the lure of gold, the doubtful sense that falls short of substance—the things\ hoped for and evidence unseen.

The basis of Christmas is the Rock, Christ Jesus; its fruits, inspiration and spiritual understanding of joy and rejoicing; not because of tradition, usage, or corporeal pleasures, but because of fundamental and demonstrable truth, the heaven within us. It is love loving its enemies, returning good for evil, that suffereth long and is kind. It elevates medicine to Mind, it casts out evils, heals the sick, raises the dormant faculties, appeals to all conditions, and supplies every need of man. It leaves hygiene, medicine, ethics, and religion to God and His Christ, to that which is the Way, in word and in deed,—the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Hitherto there is but one Christ Jesus on record. Christ is incorporeal. Neither the you nor the I in the flesh can be or is Christ.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H

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PRACTITIONERS' CHARGES.

(Sentinel issue of January 1, 1910)

Brookline, Mass., Dec. 24, 1909.

Dear Mr. McLellan:—Christian Science practitioners should make their charges for treatment equal to those of reputable physicians in their respective localities.

Sincerely yours,

MARY BAKER EDDY.

[MOST practitioners of Christian Science have been in doubt at times as to the proper amount to charge those who sought their services, and some few have felt embarrassed because they had to make any charge at all, therefore all will be glad to have this question so definitely, wisely, and authoritatively settled as it is in the above letter from our Leader, which we are much pleased to have her permission to publish.—EDITOR.]

A TELEGRAM AND MRS. EDDY'S REPLY.

(Sentinel issue of January 29, 1910)

[Telegram.]

New York, N. Y., Jan. 19, 1910.

Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Beloved Leader:—We rejoice that our church has promptly made its demonstration by action at its annual meeting in accordance with your desire for a truly democratic and liberal government.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York, N. Y.
CHARLES DEAN, *Chairman*, ARTHUR O. PROBST, *Clerk*

MRS. EDDY'S REPLY.

Chestnut Hill, Mass., Jan. 20, 1910.

Charles A. Dean, Chairman Board of Trustees,

First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City.

Beloved Brethren:—I rejoice with you in the victory of right over wrong, of Truth over error.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

MRS. EDDY'S HISTORY.

(Sentinel issue of March 12, 1910)

I HAVE not had sufficient interest in the matter to read or to note from others' reading what the enemies of Christian Science are said to be circulating regarding my history, but my friends have read Sibyl Wilbur's book, "Life of Mary Baker Eddy," and request the privilege of buying, circulating, and recommending it to the public. I briefly declare that nothing has occurred in my life's experience which, if correctly narrated and understood, could injure me; and not a little is already reported of the good accomplished therein, the self-sacrifice, etc., that has distinguished all my working years.

I thank Miss Wilbur and the Concord Publishing Company for their unselfed labors in placing this book before the public, and hereby say that they have my permission to publish and circulate this work.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

A PEAN OF PRAISE.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

Behind a frowning providence
He hides a shining face.

(Sentinel issue of April 23, 1910)

THE Christian Scientists at Mrs. Eddy's home are the happiest group on earth. Their faces shine with the reflection of light and love; their footsteps are not weary; their thoughts are upward; their way is onward, and their light shines. The world is better for this happy group of Christian Scientists; Mrs. Eddy is happier because of them; God is glorified in His reflection of peace, love, joy.

When will mankind awake to know their present ownership of all good and praise, and love the spot where God dwells most conspicuously in His reflection of love and leadership? When will the world waken to the privilege of knowing God, the liberty and glory of His presence,—where

He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.

April 20, 1910

A STATEMENT BY MRS. EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of July 23, 1910)

Chestnut Hill, Mass., July 18, 1910.

Editor Christian Science Sentinel:

In reply to inquiries, will you please state that within the last five years I have given no assurance, no encouragement nor consent to have my picture issued, other than the ones now and heretofore presented in Science and Health.

MARY BAKER EDDY

INSTRUCTION BY MRS. EDDY.

(Sentinel issue of September 17, 1910)

WE are glad to have the privilege of publishing an extract from a letter to Mrs. Eddy, from a Christian Scientist in the West, and Mrs. Eddy's reply thereto. The issue raised is an important one and one upon which there should be absolute and correct teaching. Christian Scientists are fortunate to receive instruction from their Leader on this point. The question and Mrs. Eddy's reply follow.

"Last evening I was catechized by a Christian Science practitioner because I referred to myself as an immortal idea of the one divine Mind. The practitioner said that my statement was wrong, because I still lived in my flesh. I replied that I did not live in my flesh, that my flesh lived or died according to the beliefs I entertained about it; but that, after coming to the light of Truth, I had found that I lived and moved and had my being in God, and to obey Christ was not to know as real the beliefs of an earthly mortal. Please give the truth in the *Sentinel*, so that all may know it."

MRS. EDDY'S REPLY.

You are scientifically correct in your statement about yourself. You can never demonstrate spirituality until you declare yourself to be immortal and understand that you are so. Christian Science is absolute; it is neither behind the point of perfection nor advancing toward it; it is at this point and must be practised therefrom. Unless you fully perceive that you are the child of God, hence perfect, you have no Principle to demonstrate and no rule for its demonstration. By this I do not mean that mortals are the children of God,—far from it. In practising Christian Science you must state its Principle correctly, or you forfeit your ability to demonstrate it.

TAKE NOTICE.

THE article on the Church Manual by Blanche Hersey Hogue, in the *Sentinel* of Sept. 10, is practical and scientific, and I recommend its careful study to all Christian Scientists.

MARY BAKER EDDY.

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Editorial

[This article was written by Mrs. Eddy in 1910 (but withheld from publication at Mrs. Eddy's request until 1917). Its message is of vital importance to every Christian Scientist today.]

Principle and Practice

MARY BAKER EDDY

THE nature and position of mortal mind are the opposite of immortal Mind. The so-called mortal mind is belief and not understanding. Christian Science requires understanding instead of belief; it is based on a fixed eternal and divine Principle, wholly apart from mortal conjecture; and it must be understood, otherwise it cannot be correctly accepted and demonstrated.

The inclination of mortal mind is to receive Christian Science through a belief instead of the understanding, and this inclination prevails like an epidemic on the body; it inflames mortal mind and weakens the intellect, but this so-called mortal mind is wholly ignorant of this fact, and so cherishes its mere faith in Christian Science.

The sick, like drowning men, catch at whatever drifts toward them. The sick are told by a faith-Scientist, "I can heal you, for God is all, and you are well, since God creates neither sin, sickness, nor death." Such statements result in the sick either being healed by their faith in what you tell them—which heals only as a drug would heal, through belief—or in no effect whatever. If the faith-healer succeeds in *securing* (kindling) the belief of the patient in his own recovery, the practitioner will have performed a faith-cure which he mistakenly pronounces Christian Science.

In this very manner some students of Christian Science have accepted, through faith, a divine Principle, God, as their savior, but they have not understood this Principle sufficiently well to fulfill the Scriptural command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." "Heal the sick." It is the healer's understanding of the operation of the divine Principle, and his application thereof, which heals the sick, just as it is one's understanding of the principle of mathematics which enables him to demonstrate its rules.

Christian Science is not a faith-cure, and unless human faith be distinguished from scientific healing, Christian Science will again be lost from the practice of religion as it was soon after the period of our great Master's scientific teaching and practice. Preaching without practice of the divine Principle of man's being has not, in nineteen hundred years, resulted in demonstrating this Principle. Preaching without the truthful and consistent practice of your statements will destroy the success of Christian Science.

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