

Letter to Church History Department - Mrs. Yvonne Fettweiss

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I have been comparing the last of Mrs. Eddy's writing of the church Manual, (88th Edition), with the edition we study today and find changes exist. Could you please give me some information about these changes?

1. How do these changes get determined and authorized? What possible changes are being currently considered? I do not find where Mrs. Eddy made provisions for changes after her death, would you please advise?
2. Many changes occurred in 1934 primarily concerning capitalization. Mrs. Eddy wrote about capitalization changing meaning in "Prose Works, Miscellany," Page 225, Article on Capitalization and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," Page 319, line 27-3. Were these writings of Mrs. Eddy considered when the changes were made?
3. Some changes do not seem significant on the surface while others are substantial. For example: Our current edition, (page 17, line 9), refers to "A meeting of the Christian Scientist Association, April 12, 1879" In publications before her death the date of the meeting is April 19, 1879. Why would the date change be important? Copies of other publications showing the changes are attached.

David Kennedy today said Mrs. Eddy authorized changes in 1910 after the last printing of the 88th edition. How would I get a copy of the documents verifying the changes and her handwritten approval? Did these authorized changes include the future years?

I appreciate your assistance. Your answers will help me to respond to others in the church who have these same questions. I am including a summary of the Manual changes I have found. I accomplished this by making a physical comparison page by page. I may have missed some of which you are aware. If so, please include these in your response.

Thank you,