

many other churches who had received similar bequests affected.

Trinity Church was cited as among those which enjoyed incomes from sums far beyond the limitation as cited by the lawyers whose names are signed to the petition asking for a court construction of the Eddy will.

One of the Boston lawyers who is very likely to be engaged in protecting the will and who would not permit his name to be used on that account, said that he did not think the Concord move would amount to a great deal. He felt that the contention made had been settled by the courts of this State.

He cited the will of Stephen Salisbury, who bequeathed several millions to the Worcester Art Museum, incorporated for \$1,500,000. The claim was there set up that the bequest gave the institution several millions beyond what it was permitted to hold under the State law, and that therefore it was "an illegal" bequest. That it rendered the will void and had the same effect as if the testator had died intestate.

The court held that the millions were given for a charity and that a charity should not be permitted to fail for a lack of suitable action by the State to enable the Museum to acquire the bequest. The State made the bequest valid.

This attorney also held that the \$2,000,000 covered in Mrs. Eddy's will was not left to the church, but for what the church stood for; it was to extend and promulgate the Christian Science religion.

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# MR. FRYE IN TOWN

Secretary to Mrs. Eddy  
at Pleasant View.

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By the terms of Mrs. Eddy's will Mr. Frye can select mementoes, pieces of Pleasant View furniture, etc., to the extent of \$500 for his own uses.

Most of the pictures and furniture were carefully packed after Mrs. Eddy left Concord. These wrappings were undone today, and as Mr. Frye checked each piece a brief description was written down on a tablet by Mr. Hill. When the inventory of the main dwelling was completed, Mr. Frye and Mr. Hill visited nearby buildings, for a brief inspection.

Mr. Frye did not care to discuss the attempts being made to prove Rev. Mrs. Eddy's will void. He appeared in his usual health.

Mr. Frye and Mr. Hill met Judge Corning of the probate court while walking on Main street, this afternoon. They discussed the passing of Mrs. Eddy, and anticipated no clash over the proceedings in the probate court, next Tuesday.

Later Messrs. Frye and Hill conferred with Josiah E. Fernald. They started on the return to Boston at five o'clock.

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# Eddyites Want Leader's Old Home Preserved

Boston, Jan. 22.—The disposition of Pleasant View, the Concord house formerly occupied by Mary Baker Eddy and replete with memories of the late leader, is worrying the members of the Christian Science Church. They desire it preserved to Christian Scientists forever.

The disposition of the estate rests entirely with Henry M. Baker, the executor, who, under Mrs. Eddy's will, is ordered to dispose of Pleasant View within three months after he is confirmed in the position.

The day after Mrs. Eddy's death the mansion was reopened, and has given signs of life within ever since.

## CONCORD PATRIOT 1/23 PLEASANT VIEW.

### Boston Scientists Want to Preserve It as a Shrine.

A dispatch from Boston to the New York Tribune says: The announcement that Henry M. Baker of Bow, N. H., a relative of the late Mary Baker Eddy and executor of her estate, is to sell her famous home, Pleasant View, in Concord, N. H., has created great anxiety among the faithful students in Boston, who look upon the house as a sort of shrine. Every effort is being made by them to prevent its sale, and already there are a number quietly seeking to collect sufficient funds to buy the home and make it literally a shrine of Christian Science students.

The cash value of Pleasant View is not large; probably not more than \$15,000 would be needed to purchase the house and extensive grounds; but the home still contains some priceless relics and personal belongings of the founder of Christian Science, including the golden scroll used at the dedication of the Mother church; Mrs. Eddy's original writing desk, used when she first began to write "Science and Health" and many pictures and papers of the early period when the founder was beginning to reap the fruits of her labors.

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**EDDY ESTATE \$2,760,000**

**Appraisal Is Filed in New  
Hampshire**

**Mostly in Stocks, Bonds and  
Copyrights**

**Property in This State Quarter  
Million**

**Pleasant View Sold to Boston People in the  
Church**

A valuation of \$2,512,140.13 is placed on the estate in New Hampshire of the late Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, founder of the Christian Science Church, by the appraisers, whose report was filed in the Merrimac County Probate Court at Concord, N. H., today by General Henry M. Baker of Bow, executor of the estate. While the property left by Mrs. Eddy in Massachusetts has not been formally appraised, General Baker estimates it at about \$250,000. The total value of Mrs. Eddy's estate, therefore, is approximately \$2,760,000.

The chief items in New Hampshire are stocks and bonds to the amount of \$1,057,788, and copyrights valued at \$1,400,000. The appraisers place a valuation of \$15,000 on Mrs. Eddy's real estate in Concord, Pleasant View, where she made her home for many years. General Baker estimates the value of Mrs. Eddy's residence in Newton, Mass., and the house which she owned on Commonwealth avenue, Boston, as about \$200,000.

The amount due the State of New Hampshire as a succession and legacy tax under the appraisal announced today is \$123,007. The tax will be paid on all uncontested legacies, as fast as they are distributed, but the State will not receive the full amount until the questions raised as to the validity of the residuary clause of the will have been determined by the Court.

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Household furniture, Pleasant View..	1,008.00
Farming and mechanical tools.....	137.50
Books, maps, etc.....	5.00
Provisions and produce, mostly coal..	85.00
Deposited in Loan and Trust, Merrimac County and New Hampshire savings banks in about equal amounts	8,836.73
Cash on hand on Dec. 3, date of death	20,105.29
Stocks and bonds.....	1,057,788.62
Copyrights .....	1,400,000.00

Total.....\$2,512,146.13

On this the estate will pay a succession and legacy tax to the State of New Hampshire of \$123,007.

The property in the State of Massachusetts includes the residence at Newton, and the house on Commonwealth avenue in Boston, all the furniture in the house at Newton, the books on hand in the publishing house and the furniture in the room of the publisher, and a small balance in bank.

No appraisers have yet been appointed in this State, but General Baker estimates the real estate at \$200,000 and the personal property at \$50,000. This would bring the total value of the estate to nearly \$3,000,000.

General Baker, who was directed in the will to dispose of Pleasant View, the Concord home of Mrs. Eddy, said that it has been sold to parties in Boston, and that the formal transfer probably will be made next week. He said that the property had been purchased by friends of Mrs. Eddy, who would preserve it in a way that would have been most pleasing to Mrs. Eddy, and that plans in this direction are making which he was not at liberty to divulge at present.

One of the directors of the Christian Science Church said this morning that he was not aware the property had been sold, and he was unable to disclose the names of the purchasers.

onstration of her teachings, and believe that she is doing this and will reappear as did Jesus the Christ. Just as Jesus met this claim in the mental, and appeared to His disciples, so will Mary Baker Eddy destroy "the last enemy," Death, and will reappear in justification of her teachings that there is no death, no matter. Mrs. Eddy was never in matter.