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1 The apprehension of what has been, and must be, the  
final outcome of material organization, which wars  
3 with Love's spiritual compact, caused me to dread the  
unprecedented popularity of my College. Students from  
all over our continent, and from Europe, were flooding  
6 the school. At this time there were over three hundred  
applications from persons desiring to enter the College,  
and applicants were rapidly increasing. Example had  
9 shown the dangers arising from being placed on earthly  
pinnacles, and Christian Science shuns whatever involves  
material means for the promotion of spiritual ends.

12 In view of all this, a meeting was called of the Board  
of Directors of my College, who, being informed of  
my intentions, unanimously voted that the school be  
15 discontinued.

A Primary class student, richly imbued with the spirit  
of Christ, is a better healer and teacher than a Normal  
18 class student who partakes less of God's love. After hav-  
ing received instructions in a Primary class from me, or  
a loyal student, and afterwards studied thoroughly Science  
21 and Health, a student can enter upon the gospel work of  
teaching Christian Science, and so fulfil the command of  
Christ. But before entering this field of labor he must  
24 have studied the latest editions of my works, be a good  
Bible scholar and a consecrated Christian.

1 The Massachusetts Metaphysical College drew its  
breath from me, but I was yearning for retirement. The  
3 question was, Who else could sustain this institute, under  
all that was aimed at its vital purpose, the establishment  
of *genuine* Christian Science healing? My conscientious  
6 scruples about diplomas, the recent experience of the  
church fresh in my thoughts, and the growing conviction  
that every one should build on his own foundation, sub-  
9 ject to the one builder and maker, God, — all these con-  
siderations moved me to close my flourishing school, and  
the following resolutions were passed: —

12 At a special meeting of the Board of the Metaphysical  
College Corporation, Oct. 29, 1889, the following are some  
of the resolutions which were presented and passed  
15 unanimously: —

WHEREAS, The Massachusetts Metaphysical College,  
chartered in January, 1881, for medical purposes, to give  
18 instruction in scientific methods of mental healing on a purely  
practical basis, to impart a thorough understanding of meta-  
physics, to restore health, hope, and harmony to man, — has  
21 fulfilled its high and noble destiny, and sent to all parts of our  
country, and into foreign lands, students instructed in Chris-  
tian Science Mind-healing, to meet the demand of the age for  
24 something higher than physic or drugging; and

WHEREAS, The material organization was, in the beginning  
in this institution, like the baptism of Jesus, of which he said,  
27 "Suffer it to be so now," though the teaching was a purely  
spiritual and scientific impartation of Truth, whose Christly  
spirit has led to higher ways, means, and understanding, — the  
30 President, the Rev. Mary B. G. Eddy, at the height of pros-

1 perity in the institution, which yields a large income, is willing  
to sacrifice all for the advancement of the world in Truth and  
3 Love; and

WHEREAS, Other institutions for instruction in Christian  
Science, which are working out their periods of organization,  
6 will doubtless follow the example of the *Alma Mater* after  
having accomplished the worthy purpose for which they were  
organized, and the hour has come wherein the great need is  
9 for more of the spirit instead of the letter, and Science and  
Health is adapted to work this result; and

WHEREAS, The fundamental principle for growth in Chris-  
12 tian Science is spiritual formation first, last, and always, while  
in human growth material organization is first; and

WHEREAS, Mortals must learn to lose their estimate  
15 of the powers that are not ordained of God, and attain  
the bliss of loving unselfishly, working patiently, and con-  
quering all that is unlike Christ and the example he gave;  
18 therefore

*Resolved*, That we thank the State for its charter, which is  
the only one ever granted to a *legal college* for teaching the  
21 Science of Mind-healing; that we thank the public for its  
liberal patronage. And everlasting gratitude is due to the  
President, for her great and noble work, which we believe  
24 will prove a healing for the nations, and bring all men to a  
knowledge of the true God, uniting them in one common  
brotherhood.  
27 After due deliberation and earnest discussion it was unani-  
mously voted: That as all debts of the corporation have been  
paid, it is deemed best to dissolve this corporation, and the  
30 same is hereby dissolved.

C. A. FRYE, *Clerk*

1     When God impelled me to set a price on my instruction  
in Christian Science Mind-healing, I could think of no  
3 financial equivalent for an impartation of a knowledge of  
that divine power which heals; but I was led to name three  
hundred dollars as the price for each pupil in one course  
6 of lessons at my College, — a startling sum for tuition  
lasting barely three weeks. This amount greatly troubled  
me. I shrank from asking it, but was finally led, by a  
9 strange providence, to accept this fee.

God has since shown me, in multitudinous ways, the  
wisdom of this decision; and I beg disinterested people  
12 to ask my loyal students if they consider three hundred  
dollars any real equivalent for my instruction during  
twelve half-days, or even in half as many lessons. Never-  
15 theless, my list of indigent charity scholars is very large,  
and I have had as many as seventeen in one class.

Loyal students speak with delight of their pupilage,  
18 and of what it has done for them, and for others through  
them. By loyalty in students I mean this, — allegiance  
to God, subordination of the human to the divine, stead-  
21 fast justice, and strict adherence to divine Truth and  
Love.

I see clearly that students in Christian Science should,  
24 at present, continue to organize churches, schools, and  
associations for the furtherance and unfolding of Truth,  
and that my necessity is not necessarily theirs; but it was  
27 the Father's opportunity for furnishing a new rule of order  
in divine Science, and the blessings which arose therefrom.  
Students are not environed with such obstacles as were  
30 encountered in the beginning of pioneer work.

1        In December, 1889, I gave a lot of land in Boston to my  
student, Mr. Ira O. Knapp of Roslindale, — valued in  
3        1892 at about twenty thousand dollars, and rising in value,  
— to be appropriated for the erection, and building on  
the premises thereby conveyed, of a church edifice to be  
6        used as a temple for Christian Science worship.