

# APPENDIX TO PART I

## AS CHRONICLED BY THE NEWSPAPERS

1                    [Boston Journal, June 19, 1902]

### AN ASTONISHING MOTION

3        Assembled in the largest church business meeting ever  
held in Boston — perhaps the largest ever held in the  
United States — the members of The First Church of  
6 Christ, Scientist, Boston, The Mother Church of the de-  
nomination, voted yesterday afternoon to raise any part  
of two million dollars that might be needed to build  
9 in this city a church edifice capable of seating between  
four and five thousand persons. This astonishing motion  
was passed with both unanimity and assurance. It was  
12 not even talked over, beyond two brief explanations why  
the building was needed. Learning that a big church was  
required, the money to provide it was pledged with the  
15 readiness and despatch of an ordinary mortal passing out  
a nickel for carfare.

[Boston Globe, April, 1903]

18                    PROGRESSIVE STEPS

      The last parcel in the block bounded by Falmouth,  
Norway, and St. Paul Streets, in the shape of a triangle,  
21 has passed to the ownership of the Christian Science  
church, the deed being taken by Ira O. Knapp *et al.*,

1 trustees. The purchase of this parcel, which is known as  
the Hotel Brookline, a four-story brick building also in the  
3 shape of a triangle, gives to the above society the ownership  
of the entire block.

During the past two weeks considerable activity has  
6 been going on in property on these streets, no less than  
ten estates having been conveyed by deed to the Christian  
Science church, and now comes the purchase of the last  
9 parcel on St. Paul Street by the above society, which  
gives them the ownership of the entire block.

Just what use the society will make of the property  
12 has not been stated, but it is said that a number of changes  
will be made that will enable the church to expand, and  
to do so it was necessary to have this property. No block  
15 is so well situated for church purposes as this one, being  
in a fine part of the city.

[Boston Post, June 6, 1906]

## 18 THE FINISHING TOUCHES

Artisans and artists are working night and day and  
craftsmen are hurrying on with their work to make the  
21 spacious and elegant edifice complete for the elaborate  
observances of Sunday, when six services will be held,  
and when the words of Mary Baker Eddy will come from  
24 her beautiful home, Pleasant View, in Concord, N. H.,  
welcoming her children and giving her blessing to the  
structure.

27 The services of Sunday will mark an epoch in the history  
of Christian Science. Since the discovery by Mrs. Eddy,  
many beautiful houses of worship have been erected, but  
30 never before has such a grand church been built as that

1 which raises its dome above the city at the corner of  
Falmouth and Norway Streets.

3 [Boston Post]

DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENSION

*Extension of The Mother Church*

6	Cost .....	\$2,000,000
	Shape, triangular .....	220x220x236 ft.
	Height .....	224 ft.
9	Area of site .....	40,000 sq. ft.
	Seating capacity .....	5,000
	Checking facilities .....	3,000 garments

12 *Notable Dates in Christian Science*

	Christian Science discovered.....	1866
	First church organized .....	1879
15	First church erected .....	1894
	Corner-stone of cathedral laid .....	1904
	Cathedral to be dedicated .....	1906

18 Two million dollars was set aside for the building of this  
addition to The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and the  
money was used in giving Boston an edifice that is a  
21 marvel of architectural beauty. But one church in the  
country exceeds it in seating capacity, and, while vaster  
sums of money were spent in other instances, never was  
24 a more artistic effect reached.

This new temple, begun nearly two years ago, will in  
its simple grandeur surpass any church edifice erected  
27 in this city. Notwithstanding its enormous size, it is so  
proportionately built that its massiveness is unnoticed  
in the graceful outlines.

1 Built in the Italian Renaissance style, the interior of  
this church is carried out with the end in view of impressing  
3 the audiences with the beauty and strength of the design.  
The great auditorium, with its high-domed ceiling, sup-  
ported on four arches springing from the tops of great  
6 stone piers, contains about one mile and a half of pews.

The dome surmounting the building is more than twice  
the size of the dome on the State House, having a diameter  
9 of eighty-two feet and a height of fifty-one feet.

The top of the dome is two hundred and twenty-four feet  
above the street, and reaches an altitude twenty-nine feet  
12 higher than that of the State House.

The old church at the corner of Falmouth and Norway  
Streets, with a seating capacity of twelve hundred, built  
15 twelve years ago, will remain as it was, and Mrs. Eddy's  
famous room will be undisturbed.

The Readers' platform is of a beautiful foreign marble,  
18 and the color scheme for all the auditorium is of a warm  
gray, to harmonize with the Bedford stone which enters  
so largely into the interior finish.

21 The great organ is placed back of the Readers' platform  
and above the Readers' special rooms. It has an archi-  
tectural stone screen and contributes not a little to the  
24 imposing effect of the interior.

Bedford stone and marble form the interior finish, with  
elaborate plaster work for the great arches and ceilings.  
27 The floors of the first story are of marble.

There are twelve exits and seven broad marble stair-  
ways, the latter framed of iron and finished with bronze,  
30 marble, and Bedford stone.

Bronze is used in the lighting fixtures, and the pews and  
principal woodwork are of mahogany.

1 The church is unusually well lighted, and one of the  
extraordinary features is the eight bronze chains, each  
3 suspending seventy-two lamps, each lamp of thirty-two  
candle-power.

Where ceiling or roof and side walls come together no  
6 sharp angles are visible, such meetings presenting an oval  
and dome appearance and forming a gently curved and  
panelled surface, whereon are placed inscriptions illustra-  
9 tive of the faith of Christian Science.

Two large marble plates with Scripture quotations are  
also placed on the two sides of the organ.

12 Everywhere within the building where conditions per-  
mitted it pure white marble was used, and the hammer  
and chisel of the sculptor added magnificent carvings to  
15 the rich beauty of the interior.

The auditorium contains seven galleries, two on either  
side and three at the back, yet not a single pillar or post  
18 anywhere in the vast space interrupts the view of the  
platform from any seat.

Another unusual feature is the foyer, where five thousand  
21 people can freely move. Adjoining this foyer are the  
Sunday School and the administration offices, while in  
the basement is a cloak-room of the capacity of three  
24 thousand wraps.

[Boston Globe]

### AN IDEA OF THE SIZE

27 If one would get an idea of the size of this building and  
the manner in which the dome seems to dominate the  
entire city, the best point of view is on top of the tower  
30 in Mt. Auburn cemetery in Cambridge, some four miles  
away. From this point the building and dome can be seen

1 in their relation to the city itself, and it certainly looks  
imposing.

3 One thing is certain: for a religion which has been  
organized only thirty years, and which erected its first  
church only twelve years ago, Christian Science has more  
6 fine church edifices to its credit in the same time than  
any other denomination in the world, and they are all  
paid for.

9 *[Boston Evening Transcript]*

### THE CHIMES

The chimes for the new Christian Science temple are  
12 worthy of the dome. The effect on all within earshot is  
quite remarkable. They say that workingmen stopped  
in the street and stood in silent admiration while the  
15 chimes were being tested the other day. Millet's  
"Angelus" had living reproductions on every corner in  
the neighborhood.

18 *[Boston Post]*

### MAGNIFICENCE OF THE ORGAN

The new church is replete with rare bits of art, chosen  
21 from the works of both ancient and modern masters, but  
there is nothing more wonderful than the organ which  
has been installed. Nowhere in the world is there a more  
24 beautiful, more musical, or more capable instrument.  
In reality it is a combination of six organs, with four  
manuals, seventy-two stops, nineteen couplers, nineteen  
27 adjustable combination pistons, three balanced swells,  
a grand crescendo pedal, seven combination pedals, and  
forty-five hundred and thirty-eight pipes, the largest of  
30 which is thirty-two feet long. Attached to the organ is

1 a set of cathedral chimes, stationed in one of the towers,  
and some of the most intricate discoveries of organ  
3 builders enable the organist to produce the most beautiful  
effects by means of the bells. There is also a solo organ  
attached.

6 [Boston Journal]

### ITS ARCHITECTURE

9 There is no need of fussing about the underlying spirit  
that built the Christian Science cathedral. We can all  
agree that it is a stunning piece of architecture and a  
great adornment to the city.

12 [Boston Globe]

### UNIQUE INTERIOR

15 When these people enter this new cathedral or temple  
which has been in process of construction, they will find  
themselves in one of the most imposing church edifices  
in the country — yes, in the world. For in its interior  
18 architecture it is different from any other church in the  
world. In fact, nearly all the traditions of church interior  
architecture have been set aside in this temple, for here  
21 are neither nave, aisles, nor transept — just one vast audi-  
torium which will seat exactly five thousand and twelve  
people on floor and galleries, and seat them comfort-  
24 ably. And what is more, every person seated in the  
auditorium, either on floor or galleries, can see and hear  
the two Readers who conduct the services on the platform  
27 in front of the great organ.

This was the aim and object of the architect: to con-  
struct an auditorium that would seat five thousand people,  
30 each of whom could see the Readers, and with such nicely

1 adjusted acoustic properties that each person could hear  
what was said. To do this it was necessary to set aside  
3 the traditions of interior church architecture.

[*Boston Post*]

### GATES OF BOSTON OPEN

6 The gates of Boston are open wide in welcome to  
nobility. Never before has the city been more fre-  
quented by members of the titled aristocracy of the  
9 old world than it is now. From all the centres of Europe  
there are streaming into town lords and ladies who  
come to attend the dedication of the new church for  
12 Christian Scientists.

[*Boston Globe*]

### CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS HAVE ALL THE MONEY NEEDED

15 "Please do not send us any more money — we have  
enough!"

Briefly that is the notice which Stephen A. Chase,  
18 treasurer of the building fund of the new Christian Sci-  
ence temple, sent forth to the thirty thousand or more  
Christian Scientists who have come to Boston to attend  
21 the dedication exercises, and also through the *Chris-  
tian Science Sentinel* to members of the church all over  
the world.

24 This means that nearly two million dollars has  
been subscribed for the new building, and that every  
cent of it was paid in before the work was actually  
27 completed.

That is the way the Christian Scientists began when  
they erected the first church in Boston twelve years ago



1 — The Mother Church. Then it was found necessary  
 to issue a similar notice or order, and even to return  
 3 more than ten thousand dollars which had been over-  
 subscribed. They have erected dozens of churches all  
 over this country and in other countries since that time,  
 6 but it is claimed that very few of them owe a cent.

If you ask a Christian Scientist how they do it, the  
 reply will be in the form of a quotation from Science  
 9 and Health (p. 494), "Divine Love always has met and  
 always will meet every human need."

[*Boston Globe*]

## 12 THE GREAT GATHERING

Christian Scientists are flocking from all over the  
 world to Boston to-day, as they have been for several  
 15 days past and will be for several days to come, to attend  
 the June meetings of The Mother Church and the dedica-  
 tion of the new temple.

18 The headquarters was thrown open to visitors this  
 forenoon in Horticultural Hall, corner of Huntington  
 and Massachusetts Avenues. It is in charge of G. D.  
 21 Robertson, and here the visitors will receive all information  
 concerning rooms and board, hotels, railroads, *etc.* There  
 is here also a post-office to which all mail may be directed,  
 24 and telegraph and telephone service.

[*Boston Evening Transcript*]

## SPECIAL TRAINS COMING

27 Special trains and extra sections of trains are due to  
 arrive in Boston to-night, bearing the first instalments of  
 the crowds of Christian Scientists from the central and

1 western sections of this country. Those from abroad  
and from the far West to a large degree are already in  
3 Boston. From now until Saturday night the inrush will  
be from the sections within two or three days' ride, and  
no doubt the night trains of Saturday will bring con-  
6 siderable numbers of belated church members from New  
York and elsewhere who will arrive in this city just about  
in time for the first Sunday service.

9 *[Boston Evening Transcript]*

### INTERESTING AND AGREEABLE VISITORS

12 The Christian Scientists are here in force, and they are  
very interesting and agreeable visitors, even to those who  
are unable to accompany them in their triumph of mind  
over matter. Boston is indebted to them for one of the  
15 finest architectural achievements in this or any other city,  
and other denominations might profit by their example of  
paying for their church before dedicating it. It is a monu-  
18 ment to the sincerity of their faith; and the pride and  
satisfaction that is not only evident from their addresses  
but reflected in their faces, is justifiable. They are an  
21 intelligent and a happy appearing body, and even if those  
outside are unable to believe that they have escaped from  
the bondage of the material world, it would be idle to  
24 attempt to deny them the satisfaction that springs from  
a belief in such emancipation. Our present relations with  
them are as the guests of the city, and as such they are  
27 welcome.

Within two weeks we have had here the representatives  
of the two poles of healing, the material and the mental,  
30 and each is interesting, one for its hopefulness and the  
other for its novelty. Whatever opinions we may enter-

1 tain of the value of the latter, we cannot well withhold  
 our respectful acknowledgment of its enthusiasm, its  
 3 energy, and its faith in its fundamentals. Its votaries  
 are certainly holding the centre of the stage this week.

[*Boston Globe*]

6 **READILY ACCOMMODATED**

Yesterday was a busy day at the headquarters of the  
 Christian Scientists in Horticultural Hall. They poured  
 9 into the city from every direction and most of them  
 headed straight for Horticultural Hall, where they were  
 assigned rooms in hotels or lodging-houses, if they had  
 12 not already been provided for. So perfect have been all  
 the preliminary arrangements for the handling of a great  
 number of visitors that there has not been the slightest  
 15 hitch in the matter of securing accommodations. And  
 if there was it would not make much difference, for these  
 people would take it all very good-naturedly. They  
 18 do not get excited over trifles. They are very patient and  
 good-natured. Crowded as the hall was yesterday, and  
 warm as the day was, there was not the slightest evidence  
 21 of temper, no matter how far they had travelled or what  
 discomforts they might have endured in their travels.

[*Boston Evening Transcript*]

24 **BIG CHURCH IS PAID FOR**

According to the custom of the Christian Scientists, the  
 big addition to The Mother Church will be dedicated  
 27 to-morrow free from debt. No church has ever yet been  
 dedicated by this denomination with any part of the  
 expense of its construction remaining unprovided for, and

1 it went without saying that the same practice would be  
followed with this new two-million-dollar edifice, the  
3 largest of them all. Up to within ten days the notices  
that more money was needed had been in circulation,  
and new contributions were constantly being received;  
6 but on June 2 it became evident to the Board of Direct-  
ors that enough money was on hand to provide for the  
entire cost of the building, and the formal announcement  
9 was made that no more contributions to the building fund  
were needed. That it was received with rejoicing by the  
thousands of church members and their friends only feebly  
12 expresses the gratification.

A similar decision was reached and published at the  
time of the dedication of The Mother Church in 1895, all  
15 of which goes to show the earnestness and loyalty which  
Christian Scientists manifest in the support of their  
church work, and which enables them to dedicate their  
18 churches free of debt without exception. The estimated  
cost of the extension of The Mother Church was pledged  
by the members assembled in their annual church meeting  
21 in Boston, in 1902, and all contributions have been  
voluntary.

[*New York Herald*]

## 24 GIANT TEMPLE FOR SCIENTISTS

There will be dedicated in Boston to-morrow the  
first great monument to Christian Science, the new two-  
27 million-dollar cathedral erected by the devotees of a  
religion which twenty-seven years ago was founded in  
Boston by Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy with a membership  
30 of twenty-six persons.

The new structure, which is now completed, has for

1 months been the cynosure of all eyes because of its great  
size, beautiful architecture, and the novelty of the cult  
3 which it represents. This temple is one of the largest in  
the world. It has a seating capacity of over five thousand.  
In this respect it leads the Auditorium of Chicago. Be-  
6 side it the dome of the Massachusetts State House, which  
is the leading landmark of Boston, pales into insignificance,  
as its dimensions are only half as great.

9 From all over the world Christian Scientists are rapidly  
gathering in this city to participate in the most notable  
feature in the life of their cult. From beyond the Rockies,  
12 from Canada, from Great Britain, and practically every  
civilized country, daily trainloads of pilgrims are pouring  
into Boston, and it is estimated that not less than twenty-  
15 five thousand visitors will participate in the dedication.

[*New York World*]

## DEDICATION DAY

18 Over the heads of a multitude which began to gather at  
daybreak and which filled the streets leading to the mag-  
nificent temple of the Christian Science church, there  
21 pealed from the chimes a first hymn of thanksgiving at  
six o'clock this morning. It was dedication day, and  
Christian Scientists from all quarters of the globe were  
24 present to participate in the occasion.

It was estimated that nearly forty thousand believers  
had gathered in Boston. Word was conveyed to them that  
27 the temple would open its doors absolutely free of debt,  
every penny of the two million dollars required to build  
the imposing edifice in the Back Bay district having  
30 been secured by voluntary subscription.

1 The seating capacity of the temple is five thousand,  
and in order that all might participate in the dedication,  
3 six services, identical in character, were held during the  
morning, afternoon, and evening.

The worshippers saw an imposing structure of gray  
6 stone with a massive dome rising to a height of two  
hundred and twenty-four feet and visible from every  
quarter of the city. The multitude passed through the  
9 twelve entrances beneath a series of arches in the sev-  
eral facades. They looked upon an interior done in soft  
gray with decorative carvings peculiarly rich and im-  
12 pressive. The seating is accomplished in a semi-circular  
sweep of mahogany pews and in triple galleries.

The offertory taken at the beginning of the services  
15 found every basket piled high with bank-notes, everybody  
contributing, and none proffering small change.

At the close of the Lesson-Sermon, and in accordance  
18 with the custom of the Christian Science church, the  
entire congregation knelt in silent communion, followed  
by the audible repetition of the Lord's Prayer. One of  
21 the remarkable features of the services was the congre-  
gation singing in perfect unison. The acoustic properties  
of the temple, in spite of its vast interior, were found to  
24 be perfect.

[*Boston Globe*]

### CHILDREN'S SERVICE

27 No mere words can convey the peculiar impressiveness  
of the half past twelve service; the little children, awed by  
the grandeur of the great room in which they were seated,  
30 drinking in every word of the exercises and apparently  
understanding all they heard, joining with their shrill

1 voices in the singing and responsive reading, and then, at  
the last, kneeling for silent communion before the pews, in  
3 absolute stillness, their eyes closed and their solemn little  
faces turned upward.

[*Norfolk (Neb.) Tribune*]

6 ON A FAR HIGHER PEDESTAL

To those who seem to see no good in Christian Science,  
it must stagger their faith not a little to read the account  
9 of the dedication of the vast temple located in the heart  
of the city of Boston, the supposed fountain of knowledge  
and seat of learning of America; the spectacle of thirty  
12 thousand people assembling to gain admission to the  
temple shows an enthusiasm for Christian Science seldom  
witnessed anywhere in the world on any occasion; and  
15 this occurred in staid old Boston, and the fact was heralded  
in flaming headlines in the leading newspapers of the  
world. According to the despatches, that assembly was  
18 not a gathering of "the vulgar throng;" the intelligence  
and wisdom of the country were there. There certainly  
must be something more than a fad in Christian Science,  
21 which was placed upon a far higher pedestal by that  
demonstration than it ever occupied before.

[*Boston Herald*]

24 THE WEDNESDAY EVENING MEETINGS

Quietly, without a trace of fanaticism, making their  
remarkable statements with a simplicity which sprang  
27 from the conviction that they would be believed, scores of  
Christian Scientists told of cures from diseases, physical  
and mental, at the testimony meetings that marked the

1 close of their visit to Boston; cures that carried one back  
to the age of miracles. To hear prosperous, contented  
3 men and women, people of substance and of standing,  
earnestly assure thousands of auditors that they had been  
cured of blindness, of consumption in its advanced stages,  
6 of heart disease, of cancer; that they had felt no pain  
when having broken bones set; that when wasted unto  
death they had been made whole, constituted a severe tax  
9 upon frail human credulity, yet they were believed.

Meetings were held in the extension of The Mother  
Church, in the extension vestry, in the old auditorium  
12 of The Mother Church, in The Mother Church vestry,  
Horticultural Hall (Exhibition Hall), Horticultural Hall  
(Lecture Hall), Jordan Hall, Potter Hall, Howe and  
15 Woolson Halls, Chickering Hall.

At each of the meetings the introductory services were  
identical, consisting of hymns, an appropriate reading  
18 from the Bible, and selections from "Science and Health  
with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs. Mary Baker  
Eddy.

21 Fifteen thousand Scientists crowded into the auditorium  
of the extension of The Mother Church, into the old  
church, into Horticultural Hall, Jordan Hall, Potter Hall,  
24 Woolson Hall, and Chickering Hall, and it took ten  
meetings to accommodate the great throngs who wanted  
to give testimony or who wanted to hear it. And when  
27 these places had all been filled, there were many hundreds  
waiting vainly in the streets. A few were upon the scene  
as early as three o'clock in the afternoon to secure seats  
30 in the main body of the church, where the largest meeting  
was held, and long before seven the auditorium was com-  
fortably filled.



1     Upon entering The Mother Church one was immediately  
struck with the air of well-being and of prosperity of the  
3 great congregation. The Scientists fairly radiate good  
nature and healthy satisfaction with life. No pessimistic  
faces there! So ingrained is this good nature, so complete  
6 this self-abnegation, that at the very height of fervor, when  
bursting with a desire to testify to the benefits and the  
healing power of the faith, one of them would pause and  
9 laughingly give precedence to another who had been the  
first to catch the Reader's eye.

When Mr. McCrackan announced at the main meet-  
12 ing that they were ready to receive testimony, up  
leaped half a dozen Scientists. They had been told to  
name, before beginning, the places where they lived.  
15 "Indianapolis!" "Des Moines!" "Glasgow!" "Cuba!"  
"Dresden!" "Peoria!" they cried. No more cosmo-  
politan audience ever sat in Boston.

18     Those who poured out their debts of gratitude for ills  
cured, for hearts lifted up, spoke simply and gratefully,  
but occasionally the voices would ring out in a way there  
21 was no mistaking. In those people was the depth of  
sincerity, and, when they sang, the volume of holy song  
rose tingling to the great dome, swelling as one voice.  
24 It was a practical demonstration of the Scientist claims,  
a fitting close to a memorable week.

If an attempt were made to give any account of the  
27 marvellous cures narrated at the meetings of the Scien-  
tists, or wherever two or more of them are met together,  
it would be impossible to convey a conception of the  
30 fervor of belief with which each tells his or her experi-  
ence. These are tales of people of standing and of  
substance, professional men, hard-headed shrewd busi-

1   ness men. Yet they all have the same stories of their  
conversion, either through a cure to themselves or to  
3   one near and dear to them.

[*Boston Herald*]

## EXODUS BEGINS

6    For a while this morning it looked as though all the  
Christian Scientists who have been crowding Boston  
the last week were trying to get away at the same  
9   time. Hotels, boarding-houses, and private houses  
were disgorging trunks and smaller articles of baggage  
so fast that it was a matter of wonder where there  
12  could be secured express wagons enough to accommo-  
date the demand.

    At the dedicatory services of The Mother Church  
15  extension on Sunday, and at the sessions of the annual  
meeting, Tuesday, it was the pride of the Church Direct-  
ors that the edifice was emptied of its crowds in some-  
18  thing like ten minutes. It would seem that this ability  
to get away when the entertainment is over is a dis-  
tinguishing characteristic of Christian Scientists, for at  
21  noon to-day [June 14] the indications were that Boston  
would be emptied of its twenty thousand and more vis-  
itors by midnight to-night.

24  Transportation facilities at the two stations were taxed  
to the utmost from early morning, and trains pulled out  
of the city in double sections.

27  Although the Scientists came to Boston in such numbers  
and are departing with such remarkable expedition, their  
going will not be noticeable to the residents of Boston,  
30  except perhaps those living in the streets leading directly

1 to Horticultural Hall. This fact will be due to the  
2 custom Christian Scientists have of never going about  
3 labelled. Ordinarily the holding of a great convention  
4 is patent to every one residing in the convention city.  
5 Up at Horticultural Hall the one hundred and fifty  
6 members of the local arrangement committee wore tiny  
7 white, unmarked buttons, for their own self-identification,  
8 otherwise there has been no flaunting of badges or  
9 insignia of any kind. Christian Scientists frequently  
10 wear a small pin, but this is usually hidden away in  
11 the laces of the women's frocks, and the men go  
12 entirely unadorned.

13 Therefore, with the exception of the street-car men  
14 and policemen, who will doubtless have fewer questions  
15 as to locality to answer, and the hotel and restaurant  
16 keepers, who will have time to rest and sleep, the pub-  
17 lic at large will scarcely realize that the Scientists have  
18 gone.

## WHAT THE BOSTON EDITORS SAID

*[Boston Daily Advertiser]*

21 The meeting of the Christian Scientists in this city  
22 naturally takes on a tone of deserved satisfaction, in view  
23 of the announcement, which has just been made, that the  
24 two million dollars needed for the construction of the new  
25 temple has been raised even before the building itself has  
26 been completed.

27 The thirty thousand visitors have other evidences of  
28 the strength and growth of their organization, which has  
29 made steady gains in recent years. But of this particu-  
30 lar example of the readiness of the members to bear  
each his or her share of the necessary expense of church

1 work, the facts speak more plainly than mere assertion  
could. Nothing is more of a drag on a church than a  
3 heavy debt, the interest on which calls for practically all  
the resources of the institution. Many a clergyman can  
testify from his own experience how a "church debt"  
6 cramps and retards and holds back work that would  
otherwise be done. It is a rule in some denominations  
that a church edifice may not be formally dedicated until  
9 it be wholly free from debt. And the experience of many  
generations has affirmed its wisdom.

[*Boston Herald*]

12 Boston is the Mecca for Christian Scientists all over the  
world. The new temple is something to be proud of. Its  
stately cupola is a fitting crown for the other architec-  
15 tural efforts in that section of the Back Bay.

[*Boston Evening Record*]

Boston is near to another great demonstration of the  
18 growth of the Christian Science idea in numbers, wealth,  
vigor, and faithful adherence. It is a remarkable story  
which the gathering here tells. Its very magnitude and  
21 the cheerful optimism and energy of its followers im-  
press even the man who cannot reconcile himself to  
the methods and tenets of the sect. Its hold and  
24 development are most notable.

[*Boston Post*]

27 The gathering of Christian Scientists for the dedication  
of the beautiful structure on Falmouth Street, which is  
to take place on Sunday, is notable in many ways. It

1 is remarkable in the character of the assembling mem-  
 2 bership, in its widely international range, and in the  
 3 significance of the occasion.

The growth of this cult is the marvel of the age. Thirty  
 4 years ago it was comparatively unknown; one church  
 5 and a mere handful of members measured its vogue.  
 6 To-day its adherents number probably a million, its  
 7 churches have risen by hundreds, and its congregations  
 8 meet in Europe and in the antipodes, as from the Atlantic  
 9 to the Pacific on this continent.

One does not need to accept the doctrines of Mrs.  
 10 Eddy to recognize the fact that this wonderful woman  
 11 is a world power. This is conclusive; it is conspicu-  
 12 ously manifest. And here in Boston the zeal and  
 13 enthusiasm of the followers of this creed have been  
 14 manifested in the building of a church structure which  
 15 will hold place among the architectural beauties of the  
 16 country.  
 17

[*Boston Herald*]

Another glory for Boston, another "landmark" set  
 18 in the illustrious list for future generations to reverence  
 19 and admire! The Science church has become the great  
 20 centre of attraction, not merely for its thousands of wor-  
 21 shippers, but for a multitude of strangers to whom this  
 22 historic city is the Mecca of their love and duty. Last  
 23 Sunday it was entirely credible that the spirit of faith  
 24 and brotherhood rested on this structure, which is abso-  
 25 lutely unique in its symmetrical and appropriate design.  
 26 Aside from every other consideration, this church, with  
 27 its noble dome of pure gray tint, forming one of the  
 28 few perfect sky-lines in an American city, is doubly  
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1 welcomed. Henceforth the greeting of admiring eyes,  
 too often unaccustomed to fine architectural effects, will  
 3 be constant and sincere.

As Boston has ever loved its golden State House  
 dome, so will it now find pleasure in this new symbol,  
 6 brooding elevation, guarding as it were, embracing as it  
 may be, the hosts of a new religion.

[*Boston Globe*]

9 Thousands of Christian Scientists have been pouring  
 into Boston in the past few days to be present at the  
 dedication yesterday of their new two-million-dollar  
 12 church, and to take part in the subsequent ceremonies and  
 exercises. Not only was every cent of the estimated cost  
 contributed before the actual work was completed, but  
 15 the treasurer of the building fund of the great temple  
 appealed to his brethren to give no more money, since he  
 had enough. This must be regarded as an extraordinary  
 18 achievement, and one which indicates plainly enough the  
 generosity of the devotion that the Christian Scientists  
 maintain towards their church.

21 [*Boston Post*]

The dedication of the edifice of the Christian Scientists  
 on the Back Bay has proved one of the most interest-  
 24 ing and in some of its aspects the most notable of such  
 occasions.

The attendance at the ceremonies yesterday was re-  
 27 markable, probably unprecedented, as regards numbers.  
 Not even the great size of the auditorium could accom-  
 modate the throng of participants. At each of the iden-  
 30 tical services, repeated at intervals from early morning

1 until the evening, the attendance was greater than the  
building could contain. And the transportation facilities  
3 of the town have been strained to their utmost to care  
for the multitudes going and coming.

The temporary increase of the population of Boston has  
6 been apparent to the most casual observer. And so, we  
think, must be the characteristics of this crowd of visitors.  
It is a pleasant, congenial, quietly happy, well-to-do,  
9 intellectual, and cheerfully contented multitude that has  
invaded the town. There are among them visitors of  
title and distinction, but one does not notice these unless  
12 they are pointed out. The impression created is that of  
a great gathering of people we like to know and like to  
have here.

15 We congratulate these comfortable acquaintances upon  
the fact that they have their costly church fully paid for,  
and we feel that Boston is to be congratulated upon the  
18 acquisition of an edifice so handsome architecturally.

[*Boston Herald*]

I do not think I have ever seen more cheerful looking  
21 groups of people than I have met in Boston during the  
past few days. Their happy faces would make sunshine  
on the grayest day. If Christian Science gives such  
24 serene, beautiful expressions, it would not be a bad thing  
if all the world turned to the new religion. There is one  
thing about it: it is certainly imbued with the spirit of  
27 unselfishness and helpfulness, and, whatever one's special  
creed may be, there is nothing antagonistic to it in this  
doctrine of health, happiness, and in the cheerful doing  
30 of good.





1 ton. This church is one of the largest and seemliest in  
 America, and in its size, if not in its aspect, it may be  
 3 held to symbolize that faith which is so much a faith  
 that all facts inhospitable to it are deemed by its pro-  
 fessors not to exist at all. The building is of light stone,  
 6 with a dome over two hundred and twenty feet high, a  
 chime of bells, and one of the largest organs in the world.  
 The architect has joined lightness and grace to solidity,  
 9 and the edifice needs only an open space about it, such  
 as one finds in the English cathedrals, to achieve its  
 extreme of beauty. A sect that leaves such a monument  
 12 has not lived in vain.

A remarkable thing in this building is that, although  
 it cost two million dollars, it is not blanketed with debts  
 15 and mortgages. Everything, even to the flagstones in  
 front of it, is paid for, and subscriptions are not solic-  
 ited. Here is an occasion for joy that marks it as dif-  
 18 ferent from almost all other of the Christian churches,  
 where petitions for money are almost as constant as  
 petitions for divine mercy.

21 *[Denver (Col.) News]*

The dedication of the new Mother Church of the  
 Christian Scientists in Boston is not a matter of interest  
 24 to that city alone, but to the nation; not to the nation  
 alone, but to the world; not to this time alone, but to  
 history.

27 The growth of this form of religious faith has been one of  
 the marvels of the last quarter century. It is, in some  
 respects, the greatest religious phenomenon of all history.  
 30 That a woman should found a religious movement of  
 international sway; that its followers should number

1 many thousands during her lifetime; that hundreds of  
 2 great buildings should be filled at every meeting Sun-  
 3 days or on week-days with devout worshippers, wooed  
 4 by no eloquence of orator or magnetic ritual, — all these  
 5 things are new, utterly new, in the history of religious  
 6 expression.

Unaccountable? Hardly so. Whatever else it is, this  
 faith is real and is given very real tests. Thousands upon  
 9 thousands believe that it has cured them of diseases many  
 10 and diverse. All the passionate love for life with which  
 11 nature endows the children of men, grips hold of their  
 12 faith and insures fidelity in pain or death for self or dear  
 13 ones. But, while health-seeking is the door to this gospel  
 14 for many, it is not the only source of appeal. A faith  
 15 which teaches that hate is atheism, that discord is poison-  
 16 ous, that gloom is sin, has a mission that can be readily  
 17 grasped by sick or well.

18 The world is enormously richer for this reincarnation of  
 19 the old, old gospel of "on earth peace, good will toward  
 20 men."

21 *[Terre Haute (Ind.) Star]*

The dedication of The Mother Church of Christian  
 Science at Boston, with its paid-up cost of two million  
 24 dollars and its tremendous outpouring of eager commu-  
 25 nicants from all over the civilized world, is an event of  
 26 impressiveness and momentous significance. The historic  
 27 place of Mrs. Eddy as the Founder of a great denomination  
 28 can no longer be questioned, and the sources of her power  
 29 and following can be readily apprehended. Prominent  
 30 among these is the denomination's peculiar department of  
 healing, the efficacy of which to some extent is established

1 beyond cavil. The immense membership of the body is  
proof positive that it supplies these persons, most of  
3 whom were already nominal Christians, something they  
did not find in other communions. It affords refutation  
of the notion that spiritual and mystic mediation has  
6 been drowned out in this so-called commercial age. The  
Christian Scientists set a good example to other denomi-  
nations in requiring their church edifices to be fully paid  
9 for before they are dedicated. It is to be said for Chris-  
tian Science that no person's spiritual aspirations were  
ever deadened or his moral standards debased through  
12 its agency. Its communicants are cheerful and shed  
sunshine about them — no insignificant element in true  
Christianity.

15 [Lafayette (Ind.) Journal]

The dedication of a Christian Science temple at Boston  
serves to call attention to one of the most remarkable  
18 religious movements that this country or any other country  
has ever known. It has not been very many years since  
Christian Science was announced as a discovery of Mary  
21 Baker Eddy of Concord, N. H. The few thousand persons  
who followed Mrs. Eddy during the first years of her  
preaching were the objects of much ridicule, but despite  
24 the obstacles put in the way the church has continued to  
grow. Its growth in numbers is remarkable, but even  
stranger is its increase in wealth. The temple which has  
27 just been dedicated at Boston cost two million dollars,  
and is one of the finest places of worship in the world,  
at least it is the largest in New England. This Mother  
30 Church is absolutely free from debt. After but a few  
years, Christian Science has congregations in every im-

1 portant town and city of the United States. Of course  
the new idea will never have determined its real position  
3 in the doctrines of the world until it has stood the test of  
time. But its beginning has been impressive, and that  
large numbers of intelligent men and women should be  
6 converted to it makes it appear that Science cannot  
be brushed aside by ridicule alone.

[*Springfield (Mass.) Republican*]

9 The prodigious convention of Christian Scientists in  
Boston is a portent worthy of perhaps even more interest  
than it has evoked in that city, where a new temple to  
12 Isis and Osiris would be hardly more than a day's wonder.  
With the swift growth of the new faith the public has in  
a general way been familiar; it is but a few years ago that  
15 the astonishing revelation was made that since 1890 its  
following had increased from an insignificant number to  
hundreds of thousands, a rate at which every other sect in  
18 the country would soon be left behind. But mere statistics  
give a feeble impression in comparison with so huge and  
concrete a demonstration as the dedication of this vast  
21 temple. The statistics have been ridiculed by the hostile  
as mere guesswork, but one cannot sneer away the two-  
million-dollar stone edifice or the thirty thousand wor-  
24 shippers who entered its portals Sunday.

[*Rochester (N. Y.) Post Express*]

27 There are two things to be said in favor of Christian  
Science. Its growth has been wonderfully rapid, and due  
apparently to nothing save the desire in the human heart  
for some such comfort as it promises. Christian Scientists,

1 as a class, so far as the writer knows them, are happy,  
 gentle, and virtuous. They are multiplying without  
 3 efforts at proselytizing; they are in no wise at war with  
 society; and they have little of the spirit of bigotry. The  
 dedication of their great church in Boston is a material  
 6 evidence of their prosperity; and it may be said that if  
 their opinions seem visionary, there is nothing in them  
 to attract any class save the moderately well-to-do, the  
 9 intelligent, and the well-behaved. It has been said  
 cynically that a religion prospers according to the pledges  
 which it holds out to its votaries; and though Christian  
 12 Science promises nothing in the way of gratifying the  
 passions or attaining dominion over others, yet it has  
 rare lures for weary hearts, — physical health and spiritual  
 15 peace.

[*Topeka (Kan.) Daily Capital*]

Those of us who do not accept the doctrine of Christian  
 18 Science are possibly too prone to approach it in a spirit  
 of levity, too often disposed to touch upon it with the  
 tongue of facetiousness. Too often we see only its ridic-  
 21 ulous phases, attaching meanwhile no importance to  
 the saneness and common sense which underlie many of  
 the practices in its name. And many of us have missed  
 24 entirely its tremendous growth and the part it has come  
 to play in the economy of our social and religious life.

To those of us who have overlooked these essentials of  
 27 its hold upon the public, certain statistics brought to light  
 by the great meeting of the church now being held in  
 Boston will come in the nature of a revelation. In 1890  
 30 the faith had but an insignificant following. To-day its  
 adherents number hundreds of thousands, and if the

1 growth continues in like proportion through another  
 2 decade every other sect will be left behind in the race for  
 3 numerical supremacy. The figures given out by the  
 4 church itself have been ridiculed by the hostile as mere  
 5 guesswork, but some of the evidence appears in the con-  
 6 crete and cannot be combated. "One cannot sneer away  
 7 the two-million-dollar stone edifice or the thirty thousand  
 8 worshippers who entered its portals Sunday," says the  
 9 *Springfield Republican*. Neither can we overlook the  
 10 steady, consistent growth of the sect in every commu-  
 11 nity in which it has found a foothold. In the adherence  
 12 of its converts to the faith, and in the absence of dissent  
 among them in the interpretation of its tenets, there is  
 also much to convince the skeptic.

15 [Albany (N. Y.) *Knickerbocker*]

The remarkable growth and the apparent permanency  
 of Christian Science were noted in the recent dedication in  
 18 Boston of the magnificent new temple of the cult. When  
 the doors were opened to the public, the structure was free  
 from debt. While the dedicatory services were being held  
 21 at different hours of the day, forty thousand Christian Sci-  
 entists from every State in the Union and from many for-  
 eign countries were in attendance.

24 Although Mrs. Eddy, the Founder of Christian Science,  
 was not in attendance, she sent greetings in which she  
 declared that the "crowning ultimate" of the church  
 27 "rises to a mental monument, a superstructure high above  
 the work of men's hands, even the outcome of their  
 hearts, giving to the material a spiritual significance —  
 30 the speed, beauty, and achievements of goodness."

But a few years ago, men there were who predicted that

1 Christian Science would soon be included among the cults  
 which flourish for a time like a green bay-tree, and are  
 3 then forgotten. Those predictions have not been verified.  
 The church which has been built upon the tenets first  
 presented by Mrs. Eddy is being constantly strengthened  
 6 by members who represent the intelligence of many  
 communities in different parts of the world.

[*Mexican Herald*, City of Mexico, Mex.]

9 The dedication of the magnificent Christian Science  
 church in Boston has brought that cheerful and pros-  
 perous body of believers before the press gallery of com-  
 12 mentators. They have built a huge church, which has  
 cost them about two million dollars, and it has a dome  
 which rivals that of the famous old Massachusetts State  
 15 House. During the great assembly of forty thousand  
 Christian Scientists in Boston they were described in the  
 newspapers of the Hub as a contented and well-dressed  
 18 body of people.

The faith of these people is certainly great. They go  
 about telling of miracles performed in this twentieth cen-  
 21 tury when "advanced" clergymen of other denominations  
 are avowing their disbelief in the miraculous.

The higher critics and the men of science may think  
 24 they can banish faith in the supernatural, but no religion  
 of growth and vitality exists without faith in the things  
 unseen.

27 [Sandusky (Ohio) *Star-Journal*]

It is doubtful if, since the days of the primitive Chris-  
 tians, there has been such a wonderful demonstration of  
 30 religious faith and enlightened zeal as that exhibited at

1 Boston, Sunday, when forty thousand Christian Scientists  
3 from all parts of the world assembled to participate in  
the dedication of the extension of The Mother Church  
of that denomination. These people were of the highest  
order of intelligence, many of them prominent figures in  
6 the social and business world, and none of them afflicted  
with the slightest trace of fanaticism. The gathering  
can in no sense, save one, be compared with those of  
9 Mecca and the Hindu shrines, where fanaticism domi-  
nates everything else. The one point of resemblance is  
that the Christian Scientists are thoroughly in earnest  
12 and take joy in attesting their faith in the creed of the  
church of their choice. It is a faith based upon rea-  
son, and reached only through intelligent and unbiased  
15 study and comparison with other creeds.

A remarkable feature, perhaps the most remarkable, of  
the gathering was the generosity of its adherents towards  
18 their church. The building they were in Boston to dedi-  
cate cost approximately two million dollars. Members  
were invited to contribute what they could to pay for it.  
21 The money was sent in such quantities that before the day  
set for the dedication arrived the fund was full to over-  
flowing and the members were asked to quit giving.

24 [Peoria (Ill.) Journal]

It is the custom to sneer at Christian Science, but it is  
evident that the cult will soon be beyond the sneering  
27 point. The dedication of what is known as The Mother  
Church extension in Boston, the other day, was attended  
by people from all parts of the United States. And they  
30 were people of intelligence.

The fact is that Christian Science just goes a little



1 beyond what almost every one is inclined to admit. The  
best physicians now admit the power of mind over matter.  
3 They believe that firm faith on the part of a sick per-  
son, for instance, will go far towards making the patient  
well. These same physicians, however, ridicule the idea  
6 of a patient getting well without the use of medicine.  
It has yet to be shown that of the sick who abjure  
medicine a larger proportion have died than among  
9 those who were medically treated. The *Journal* has  
kept no books on the subject, and is not a Christian  
Scientist, but believes that if the figures could be given  
12 they might show that the Scientists have a little the  
advantage so far as this goes.

[*Nebraska State Journal*, Lincoln, Neb.]

15 *Zion's Herald*, a rather bitter critic of Mrs. Eddy and  
her cult, speaks of "the audacious, stupendous, inex-  
plicable faith of this well-dressed, good-looking, emi-  
18 nently respectable, evidently wealthy congregation in  
their teacher and her utterances." The opening of the  
new Mother Church of the Christian Science faith  
21 at Boston has opened the eyes of the country anew to  
the growth of the new church and the zeal of its  
membership.

24 [Athol (Mass.) *Transcript*]

The Christian Scientists who descended upon Boston  
to the number of forty thousand last week to dedicate the  
27 new temple, just built at a cost of two million dollars, have  
mostly departed, but Boston has not yet recovered from  
the effects produced by that stupendous gathering. The  
30 incidents witnessed during the week were calculated to

1 impress the most determined skeptic. Forty thousand  
 2 people truly make up a mighty host, but these, it is de-  
 3 clared, are but a twentieth of the Christian Science army  
 in this country to-day, and this is the wonderful growth  
 of less than a score of years. Christian Science may be  
 6 anything that its foes try to prove it to be, but that mag-  
 nificent church, holding five thousand people, dedicated  
 free from debt, and the centre of an enthusiasm and rever-  
 9 ence of worship such as religious annals hardly parallel  
 in modern times, is a tangible reality, and critics who  
 seek the light must have done with scoffs and jeers if  
 12 they would deal with the phenomenon with any effect.

[*Portland (Ore.) Telegram*]

The last issue of the *Christian Science Sentinel* contains  
 15 a rather remarkable announcement to the effect that  
 friends were requested to send no more money for the  
 building of the church which was recently dedicated at  
 18 Boston. This structure cost about two million dollars,  
 and all of the funds required to build it were raised in a  
 little less than three years. It was dedicated absolutely  
 21 free of debt, and no member of the church anywhere,  
 in this country or elsewhere, was asked to contribute a  
 dollar. Contributions were entirely voluntary. No re-  
 24 sort was had to any of the latter-day methods of raising  
 money. The record is one of which any church might  
 well be proud.

27 [Portland (Me.) Advertiser]

The erection in Boston of the two-million-dollar church  
 of the Christian Scientists and its dedication free from  
 30 debt has been a wonderful achievement, but as our con-

1 temporary, the *Boston Times*, comments, it is but one of  
the marvellous, great, and really good things that this  
3 sect is doing. It says: "A faith which is able to raise  
its believers above the suffering of petty ills; a religion  
that makes the merry heart that doeth good like a  
6 medicine, not a necessity, but a pleasure and an essen-  
tial; a cult able to promote its faith with so great an  
aggregation of good and beneficial works, is welcomed  
9 within our midst and bidden Godspeed."

[*Denver (Col.) Republican*]

Christian Scientists are a remarkably optimistic body  
12 of people, and it must be said in their behalf that they  
are enthusiasts whenever their form of religion is con-  
cerned. They have recently built a splendid cathedral in  
15 Boston, seating five thousand people, at a cost of two  
million dollars, and when it was dedicated there was not a  
cent of indebtedness left. Thirty thousand of the faith,  
18 coming from all parts of the world, attended the dedicatory  
exercises, and the press reports state that the contribution  
baskets when passed around were literally stuffed and  
21 jammed with money.

Less than a generation ago there was not a Christian  
Science church in the land. To-day there are hundreds  
24 of such churches. The denomination has grown with a  
rapidity that is startling, and the end is not yet.

[*Bridgeport (Conn.) Standard*]

27 Facts and figures are stubborn things, and ignore them  
as we may their existence points out their meaning and  
leaves no choice but the acceptance of them at their  
30 face value. The recent dedication of a Christian Science

1 temple in Boston has inevitably brought out in connection  
with the event some of the facts and figures belonging to  
3 it, which are as remarkable in their aggregate as they are  
unmistakable in their trend. The temple recently dedi-  
cated at Boston cost about two million dollars and is  
6 therefore the property of no poverty-stricken sect. On  
the Sunday of the dedication, thirty thousand worshippers  
were present in the building, coming from all, or nearly  
9 all, parts of the country, and representing a vast number  
of the followers of the cult.

It is only twenty-five years, or thereabout, since the  
12 Christian Science sect made its appearance as a dis-  
tinctive organization among religious bodies, but its  
members are numbered by thousands to-day, and they  
15 are very generally of a class who are reputable, intelli-  
gent, and who think for themselves.