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And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity,
and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be
removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see
thy teachers. — *Isaiah*

TRUE FOLLOWERS

Whenever we hear the quote from Mrs. Eddy, "Follow your Leader, only so far as she follows Christ;" it is well to recall her further statement: "There is great joy in this consciousness, that throughout my labors as connected with the Cause of Christian Science, it can be proven that I have never given occasion for a single censure, when my motives and acts are understood and seen as my Father seeth them." (*Mis. 278*)

As we truly *follow* our Leader, we see the import of her words: "I will follow and rejoice All the rugged way."

OUR COVER design is a partial reproduction of the *Sentinel* cover as Mrs. Eddy left it. Following the appearance of Longfellow's poem in the July 28, 1906 issue of the *Christian Science Sentinel*, the lady with the lamp appeared on the *Sentinel* cover for the first time (September 1, 1906), and the last lines were incorporated into the cover design. Our first cover (Vol. I, No. 1) was a partial reproduction of that original "lady with a lamp" cover. But Mrs. Eddy was not satisfied with that first design and made several important changes. In the December 22, 1906 issue she replaced the original lady with a more mature type of womanhood and also simplified the lady's gown. The original lady's eyes were closed, but Mrs. Eddy *opened her eyes* on the revised cover. Lastly, she placed a foundation under all, for that had been lacking before. Apparently satisfied, Mrs. Eddy made no further changes prior to leaving us.

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ANIMAL MAGNETISM

In Volume 6 of the *Christian Science Journal* is an article entitled "Development of Malicious Mesmerism" which states in part:

Experiments in the action of mortal mind under the name of hypnotism,— conducted by Dr. Charcot of Paris and others— have for the last two years attracted general attention in Europe, and furnished entertainment to persons who have brought out on one another its phenomena. What has fixed public attention in this direction or gratified curiosity, is but another human error and not the true Science of Being, and for that reason it has only repeated the "success of curiosity" enjoyed by Mesmer a hundred years ago. The knowledge of Science

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in this country has brought out in addition to

these phenomena of ignorant mesmerism, the phenomena— unknown in Europe thus far because that Science is unknown— of malicious mesmerism. Instances are here, through the press, from time to time brought to public notice, of the use of this power for purposes of vulgar theft or petty fraud. But Scientists are becoming familiar with its employment for the criminal designs of hate and revenge, reaching even to the destruction of mortal life.

The first published observations and explanation of the *modus operandi* of this then unknown and even unsuspected power of mind are found in the edition of SCIENCE AND HEALTH, 1876 by Mary B. G. Eddy. In the edition of

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1882 we meet detailed accounts of these incredible wickednesses committed through it; so incredible that they seemed fancies of a diseased brain, or the ravings of insanity. To such an extent was this true, that up to the present time, so far as we are aware, there has not been a single instance— even in this country where the book is largely circulated— in which scientific investigators of hypnotism or mesmerism have so much as made reference to them. This is not strange, for the understanding of the Science of Being is the key to these statements, and to anyone unacquainted with it they must seem the wildest vagaries.

The operation of ignorant mesmerism is vividly painted in these words in Science and Health:

"Evil thoughts and aims reach farther and do greater harm than visible crimes; evil thoughts, lust, and malicious purposes, going

forth like wandering pollen, from one human mind to another, find inadvertent lodgments, unless virtue and Truth build a strong defence." In the chapter on "Animal Magnetism," referring to manifestations of malicious mesmerism it is said with prophetic insight and foresight, "The mild forms of animal magnetism are disappearing, and its aggressive features are coming to the front. The looms of crime, hidden in the dark recesses of mortal thought, are every hour weaving webs more complicated and subtle. So secret are its present methods that they ensnare the age into indolence, and produce the very apathy which the criminal wishes on this subject." "Disregarding the laws of God, trampling on the stern moral rules

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of Christian Science, and perverting the best method, error brings forth the fruits of error." "As Christian Science is better understood, evil thoughts will be laid bare, and the evil intent can no longer be hid. Already I can see with the mind's eye the wrong doer, with the evil intent he sends forth; for the Scripture saith, 'Nothing is hid that shall not be revealed.'..."

Practitioners of Science, in the regions where the understanding of Science is most advanced, already find this element of malicious mesmerism one of the almost constant factors of their daily practice. The day is very near, when not only will the practice of Science be wholly impossible without a thorough understanding of this factor, but when the study of the Science of Being will be enforced on the masses

of the people, by the necessities of self-protection, as the one great study, the Science of sciences.

In this same issue of February, 1889 is an article by Mary Baker Eddy entitled "Malicious Animal Magnetism" in which she writes:

One of the greatest crimes practised in, or known to, the ages, is mental assassination. ...

This criminal practice, this "wickedness in high places," has accumulated in subtilty of method until it culminates at this period in "spiritual wickedness" and poses its power to do evil against the spiritual power in Christian Science to demonstrate good. When first denounced by me "from the housetops," in Science and Health thirteen years ago, the revelation was received with incredulity, with derision, with pity. Today Scientists are learning, and the general public is experiencing more and more, the terrible realities of mental malpractice and assassination. ...

God has bidden me to uncover this wickedness,

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and I follow His voice. Let all Scientists aid in this work, first, by bringing out in their reports on the practice of healing, careful statements of the facts of malicious animal magnetism that are daily passing before their eyes. I am not inviting them to indiscriminating condemnation, but to bring out such facts as have come within their own field of observation.

I have put on paper enough to reveal criminal magnetism, and to meet its developments for time to come, when my voice will be no longer heard. But God does not let us wait. He tells

us to denounce now, some of the crimes of mali-

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cious mind, and to teach as fully as the age can bear and as the developments of this crime demand, its methods and their unfailing antidote. [We would publish Mrs. Eddy's complete article here were it not already available in *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*.]

In the next issue of the Journal, March 1889, under the title "A Crime of Malicious Mesmerism" is the narrative of sudden and deadly attacks culminating in the death of an earnest, very active young practitioner in New York. A few pages farther on is the story of the Nixon "case in Dakota that has been extensively reported through the secular press... Clergymen in this Territory are occupied in circulating petitions to the legislature to restrain Scientists from doing as the Apostle James enjoined on all Christians to do. One of the advocates of these restrictive measures...calls on the legislature to pass laws to prevent the people from *practising* Science and *Health*!

The following letter excerpts tell the story:

Last September Mrs. Nixon took a course of lectures in Science in Des Moines, and returned to her home here, and was the instrument of great good. Many were healed physically, and sought also the spiritual benefits.

Instead of working for the church of which she had been a consistent and active member, she gave all her time to Science. This stirred up the error in the minds of the brothers and sisters, and caused the fiery darts to be mentally hurled at her, and they seemingly penetrated her weakest point, her darling baby, eleven months old, who seemed in December to

be sinking under the blows. As Herod was seeking the young child's life they thought it best to flee for a time from this mental atmosphere, and went to Des Moines, where he grew better. Mr. Nixon being obliged to go to New York... Mrs. Nixon...determined to return to Pierre...

MINISTERS CALLED UPON US AND DENOUNCED SCIENCE IN THE STRONGEST TERMS.

I returned with her, and almost all our time has been spent in reading the Bible and Science and Health to those who were interested. Ministers called upon us, and denounced Science in the strongest terms; and one Sunday every minister in the place preached against it...

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Finally, little Edward seemingly succumbed to an attack while we were holding a meeting in the parlor. To all appearances he was gone; but we knew it was animal magnetism, and treating him for it, he revived. ...

During the ten days that followed, the wiles of the evil one appeared, but they were overcome. ...At least six times little Edward seemed to have passed. We recognized it as another temptation, took up animal magnetism, and each time he rallied. Finally...Friday, Jan. 25, he passed on. ...

We are told that some church members have been praying that "God would take the child" in order that the parents might see the error of their way, and return— not to God, but— to the M[ethodist] E[piscopal] fold.

Now comes an unprecedented history. Satur-

day morning a great tumult arose. The M. E. minister gathered a crowd around him on the street and denounced this pernicious doctrine, till the people were infuriated and threatened mob law. ...

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In another letter dear Mrs. Nixon wrote: "Our trials have been severe, but we both 'stand fast.' We are determined to *demonstrate* the nothingness of this *seeming* power."

When Mr. Kimball was teaching the Normal course in the Metaphysical College in 1902 he brought a message directly from Mrs. Eddy to the class. The message was that the only *excuse* for holding any class, was to show how evil was to be handled, quietly without publishing it broadcast. And again Mrs. Eddy

"WHERE ALL STUDENTS HAVE FAILED IS IN NOT KNOWING HOW TO HANDLE ANIMAL MAGNETISM."

has been recorded as stating: "Where all students have failed is in not knowing how to handle animal magnetism."



Calm soul of all things, make it mine
To feel amid the city's jar,
That there abides a peace of Thine
Man did not make and cannot mar.

— Matthew Arnold

E R R O R

By Mildred L. LeBlond, C.S.B.

The word animal magnetism used by Mrs. Eddy as a term for error was a wise choice. It puts error in the mental realm because of the word magnetism. It puts it back to mortal mind, and when we see it there we are enabled to break it up and destroy it by the understanding of the one infinite divine Mind. Mind could not act as a treatment for matter even if there were matter, because they are opposites, like frost and fire. But when animal magnetism is seen as a mental error or a belief in a mortal mind opposite to God, the only Mind, we can, with this understanding of the Science of Mind, utterly destroy the belief of mortal mind or animal magnetism.

Now the meaning of the word malpractice is, bad or wrong practice, wrong activity. Christian Science deals with the Science of Mind, or spiritual consciousness or right practice, and the belief in its opposite, mortal mind or malpractice. In Christian Science practice when we use the word malpractice, we necessarily mean the practice of wrong thinking.

TRUE PRACTICE IS THE ACTIVITY OF
SPIRITUAL CONSCIOUSNESS.

True practice is the activity of spiritual consciousness. Malpractice is the belief of the activity of material thinking. The only reality is divine Mind

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and its idea. Yet Mrs. Eddy says in Science and Health (252:8) "A knowledge of error and of its op-

erations must precede that understanding of Truth which destroys error." In accord with this we note

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in the scientific statement of being that it begins with a denial of the reality of evil. "There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter." Then follows the statement of God, "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation." Also in the chapter in Science and Health called "Animal Magnetism Unmasked" we find this same procedure, as it begins with statements regarding the nothingness of error, particularly on page 102 line 1: "Animal magnetism has no scientific foundation, for God governs all that is real, harmonious, and eternal, and His power is neither animal nor human. Its basis being a belief and this belief animal, in Science animal magnetism, mesmerism, or hypnotism is a mere negation, possessing neither intelligence, power, nor reality, and in sense it is an unreal concept of the so-called mortal mind." Then follows this pronouncement of Spirit, God. "There is but one attraction, that of Spirit. The pointing of the needle to the pole symbolizes this all-embracing power or the attraction of God, divine Mind."

Jesus, in the temptations recorded in Matthew 4 uses the same method, that of first denying the reality of evil. In the first temptation he said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." In the second instance he said, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." In the third instance he said, "Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." Thus we find it is necessary to the demonstration of the Science of Mind in our lives to know what evil claims to be, and that it is not true and why.

Because there is but one Mind, and this Mind infinite and eternal, it can know no evil, because evil is finite and self-destructive. This is the

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science of the unreality of evil, and the proof is, when we take this position, we can destroy the belief in evil. As we realize that this infinite Mind is our Mind, we better understand why the Christian Scientist has enlisted to lessen sin, disease and death in the world. From the standpoint of the Mind which is God, the individual Christian Scientist is seeing and knowing the unreality of evil.

Man is the thoughts he thinks. For generations there has been unfolding this great truth, for have we not heard "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he," and, "There is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so"? Therefore we are finding that the individual never has anything with which to

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deal except his own thinking, no matter what the error claims to be, himself, someone else, a place or a thing.

In order for him to experience malpractice, he must be conscious of it. Therefore that is where the work must be done, in his own thinking,— not that the individual is responsible for the whole belief of error, but he is responsible for what he believes he sees, hears, or feels of evil.

The following statement from the book of Romans (8:6) "For to be carnally minded is death; but to

be spiritually minded is life and peace," and Mrs. Eddy's statement on page 210 of Miscellany which is a very good correlative, "Beloved Christian Scientists, keep your minds so filled with Truth and Love, that sin, disease, and death cannot enter them," give much light on the subject of malpractice. These two declarations could be said to contain the basic understanding of true practice and malpractice. They contain an assertion of what malpractice claims and what is needed to heal it. Carnal thinking is death, malpractice, material mindedness, the practice of wrong thinking. Spiritual consciousness is life, is peace, for it is the knowing of the one infinite Mind as our Mind, and this is true practice.

THE BELIEF IN TWO MINDS PERSISTED UNTIL OUR BELOVED LEADER ANNOUNCED TO THE WORLD THAT "ALL IS INFINITE MIND AND ITS INFINITE MANIFESTATION."

The belief in two minds persisted until our Beloved Leader announced to the world that "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation." This made mortal mind lose its identity as mind and be seen as a false limited material sense of things, "a misstatement of Mind, God" (*Un.* 35:21). This led humanity out of dual thinking for the first time.

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Sometimes we hear someone say that so-and-so is malpractising on them. If such a temptation comes to anyone, he himself is being tempted to malpractice, for is it not carnal thinking, malpractice, to believe the suggestion that there is an evil man? It makes no difference what the other fellow thinks,

really it doesn't. It is not what he is thinking but what you are thinking he thinks that makes the difference. Are we believing in error, or are we understanding the one Mind? If the suggestion that

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there is an evil person, place or thing meets no response or fear in our thinking, malpractice would shortly go out of business for lack of activity. Remember, the point is, not what they are thinking but what we think they are thinking that counts, because consciousness is fundamental to existence, IS existence, in fact. The kind of existence you have is dependent upon what you are demonstrating as consciousness. Declare only such thoughts as you wish manifested.

Mrs. Eddy states in Science and Health (220:18) "Mortal mind produces its own phenomena, and then charges them to something else,— like a kitten glancing into the mirror at itself and thinking it sees another kitten." But she also says on page 114, "In Science, Mind is *one*, including noumenon and phenomena, God and His thoughts." Thus one sees he indivi-

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dualizes his own world through either his limited material sense of things, by mortal mind claiming to be his thinking, or through his understanding of the

one Mind, God, the Mind of man, which includes noumenon and phenomena.

Still clarifying this, our Leader says in Science and Health (573:5) speaking of the new heaven and earth, "This testimony of Holy Writ sustains the fact in Science, that the heavens and earth to one human consciousness, that consciousness which God bestows, are spiritual, while to another, the unilluminated human mind, the vision is material." We are

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apt to forget that what we call matter is mortal mind, which is one definition Mrs. Eddy gives of it in the Glossary of Science and Health. Therefore, to overcome the belief in matter, we must destroy mortal mind by seeing its unreality from the standpoint of divine Mind, not that we are responsible for the whole belief in evil or matter, but each one of us is responsible for the evil which he admits he believes, sees, hears, or feels.

If we continue to charge the forms of evil which seem to confront us at times as persons, places, or things, to the persons, places and things themselves, and not to mortal mind, and if we then fail to see that it is error claiming to operate as our thinking, and that the healing needed is in our own consciousness, then we are not understanding how to handle malpractice or destroy the belief in mortal mind. To be carnally minded is death, malpractice, but to know man and the universe from the standpoint of the one infinite Mind as our Mind, is to be spiritually minded, and is life and peace. Doing this does not only handle malpractice, but utterly destroys it.

HISTORY

"True history is the record of the development in the human consciousness of a truer idea of God and man."

MARY BAKER EDDY

SEEKING AND FINDING

"The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." The Christian Scientist is the first beneficiary of the Woman's labors, for he early learns that "Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present." Then the sincere student begins finding new and greater meaning even in familiar passages. In time the earnest student begins to discern

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that everything the Woman wrote, said, or did in her God-appointed mission of seeking and finding the Principle of being is fraught with meaning and con-

tains lessons for our growth Spiritward.

Mrs. Eddy has hidden many messages in the pages of her pictorial poem *Christ and Christmas*. Recently a dear heart asked if we had noticed what looked a little like "legs" under the right side of the table in the picture "Seeking and Finding" which almost look more like a man's legs than table legs. The history of this painting does reveal that early renditions presented two figures and the second one was a man. Perhaps he typified the worldly thought that the Founder of Christian Science was endeavoring to awaken and arouse.

In March of 1893 Mrs. Eddy said to her artist at the easel, Mr. James Gilman: "Who did Jesus say were they who really loved him?" Mr. Gilman answered, "I think he said it was they who kept his commandments." Approving this answer Mrs. Eddy added:

"THE STUDENTS WHO TRULY LOVE ME ARE
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DIRECTIONS."

"The students who truly love me are they who obey carefully my explicit directions. Such are saved from the toils of the evil one, and rarely come to me saying, 'Lord, Lord.'"

None of her students fulfilled this demand totally for they knew not how to meet animal magnetism. But, sad to say, few really tried consistently. Much more time was spent in criticizing Mrs. Eddy's "explicit directions." Perhaps this situation contributed to her first thoughts regarding the illustration "Seeking and Finding" written to Mr. Gilman on the eighth of May:

Have a poor-looking candlestick and *candle* instead of a lamp, representing the Scripture thought "candle of the Lord," and poverty. Instead of a book in the woman's hand represent her with handkerchief to her eyes as if weeping.

The book would present her as "seeking" but there must be a different thought embodied in this Scripture, "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." Let the opposite figure be kneeling but not *bent*, have beside him a table, and on it a bottle and wine glass, and a bunch of cigars.

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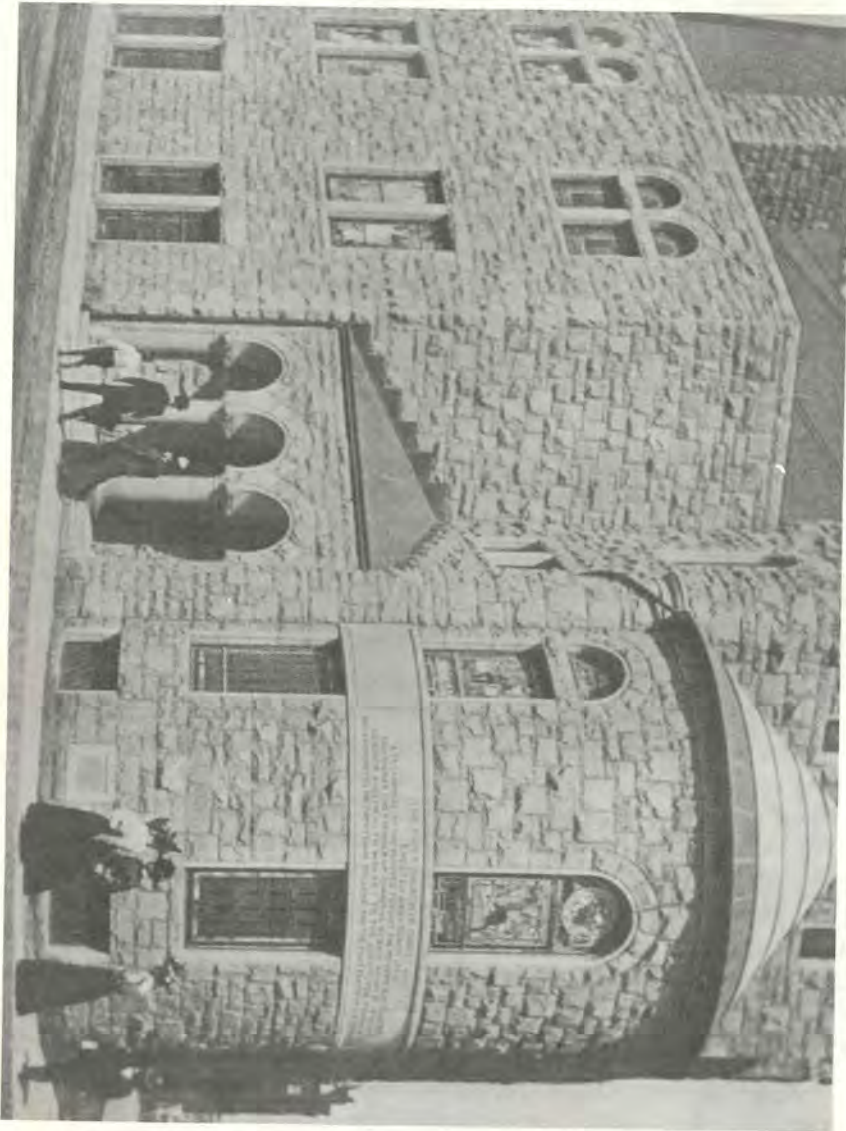
Could this unbent, kneeling figure have typified her students who were so loathe to give up their worldly ways? Just when the man disappeared from the scene we do not know, but the Leader had Mr. Gilman recall this painting from the engraver's office saying that it must be changed— "the idea of the woman weeping was wrong."

"Seeking and Finding" was central to our Leader's life and mission and was so portrayed in the original Mother Church edifice. The rounded front corner of the triangular building is the Mother's Room. This room contains three picture windows of stained glass, and the central window is "Seeking and Finding."

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But there is a message in the third picture in *Christ and Christmas* that does not appear in the stained glass window. That is the serpent behind her that plagued her every footstep. There was discussion about omitting the serpent, and one of her final letters before publication stated:

I have decided to have 500 pictures finished with the serpent on them and then I can do



Front Corner of Original Mother Church showing "Seeking and Finding" Window

as God directs about putting them in my first edition of 1000 copies. Have written this to artist.

The first 80 copies of *Christ and Christmas* were without the serpent, but God directed otherwise so Mrs. Eddy withdrew that version, all future copies including the serpent in "Seeking and Finding." Is

IS THIS NOT A VIVID REMINDER...THAT
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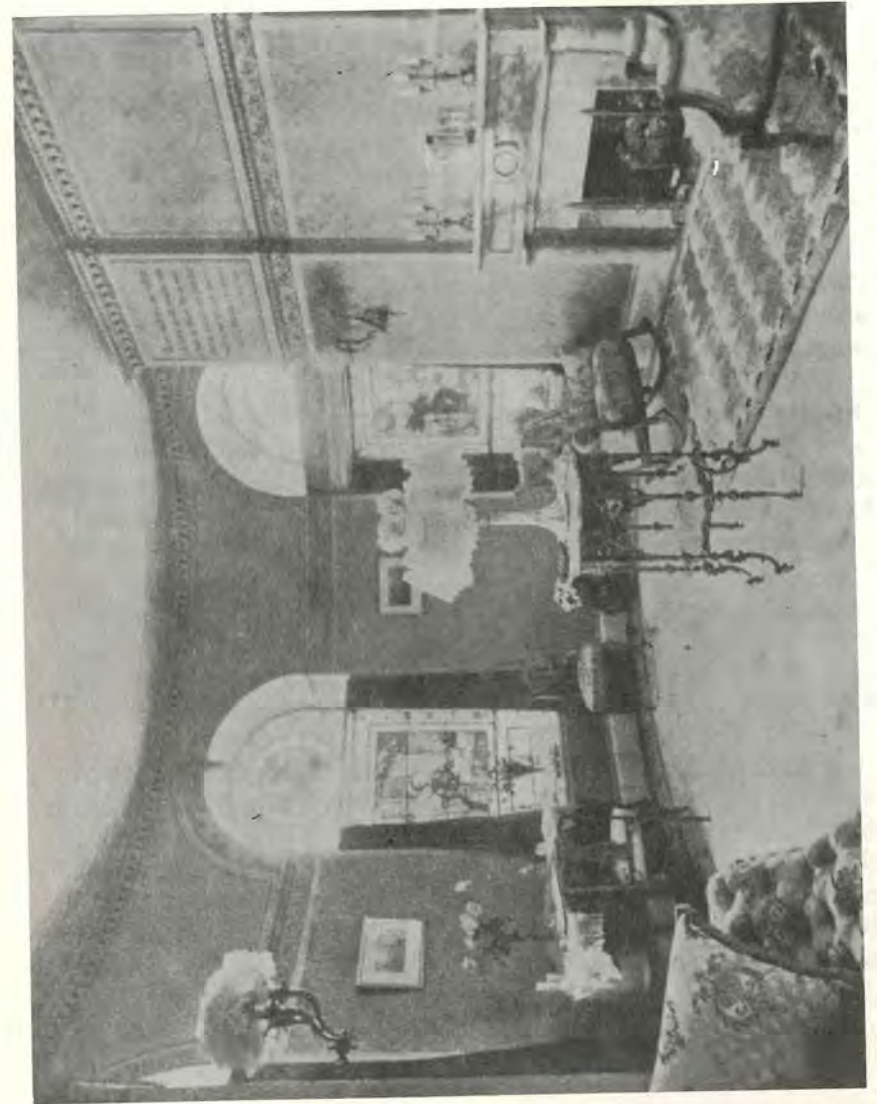
this not a vivid reminder to the student that animal magnetism *must* be seen and met? There is a joy and an exaltation following this work that Mrs. Eddy has pictured verbally though it was never captured on canvas. She wrote on September 13, 1893 to her publisher, Dr. Foster Eddy:

I would like to have the figure you are going to see about, changed in position thus. Sitting with right arm on the table, pen in hand, paper before it, and the eyes looking—oh, looking as if heaven had come to view, and the whole being as if absorbed and enrapt! It can be done and a real artist would do it. I would give money for it and what would not my students give?



If the lives of Christian Scientists attest their fidelity to Truth, I predict that in the twentieth century every Christian church in our land, and a few in far-off lands, will approximate the understanding of Christian Science sufficiently to heal the sick in his name, and Christendom will be classified as Christian Scientists.

Mary Baker Eddy
Pulpit and Press



The Mother's Room showing Central Window "Seeking and Finding"

CAUSE FOR REJOICING

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*Wherefore lift up the hands which hang
down, and the feeble knees;
And make straight paths for your feet,
lest that which is lame be turned out of
the way; but let it rather be healed.*
Hebrews 12:12, 13

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*The nurse should be cheerful,
orderly, punctual, full
of faith—receptive to Truth
and LOVE.*

Mary Baker Eddy
S. & H. p. 395

OFFICIAL DECLARATION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
THE WESLEYAN CONFERENCE

IN REGARD TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MOVEMENT AND PRACTICE
AND IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN THE CONFERENCE

AS A METHODIST CONFERENCE we have studied the writings of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science and Author of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* and have found that these works have many Truths that we agree.

WE NOW JOIN our voices in the following:

1. As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life.
2. We acknowledge and adore one supreme and infinite God. We acknowledge His Son, one Christ; the Holy Ghost or divine Comforter; and man in God's image and likeness.
3. We acknowledge God's forgiveness of sin in the destruction of sin and the spiritual understanding that casts out evil as unreal. But the belief in sin is punished so long as the belief lasts.
4. We acknowledge Jesus' atonement as the evidence of divine efficacious Love, unfolding man's unity with God through Christ Jesus the Way-shower; and we acknowledge that man is saved through Christ, through Truth, Life, and Love as demonstrated by the Galilean Prophet in healing the sick and overcoming sin and death.
5. We acknowledge that the crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection served to uplift faith to understand eternal Life, even the allness of Soul, Spirit, and the nothingness of matter.
6. And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to do unto others as we would have them do unto us;

and to be merciful, just and pure.

Mary Baker Eddy

We define in this further DEFINITION as follows:

We believe God is Spirit for the Holy Scriptures declare this

We believe man is spiritual because the Holy Scriptures declare that He made them in His image and likeness.

We believe God created all things for the Holy Scriptures declares this in St. John's Gospel, first chapter, third verse: "All things were made by Him."

We believe all things He made were good because the Holy Scriptures declare in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis.

We do not believe God is the author of sin.

We do not believe that God is the author of sickness.

We do not believe that God is the author of death.

We believe that God is not the Author of these because these are all His opposites.

We believe that these only exist in those who are not in Christ Jesus and that do not believe in the Truth as taught by Christ.

We further believe and teach that when we believe in sin, sickness and death we suffer these because we make God the lie and believe not Christ's own words. He said, "He that believeth in me shall never see death."

THEREFORE WE MUST CONCLUDE THE FOLLOWING that Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science and Author of Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures was inspired by ALMIGHTY GOD to be an apostle of His Healing and Science to show to others what He had shown her. That men sought not to understand, understood not, because they believed not. Hence, they tried [to] discredit Mrs. Eddy and the

Work God had called her to, but they prevailed not.

THEREFORE, WE give thanks to ALMIGHTY GOD for our increased knowledge (Science) of HIM through the work, ministry, life of Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy.

THEREFORE IT IS AUTHORIZED IN THIS WESLEYAN CONFERENCE of THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH that Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy be taught and explained throughout our Zion for the Health of our people called Methodist.

SIGNED FOR THE CONFERENCE this Twenty-third day of October, In the Year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-five.

James Edward Charles Cason, presiding bishop



HOLDING UNCOMPLAINING GUARD

or

MEETING THE ATTACKS OF MALICIOUS ANIMAL MAGNETISM

In her beautiful definition of "The Coin of Christian Science" Mrs. Eddy terms gold "the silent thoughts of Truth and Love which heal the sick."

CURRENCY MUST BE BACKED UP BY A GOLD
RESERVE IN HUMAN CHARACTER.

Then she states further that "currency must be backed up by a gold reserve in human character." At the time she penned these words our currency was backed up by the gold reserve in our treasury, our money was sound and stable, and the phrase "sound as a dollar" was a very common expression.

In his book *The War on Gold* (copyright 1977), Anthony Sutton stated that the monetary crises of the nineteenth century, which have been decried as unbearable by the modern economists of the Keynesian school, were really mild and brief and less traumatic than the depression of 1929-32, and that they were brief and mild for very good reasons: "from 1820 to 1914 the world was on a full gold standard, and a full gold standard makes it almost impossible for politicians to break the rules of the financial game for domestic or external political purposes. Gold...is an effective discipline.

"In other words, from 1820 to 1914 the politicians could not, to any great extent, manipulate their economic system for their own advantage or that of their backers. And neither could the international bankers, to any significant degree."

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This has significance for the Christian Scientist, because the full gold standard for the world was almost exactly the era of Mary Baker Eddy. Abigail Ambrose Baker conceived this child in 1820. Mary was born July 16, 1821.

The gold standard era ended with the passage of legislation creating the Federal Reserve System in the United States. There was an extensive effort by international interests to pass this legislation in 1907 which extended to a vicious attack against Mrs. Eddy that has become known as the Next Friends' Suit.

This suit, backed by Joseph Pulitzer (of Pulitzer Prize fame) used Mrs. Eddy's enemies and disaffected students and relatives in an effort to label this whole-souled woman as insane and to dispossess her of her property together with her reputation and her influence upon the thought of the world. But, even

with seemingly limitless financing, this effort to discredit God's emissary on earth failed, and so did the effort to pass the Federal Reserve Act in Congress in 1907.

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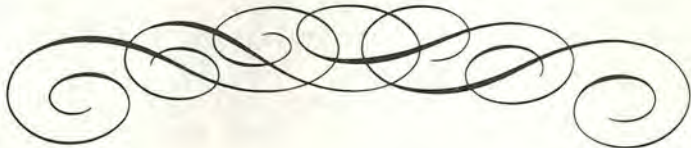
Mrs. Eddy passed away December 3, 1910, and the Federal Reserve act passed in 1913. As long as our Leader was here holding "uncomplaining guard over a world" gold reigned supreme,— that is, "the silent thoughts of Truth and Love" were nullifying the thoughts and acts of malicious mind and healing our world. There is great import in Mrs. Eddy's words recorded by a student in her home: "My work is in Mind. It comes from God. It cannot be intercepted nor diverted into other paths, being governed by divine Principle. It is progressive, prosperous, satisfactory, joyous, continuous. It reaches from pole to pole, from ocean to ocean, perfect, infinite, going on all the time, for the glory of God. ...You, false claim of malicious mind, whatever or wherever you are, you cannot mesmerize me, or hypnotize me to think I haven't understanding to meet any claim that comes to me."

Are we equally in earnest? If so, we must daily enlarge our supply of gold by increasing the "gold

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reserve in human character." And we must daily use our gold, "the silent thoughts of Truth and Love" to heal our world. We must be sure that neither the

affluence nor the lack of today's economy in any way dims these further words of our Leader: "Perfect idea is already located, with absolute satisfaction in Mind. In this perfect place in Mind, I am able to support myself, have all the recreation and companionship needed. In the perfect place of Mind is complete satisfaction. I live in the affluence of Spirit and am one with the inexhaustible, unobstructed, omnipresent source of income, and infinite as is the source, so infinite is the supply. It is the Spirit that profiteth. I am the ceaseless intake of God's eternal giving."



THE CAUSE OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

What is the cause of Christian Science? Where would you go to locate it? Is it a thing, a place, or object? Has it bounds, form or any material shape? No. The cause of Christian Science is simply the activity of Truth in the consciousness of the Christian Scientists.

The Duty of Christian Scientists

If we do the most we can for the cause, how shall it be done? It is to see to it that we manifest the most Truth, righteousness, intelligence, Love and humility, the earnestness of honest, humble endeavor. Until then you are not a fit subject to feel at ease.

Now, what is the cause of Christian Science? It is the honest, humble endeavor, the loving, tender, charitable nature of the individual. It is the purity of consciousness, the purity of truth within. When that becomes contaminated and fails to progress higher and higher, Godward, it becomes a menace to the cause, and such a condition is harmful to Christian Science, and if it ever fails as a cause, it will be because of the mental condition, attitude and conduct of its so-called Christian Scientists.

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Christian Science as a Movement

Now, what shall we do in order to do the best we possibly can for it? Let each one of us pray that he may act as though he thought the entire cause of Christian Science— all its sweet and glorious import— depended upon him; and not congratulate ourselves upon the supposition that it will stand and endure unless we stand and endure temptation and resist transgressions, and grow daily and hourly in the manifestations of that which is altogether lovely, and which is like God.

Address delivered Jan. 18, 1902
From *Teaching and Addresses*
Edward A. Kimball

FROM AN EARLY JOURNAL

The truth is, there is no relation whatever between the church organization, as such, and the individual practice, or right to practise, the healing methods of Christian Science. The individual Scientist may practise in entire independence of the church or its charter. Thousands are healing disease all over this country and other countries who are not yet members of any church. The right to heal disease is solely an individual right, in no sense a corporate one. The purpose of the church organization is...simply to afford a means of public worship...

From an editorial by Septimus J. Hanna
Christian Science Journal
February, 1898

When Mrs. Eddy announced that "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation," she did something for the human race that it cannot ever escape, and which will do more to lift the human race out of fears and limitations than any statement ever made by anyone.

Mildred L. LeBlond

"Think of this inheritance!
Heaven right here,
where angels are as men,
clothed more lightly,
and men as angels,
who, burdened for an hour,
spring into liberty,
and the good they would do,
that they do,
and the evil they would not do,
that they do not."

MARY BAKER EDDY

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