

H I S T O R Y

"Christian Science and Christian
Scientists will, *must*, have a history."

MARY BAKER EDDY

ADVANCED TEACHING

"EVER since the foundation of the world...evil has tried to slay the Lamb" (S&H). From the time that Mary Baker Eddy stepped forth as the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science she was evil's primary target. She suffered greatly from unending attacks before she fully uncovered the workings of evil in the summer of 1880.

An English prophetess of the 15th century said, midst

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predictions of horseless carriages and air travel,—
"The world to an end shall come in eighteen hundred and eighty-one." In 1881 the third edition of Science and Health, with the exposure of malicious animal magnetism in the lengthy chapter entitled "Demonology," was published. From that moment the devil knew "that he hath but a short time."

If the students of that day had had one-tenth of the understanding that their Leader had, Christian Science history might have been different. But they did not,

so the persecution of the Woman intensified while most of her students either joined it or dropped away. Mrs. Eddy had to meet the malicious attacks of hatred all *alone* while endeavoring to *found* Christian Science in this world and to give her few loyal students an inkling of what she was having to meet and what they would have to meet for themselves eventually.

The severest attack of all came in 1907 and was called the Next Friends' Suit. It was a diabolical scheme to have Mrs. Eddy declared incompetent and to take possession of her

NEXT FRIENDS' SUIT—
A DIABOLICAL
SCHEME

person and her property. It was her body they were about to lay hold on which circumstance forced her to a higher understanding of body. This necessity brought to her a tremendous unfoldment on body, and the lawsuit was terminated in her favor. Immediately thereafter she made plans to leave Concord, New Hampshire and move to Chestnut Hill.

The Leader wanted to give this unfoldment to the field, but she knew only too well the constant work of evil to drown her voice. And as she had

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written in the textbook, "It requires courage to utter truth; for the higher Truth lifts her voice, the louder will error scream" (p 97). It also requires wisdom, and wisdom had led her to present advanced ideas as gradually and as quietly as possible.

After her move to Massachusetts in January of 1908 she decided to teach her unfoldment to Edward A. Kimball and have him in turn teach it to his students. So she called Mr. Kimball to Chestnut Hill. She drilled him and drilled him and drilled him. She would have him repeat what she said, and if he made a mistake she would correct him and have him start all over again until he could teach the unfoldment on body as it was revealed to her.

When he finally mastered it to Mrs. Eddy's satisfaction he went to the Somerset Hotel where he always

stayed while in Boston and called a very few of his students together that he might pass this teaching on to them. Those few were the chairman of the Board of Directors Archibald McLellan, Mrs. McLellan, the First Reader of The Mother Church Judge Clifford P. Smith, Mrs. Smith, and Bicknell Young.

This vital teaching began: "This...word that I am

GIVE NOT TO OTHERS
UNTIL YOU KNOW
ENOUGH LOVE.

giving you is for your own individual perusal and study. It is not to be given out to others until you know enough Love to protect yourself from all belief of reaction from the seeming power of

evil... We all bring upon ourselves a lot of *mental sizzling* by reason of untempered zeal. Hardly one in a thousand is ready for an advanced idea such as we are ready to give out... We must even be careful about giving this Truth out silently to patients until we have grown into a spiritual fitness, into spiritual nearness to God. There are some seeming forms of error that require lots of Love's reflection on our part for us to be able to destroy it."

Sad to say, two of the three men entrusted with this advanced teaching could not sustain this higher revelation and later became part of a traitorous plot against their Leader to do clandestinely what the Next Friends'

ADVANCED TEACHING
IN NORMAL CLASS
OF 1910

Suit had failed to do openly—that is to declare Mrs. Eddy incompetent and to take possession of her person and her property.

The Leader had appointed Mr. Kimball to teach the December, 1910 Normal Class, and after he passed away suddenly in 1909 she appointed Bicknell Young to take his place. How many of the students in that class, which convened just days after Mrs. Eddy passed away, were able to sustain and pass on this advanced teaching is not known,— but there were at *least* two, Mrs. Martha Wilcox and Mrs. Eleanor LeBlond.

"Spiritual wickedness in high places" which was always endeavoring to destroy Mary Baker Eddy has re-

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lentlessly pursued and endeavored to destroy her most advanced teaching. Fortunately, before Mr. Kimball passed away he sent this higher unfoldment on body to each of his own students in a lengthy letter. When "we have grown into a spiritual fitness, into spiritual nearness to God" this advanced teaching will find its way to us; we shall be able to sustain it and send it on to other receptive hearts.