

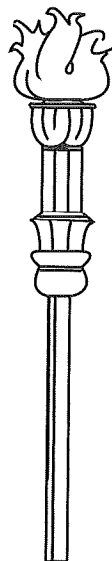
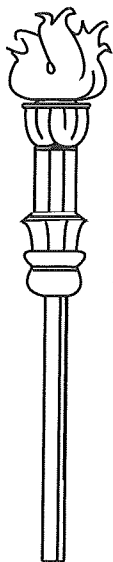
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Behold, I stand at the door,
and knock: if any man hear
my voice, and open the door,
I will come in to him, and sup
with him, and he with me.

— *Revelation*

The Individual Christian Scientist is expressly for “the lost Israel” who have wakened to their identity as “the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

S&H - *Science and Health*
Hea - *Christian Healing*
Mis - *Miscellaneous Writings*
No - *No and Yes*
Pul - *Pulpit and Press*
Un - *Unity of Good*
Po - *Poems*

Man - *Manual of The Mother Church*
Pan - *Christian Science versus Pantheism*
Peo - *The People's Idea of God*
Ret - *Retrospection and Introspection*
Rud - *Rudimental Divine Science*
Chr - *Christ and Christmas*

My - *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*
'00 - *Message to The Mother Church, June, 1900*
'01 - *Message to The Mother Church, June, 1901*
'02 - *Message to The Mother Church, June, 1902*
PV - *Science and Health, First Edition, "Precious Volume"*
DCC - *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*
EOF - *Essays and Other Footprints*
6 Days - *Mary Baker Eddy's Six Days of Revelation*
7th Day - *Mary Baker Eddy's Lessons of the Seventh Day*
CCT - *Christian Science, Its Clear Correct Teaching and Complete Writings*
Dis - *The Discovery of the Science of Man*
Found - *The Founding of Christian Science*
TFL - *The Forever Leader*

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The house in Swampscott, Massachusetts where Mary Baker Eddy was living in February, 1866

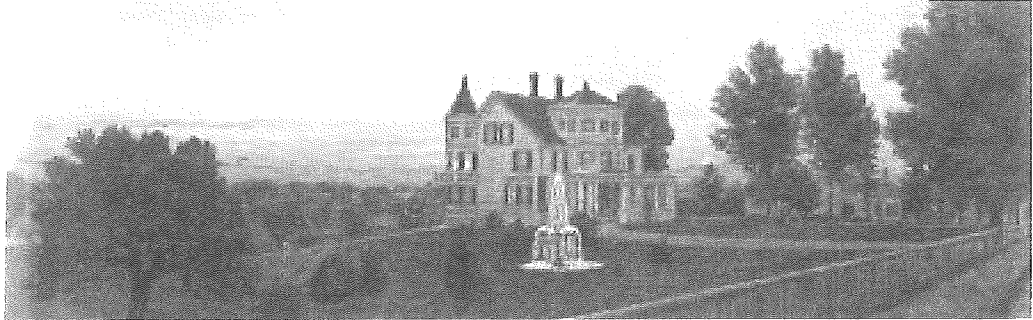
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MARY BAKER EDDY

Our Mother in Israel



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“WHAT I SAY UNTO YOU, I SAY UNTO ALL – WATCH” JESUS

FREEDOM IS THE ANSWER

By Morris Grekel

GOD wrought a miracle in America when he led our forebears to put liberty above all other human values and guarantee it to us and our posterity in writing — forever! Had there never been a Declaration of Independence, a Constitution and Bill of Rights, Mrs. Eddy could never have established Christian Science in these United States. It was bad enough as it was. Bigoted religionists hanged her in effigy, the anti-Christ plagued her every foot of the way, and the medical profession, through legal proceedings, sought to stamp out the Christ that Mrs. Eddy practically gave to a needy world. And they are still doing it to this day!

The Answer?

What is the answer? It's the same as it has always been. Freedom, of course! Individual freedom. This is the American dream and without it there is no peace, no progress, no prosperity.

IN SCIENCE ALL BEING IS INDIVIDUAL – *Mary Baker Eddy*

What Is Freedom?

While discussing freedom once with some friends, both lawyers, one said, "You can't define freedom. It means something different to everyone." I replied, "Of course you can define it. Freedom is the absence of compulsion." You could have heard a pin drop, for they were all set to pounce on me with their trained, legal minds. They offered not one word of rebuttal, because that definition of freedom is absolutely unassailable. It is based on principle and mentions no specifics.

Sine Qua Nom

Freedom is the true *sine qua nom* (without which nothing). When you've lost your freedom to a dictatorial government (at any level) or to a dictatorial organized religion, you've lost it all! The quality of life is gone!

Ignorance or Sin?

If the above definition is accepted, though reluctantly, then the charge often follows: "Yes, but freedom won't work." Individual freedom gave these United States the highest standard of living and morality that any nation has ever enjoyed, and in a classless society. Since Mrs. Eddy's passing in 1910 we have experienced a decrease in morality in the churches and government and a huge increase in crime and individual and government debt, all due to the deterioration of the freedom concept. It doesn't just happen, however. Those who would deprive you of your liberty work night and day to make it happen. Mrs. Eddy says in the second edition of *Historical Sketch*, "If any honest Christian Scientist can be deceived into believing that it is chance, not direction by malicious minds which are at work, that ignorance instead of sin is what he has to meet at all times, — this error prevents him from understanding enough of the question to insure his own defence, and leaves him in the power of animal magnetism."

Strong Words

Further, she says in *Miscellaneous Writings*, "Large numbers, in desperate malice, are engaged day and night in organizing action against us. Their feeling and purpose are deadly, and they have sworn enmity against the lives of our standard-bearers." Those are strong words! What were those "large numbers" attempting to do in Mrs. Eddy's day — and

now? They were and are seeking to stamp out an idea, the very Christ, that would liberate, give individual freedom to those who were believing that there was a power apart from God that they must obey, — *viz.*, belief in laws of matter, laws of limitation and death.

Conditions for Freedom

Again I say freedom is the answer to the present state of debauchment (of our children and money) and overregulation of the individual; but it will work only under certain conditions. In the Blue Book Mrs. Eddy says, “A man has no right to do wrong. His right is to do and think right. Independence consists in his liberty and right to do right.” This is where Christianity comes in. When the free individual tempers his thought and action by subjecting them to the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule, then there is no conflict and harmony reigns. But it won’t work without it!

Dominion

When God gave man dominion right in the opening pages of the Bible, I know one thing. He never gave one individual control of another. The only legitimate interpretation of that is that we have dominion over our thinking, our consciousness, and thus over our universe, but never arbitrary control of another.

Responsibility

Few Christians can go all the way with God, *i.e.*, trust Him absolutely as the total answer in times of sickness, or need, or distress. Few Americans can go all the way with freedom, *i.e.*, assume total responsibility for themselves and their families and seek no laws in the name of good that would regulate human action to conform to what they think is best or right —and possibly to their benefit.

Mrs. Eddy says in *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*, “I was born free.” If she can say that, so can we. But since man sleeps collectively and awakes individually, it is incumbent upon each of us as individuals to live as free men and women within the dictates of the Commandments and the Golden Rule to restore the blessings of freedom to our great nation.

Courage

“I am in love and my sweetheart is liberty.” Nothing that money can buy and no worldly honor can hold a candle to its priceless value. May God give you and me in this “land of the free and home of the brave” the understanding and courage to pass it on. Then “peace and joy and power” reign.

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LIFE EVERLASTING

By Gail M. Weatherbe

TRUE life is without beginning and without end. “There is no matter” (My 357:11) is our strong awakening note. We must arise and be awakened to the Christian teachings of Life everlasting. “Life is eternal. We should find this out, and begin the demonstration thereof.” (S&H 246:27)

Awake

The Latter Day writings of Mary Baker Eddy are filled with powerful Christian reminders, and corrections, if needed, to guide us to the verity and awakening to Life eternal and indestructible. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain in this process of awakening to the reality of eternal Life.

Christianity must be taught and learned from the standpoint of Life everlasting. Then Christianity has universal attraction and appeal.

Two Great Witnesses

Here we stand in the Latter Days at the dawn of the Millennium, signaling the end of all matter, witnessing to our comprehension of God’s provision — the two great witnesses: Jesus the Christ and Mary Baker Eddy, the God-crowned Woman of the Apocalypse (Rev 12:1).

A New Heaven and Earth

However, in the Holy Bible in Revelation Chapter 21 we learn of a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. We must seek the real and eternal, wherein is no decay and no death. "Life is eternal. We should find this out, and begin the demonstration thereof."

The Christian Science "scientific statement of being" (S&H 468) is a proclamation of the verity of eternal Life. We must demonstrate and share this verity.

God is good. Life is eternal. There is no death. Above all else, God is eternal Life and Love. We should find this out and begin the demonstration thereof.

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PRAYER

By Julie J. Harrison

IN Chapter Three of *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*, the one entitled "Prayer" there is given an account of correspondence from Mrs. Eddy to an unnamed student in which Mrs. Eddy encourages the student to study our textbooks, the Bible and Science and Health, to pray the Lord's prayer *in her own words* (emphasis added) followed by other helpful instruction.

In Your Own Words

The encouragement to pray the Lord's Prayer in the student's own words struck a chord when I first came across this recommendation. At first it seemed almost sacrilege to think of changing even one word of this all encompassing prayer, but it also caused me to consider that this might be a way to circumvent the mere rehearsal of the words like the counting of sheep to induce sleep. Rote repetition without inspired thought is mere pushing wind.

For years much consideration was given to this thought. Research was done with dictionaries, concordances, the textbooks themselves, a few notes jotted here and there. But nothing came forth that seemed to be the right message. Then recently when not really looking for it, the words came all in a rush of inspiration. With all humility and in perfect peace it came during the study of the Lesson Sermon on Spirit. The passage from Science and Health on page 72:1-8 brought forth the following:

Heavenly One

Hallowed Be Thy Name—

Name: the thought of you, God, *i.e.* holy thought *from* you, holy thoughts *of* you bring Thy kingdom — Thy kingdom Come! Thou art ever and the only Presence, governing all without any opposition for there is none. Your Love provides us with all we need on a daily, hourly basis; You, dear Father are patiently correcting our mistakes thereby showing us how to truly love. God does not give us the spirit of fear or anything to fear, but delivers us from all evil; as you, God, are All-in-all. In this Allness, the Only Cause and effect, there is only good. Amen.

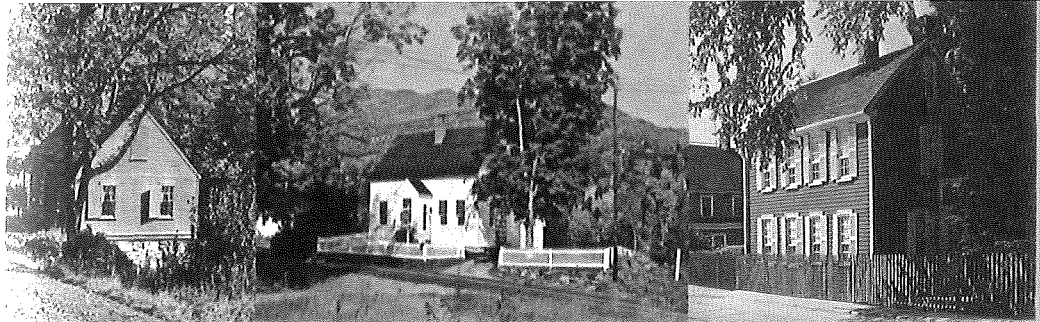
“Lo, I AM with you always.” So Mrs. Eddy closes her letter.

Joy

The subject of prayer is the essence of all religious thought. To learn to pray from the infinitude, the spiritual depth of Soul is pure joy, the joy that no man can take from you. This brings us to the further realization that prayer does not emanate from the mortal, the human desire, it comes from the only source of all good, that is God. Therefore prayer is reflected. It is expressed through man, it does not originate with man. It is God’s own acknowledgement of Himself.

For this last unfoldment I am profoundly grateful.

“And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard me. And I knew that Thou hearest me always:...” (John 11:41-42)



HISTORY

“I cannot advise you regarding a Christian Science practitioner, but I earnestly request that you select one who knows Christian Science history.”
— *Mary Baker Eddy*

THE MYSTERY AND HISTORY OF SIN

FROM infancy Mary Baker Eddy was a semi-invalid suffering distressfully, most especially from dyspepsia. She could not eat a normal meal without severe suffering. So she was ever seeking health and the science of health which she knew Jesus understood.

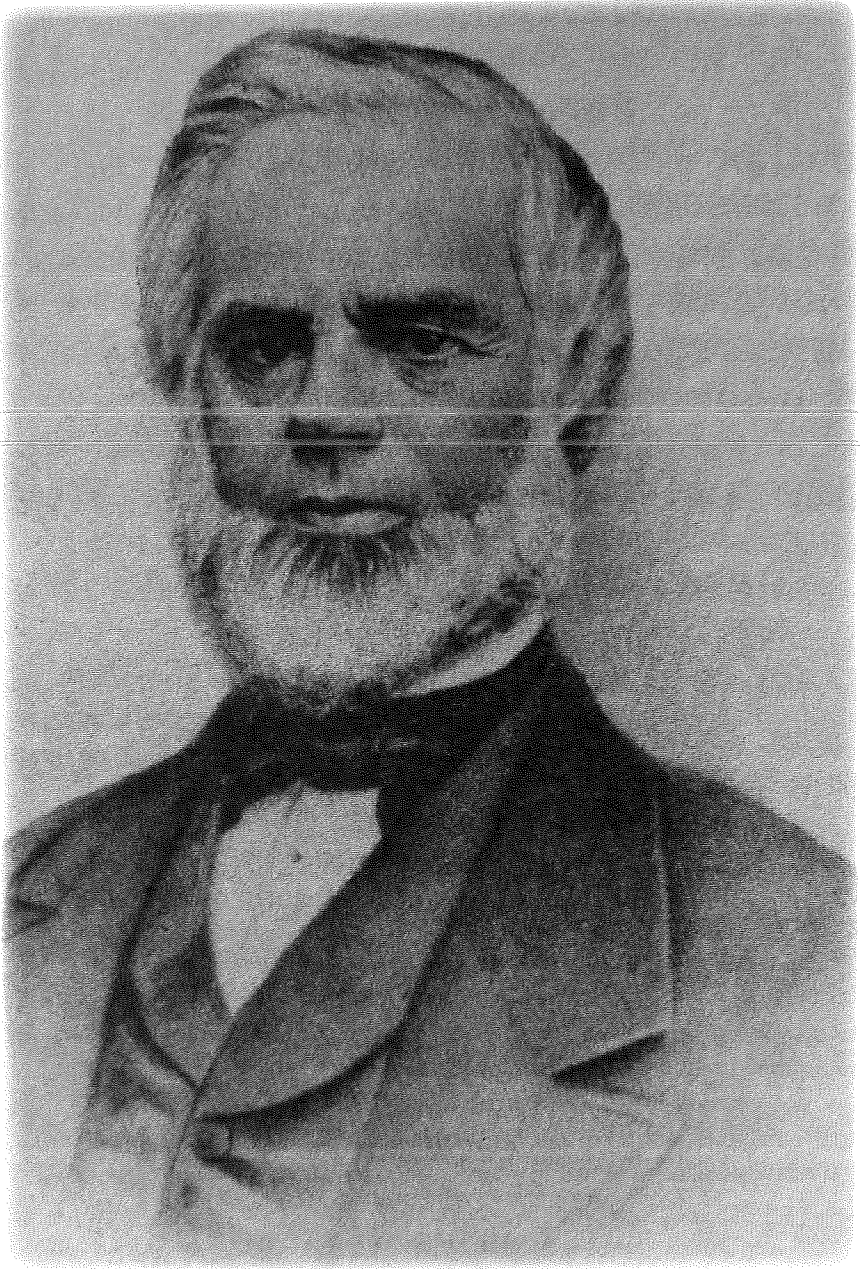
Dr. Quimby

When she went, in 1862, from Dr. Vail’s Hydropathic Institute in Hill, New Hampshire to Portland, Maine, to see Dr. Quimby (who claimed to have discovered a new method of healing) it was with a last desperate hope and the highest expectations, for Dr. Quimby had responded to her letter of despair with great encouragement. And she was not disappointed! Following his treatment she felt strength and health she had not had before; and she sang the doctor’s praises. She also remained in Portland to learn more about his method of healing.

Mind-power

What she learned from Dr. Quimby is the power of mind. Because this had opened a door for her, and because Quimby was a

“My history is a holy one.” — *Mary Baker Eddy*



DR. PHINEAS PARKHURST QUIMBY

moral, honest, good man with an earnest desire to help the suffering, she did not then know that his work was wholly mortal mind, not divine Mind. Until she learned this she believed that Quimby had discovered the science of being and gave credit where she thought credit was due.

Revelator to This Age

But Mary Baker Eddy is the Revelator to this age although she knew it not in 1862. Her miraculous healing by divine Mind in February, 1866, — after Quimby had passed away — was her first step in Christian Science. This was followed by four years of seeking and finding that she might give this Principle of Mind-healing to all mankind.

Fifth Year

In her fifth year of studying, pondering, imparting, healing and teaching she had something quite different with which to contend. She had met resistance, rejection, bigotry and more due to ignorance and false beliefs. Now she met up with evil. Sin, envy, malice, hate were entirely different from ignorant error. She wrote in later years:

I shall not forget the cost of investigating for this age, the methods and power of error. (Mis 222:29)

Essential Investigation

She tried to avoid this investigation but as the Revelator to this age it was thrust upon her. The mystery of iniquity had to be uncovered that it may be understood and refuted. But it was elusive and not easily fathomed as our Leader recollects:

While the ways, means, and potency of Truth had flowed into consciousness as easily as dawns the morning light and shadows flee, the metaphysical mystery of error — its hidden paths, purpose, and fruits — at first defied me. I was saying all the time, “Come not thou into the secret” — but at length took up the research according to God’s command. (Mis 222:30)

Fulfillment of Prophecy

Our Leader fulfilled the prophecy of things to come which Jesus had shown to John. As the Lamb of God she had loosed the seven seals and the seven angels with trumpets were sounding in her experience,

destroying the belief in a third, the belief that there is something beyond the two aspects of reality — infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation — a third something called matter.

Fifth Angel

When the fifth angel sounded a star fell from heaven. And this fallen star opened the bottomless pit. Neither our Leader nor our nation had an inkling of what had happened. But the results were devastating and immediate.

Plunge Into Darkness

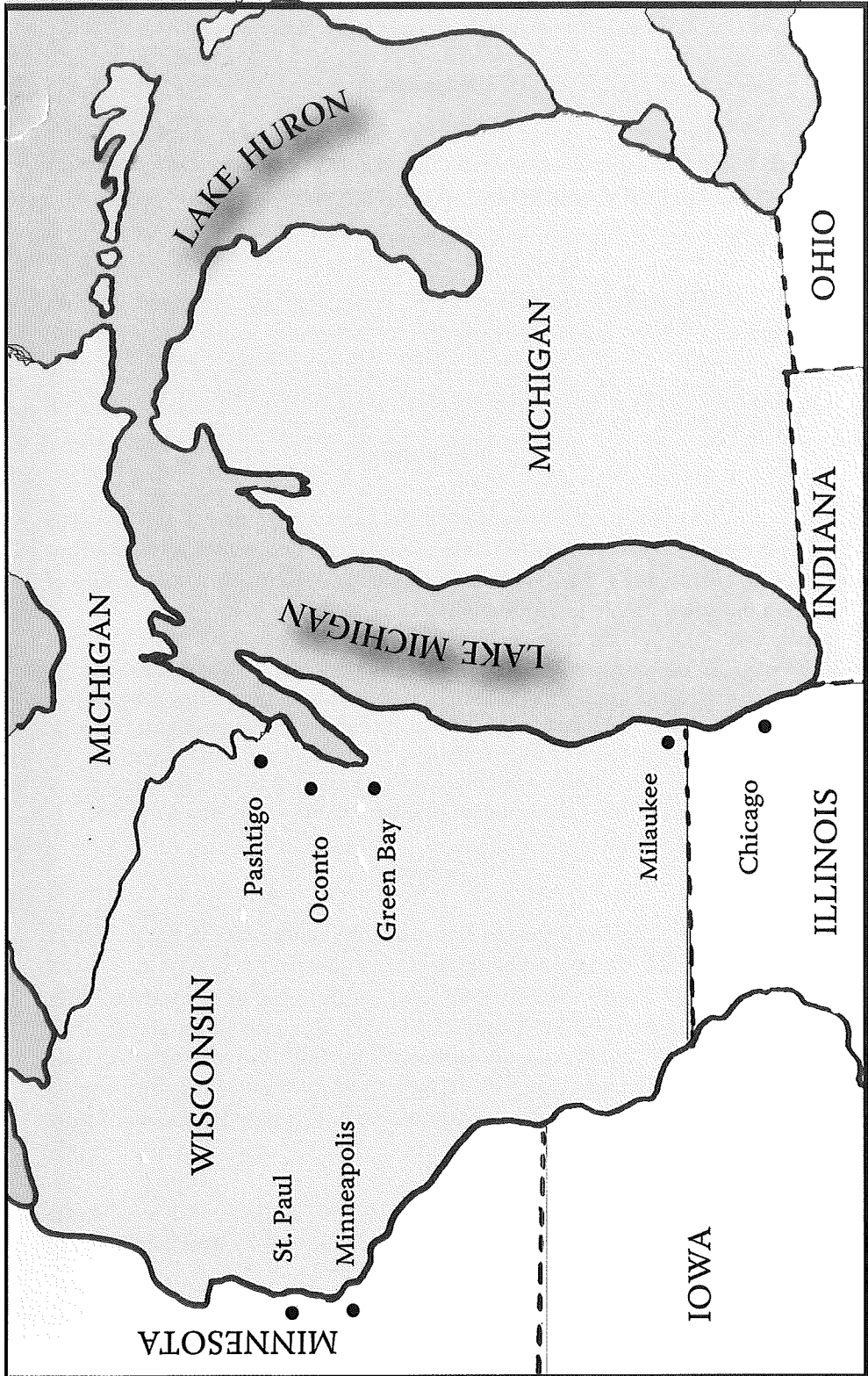
Mary Baker Eddy's second student, Richard Kennedy, to whom she had given so freely and imparted so much, had been listening to the serpent's whisper that he could use science, omniscient power, to do whatever he chose, good or bad. Richard had been clandestinely toying with this aggressive mental suggestion, but it was the fall of 1871 when this promising student plunged into this dark labyrinth and "a star fell from heaven."

Woe to the World

Have you an inkling of what occurred at that time? The news was dominated by the great Chicago fire of October 8, 1871 which destroyed a third of the city. Though the Chicago fire was included in history books, its amazingly unusual aspects were not. Reporters on the fireline witnessed buildings that were far beyond the line of fire burst into flames simultaneously from the interior "as if a regiment of incendiaries were at work. What latent power enkindled the inside of these advanced buildings while externally they were untouched?" Some reporters made reference to a "food for fire in the air, something mysterious as yet and unexplainable." On the riverbank, 200 feet from the nearest building, several hundred tons of pig iron were melted into one huge, solid mass.

Research

This information and quotations are from a book published in 1967 entitled *Mysterious Fires and Lights* in which the researcher, Vincent H. Gaddis, has pieced together the story of devastation that October night.



MICHIGAN

LAKE HURON

MICHIGAN

OHIO

INDIANA

LAKE MICHIGAN

Pashtigo

Oconto

Green Bay

Milwaukee

Chicago

ILLINOIS

WISCONSIN

St. Paul

Minneapolis

IOWA

MINNESOTA

Wisconsin

Though Chicago got all the news coverage, the greatest loss of life was not in Chicago. It was in Wisconsin where nine towns in four counties over an area of 400 square miles were completely consumed.

Michigan

Wisconsin's destruction was duplicated in Michigan. Within a region of 1400 square miles twelve communities were wiped out and eleven more partially destroyed. In one area inhabitants were forced into Lake Huron, and for days afterward survivors were picked up by steamers from Detroit.

Seven States

“At locations hundreds of miles apart tremendous conflagrations broke out. Seas of combustion rolled in seven states and struck twenty-four cities and towns.” An eye-witness in Peshtigo, Wisconsin, a community of two thousand, wrote the following:

In one awful instant a great flame shot up in the western heavens, and in countless fiery tongues struck downward into the village, piercing every object that stood in the town like a red-hot bolt. A deafening roar, mingled with blasts of electric flames, filled the air and paralyzed every soul in the place. There was no beginning to the work of ruin; the flaming whirlwind swirled in an instant through the town. All heard the first inexplicable roar; ...

Peshtigo

One house in Peshtigo was raised a hundred feet in the air where it burst into flames. By morning not one building remained of the several factories and mills, fifteen stores and hotels, and three hundred fifty homes. The death toll in Peshtigo that night was four times greater than that in Chicago; and the strange effects of this fire were of a nature that no man had ever witnessed before. “The iron tip of the Peshtigo fire wagon was melted, but the wooden tongue to which it was bolted was not even scorched.”

Forest and prairie fires raced across Indiana, Iowa, and the Dakotas. In Minnesota four counties were inundated by fire, the flames of which could be seen from Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Woe

Jesus said, “Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!” (Matt 18:7)

Kennedy had woe immeasurable ahead of him, but in the fall of 1871 he was gloating while watching his Teacher experience woe from his deadly mesmerism which he worked to conceal from her and was able to do for a short time.

Fathoming Sin

Before the end of winter Mrs. Eddy had confronted Richard and wrote of this confrontation at a later date, “The second year of his practice, when we discovered he was malpractising, and told him so, he avowed his intention to do whatever he chose with his mental power, spurning a Christian life, and exulting in the absence of moral restraint.” (S&H, 3rd ed, Vol 2, p 2) However, it was nine long years of suffering and struggling physically, financially, emotionally, — as one student after another turned against her — before she could say that she had fully fathomed malicious animal magnetism. Then she was able to write in the third edition of Science and Health:

We now understand that never another of our students would have gone astray from the straight and narrow path but for the continued mesmeric influences of that one, employed months, and even years, upon certain individuals... Future history will reveal him and his inauguration of a power which, if it be not discovered, is fatal to the health, life, or prosperity of the individual.

Only One

There is not another individual on this earth who could have done the work our Leader did to uncover the mystery of iniquity. That task required the Revelator to this age. And the only individual who could comprehend what she accomplished is Jesus.

Understanding

But she left a record together with explicit instructions (everything we need) to follow in her footsteps. As we consider and

ponder the history that she lived, we understand the mystery of iniquity and it is no longer a mystery.

Evil claims to be walking to and fro in the earth and taking its toll. And its mystery and hidden ways have protected it from detection. That is why Jesus said, "It must needs be that offences come." When aggressive mental suggestion caused a capable, promising young student of Truth and Love to pervert his understanding to open the bottomless pit, that offence marked the beginning of the end of error; because this offence caused our Leader to uncover the mystery of evil, name it malicious animal magnetism, and reduce it to nothing. Her example is for all mankind for all time to come.

Deny Evil

All evil asks, as it did of Jesus, is to be let alone. It needs to be confronted, denounced and denied continuously until it totally disappears.

Now that the mystery of sin has been discerned, how do we solve this problem? With the scientific statement of being: "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation for God is All-in-all."

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WISCONSIN HISTORY

MUCH of the information about the night of October 8, 1871, as well as the map of Wisconsin and surrounding areas, is in our issue of July, 1981. In reviewing the history of that night of holocaust we also reviewed additional Wisconsin history, much of which is also in that 31-year-old issue, and decided to include it as well.

Peshtigo

The fires that raged through parts of Wisconsin that fiery night began in Peshtigo. After twelve years of earnest, consecrated metaphysical work by our Mother in Israel, uncovering, exposing, and

nullifying malicious animal magnetism, another interesting development began in Wisconsin. It came about in this way.

First C.S. Treatment in Wisconsin

It was 1883 when Hugh McDonald of Green Bay, Wisconsin, heard a steamboat inspector say that his wife's health was improving since having something they called "Christian Science treatment." This interested McDonald greatly, for his wife had been ill for more than a year and physicians had declared her condition beyond healing.

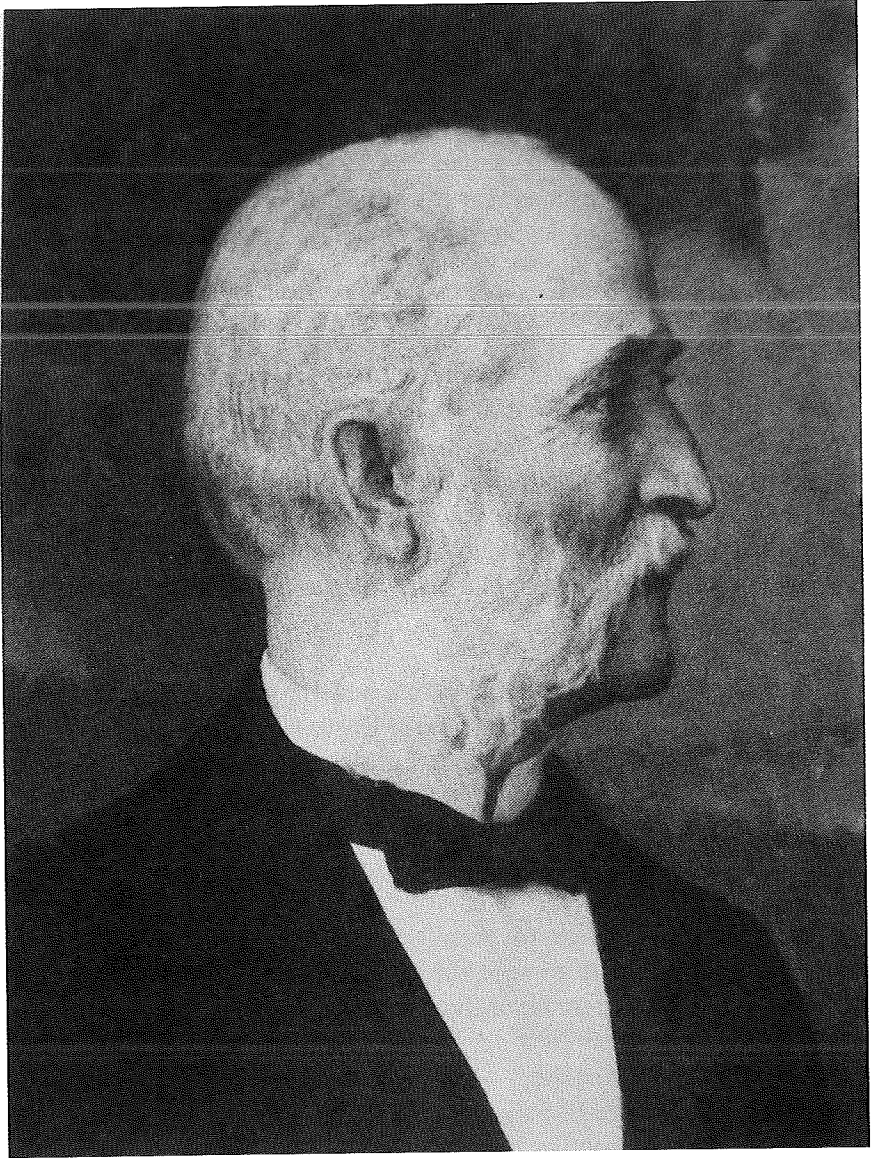
The Sawyers

The inspector's wife was healed by a practitioner in Milwaukee. This had to have been either Mrs. Jennie Sawyer or her husband, Dr. Silas J. Sawyer, for they were the first in Milwaukee to learn about Christian Science. It was 1883 when they obtained a copy of *Science and Health* and gave it their serious and deep attention. The doctor wrote to Mrs. Eddy, the result of which was a trip to Boston in December, 1883 where the Sawyers both had class instruction from the Leader and Teacher.

Dr. Sawyer was a dentist with a thriving practice in Milwaukee in 1883; but when they returned from Boston early in 1884 he made arrangements to dispose of his dental practice and devoted full time to Christian Science.

Trip to Milwaukee

But earlier, prior to their trip to Boston, Hugh McDonald prevailed upon his wife to visit the practitioner in Milwaukee. Emma McDonald had been there but a short time, rapidly regaining her health, when she sent a telegram to a dear friend in Oconto, Wisconsin, — who was also in very poor health, — to join her in Milwaukee for treatment. Her friend, Mrs. Laura E. Sargent, did so, and very shortly both women returned to their respective homes, healed, and with newly purchased copies of *Science and Health*. That was the introduction of Christian Science into Oconto, a town just six miles south of Peshtigo, and a town destined to play a large part in Christian Science history.



DR. SILAS J. SAWYER, C.S.D.



JENNIE E. SAWYER, C.S.D.

Adams Family

Before marriage Laura Sargent was Laura Adams; her father was Samuel Adams. The second signature on the Declaration of Independence is Sam Adams. That Samuel Adams was many years prior to Laura's father, nonetheless Laura's family was a part of that same patriotic, dedicated Adams family.

Minerva Adams

Laura's mother, Minerva Adams was an exceptionally devout Bible student. When Laura introduced Science and Health to her sister Victoria, both girls asked their mother to read and approve the book for them.

The Second Coming

About that time Minerva Adams was confined to her bed with what appeared to be a broken ankle and both daughters went to help her. When they brought her breakfast tray upstairs Minerva picked up Science and Health and said to them, "Girls, this book is of God. I have read it through and I find nothing in it that interferes with the Bible. I believe it is 'the second coming of Christ.' I want you to study it." Minerva Adams may have been the first in all the world, aside from our Leader, to recognize "Christ's Second Coming."

That same morning, a very short time later, Minerva called her daughters back upstairs and said, "My ankle has slipped back into place." From that moment she was a well woman, up and around.

Oconto Response

Laura and Victoria both became serious students of Science and Health. Laura also shared it with friends in Oconto and before long they had a group of students meeting in the home of Mrs. Lovina Millidge to study and discuss this practical Christianity. It may have been a first in the Movement when they opened a Reading Room from 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. This wonderful response to Christ's Second Coming took place just six miles south of the center of devastation in 1871.



LAURA E. SARGENT, C.S.D.

Trip to Chicago

The only class Mrs. Eddy ever taught outside her New England area was in Chicago in May of 1884. Laura Sargent, Emma McDonald and Lovina Millidge traveled to Chicago to attend that class. It was an interesting reunion, for the Sawyers also came down from Milwaukee to attend that class. After the sixth lesson Emma wrote home to her husband, Hugh McDonald:

This grows more glorious every day. ...It seems to me now as though I was blind before, when I used to sit down and read the Bible. ...This Science makes God and the Bible a reality. ...The more I read the more I want to. ...In all the preaching I have ever listened to I have never gained as clear a light as these six lessons have given me.

Another First

The students in Oconto had begun holding Sunday afternoon services in their Reading Room. After the inspired Laura Sargent and Lovina Millidge returned from Chicago, their study group grew so large that the room could no longer accommodate them. As there were no large halls in Oconto, the group organized "the Christian Science Association of Oconto" for the purpose of erecting a Christian Science church building. They did not then know that they were the first in all the world to do this.

Another first for the Movement that began in Oconto was the closing of the service by reading "the Scientific Statement of Being."

Little wonder that Laura Sargent became the closest companion that Mrs. Eddy had in her earthly sojourn.

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PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Each Christian Science practitioner advertising in our columns has signed his or her name to the following statement:

"I am one hundred percent in agreement with Christian Science as discovered and founded by Mary Baker Eddy, as exemplified in her life and works, and as set forth in her book *Science and Health*. I acknowledge Mary Baker Eddy as the God-anointed and God-appointed Revelator to this age. I also acknowledge it to be a 'special offence' to represent falsely by word or work our Leader and Pastor Emeritus (Church Manual, Article XI, Section 12). And I am in agreement with the demand of her Church that a member shall not practise or teach Christian Science contrary to the statement thereof in its textbook *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* (Article XII, Section 12). I further aver that I do not practise or teach Christian Science contrary to the statement thereof in Mrs. Eddy's last (1910) edition of *Science and Health*."

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FROM THE PRECIOUS VOLUME

Mankind have wrought centuries on material platforms, now let us labor on a spiritual one for succeeding generations, and the body will become harmonious and immortal. (99:8)

the epoch approaches when to understand this Principle of being, will form the basis of all harmony and progress. At present we live ridiculously for fear of being thought ridiculous; are slaves to fashion, appetite and sense; in the future we shall learn Soul is an architect that makes men and women beautiful, noble, and not to be blotted out. We ought to weary of the fleeting and false, hence, of personal sense, and cherish nothing that hinders our highest self-hood. (325:3)

The basis of all health, sinlessness and immortality is the one great Truth, that God is the only Intelligence... (138:1)

mortal error stalks boldly forth on firm footing until the waiting hand of science shall strike it down. (252:9)

Sickness is error, its remedy Truth; and the science of being reveals that our body is sensationless, and that Spirit sees, hears, feels, acts, and enjoys, but cannot suffer; and this makes Soul and body harmonious and immortal. (423:1)

When we get right in regard to Deity, motives and deeds, not professions, will be the standard of Christianity, and we shall gain continually in its proof and practice. (169:5)

all mechanism is controlled by mind. (346:11)

The personal belief that man is a separate mind from God, and that this mind comprehends, feels, and exists, an entity within the cranium, and sins, and suffers, *ad libitum*, is the only personal devil there is, and the one we should begin to cast out. (135:7)



**“If any man hear
my voice,
and open the door,
I will come
in to him...”**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your thoughtful letters, comments, and testimonies of experiences in Christian Science are welcome. Because of space limitations we reserve the right to edit.

I have been reading back issues of T.I.C.S. and in the July 1985 issue is an article by Morris Grekel: “Freedom Is the Answer.” This article is very relevant for today and bears being republished in today’s T.I.C.S., as far as I am concerned.

Irene Hicks
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Thank you for the inspiring and interesting articles in the January 2012 issue of TICS. “Opening the Book” was most thought provoking. I have been reading Science and Health for several decades, and now I ask “have I opened the book?”

We turn to Science and Health for thoughts uplifting us from worldly materialism to the spiritual Truth. This has a healing effect. Also, it is recognized by Christian Scientists as our textbook. A textbook

“When my students need me I will come to them.”

—Mary Baker Eddy—

gives instruction in how to perform or practice the principles outlined therein. Here, for me is the more challenging part. When I have read, then put the book down, am I ready to put into practice what I have read?

Mary Baker Eddy, in *Science and Health* states (15:28-30) “Practice not profession, understanding not belief, gain the ear and right hand of omnipotence and they assuredly call down infinite blessings.”

Clive Lamprell
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The Renaissance of American Liberty

The USA was born from the seed of revelation, the logic of reason and the creation of our founding documents — the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution. But today many American citizens appear confused, complacent, and lacking the courage to lead as our Founders did. As Americans it is our duty to defend what was so long in founding — our liberty and our republic.

Our practice of self-government was begun by our forefathers over 200 years ago. These men studied the ancient principles of law written in scripture. Our founding fathers searched deeply into the history and philosophy of English and European government. From these sources our founding fathers investigated concepts, values, motives and law. They knew that war between kings, nations and religions was constant throughout all the history of western civilization. It was time to stop warring and time to begin building a nation based on the rule of law and the spirit of liberty. It was reasoned that righteous law must replace the kings of power and the men of war. Such forms of government and tyranny must be replaced by the rule of law not the rule of men.

Our founding fathers learned that reason reconciled with revelation can lead men to create a new union of men, with justice, peace and liberty. They learned that they must courageously practice God’s law to create a free nation.

In the original thirteen colonies men were dedicated to freedom for man and mind. Thus they created the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution. They created a new system of law to protect individual rights. Then an open process of politics and governance evolved over years of trial and error. The US Constitution enabled them

to attain a higher sense of self-government as evidenced by the growth and prosperity of a new nation. The new republic created leaders and enabled citizens to improve their lives and pursue their happiness. Since then Americans have clearly demonstrated a desire for personal success — in economics, education, health, and most importantly freedom.

But we have lost our confidence in achieving national success. Today we question our national motives. We fault our elected leaders' decisions. In so doing we fault ourselves. We question our ability to find constitutional leaders. We are at a crossroads. What shall we do? What road should we follow? Consider Robert Frost's dilemma.

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.
(from "The Road Not Taken")

Shall we follow the more traveled road leading to larger government? Or the less traveled path to greater freedom with responsibility? Let us then ask ourselves: Why was this nation created? What new road did the founders follow? Can we govern by constitutional principles again? Can American courage and grit restore our nation?

The European Renaissance was a reawakening. It led to a new birth of understanding, a unification of cultures and kingdoms. Can we Americans return to our foundations to rebuild our republic? Where do we start? How do we start?

We Americans can again follow the road of God and His gift of natural rights. We must return to the principles of self-government and liberty. Today the USA is not alone in this quest. Men and women across the world battle for freedom and self-government. They "seek to secure rights and privileges of a free people." (Noah Webster, American Dictionary, 1828) We Americans again will show all mankind the path to freedom and responsibility if we restore our founding principles. We are the leaders of free men in The Renaissance of American Liberty.

Gerry R. Coleman
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Your little sentinel is a delight to receive. Many thanks for making available the wonderful articles and contributions from various Christian Scientists. What a glorious heritage is ours! Besides the pleasure of being informed and enlightened by the history. I find that the little vignettes not only provide timely reminders of ideas once cherished, but also greatly facilitate my day to day practice the present moment.

Hilary Palmer
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Thank you for your latest excellent issue of April [2012]. It was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.

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My gratitude for "T.I.C.S." and to all those who submitted their articles and letters published therein.

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"Once understanding the nothingness of error, we should never again regard it with fear or submit to its false government."

Mary Baker Eddy
Science and Health, First Edition, p 207

The manhood and womanhood of God have been revealed.



CHRISTIAN UNITY

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*

Christian Scientists...must guard against the deification of finite personality...The Scriptures and Christian Science reveal "the way," and personal revelators will take their proper place in history, but will not be deified. — *Mary Baker Eddy*

