

# Notes



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## CHAPTER I

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2. *Ibid.*, p. 6.
3. *Ibid.*, p. 235.
4. Edwin M. Macon, et al., "Men of Progress in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," *New England Magazine*, Boston, 1896, p. 890. (Footnote in Bliss Knapp's hand.)
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8. Hoskins, op. cit., pp. 32–33.
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12. *Ibid.*, p. 14.
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14. Son of Daniel, born in Lyman, February 8, 1825. Married Laura, daughter of Lebbeus Hastings, in 1848.
15. B. Knapp, pp. 7–9.
16. *Ibid.*, p. 12.
17. *Ibid.*
18. October 30, 1923.
19. B. Knapp, p. 14.
20. *Ibid.*
21. *Ibid.*, pp. 122–125.
22. *Ibid.*, p. 28.
23. *Ibid.*, p. 32.
24. *The Christian Science Journal*, Vol. VI, 1888, pp. 26, 409.
25. *Ibid.*, Vol. III, 1886, p. 227.
26. B. Knapp, pp. 40–41. Bliss's Christmas card still exists, carefully preserved in a large memento book.
27. *Ibid.*, pp. 49–50. The vase, the bracelets, the framed photo and clock are now part of the Longyear Museum collection (Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts).
28. On May 11, 1944, at the Hotel Lenox, Bliss attended the fiftieth annual reunion of the Class of 1894. There were 93 surviving members of a class of 166.
29. B. Knapp, p. 66.
30. *Ibid.*, pp. 55–97, passim.
31. *Ibid.*, p. 109.
32. Notes made by the Holbrooks at Sunset Hill House, July 25, 1955.
33. Mrs. Helen James O'Brien wrote Eloise Knapp in September 1959 that she went through Primary Class with Flavia Knapp in the summer of 1895, just after she had graduated from Wellesley College. She said that Bliss Knapp was in that class, and that he was to enter Harvard College in fall of that year. (He did not enter a regular college class then, but took part-time work.) – *Bliss Knapp and Eloise M. Knapp – Their Book*, p. 8.
34. Irving C. Tomlinson, *Twelve Years with Mary Baker Eddy*, Boston: The Christian Science Publishing Society, 1945, pp. 5–6.
35. Mary Baker Eddy, *Manual of The Mother Church*, Boston: The First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1908, p. 88 ff.
36. B. Knapp, p. 135.

## CHAPTER II

1. For virtually all of this foregoing information concerning the Christian Science Organization at Harvard University I am deeply indebted to the research of Mr. Harold B. Bross, a member of Bliss Knapp's Students' Association and an alumni member of the Organization.
2. L14458, Mary Baker Eddy to Bliss Knapp, January 12, 1902, The Mary Baker Eddy Library, The Mary Baker Eddy Collection, Boston, Massachusetts.
3. Letter from William B. Johnson, Secretary, in the memento book.
4. L14456, Mary Baker Eddy to Bliss Knapp, January 12, 1904, The Mary Baker Eddy Library, The Mary Baker Eddy Collection.
5. *Ibid.*
6. Personal letter, April 18, 1947.
7. *Marlboro Evening News*, June 17, 1904.
8. *The White Mountain Republic-Journal*, Thursday, August 11, 1904. See, Mary Baker Eddy, *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, p. 186, lines 8–13.
9. L14457, Mary Baker Eddy to Bliss Knapp, August 14, 1904, The Mary Baker Eddy Library, The Mary Baker Eddy Collection.
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13. L14435, Mary Baker Eddy to Ira Knapp, November 21, 1906, The Mary Baker Eddy Library, The Mary Baker Eddy Collection.
14. L14444, Mary Baker Eddy to Bliss Knapp, November 28, 1906, The Mary Baker Eddy Library, The Mary Baker Eddy Collection.
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17. *The Daily Illinois*, February 11, 1908.
18. B. Knapp, "Christian Science: Its Healing Ministry," last paragraph.
19. From the original invitation.

## CHAPTER III

1. B. Knapp, p. 162.
2. Rt. Hon. R. W. Bennett, Prime Minister of Canada, 1930.
3. The recollection was written December 15, 1954, and given as a testimony that evening in Second Church of Christ Scientist, Los Angeles.

## CHAPTER V

1. *The Cambridge Tribune*, December 25, 1915.
2. See Appendix for full list of all articles.
3. Letter to Robert M. Decker, Treasurer of the Knapp Association.

## CHAPTER VII

1. Erwin D. Canham, *Commitment to Freedom*, Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1958, p. 165 ff.
2. *The Boston Post*, Thursday, November 24, 1921.
3. Mrs. Eddy was "recalling Jefferson's words about slavery."
4. On loan from The Christian Science Board of Directors.

## CHAPTER VIII

1. Mary Baker Eddy, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 407, marginal heading.
2. Mr. and Mrs. Willard F. Dillaway; Mrs. (Annie) Dillaway had been Secretary of the Association since October 21, 1926.
3. Vol. XLVI, p. 669. The month was actually March.
4. Clara Shannon was looking for two glass photographic plates that Mrs. Eddy had given her in 1908 when Miss. Shannon moved to London, England at Mrs. Eddy's request. The plates were of two pictures made in 1893 by Mrs. Eddy and James F. Gilman, which had not been used in the final edition of *Christ and Christmas*. Mrs. Eddy told Miss Shannon to guard the plates with her life and that "God will tell you" to whom they should be given.

Bliss Knapp knew Miss Shannon when she lived in Boston and he made a point to see her on his world lecture tours. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp went to see her on his 1928 tour and Miss Shannon took the photographic plates from a steamer trunk in which she stored items Mrs. Eddy had given her. She gave the plates to Mr. Knapp telling him that God had told her to give them to Ira Knapp's son. The Knapps took them back to Boston.

Later, while working on his book, *The Destiny of the Mother Church*, Mr. Knapp had a clear vision of the title for the book and for the names of the chapter headings. The revelation also made it clear that the two pictures given to him by Miss. Shannon should be in the book. Mr. Knapp wrote of the pictures in a letter:

When James F. Gilman was making his drawings for *Christ and Christmas*, he made two of The Mother Church which Mrs. Eddy gave to Clara Shannon when she went to London. Miss Shannon gave those pictures to me when I lectured in London twenty years ago. One of the pictures portrays a burst of light emanating from the tower, in which is the angel of The Mother Church. In the upper left hand corner are the two Witnesses overlooking the Church. Though they are no longer here with us, nevertheless there they are holding watch over The Mother Church for time and eternity to see that this Church completes its mission of overcoming seven types of error. This picture was made with Mrs. Eddy's approval, and it occupies a place in my book at the opening of the last chapter on 'Prophecy,' . . . (letter dated November 23, 1948)

He also writes in that letter that, "All the errors of the Adam dream are placed in two groups in the book of Revelation. The first group of seven errors is met and mastered by The Mother Church. The second group of seven errors is met and mastered by *Science and Health*."

## CHAPTER IX

1. Mr. Knapp's citations for this lesson were:

<b>The Bible</b>	<b><i>Science and Health</i></b>	<b>Hymns</b>
John 18: 37 (to 1st .)	131: 26-30	226
Luke 24: 12-16, 27, 31-32	46: 5	221
Zech. 4: 1-3, 12-14	117: 31-10	197
Gen. 1: 16 (to :)	565: 18-22	
Micah 5: 2, 3 (to :)	559: 32-9	
Rev. 12: 1, 3, 5	107: 1	
Rev. 11: 3-4	108: 1-4	
	Pref. x: 11-13, 15-17	
	xi: 9-24	

## CHAPTER XI

1. Published in the *Christian Science Sentinel* of March 2, 1946.