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OUR THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY

By Mary Baker Eddy

“Every day, every hour, our work increases in effectiveness and power.”

THINK UPON THIS

Daniel is the type of true Christian Scientist. In the presence of the lions, he turned his back upon them, and his face toward the light. So may we calmly turn our backs upon error of every form and turn our faces toward the heavenly light of Love Divine.

Irving Tomlinson

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

Thomas A. Edison

QUOTES FROM PETER V. ROSS

Leaves of Healing, p. 37

Life is the only power and presence in the universe. It has no enemies in the form of disease or disaster or years. And this Life retains its energy, vitality, health, and endlessness when individualized as you.

JIM'S CORNER

Whatever you do today, do it with the confidence of a 4-year-old in a Batman tee shirt.

THOUGHTS FROM MISCELLANY Mary Baker Eddy

The dear children's good deeds are gems in the settings of manhood and womanhood. The good they desire to do, they insist upon doing now. They speculate neither on the past, present, nor future, but, taking no thought for the morrow, act in God's time.

GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

by Doris White Evans

Wherever I am, no matter what I am confronted with, I must see the man God made. And most of all, I must love him.

JOY

*by Charles V. Winn,
Healing Thoughts No. 34*

Love and joy walk hand in hand, for a loving heart is always a joyous heart; and a joyous heart is always loving.

EARLY BEGINNINGS FROM OUR PAST

*From Science and Health, First Edition
by Mary Baker Glover*

Life gives immortality to all it creates.

“A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD”— AUSTRALIA

Keeping with our new tradition of featuring neighborhood sights, as Jim did in the Newsletters he produced, our feature in this month's issue is sights from Australia, provided to us by Imogene and Christoph Hewett, with help from another Australian member, Jenny Grimm. The lovely descriptions below are by Imogene.



Sugar gum tree. Photos by Christoph Hewett

The sugar gum tree pictured is over 100 feet tall. Whilst a very common tree in Australia, it is actually very special and has been equipped by God to survive under the grueling conditions of the Australian outback to provide excellent shelter and windbreak. It is incredibly resistant to drought — it is amazing how little water this tree can get along with! Although it behaves invasively in bushlands (and has been shown to pose invasive risk in other countries), this tree performs exceptionally in Australian bushfire environments. It is a very rapidly growing tree and adapted to environments where

regular bush fires occur. It has the ability to mass recruit seedlings, and through wind dispersal has the capacity to spread seed up to 220 feet away from planting locations. Thus God has equipped people in bushfire prone areas with a tree that will spring back with new life very quickly and effectively after a bushfire. Its rapid growing pace also makes it a fantastic firewood supply! It's happy at temperatures above 110° Fahrenheit and lives for 150 years!



“Snow in Summer”

The plant pictured above is around 35 feet tall. In Australia we see this plant start to bloom in late spring/early summer. It's been given the loving name of “Snow in Summer” and some people associate it with Christmas, as it's often in full bloom in December. The beautiful white flowers only last a couple of weeks, so if this tree is blooming at Christmas, it's like it is dusted with snow; even though Christmas day in Australia is usually very hot and stuffy! Being a “paperbark” tree, the bark can be peeled off in sheets and used to draw and write upon. As a child I used to love imagining that this tree was covered in snow and I was having a “White Christmas,” with the added bonus of peeling the bark to draw on. This tree reminds me of God's sweet love and

humour — to decorate the very trees to celebrate Christ and Christmas.



Kangaroo Paws

These are one of my favourite plants because they are so bright and they grow in some really dry places — they are such a wonder! I love them because they feel so velvety just like the paw of our official symbol; the beautiful kangaroo. Since December in Australia is quite hot, the kangaroo below and koala are taking a little rest amongst the gum trees.



Photo by Jenny Grimm

The koala below is having a nap resting on a branch on a hot December day in Australia.



Photo by Jenny Grimm

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 27, 2022

Library Committee—Thomas Richards

One project we've been working on is compiling biographies of Mary Baker Eddy. The list is now up to 106 books, and the list also includes books that have biographical information about Mrs. Eddy. Looking through different Christian Science websites, we found that the biographies listed were very anemic, and some we generally avoid. This list we've been compiling is really the best source of biographies.

Dale Wallis from Virginia did a lot of work on this and found wonderful books. One that Mary Beth highly recommended was *Mary Baker Eddy Christian Healer*. It's a wonderful compilation of the healing work done by

Mrs. Eddy. Another one recommended by several people is a 3-volume set by Doris Grekel.

In searching through books for sale, we also came across some copies of the first two Christian Science Series books, which preceded the Journal and Sentinel. They were printed by the Rare Book Company, and Pam bought them for us. So if anyone is interested in watching out for any of the Christian Science Series or other books that might pop up for sale, I've never paid more than \$50 for them, and you can often find them for much less. We're always interested in expanding our library.

Website Committee—Jeremy Palmer

During 2021 our website had 52,912 different people visit! English-speaking YouTube videos were viewed 518,700 times, and we gained almost 700 new YouTube subscribers for a current total of more than 4,000 subscribers! Thank God for this strong, steady growth!

The Spanish-speaking website had over 5,000 unique visitors, and the YouTube videos were viewed almost 25,000 times and it has 450 subscribers.

The Urdu website had almost 1,000 unique visitors, and Urdu videos were viewed 4,600 times and it has 41 subscribers.

The French website had 1,502 unique visitors, YouTube videos were viewed 1,600 times, and it has 42 subscribers.

The German website had 1229 unique visitors, Dutch 663, Hungarian

542, Russian 699 and just got its first subscriber, Chinese 473, Pashto 435, Persian 480, Sindhi 961, Ukraine 489, Marathi 895, Nepal 594, and Tamil 993.

A Visit with Jim

Bruce and Bella recently traveled to Arizona to visit with Jim Dible, and to help him with some business matters. Jim will be in his hundredth year shortly, and ready to embark on his second hundred years!! He looks wonderful, doesn't he! What a sweet, Christly face.



And below is a photo of Jim and his lovely wife Doris.



This is an informational newsletter for members of the Plainfield Christian Science Church, Independent, intended to be a means for communication with each other, and is supported and provided by the efforts of the membership at large. Each member shall do his part to ensure the continuing success of Independent Christian Science as a worldwide activity. Let us begin with our Newsletter.