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**OUR THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY**

By Mary Baker Eddy

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

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**THINK UPON THIS**

Life is divine Principle, Mind, Soul, Spirit. Life is without beginning and without end. Eternity, not time, expresses the thought of Life, and time is no part of eternity. One ceases in proportion as the other is recognized. Time is finite; eternity is forever infinite. Life is neither in nor of matter.

Mary Baker Eddy  
*Science and Health*, p. 468

**THOUGHTS FROM  
MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS**

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Success in life depends upon persistent effort, upon the improvement of moments more than upon any other one thing. A great amount of time is consumed in talking nothing, doing nothing, and indecision as to what one should do. If one would be successful in the future, let him make the most of the present.

Mary Baker Eddy

**JIM'S CORNER**

Some of the people who attended the song service at a certain church last night and heard the song “O, Little Town of Bethlehem” were convulsed when a four-year-old, at its conclusion, asked in an audible tone, “Mama, who was Little Tommy Bethlehem?”

**QUOTES FROM  
PETER V. ROSS**

Inspiration and revelation are not obsolete. God's voice has not been silenced, nor has His interest in man declined. He has health and strength for you, and opportunities for success and usefulness.

*Lectures on  
Christian Science*, p. 33

## “A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD”

A visit to Snowy Plainfield Area  
with Members from Plainfield Church



Snowy sunrise over the lane leading to Chardie’s house.



Evergreen trees planted at the edge of North Plainfield High School’s football/baseball field as a barrier from the major highway that runs past. They were planted several years ago as tiny little trees, and now are towering protectors, and a home for birds and other wildlife.



Neighborhood view from Carol’s Victorian balcony.



Cardinal patiently waiting for Mary and Gary to serve his breakfast.



Mary and Gary’s yard with Christmas lights in the evergreen tree near the door.



The woods behind Jeremy’s house. A winter wonderland!



Winter vegetable gardens hide secrets in the soil! This is Bruce’s garden, sleeping under a blanket of snow, waiting for the Spring when lettuce, tomatoes, corn, squash, and many other vegetables will be growing. You can see a corner of his greenhouse where the seeds will become seedlings and eventually feed the church! Thank you, Bruce!



Sunset at Bruce and Bella’s house.

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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
JANUARY 22, 2026**

**Website/Broadcasting Report  
Jeremy Palmer**

It’s our website’s anniversary—it has been up and running for ten years! And is now in 21 different languages. Check out the impressive statistics below:

During the entire year of 2025, our church website had 723,000 visits! And our English language YouTube videos were viewed 497,500 times, and we have 6,862 subscribers. English language Vimeo videos were viewed 10,600 times.

Actually, this is a **double anniversary**. As you’ve probably already heard, Plainfield Church has been in existence for 100 years now! Thank you to all of you who participate in our services and classes, and contribute in so many ways. It was encouraging to hear that Mrs. Eddy knew of the existence of

Plainfield Church, and that so many of the early workers who we know and love through their writings, lectured here in Plainfield.

***Christian Science Sentinel***

**July 11, 1908**

*Dear Leader:*—Knowing your interest in every beginning of the work, we wish, in love and gratitude, to tell you of the progress of Christian Science in Plainfield, N.J. The work was started here four years ago, by three people who met weekly to read the Lesson. With this as a beginning, the society was organized in January, 1906. Working in harmony and unity, the needs of the society have been steadily met, until in May, 1908, new and more commodious rooms were secured, and on June 1, Plainfield listened to its first lecture on Christian Science, delivered in the New Plainfield Theater to an audience of eight hundred. Trusting that this will be the first of many good reports which we shall be able to send you.

Faithfully and loyally yours,  
Susan Corey,  
Clerk of Christian Science Society in  
Plainfield, N. J.

***Christian Science Sentinel***

**March 20, 1909**

*Beloved Leader:*—It is with deep gratitude that we are able to write you that on Jan. 12 the Christian Science Society here was organized as First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plainfield, N. J. We are steadily increasing in numbers and strength, and the thought is constantly gaining firmer ground. With our organization as a church comes a new impetus for work, which, grounded on the teachings you have given us, we know has already its assured fruitage. In the future, as in the past, we look to you with

love and gratitude for the understanding which has enabled and will enable us to take each step of the way.

Faithfully yours,  
Christine Most, Susan Corey,  
Lottie S. Bennett, Committee

**Letter from  
Ann in England**

A Happy New Year to you and yours. I hope you have had an enjoyable family Christmas.

Thank you also for the beautiful Christmas Eve service. My, you do have some talented singers and musicians. It was so lovely.

How interesting to hear that Plainfield Church is 100 years old—a notable achievement in itself, but even more so given that the church is embracing technology, thriving, and extending its reach around the world. I recall when I ‘went through class’ with a teacher from the organisation, who another student, from Africa, asked why there were no Christian Science writings in any of the three African languages she spoke, and the teacher described the long process of ‘authorising’ a translation of anything by the organisation. How inspiring then, that the wonderful people who translate for Plainfield do so to the best of their ability, and as guided in their prayers, and offer it to the world without committees or human processes, and it blesses the world immediately. I’m so grateful for this outreach.

Thank you also for reading the wonderful early testimony from the newspaper about the local Plainfield practitioner, Miss Most, and the healing of the crippled boy. Very inspiring.