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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

The fullness of the earth belongs to the free circulation of honesty, virtue, and progress in the footsteps of truth.

Mary Baker Eddy,
The Blue Book p. 283

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

Winston Churchill

GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it.

Benjamin Franklin

JIM'S CORNER

Did you know our modern automobile was mentioned in the Bible?

“The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.”

Nahum 2:4

THOUGHTS FROM *MISCELLANY, page 252* by Mary Baker Eddy

The entire purpose of true education is to make one not only know the truth but live it—to make one enjoy doing right, make one not work in the sunshine and run away in the storm, but work midst clouds of wrong, injustice, envy, hate; and wait on God, the strong deliverer, who will reward righteousness and punish iniquity.

JOY

The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

EARLY BEGINNINGS FROM OUR PAST *SCIENCE AND HEALTH* FIRST EDITION

by Mary Baker Glover

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At present we live ridiculously for fear of being thought ridiculous; are slaves to fashions, 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.

“A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD”

A visit to Colonial Williamsburg, with photos and descriptions by Dale W.

After growing up in Lexington, Massachusetts, where the American Revolutionary War began April 19, 1775, my husband and I ended up in Williamsburg, Virginia, mid-peninsula between Jamestown and Yorktown, where the War ended.



A typical garden in Williamsburg

History plays an enormous role in the lives of those who live here, and Colonial Williamsburg, which is a presentation of life at the time of 1775, brings it all to life! Every home, shop, craftsman, garden, tavern, public building, crop, pastures with animals, windmill, etc. — all are presented as they were historically.

Much can be learned here through tours, movies, ceremonies, performances, classes, or simply walking the streets and talking with the costumed actors.



One of the last surviving Minutemen from Lexington, Levi Preston, when asked in 1843 why he went out to fight the British said, “We’d always governed ourselves and the Red Coats said we shouldn’t.” Mary Baker Eddy says, “Reflecting God’s government, man is self-governed.” (S&H, 125:17)



Fife and Drum Corps

The Patriots, Founding Fathers, when continually treated unfairly, turned to God; Thomas Jefferson proposed a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, meeting in Bruton Parish Church, Williamsburg. Soon after, they voted for Independence at the Capitol in Williamsburg.



Bruton Parish Church, where Patriots met and prayed

Duke of Gloucester Street is mile long, and runs from Merchants Square (modern shops), to the Colonial Capitol. Standing in the middle of the street, you can see the Wren Building at the College of William and Mary (the beginning of the campus, which starts across the street from Merchant Square) at one end, and the Capitol at the other.

To get an idea of what Colonial Williamsburg offers, you can go to this website: colonialwilliamsburg.org. Click on “Explore” to see! Whether you live here, or just visit, excitement abounds in year around activities and celebrations!



The Colonial Capitol



Governor's Palace: once the Royal Governor's, then after Independence, Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson each resided there when Governor of Virginia



A typical carriage ride in Williamsburg

Visitors from Out of Town

Frances Eddy, a devoted Christian Scientist and member of Plainfield Church, who is a descendent of Asa Eddy's brother, came to visit Plainfield with her husband, Dean. She brought some of her extensive collection of early Christian Science books, newspapers, and other priceless treasures, including the first issue of the C.S. Monitor.

We had an amazing visit, and enjoyed looking through these books and papers, and hearing her description of each one. You will be seeing some of these items in the Liberator and in future Newsletters, and probably in reports from our Library Committee. We are so thankful to God, and to Frances and Dean, for providing this wonderful collection to us.

Sunday School Report Florence Roberts

Our wonderful Plainfield Sunday School has basically three levels of instruction. The intermediate class usually has four children with two

visitors who have been attending more regularly. We have started to combine the youngest class with the others for the opening hymn and the Lord's Prayer. We then split up into classes and continue with our gratitudes.

After gratitudes to God we continue with our class lesson discussion. They are learning to watch their thoughts with a knock-knock game. Bad thoughts can't come in, only good thoughts are let in. We did several lessons about who each one is as God's child, which included excerpts from *WHO I AM*, by Mrs. Roberts. During this we learned more about prayer, talking to God, and the seven synonyms. Last, we sing our goodbye song to each other.

Our older class has three regular attendees and recently three visitors. We use the Bible Lesson stories to bring out the Christian Science Principles demonstrated by Christ Jesus and various figures in the Bible.

Knowing who we are, as the spiritual, perfect, immortal ideas of God, has been stressed. The need to love ourselves and others divinely, has also been explained; as in rebuking error but not to attach error to God's own child. Learning not to depreciate ourselves or think of others as less than what God made them to be.

Our Australian group continues with us fortnightly and are grateful. There is a lot on the Children's website for those who cannot attend. We continue to pray to do God's will and listen for the best ways to teach this precious Truth, so that the students will grow with a better understanding of God, and know who they really are.