

# *The Plainfield Independent Newsletter*

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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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### **WHAT IS A BLUE SKY?**

This is not an enhanced photo, for it actually displays the beauty of the day. The day was April 15, 2020, and it was impossible for me not to record the view of the sky. In the foreground, the desert foliage is taking on a tinge of brown as a result of the warm, dry days. The clearness of the day is revealed by the distant mountains which are possibly 25 or 30 miles away. These mountains rise above the Kingman Plateau by over a thousand feet.

We have had our Wednesday Meeting, and I am now sitting at my table having my dinner and observing a different sky. The brightness of the

earlier blue sky has given way to a more subtle view, for there is a very pale pink sky that a camera cannot capture. What beauty God has given to us to enjoy.

### **GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE**

By Doris White Evans

When I see man as God sees me,  
Upright, perfect, whole and free,  
No Adam mist or mortal law,  
Can hide from me what Jesus saw.

### **THINK UPON THIS**

S&H page 29:1-5

Christians must take up arms against error at home and abroad. They must grapple with sin in themselves and in

others, and continue this warfare until they have finished their course.

## **QUOTES FROM PETER V. ROSS**

*Leaves of Healing*, p. 171

Do not study and try too hard. Be silent and even idle now and then. This gives the Lord a chance to speak to you and even strengthen you.

## **J O Y**

By James Russell Lowell

“And what is so rare as a day in June?”

### **JIM'S CORNER**

What cannot be bought  
for any price?

Love

(Song of Solomon 8:7)

## **THOUGHTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS**

Page 62:1-7

Holding the *right* idea of man in my mind, I can improve my own, and other people's individuality, health, and morals; whereas, the opposite image of man, a sinner, kept constantly in mind, can no more improve health or morals, than holding in thought the form of a boa-constrictor can aid an artist in painting a landscape.

## **EARLY BEGINNINGS FROM OUR PAST**

From *Science and Health*, First Edition

By Mary Baker Glover, Page 453

When symptoms of sickness are present, meet them with the resistance of mind against matter, and you will control them.

## **A QUOTE FROM THE PAST**

By William Shakespeare

O, how this spring of love resembleth  
The uncertain glory of an April day!

## **SUGGESTED READING**

It was suggested that I read one of the “Watches” found in *Watches Prayers Arguments* given by Mary Baker Eddy. Not only did I read the suggested Watch, but I became interested in the whole publication. I am now well past the mid portion of the publication. It has been a number of years since I read this publication, so I was due for another reading. I have a habit of recording the date when I complete the reading of a book on one of the blank pages at the end of the publication. One will find this book time consuming, for it is so easy to stop the reading to think on the many, many powerful Watches.

## **UP-COMING SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS**

### **FLAG DAY**

This is a day to honor “Old Glory,” June 14th. Do let the “red-white-blue” be unfurled and prominently displayed. I have a new flag to honor this day that will be flown for the first time on this day.

### **JULY 4, 1776 (2020)**

Here is another day in which to display our flag. What a glorious way in which to honor our country. Instead of picnicking, I will honor this day by again reading the Constitution.

During World War II, we retired from the war long enough to load the German citizens of the city we had just occupied into trucks and took them on a tour of a concentration camp we

liberated. Most claimed they had no idea that this was a place in German History. A few admitted they suspected something of this manner was occurring.

We must all be so familiar with our Constitution that we will never permit such an event to happen in the United States.

## **REPORTS FROM MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

### **Library Committee**

**Thomas Richards**

The Plainfield CS Library Committee was formed over a year ago. The Committee oversees the Plainfield Church's library. This library is for all members, and for future generations. Many people have been helping the Library Committee, but I am sure there are those who are not familiar with it. Therefore, the purpose of this article is to inform people about the Library Committee, and to discuss ways they can help.

Typically, CS branch churches do not have a Library Committee. Normally, people think of Reading Rooms as the place where books and other publications are kept. However, a Library Committee is not the same thing as a Reading Room. It is quite different.

Over the course of many years, I have been in Reading Rooms in many places around the world. One time I found some interesting pamphlets, one of which was by Frederick Dixon; and another time I found a book that included a picture of the monument to Mary Baker Eddy's birthplace. These finds intrigued me, so for a number of years, I used to check out Reading Rooms for rare and interesting publications. Unfortunately, I was not successful. Then someone told me the obvious, which is that Reading Rooms

are only allowed literature authorized by the Boston Board of Directors. This makes other CS literature extremely difficult to find. I would like to give a couple of examples of books that have been hard to find which were written by people who knew and loved Mrs. Eddy.

When Bliss Knapp first published his book, *Destiny of The Mother Church*, the Boston organization demanded that he stop printing them and that the ones already printed should be sent to them so they could be destroyed. This was, of course, many years before the Boston organization published the book itself after being offered a large sum to do so.

Another example is William Lyman Johnson's book on the History of Christian Science. A more perfectly suited person would be hard to find to write this book. However, when it was first published, it was immediately suppressed and only through the hard work of many people is it available today.

The examples of these two books illustrate the reason and the need for the Library Committee. There have been many people over the years who have written outstanding books on Christian Science, and there have been many people who have worked extremely hard to publish and distribute these books. Many of these books, such as the examples given above, were written by people who knew Mrs. Eddy. It is sad that it is difficult for Christian Scientists to find and read these books.

As time goes on, people who wrote these books (e.g., William Lyman Johnson) and people who distributed these books (e.g., The Rare Book Company) have passed away. Therefore, these books that were always hard to find are slowly becoming impossible to find. (*To be continued in next issue.*)

## **Website and Broadcast Committee**

### **Jeremy Palmer**

From the January membership meeting through May, our church website had 16,839 visitors from over 30 different countries. And we have websites in 17 different languages that are growing amazingly.

Our English language YouTube videos were viewed 204,323 times just since January! Our Spanish language had 3,300 views; Urdu had 2,710 views; Punjabi 1,190; Hindi 868; and our new Hungarian website had 70 views already. We are very grateful for the translators, who work tirelessly to help spread the Word of God, literally all around the world.

## **Roundtable Committee**

### **Sharon Welsh**

Our Roundtables discuss what is going on in the world and how we can pray about it. They teach us how to keep our thought above the problem and not get dragged into it, but to see the unreality of all evil. The teaching is clear and practical, and everyone who listens can understand how to apply this Science.

We have participants on our Roundtable teleconference from Germany, California, Iowa, Arizona, Vermont, and many more states. Recordings of past Roundtables can be found on the church website.

## **Sunday School Committee**

### **Florence Roberts**

### **Lynda Spencer**

Our younger class includes seven children ranging from toddler to fourth grade.

During the past months we worked with several Bible stories, including “the three boys in the fiery furnace,” which we acted out with four of the students. We reviewed “the 5 Gs”—God Good Guards Guides and Governs. We have started to review the Ten Commandments, highlighting the first commandment, and using a flannel board with cardboard tablets, and a beard to represent Moses.

We have used written lessons, with attachments for the students to color, concentrating on specific citations of the 91<sup>st</sup> Psalm, using parts of Doris Evans’ interpretation.

Our older class has four students who join the class via the teleconference. To encourage love for the Bible and *Science and Health*—which Mrs. Eddy has designated as our Pastor—we read citations from the weekly Lessons every week. We then discuss ideas and inspiration from the readings, and talk about how we can use what we learn in our daily lives.

We also now have an International Sunday School. A few months ago, interest was expressed by a mother from Australia who wanted her children to learn from our Sunday School. Due to the 16-hour time difference, it was not possible for them to join the regular Sunday School. Through prayer, the idea came for a separate international session every two weeks to start.

We are very grateful for our loving, dedicated teachers, and are always happy to welcome new students, in person or by teleconference.

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