

## The Plainfield Independent

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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 eternal.”

Science and Health 246:27

### A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

By Miguel Cervantes

Don’t put too fine a point to your wit for fear it should get blunted.

### GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

Sermons and Articles

By Doris White Evans, page 73

Our work is to let our spiritual understanding of God, and our love for Him, shine out to the world, as a light that blesses and heals, reaching all mankind, everywhere.

### QUOTES FROM PETER V. ROSS

Leaves of Healing, p. 95

The freshness and color inherent in Life shine forth flawlessly in you as certainly as you live.

### JIM’S CORNER

Who in the Bible introduced the first walking stick?

Eve, for she presented Adam with a little Cain

### THOUGHTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS

Miscellaneous Writings 147:14-16

“The man of integrity is one who makes it his constant rule to follow the road of duty, according as Truth and the voice of his conscience point it out to him.”

### JOY

Joy is starting each day by reading the Plainfield Calendar statement for the day.

### THANKSGIVING

Our Pilgrim Fathers set aside one autumn day to give thanks to God for the many blessings they received.

As early as I could remember, our whole family would gather together on this day at my grandmother’s home. My father would be asked to express gratitude to God for the bountiful year of blessings each received.

Is it not possible for each of us, in this generation, to hold this day as truly a day of Thanksgiving, rather than just one more festive holiday in which to feast?

### VETERANS DAY

Here is a day, set aside to honor our

many veterans who interrupted their lives to serve in the armed forces in the defense of our country. Let us think of the hymn, "A grateful heart a garden is..." (Hymn No. 3)

## **ELECTION DAY**

November 5<sup>th</sup> is a day set aside for all to gather at their voting location and cast their vote. This is a Constitutional right.

May all express gratitude for our country and for the Constitution that provides us with the freedom to vote. How important it is to cast a vote. Again, in support of this day, let us consider our Lord's Prayer and the phrase, "Thy will be done."

## **PLANTINGS, TREES, & FALL FOLLIAGE**

How lovely are the Fall colors, primarily in our northeastern states! I well remember returning from Plainfield one Fall season as I crossed the Appalachian Mountains and headed for the Pittsburgh area. The trees were adorned with oranges and yellows and were absolutely lovely. The Fall season is one of the loveliest of the year.

## **EARLY BEGINNINGS FROM OUR PAST**

Science and Health, First Edition  
By Mary Baker Glover  
Page 388

When the sick are made to realize the lie of personal sense the body is healed.

## **THE BEAUTY OF THE DESERT**

The Arizona Desert has a beauty of its own, but we lack the fall colors as displayed in our northeastern states. Most trees are evergreens and not

restricted to pines. Cacti tend to always be some shade of green.



Can we not all express gratitude to God for the beauty of His universe? "Thank you Shepherd!"



## **HERE WE GO AGAIN**

It is again that time of our fall season we must again tinker with our devices for keeping time. Coming to a close is "Summer Time" for members of the UK; on the farms of Pennsylvania, "Fast Time" comes to an end; and for the rest, "Daylight Savings Time" comes to an end. The only "enlightened" ones come from Hawaii and Arizona where they do not practice with forcing all to rise an hour earlier. The date is the third of November. Please stay up till 2 AM and adjust your clocks to display the correct time. The motto is, "spring ahead and fall back." In the event you do not wish to stay up till 2 AM, perform the task

prior to retiring and, behold, you will have accomplished the same task!

## **MOONGLOW KINGMAN STYLE**

Is it possible to convey a picture, when it is impossible for a digital camera to convey such an image? Recently, we had a full moon, and that night the desert was aglow with a radiance of light, resembling a day with a heavy overcast. The brilliance of the light was such that even the detail of leaves on a tree was visible. Yet, moonlight is rather unique, for it is reflected light, not direct sunlight. Hence, moonlight has no color to reflect so everything displayed is a shade of gray. Although we may think that leaves are green, in reality their true color is a shade of gray under the glow of moonlight.

What beauty God has provided for us to enjoy.

## **THE EARLY READING ROOM “TEACHING”**

Joanne Fritz

Early on in Plainfield Church, in the pre-lawsuit days, many of the members would meet in the Reading Room in downtown Plainfield on Thursday nights. Our practitioner, Mrs. Evans, initiated this activity mainly as a support for the Reading Room which was open on Thursday nights, but also to support the City of Plainfield by gathering together in unity to pray for our city.

Eventually Mrs. Evans began to speak to us after our study time, to discuss the truths we found in the old Journals, and how to apply them to errors we faced. Soon the Boston organization put a negative “spin” on these talks, and unjustly accused our church of holding “classes” in the Reading Room. Well, interestingly

enough, her talks eventually did evolve into “teaching” — teaching that was divinely inspired, and was the driving force that enabled us to stand against the corrupt organization intent upon destroying Mrs. Eddy’s pure Christian Science.

I remember one such talk, a strong and rousing one against error that demanded we all take such a stand against error whenever and wherever we meet it. The talk caused an upheaval, or chemicalization, in some who were unwilling to strongly face error, and some walked away from the church.

However, those who stayed and supported this courageous stand, were ultimately healed of many physical problems, and also prospered. But more importantly, many who had been timid or weak in character grew strong spiritually, including one member who grew so much in the sight of God as to take up the mantle and later lead our church in the preservation of Mrs. Eddy’s Christian Science. This was undeniable testimony to the Truth that was taught that evening.

I thank God for Plainfield Church, for the courageous and faithful stand of Doris Evans, and for the handful of her students who stood all these years to keep this church faithful to Mrs. Eddy’s teachings.

## **REPORTS FROM SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

### **Website, Broadcast Committee**

Jeremy Palmer

The website has had 23,881 visitors from 117 different countries between May and September.

The top countries were the **U.S.** (almost 11,000 different visitors), **India** (over 4,000), **Nigeria** (over 1,000), the **Spanish** website (almost 1,200), the

**Philippines** (almost 1,000), and several hundred each from **Kenya, Pakistan, U.K., Ghana, Australia, Bangladesh,** the **German** website, the **French, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Chinese,** and the **Netherlands** websites.

Our YouTube channel has over 4,000 videos that have had almost 170,000 views, for 2.4 million minutes watched. The **Urdu** website had 2,200 views, with 18,300 minutes watched; the **Spanish** website has over 1,000 views, and the **French, Hindi, and Punjabi** each had several hundred.

Mrs. Eddy said to know every day that the world is ready for Christian Science. These numbers show the world *is* ready! Let's be sure to support our outreach every day.

### **Sunday School**

Florence Roberts

The younger class includes a baby who just learned how to walk, up through a 9-year-old. They have worked with the beginning of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm using the Bible, books, and a poster made by one of the children. They sing songs and listen to hymns, like hymn 324 that asks God to use our hands and feet for His purpose. This included tracing their hands and feet.

Lynda and Chardie, the two teachers of the younger class, express tenderness and joy; and as Lynda says, "Every time you are in the presence of a child, you are in Sunday School."

The older group follows the Bible Lesson, with readings of the Bible stories and some Science and Health citations, which lead into discussions on

how to apply Christian Science in daily living.

### **Roundtable Committee**

Sharon Welsh

Attendance at our Roundtables is growing. Our record so far is 220 attendants. When we started recording numbers in 2016, the record was 63. What progress!

Being independent, we are free to uncover and discuss the ways of animal magnetism, and how to handle it. Our Roundtables are training us to recognize what animal magnetism is trying to do, and how to make sure it doesn't do it.

### **GOD FASHIONS ALL THINGS**

Florence Roberts

"God fashions all things, after His own likeness." (S&H 516) What a glorious health-assuring statement! I should take this and sing it in my heart that, God fashioned **all things** including **me** in His own likeness! I should be consistently grateful for this and joyfully praise His Holy name for this. Would such a mental altitude not prove this next citation?

"When we wake to the truth of being, all disease, pain, weakness, weariness, sorrow, sin, death, will be unknown, and the mortal dream will forever cease." (S&H 218:32-2)

We cannot be grateful enough for what *Science and Health* explains about God and man!

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