

# *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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## THINK UPON THIS

Remember, there will be nothing come to you that you cannot overcome.

Mary Baker Eddy

*Essays and Other Footprints* pg. 77-78

## A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

Happiness does not depend on outward things, but on the way we see them.

Leo Tolstoy

## QUOTES FROM PETER V. ROSS

“The way we think determines our experience day by day, because thought determines experience.”

Peter V. Ross

## GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

By Stephen T. Evans

You are not alive because your heart is beating. Your heart is beating because you are alive.

## JIM'S CORNER

What do you call a turkey that runs away? A chicken!

Author Unknown

## THOUGHTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS

By Mary Baker Eddy, page 110:26

As Christian Scientists, you have dared the perilous defense of Truth, and have succeeded. You have learned how fleeting is that which men call great; and how permanent that which God calls good.

## JOY

If you lose your joy, remember all the good God has done for you.

Plainfield Roundtable

## EARLY BEGINNINGS FROM OUR PAST

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

A man of years and experience is ripening into higher beauty and excellence instead of growing old.

## QUOTE FROM MARTHA WILCOX

When we clearly recognize the “What thou seest, that thou beest,” this fact will heal all criticism, all condemnation and self-righteousness that we may be harboring in our thought.

## **“A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD”**

This issue features a lovely visit to Sweden, courtesy of our member Somerled, who is also a professional photographer. (See [www.somerled.com](http://www.somerled.com); [somerled-karlsson.pixels.com](http://somerled-karlsson.pixels.com))



The Saint Anna Archipelago, above, is where I grew up, and my love of nature's beauty was ignited. "The divine Mind maintains all identities, from a blade of grass to a star, as distinct and eternal." (*S&H* p. 70) And each individual man, woman, or child is one of those identities.

The Saint Anna Archipelago, also known as Sankt Anna skärgård in Swedish, is an archipelago located along the Swedish Baltic Sea coast. It is one of Sweden's most beloved archipelago regions. Many people come here for sailing, kayaking, fishing, and island exploration.

The Saint Anna Archipelago comprises over 6,000 islands, islets, and skerries spread across an area of approximately 250 square kilometers. This impressive archipelago is renowned for its beautiful natural landscapes, with rocky shores, deep bays, and numerous small islands covered in lush vegetation.



Ale's Stones, also known as "Ale stenar" in Swedish, is a historic monument consisting of 59 large boulders arranged in the shape of a ship. Located in southern Sweden, it's believed to be a prehistoric burial site or a solar calendar, dating back to the Iron Age. The purpose of these stones continues to be a subject of debate among archaeologists and historians.



Havängsdösen, located in Sweden, is an ancient dolmen, stones arranged to form a chamber. This megalithic structure, dating back to the Neolithic era 4000-3000 BCE, stands as a testament to the early human presence in the region. The dolmen is characterized by its large, flat stones arranged to form a chamber.

Situated by the coastline, this dolmen provides a juxtaposition of ancient history and the natural beauty of the sea. The sound of waves crashing against the shore and the panoramic views of the Baltic Sea invite visitors to contemplate.



Krageholm's windmill. The mill was built in 1864 for Count Brahe at Krageholm castle. During the summer, the mill is open one weekend each month, where visitors can experience the milling process.



Folk dancing takes place during mid-summer at Krageholm's windmill.



Haväng offers a fusion of sandy shores, dramatic sand dunes, and thriving woodlands. The seamless blending of the

sea, dunes, and forests transforms Haväng into an escape and retreat, perfect for those in search of harmony.



Smygehuk, nestled at the southernmost point of Sweden. Overlooking the Baltic Sea, this area has a rich maritime history. Fishing, particularly eel fishing, has held a significant role. It's also home to a boatyard specializing in wooden boats.



Bosjökloster, situated in southern Sweden, is a historic monastery. Originally founded in the 12th century, the monastery boasts impressive architectural features and a tranquil atmosphere.

In 1527, Bosjökloster ceased to function as a monastery due to the Reformation in Sweden. The monastery was confiscated along with its properties by the Swedish Crown, leading to the discontinuation of monastic life. It became a part of the Swedish Crown's possessions.



## REPORT FROM PAKISTAN

Our translator in Pakistan, who is a member of our church, reported that Christians and their communities in his region are being attacked, and that 40 Christian churches have been burned. Christian families were forced to flee for their lives, leaving their homes and belongings behind.

He asked our members to pray for their safety, and also requested whatever practical help we could give to them. We announced his request at a couple of our services, and many donated. We have now received very grateful letters from him thanking everyone for their generosity.



Photo above showing the need in Pakistan



Photo above showing distribution of the necessities

“Our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support. Your dedication to

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.

this cause has been truly remarkable, and we cannot thank you enough for standing by us as we work tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of those in need. Beds, fans, crockery, and the Holy Bible in both Urdu and MP3 formats, were the most urgently required items.

“The team set out on a mission to provide aid to 130 affected families in Jaranwala, with a truck filled with essential items. We are not only grateful but also enthusiastic about continuing our efforts to support these deserving individuals in Jaranwala.

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

At our September Membership meeting, Jeremy reported some exciting news about our English language YouTube channel—we now have 5,238 subscribers! And, since the beginning of 2023, that channel has had 391,900 views!

Our internet website has also been very active. Since the beginning of this year: 53,102 different people have visited [plainfieldcs.com](http://plainfieldcs.com) from 174 different countries!

### Excerpt from Sunday School Report Florence Roberts

Since May of 2023 we have added another level of instruction in Sunday School which now brings us to 4 classes.

We usually have five children attending Sunday School at the church and other children who call in or use Zoom from Georgia, California, New Hampshire, and Australia (twice a month).