

***** HIS BANNER OVER ME **THE BANNER** WAS LOVE *****

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PENSION FUND REPAYMENT QUESTIONS

A letter to "Pension Plan Participants (Current Full-time Employees, Former Employees with Vested Pension Benefits, and Retirees and their Beneficiaries)" dated July 13, 1998, stated, "The \$35.2 million outstanding balance on the promissory note to the Pension Reserve has been repaid.... The Christian Science Board of Directors has replaced the Pension Reserve with a special and separate trust fund, *The Mother Church Pension and Benefits Trust*, for sole purpose of providing benefits to Pension Plan participants... The new Pension and Benefits Trust has been funded entirely with cash and securities totaling \$67.7 million... The primary purpose of the Pension and Benefits Trust is to pay pension benefits. However, if in the future our actuary calculates that the Trust assets have grown beyond what is needed to pay pension benefits earned to date, some of the excess funds may be used to pay other benefits the Church provides to Pension Plan participants [current employees]. Matching TDA [medical and health care plan] contributions and life insurance premiums are examples of benefits that could be paid from the surplus... The new Trust has been funded with a portion of the assets from the Pension Reserve. After funding the Trust, the need for the Pension Reserve ceased, and it was closed. Its remaining assets, consisting of cash, securities, and real estate holdings, were released from any special designation within the General Fund."

In a separate "Background Information on Pension Plan Funding" included with the July 13th letter, the following was included: "**What effect will all this have on the Church Balance Sheet?** The most noticeable effect will be a reduction in Church assets by the \$67.7 million which now belongs to the Trust, and not to the Church. However, there also will be a reduction in the Church's 'accrued pension liability' by the same amount... Currently the accrued pension liability, after the establishment of the Trust, is approximately \$20 million. [...] **What has happened to the assets in the Pension Reserve?** With repayment of the internal indebtedness, the Pension Reserve contained approximately \$100 million in cash and securities, plus certain real estate. After the Trust was funded with \$67.7 million in cash and securities from the Pension Reserve, and after the Pension Reserve was closed, about \$32 million of cash and securities plus the real estate became regular General Fund assets once

again." In previous letter to retirees dated April 22, 1991, then treasurer Donald Bowersock stated, "[An actuarial study] has valued our pension fund assets at \$113 million, a conservative level since market value is currently \$132 million... Because of the [Retirement] Fund's strong position, we are able to transfer \$25 million from the Retirement Fund to the General Fund during April of 1991."

In a memo to Mother Church employees from the same treasurer dated March 9, 1992, it was stated, "In March of 1991, the market value of the fund was \$132 million which again was more than needed, and \$25 million was permanently removed from the fund and returned to the general unrestricted fund of The Mother Church [to pay for the now defunct Monitor Channel]... In April of 1991, the market value of the Pension Fund was \$107 million, which was sufficient to meet all past liabilities... and future liabilities... On January 1, 1992, we borrowed \$11.5 million from the Pension Fund... Because this short-term borrowing did not reduce the value of the fund, no announcement was made."

The two amounts taken out of the Pension Fund totaled \$36.5 million. The original assets of the Fund were given as \$113 million or a 1991 market value of \$132 million. The new Pension and Benefits Trust has \$67.7 million. The \$35.2 million outstanding balance on the promissory note to the Pension Reserve has been repaid. The Church still has an accrued pension liability after the establishment of the new Trust of approximately \$20 million. Also after the establishment of the new Trust about \$32 million became General Fund assets once again. Assets of the Trust can be used to fund benefits of current employees. One can see why retirees are confused and concerned about the status of their retirement fund.

MORE ON GERMAN TRANSLATION

A July 1998 letter to reading room librarians from Virginia S. Harris, Publisher/The Writings of Mary Baker Eddy, includes an errata sheet with twenty-seven self-adhesive correction stickers to place over sixty-two lines of garbled text in the new German edition of *Science and Health*. (See the spring 1998 *Banner* for background.) The July 1998 letter states, "Sales of the new German translation have exceeded expectations and as a result, the second printing of *Science and Health* will be published this autumn." It should be noted that the German *Quarterly* is no longer usable with the 1913 edition of the textbook and students had no choice but to purchase the new edition.

ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

Identical letters were sent to all branch churches and societies in the United States dated July 1998 which announced a plan to advertise *Science and Health* nationwide. "Focus coordinators" were appointed, and each branch was invited to donate \$180 to the campaign. If each branch complied, the fund would be approximately \$360,000. Apparently the plan will use primarily radio advertising which will include short accounts of healings and an invitation to purchase the trade edition of *Science and Health*.

ARTICLE ABOUT MOTHER CHURCH

The October 5, 1998, issue of *Christianity Today* includes a one-page article entitled "Christian Science Aims to Shine Tarnished Image." The article briefly reviews "the two decades of withering battles over money, medicine, and media". It states, "Christian Science is gaining fresh exposure thanks to the aggressive marketing of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*..." It mentions the August meeting of "1,800 college students gathered in Boston for a conference on spiritual healing... But the Christian Science church continues to use mass media as a way to leverage its public visibility from its 90-year-old newspaper, the *Christian Science Monitor*, to its two-year-old World Wide Web site..." The article briefly recounts the concerns of "dissident voices" and ends with comments from a former Christian Scientist who opines: "Because the Mother Church presents such a closed system and the American religious consumer is so accustomed to choice, this may be one of the biggest factors working against the revitalization of the church proper."

Regarding the last statement of the article, one cannot help but be reminded that cafeteria-style "consumerism" in religion has produced a landscape of people who have assembled personal belief systems which make no demands on the individual, but produce an ethereal sense of self-satisfaction and false spirituality. It is called the new age. One would hope that this will never be a temptation for anyone calling himself a Christian Scientist.

THE MONITOR AND THE INTERNET

A bulletin for "investment professionals" issued August 17, 1998, announces that EMC Corporation of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, has been chosen by *The Christian Science Monitor* "to manage its popular Internet newspaper edition, The e-Monitor... 'Having EMC run our site has removed a whole set of environmental variables I don't have to think about anymore,' [Monitor Electronic Publishing Manager Dave] Creigh explained." This upgrade of the electronic *Monitor* may indicate preparation for elimination of the daily paper in favor of a weekly print edition by the year

2000 as reported by *Forbes* magazine of December 15, 1997. The electronic paper would offer a face-saving way to claim that the *Monitor* is still a daily newspaper. (See also article in winter 1998 *Banner*.)

NINE MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

According to a comparison of the July and October 1998 issues of *The Christian Science Journal*, the following churches have closed: Chowchilla, California; Pasadena (3rd), California; Indian Lake Estates, Florida; Danville, Illinois; De Soto, Missouri; Silver City, New Mexico; Avalon, Pennsylvania; Pasadena, Texas; and Arlington, Washington. The Kent, Washington, church reappeared in the *Journal* after a brief absence. A new society has formed in Carrollton, Georgia. Since the count began in February 1987, 461 churches/societies have closed and 39 have formed.

NEW BOOK ABOUT R. G. KERRY

A new book entitled *Reminiscences of Reginald G. Kerry of His Practitioner, Emma Dunn and Teacher, William Duncan Kilpatrick* written and compiled by Eliane Kerry was published in September of this year. The book begins with a biographical sketch of Mr. Kerry who is known to the Christian Science field through his letters which exposed the widespread abuse of power and wrongdoing in Boston. His first letter went out in December of 1975 and was followed by ten more over the next fifteen years. The remainder of the book presents metaphysical articles and addresses by Emma Dunn, C.S., and William Duncan Kilpatrick, C.S.B., which are not available elsewhere. These two pioneers played a major role in shaping Mr. Kerry's understanding and steadfastness in Christian Science. The book is \$13.95 plus \$3.00 postage and handling from Plainfield Christian Science Church, P.O. Box 5619, Plainfield, NJ 07061-5619

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

A letter from the U.S. Department of Justice to the editor of *The Banner* dated July 17, 1998, indicated that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had located one additional record regarding *The Christian Science Monitor*. "In light of our review and the recommendations of the FBI and the Central Intelligence Agency, we have determined to release this item in part." The entire first page of the report, dated October 29, 1984, and marked SECRET is blacked out. The name of the *Monitor* writer is not revealed on page two. The letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, states, "As you know, under this Department's regulations, before we can question a member of the news media about any offense he is suspected of committing while engaged in the performance of his official duties as a member of the news media, the express authority of the Attorney General must be obtained...With regard to a possible violation of the

Intelligence Identities Protection Act...the government would have to establish that the relationship was classified and that the defendant knew that the government was taking affirmative measures to conceal the classified relationship...At the present time, it is our opinion that, based on the facts you have provided, there is not a sufficient basis on which to seek the Attorney General's authorization to conduct an investigation and interview the reporter."

One can assume from this letter that a *Monitor* correspondent blew the cover of an overseas intelligence agent of the C.I.A. in 1984. The released document carefully conceals the date of the newspaper date and the reporter's name which might lead to the identity of the agent.

The only other known case of compromise of intelligence information by the *Monitor* took place on June 29, 1971, when the newspaper printed portions of the Pentagon Papers during the Vietnam War even though Federal court injunctions were issued against their publication in other cities. These papers contained transcripts of dated, timed messages which were sent in secret code. The United States and the Soviet Union routinely tape recorded each other's encrypted cable traffic with the hope that a stray, clear copy would surface. This would greatly enhance their ability to break the code. The printing of the Pentagon Papers may have given the Soviets their chance to decipher American secrets during time of war. Mrs. Eddy states in the 88th edition of the *Church Manual*, "A member of this Church shall not publish, nor cause to be published, an article that is uncharitable or impertinent towards religion, medicine, the courts, or the laws of our land. (Man. 48:6-10)

The Pentagon Papers were leaked by Pentagon employee, Daniel Ellsberg. Mr. Ellsberg is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York as are many present and former staff members of the *Monitor*. The C.F.R. is the American equivalent of the British Royal Institute of International Affairs which was set up by Lord Milner of the Rhodes Trust.

MONITOR ARTICLE

An opinion piece in the September 7, 1992, *Christian Science Monitor* by Robert L. Rotberg, Rhodes scholar and president of Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, stated: "If Cecil Rhodes, the great 19th-century entrepreneur, buccaneer, and imperial dreamer were around today, he'd be grinning. He wanted one of the 'boys' to become president of the United States and, finally, Bill Clinton has... Mr. Clinton's accession to the American presidency fulfills Rhodes's deepest aspirations... Rhodes thought of the scholarships as a kind of religious experience. In the enthusiasm of perpetual boyhood, Rhodes believed that he had

discovered an idea that could lead 'to the cessation of all wars and one language throughout the world.'... But in the 90 years of scholarships, only Clinton has taken Rhodes's dreams to the top. In Clinton's personal history, too, he represents almost everything that Rhodes might have specified: poor beginnings, the struggle to make good, ambition, gifts of articulation and persuasion, an ability to adhere to a long-term plan, and a profound sense of national needs."

THE BANNER BEGINS TWELFTH YEAR

This issue inaugurates year number twelve of *The Banner*. The newsletter has subscribers in all fifty states, Canada, England, Scotland, Wales, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand, Kenya, South Africa, and eastern European countries which cannot be named because there are so few Christian Scientists that their identities might be determined.

Subscriptions to *The Banner* are free to any address in the world. The mailing list is strictly confidential.

LETTER TO FREDERICK DIXON

Mrs. Eddy wrote the letter which appears on the back of this newsletter to the editor of the *Monitor* in April of 1909. Evidence suggests that Mrs. Eddy, herself, ordered that it not be delivered. The handwriting, "ordered withheld", and the date is either the writing of Adam Dickey or Calvin Frye. The general message was sent by Mrs. Eddy's secretary to Mr. Dixon as Erwin Canham indicates on page 138 of his book, *Commitment to Freedom*.

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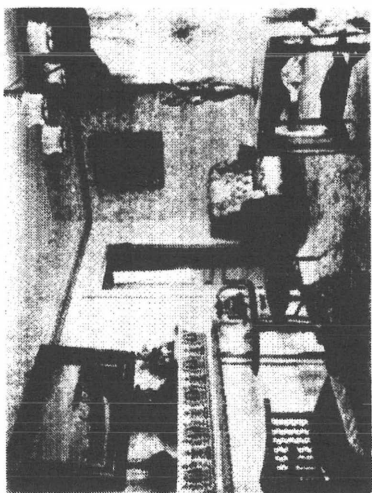
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this I overlook the loss to us in losing you,
and ask you to return immediately to defend Eng-
land against the increasing onslaught of animal
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understand it, and know that I have written it
for your own good, as for that of our mutually
beloved Cause.

Lovingly yours,

Mary Baker Eddy

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THE DIRECTORS ARE BUSY AGAIN: GATE CRASHERS

The Boston Globe of November 13, 1998, carried a story about Gillian Gill, author of a recently published biography of Mary Baker Eddy. According to the *Globe's* writer Alex Beam, "In 1992, Gill and her lawyer began negotiating for access to church archives. The church relaxed its demand for veto power over the book only after chairman of the board Virginia Harris intervened, and granted Gill unusually generous access to files. Generous to a point, that it. Like the KGB, the church's history department doesn't offer outsiders an index of its holdings. So, to procure a document, you must know it exists and how to identify it. The church even mounted its own small-scale intelligence operation against Gill, who is best known as the biographer of Agatha Christie. In 1994, two staffers from the church's legal department managed to crash an informal members-only talk Gill gave at the Union Club and took copious notes during her presentation. Given that Gill and her lawyer were then negotiating with the church, she describes the 'unheralded presence of these women [as] a breach both of club etiquette and, as I was later informed, of legal pactice.'"

WARNING TO PRACTITIONERS

A letter from Mother Church clerk, Olga Chaffee, dated October 1998, gives guidelines for *Journal*-listed practitioners: "The importance of this commitment [to the healing practice] is illustrated by the requirement in the *Manual of The Mother Church* that advertisers will be fully committed to their public practice and not '...practise other professions or pursue other vocations.' (*Manual*, p. 82) ...Thus, the publishing of books or articles or the giving of talks about Christian Science would not be normal for *Journal*-advertising practitioners unless as part of the activities outlined in the *Manual*."

It is difficult to see how writing or giving a talk about Christian Science by a Christian Science practitioner is abnormal or constitutes practising another profession or pursuing another vocation.

This letter is very similar to one sent to authorized teachers by the Board of Education on May 22, 1998. Control and micromanagement, once again, are the paramount concerns in Boston even as the number of teachers and practitioners dropped from 2045 in 1997 to 1953 one year later. Ironically, the apparent high water mark was the year 1953 when there were 10,503 listed practitioners. From 1953 to 1998 there has been a loss

of 8550 practitioners, -- a period of just forty-five years.

LAWYERS IN ACTION

An independent periodical entitled *The Individual Christian Scientist* has been continuously published since July of 1976. Since 1990, it has depicted the cover design of *Science and Health* as published during Mrs. Eddy's day. This unique cover design included symbolic floral designs in groups of fours, sevens, and twelves. Like the symbolism of Mrs. Eddy's periodical covers, the embossed cover of her textbook was also abandoned after she was no longer personally present. *The Individual Christian Scientist* includes reprints of articles from the early periodicals as well as current articles and essays about Christian Science and Mrs. Eddy.

In a letter, the "special trademark counsel of The First Church of Christ, Scientist" informed the editor of *T.I.C.S.* that the display of the old style cross and crown version, which was abandoned in 1908, constitutes a violation of the trademark held by the directors. In addition, *T.I.C.S.* always includes the portrait of Mrs. Eddy and the version of her signature which appeared as the frontispiece in *Science and Health* until 1910. The signature looks nothing like the familiar trademark signature in current use by the church. The lawyers wrote, "Accordingly, we hereby request that you immediately cease and desist from all further distribution of this pamphlet until the offending trademarks have been removed from the front cover and page two." The cross and crown design and signature have been removed. *T.I.C.S.* is published three times per year. \$9.50 Address: P.O.Box 128, Ahwahnee, California 93601.

BANNER EDITORIAL

The foregoing news items illustrate once again the totally destructive policies which have characterized the Christian Science Board of Directors for over seventy-five years. Time after time they have seen fit to delist, excommunicate, suppress, control, and denounce countless active Christian Scientists who were working effectively -- even brilliantly -- for the Cause. In each case, some unproven charge, or some contorted interpretation of the *Church Manual* has been used to neutralize or remove these dedicated people from the vital work in the field.

At the same time, the board's efforts, -- almost without exception --, are fruitless, pointless, expensive, and out-of-touch. Whether it is maintaining a display about Mrs. Eddy at the shrine of radical feminism in Seneca Falls, New York, among people who would

never accept Christian Science; the half-billion dollars wasted on the cable television network fiasco; or the "new" *Christian Science Sentinel* and *Quarterly* designed to appeal to the *Guideposts* magazine crowd; they always manage to get it wrong with almost unerring consistency. One would think that they would make a mistake in our favor sometime. Long ago they abandoned metaphysics in favor of marketing consultants, efficiency experts, commercial telemarketers, and focus groups. All the while, the spiritual and moral mercury of the Cause of Christian Science continues to ebb more and more.

The new *Sentinel* is full of photographs of people washing cars and flying kites. Ethnic diversity is painstakingly observed in the photos. The new motto in a red band at the top of the cover: "Watching the world from a spiritual perspective" effectively overshadows and negates Mrs. Eddy's motto chosen from Jesus' words: "What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." While Jesus and Mrs. Eddy admonished us to watch our own mental horizon, the new editors want us to watch cars being washed, cute children at play, and people using semi-metaphysics to figure out how to get along with that grouch at the office.

The new *Quarterly* offers us color photos of red birds, goldfish, and snow-capped mountains. All of these colorful distractions are aimed at luring the public. But they have the effect of trivializing the momentous thoughts which the Bible and *Science and Health* present.

As long as the directors continue to use the seriously flawed 89th edition of the *Church Manual*, wield Mrs. Eddy's by-laws like weapons, and exempt themselves from *Manual* provisions via their resolution of infallibility (passed August 6, 1993), the rapid decline orchestrated by them will continue unabated.

FIVE MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

According to a comparison of the October 1998 and January 1999 *Christian Science Journals*, the following five churches have closed: Melrose, Massachusetts; Springfield, Massachusetts; Lovington, New Mexico; Scarsdale, New York; and Moncsano, Washington. Since the count began in February 1987, 466 churches have closed and 39 have been formed.

NEGATIVE BIOGRAPHY RECOMMENDED

The October 1998 issue of *Open Doors*, the newsletter for reading rooms issued by the C.S. Publishing Society, recommended a hostile account of Mrs. Eddy's life to librarians: "What are some examples of recent recognition of Mary Baker Eddy?...A featured chapter in Pulitzer prize-winning author Garry Wills' book *Certain Trumpets: The Call of Leaders*." The Summer 1994 issue of *The Banner* alerted readers to this book: "It is a thoroughly negative treatment of Mrs.

Eddy, her life and accomplishments. Significantly, Mr. Wills lists Bates-Dittemore, Milmine, and Peel as his authoritative sources."

QUESTIONABLE INCLUSION

The November 30, 1998, *Sentinel* included an article reporting on a speech by Marianne Williamson. Ms. Williamson, whose aunt and uncle were Christian Scientists, wrote her own book *A Course in Miracles* based in part on her knowledge of C.S., but diverging significantly from it. Incredibly, the *Sentinel* introduces her remarks with the admission that her talk is "sponsored by New Age Publishing and the Omega Institute." The Omega Institute recently sponsored workshops on "Native Wisdom and Shamanism" The Williamson article appears to be the first instance where the New Age is openly embraced in Mrs. Eddy's periodicals. Advertising for *Science and Health* is currently being placed in New Age publications.

CARPENTER LIBRARY FOR SALE

Private library of rare Christian Science Volumes having belonged to Gilbert Carpenter Sr. (Private secretary to Mary Baker Eddy) and Gilbert Carpenter Jr.

Library includes hundreds of volumes of rare and early editions of *Science and Health*, *Manuals*, *Christ and Christmas*, Mrs. Eddy's other writings, complete sets of bound C.S. Journals and Sentinels thru 1910, early pamphlets and tracts, hymnals, portraits of MBE from the Carpenter home, and many other materials.

For further information, a complete listing of contents of the library, price information, or if you have questions, please contact: Terry Flynn, 9000 Poppy Drive # 9141, Dallas Texas 75218. Tel: 214-327-4328

MONITOR CHANGES MAKE NEWS

The November 17 *Wall Street Journal* and the November 30 *Business Week* carried stories on efforts to revitalize *The Christian Science Monitor*. The latest circulation statement which appeared in the *Monitor* on October 7, 1998, gave 77,093 as its current circulation. John Lewis Selover is quoted in *Business Week* as saying, "We would need over 300,000 readers to break even." Neither of these articles repeated the assertion in the December 15, 1997, *Forbes* magazine article which included: "Faced with \$11.5 million in annual losses from the *Monitor*, church leaders are said to have given the paper until the year 2000 to stanch the bleeding. If the losses can't be stopped, the church will cut the daily back to a weekly."

COMPARISON OF 1908 AND 1998

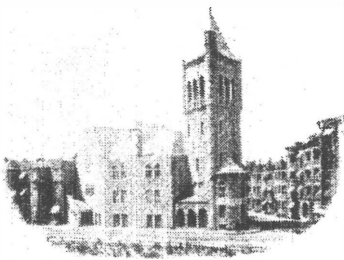
The following page compares the Statistics of Christian Science for 1908 as given in the first edition of *What Mrs. Eddy Said to Arthur Brisbane* with the same figures from the Dec. 1998, *C.S. Journal*. 1998 figures appear first followed by 1908 in parentheses.

STATE	Chartered Churches	Organized Societies	Total	Reading Rooms	Practitioners
Alabama	6 (3)	5 (1)	11 (4)	10 (3)	10 (9)
Alaska	5 (0)	2 (0)	7 (0)	6 (0)	3 (2)
Arizona	19 (3)	9 (0)	28 (3)	24 (3)	44 (6)
Arkansas	10 (3)	6 (1)	16 (4)	13 (5)	9 (13)
California	214 (39)	27 (17)	241 (56)	235 (38)	346 (318)
Colorado	20 (18)	10 (7)	30 (25)	26 (18)	38 (130)
Connecticut	24 (11)	1 (4)	25 (15)	25 (13)	21 (43)
Delaware	4 (1)	0 (0)	4 (1)	4 (1)	1 (3)
Wash, D.C.	6 (1)	0 (0)	6 (1)	7 (1)	9 (24)
Florida	77 (4)	5 (5)	82 (9)	84 (6)	139 (18)
Georgia	15 (8)	8 (1)	23 (9)	24 (6)	23 (19)
Hawaii	4 (1)	3 (1)	7 (2)	6 (1)	6 (0)
Idaho	6 (4)	5 (5)	11 (9)	9 (4)	5 (11)
Illinois	73 (57)	8 (22)	81 (79)	78 (57)	69 (443)
Indiana	29 (30)	8 (7)	37 (37)	37 (25)	16 (114)
Iowa	11 (35)	5 (21)	16 (56)	15 (28)	7 (106)
Kansas	12 (33)	8 (11)	20 (44)	16 (22)	13 (113)
Kentucky	7 (4)	2 (1)	9 (5)	8 (3)	5 (14)
Louisiana	8 (1)	7 (4)	15 (5)	10 (4)	8 (10)
Maine	10 (14)	8 (6)	18 (20)	15 (15)	15 (35)
Maryland	18 (2)	5 (0)	23 (2)	21 (2)	26 (23)
Massachusetts	49 (36)	10 (11)	59 (47)	60 (37)	108 (398)
Michigan	48 (34)	10 (20)	58 (54)	57 (34)	40 (122)
Minnesota	16 (23)	6 (5)	22 (28)	19 (16)	11 (98)
Mississippi	1 (2)	5 (4)	6 (6)	2 (4)	1 (4)
Missouri	26 (18)	8 (1)	34 (19)	31 (17)	40 (166)
Montana	8 (6)	1 (5)	9 (11)	8 (8)	8 (15)
Nebraska	10 (17)	1 (6)	11 (23)	11 (12)	2 (68)
Nevada	4 (1)	1 (2)	5 (3)	4 (2)	8 (6)
New Hampshire	15 (7)	1 (8)	16 (15)	15 (11)	10 (29)
New Jersey	28 (11)	5 (7)	33 (18)	31 (20)	27 (73)
New Mexico	7 (0)	6 (1)	13 (1)	9 (1)	11 (2)
New York	73 (51)	12 (25)	85 (76)	84 (53)	54 (325)
North Carolina	22 (4)	8 (3)	30 (7)	26 (6)	28 (12)
North Dakota	0 (3)	2 (1)	2 (4)	1 (2)	1 (6)
Ohio	51 (36)	10 (15)	61 (51)	59 (35)	58 (168)
Oklahoma	16 (11)	4 (6)	20 (17)	19 (11)	11 (31)
Oregon	30 (9)	9 (7)	39 (16)	36 (10)	44 (36)
Pennsylvania	38 (27)	12 (10)	50 (37)	51 (26)	24 (116)
Rhode Island	3 (3)	0 (1)	3 (4)	3 (2)	6 (15)
South Carolina	8 (1)	3 (0)	11 (1)	9 (1)	11 (3)
South Dakota	1 (8)	2 (8)	3 (16)	2 (8)	1 (19)
Tennessee	7 (5)	7 (0)	14 (5)	10 (3)	9 (14)
Texas	57 (16)	23 (2)	80 (18)	69 (15)	85 (59)
Utah	4 (4)	2 (1)	6 (5)	5 (3)	3 (35)
Vermont	6 (6)	7 (3)	13 (9)	8 (5)	7 (15)
Virginia	23 (2)	5 (2)	27 (4)	27 (2)	40 (10)
Washington	46 (13)	9 (5)	55 (18)	55 (12)	53 (72)
West Virginia	6 (3)	2 (0)	8 (3)	8 (3)	4 (9)
Wisconsin	32 (27)	12 (11)	44 (38)	39 (25)	26 (114)
Wyoming	<u>2 (1)</u>	<u>4 (1)</u>	<u>6 (2)</u>	<u>3 (1)</u>	<u>4 (3)</u>
Total:	1215 (657)	319 (285)	1534 (942)	1434 (640)	1548 (3497)

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There may be slight discrepancies in the 1998 figures for practitioners because of multiply listings, some in two states or countries. In such cases, the practitioner has been assigned for counting purposes to the state in which he spends the better part of the year.

The figures suggest that the drop in the number of practitioners presents the greatest challenge today.

Mrs. Eddy wrote: "Unless we have better healers and more of this work than any other is done, our Cause will not stand and having done all stand. Demonstration is the whole of Christian Science, nothing else proves it, nothing else will save it and continue it with us. God has said this and Christ Jesus has proved it... The true Science -- divine Science -- will be lost sight of again unless we arouse ourselves. This demonstrating to make matter build up is not Science. The building up of churches, the writing of articles and the speaking in public is the old way of building up a cause. The way I brought this Cause into sight was through Healing: and now these other things would come in and hide it just as was done in the time of Jesus. Now this Cause must be saved and I pray God to be spared for this work." (pp. 25, 26, 29, 30 *Mrs. Eddy's Explanation of the Illustrated Poem, "Christ and Christmas"*, by Septimus J. Hanna.

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THE MOTHER CHURCH AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

A recent report received by *The Banner* stated that The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, has been admitted to the National Council of Churches (NCC) with associate membership status. Other reports received over the years have suggested the same thing. In a telephone call to the NCC, the editor of *The Banner* was told that The Mother Church is not a full member, an associate member, or a pending member of the National Council of Churches. Events of the past dozen years suggest an interest in and sympathy for the NCC in Boston.

On September 24, 1987, the Rev. William Fore was included in The Mother Church's videoconference "Global Lecture Preparatory Meeting". Mr. Fore was apparently included in the meeting to give expert advice about religious broadcasting. That meeting marked the beginning of the Board's plunge into television which nearly bankrupted the church.

On December 23, 1987, *The Christian Science Monitor* ran an interview with the new head of the National Council of Churches, Rev. Patricia McClurg. Elsewhere that same year, Rev. McClurg said that her goal was to "broaden the ecumenical family" beyond the 32 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions then involved with the NCC. She conceded that her task would not be easy because "the name NCC scares some folks." The fright generated can be explained by some background. The NCC began in 1908 as the Federal Council of Churches (FCC) and included Fabian Socialists among its organizers. Fabians believe in converting a nation to socialism through a gradual process of education and step-by-step legislation. Sidney and Beatrice Webb, founders of the Fabian Socialist Society in England, had come to the United States in 1898 to review and give advice about introducing Fabian ideas into American churches. The Federal Council of Churches grew out of their efforts.

In 1942, the FCC convention called for: "Ultimately, a world government of delegated powers. Complete abandonment of U.S. isolationism. Strong immediate limitations on national sovereignty. International control of all armies and navies... Individual nations must give up their armed forces except for preservation of domestic order and allow the world to be policed by an international army and navy."

In 1950, the FCC formally changed its name to the

National Council of Churches with the hope of changing its image. Their December 1950 *Bulletin* stated, "All the work of the Federal Council will continue under new auspices." The July 15, 1968, issue of their *Approach* magazine, carried an interview with Gus Hall, General Secretary of the American Communist Party. In it he stated, "We can -- we should -- work together for the same things... We can live together in a Socialist nation."

Continuing with the Board of Directors interest in the NCC, the *Reading Room News* (Now called *Open Doors*) of February 1988 carried the following: "Perhaps in *The Christian Science Monitor* in December you saw the interview with the incoming president of the National Council of Churches, Rev. Ms. Patricia McClurg. In many of her thoughtful comments you might have thought she was addressing a group of Reading Room Librarians! Among other things, she was quoted as saying, "As we are learning the lesson that the whole world is our neighbor we also need to remember that our next-door neighbor is our neighbor, too."

During the summer of 1988, the blasphemous movie, *The Last Temptation of Christ* arrived at theaters around the country. Among other things, Jesus is depicted as making and selling crosses to the Romans while still employed as a carpenter. While the movie was widely condemned, Rev. William Fore of the National Council of Churches defended it. *Monitor* movie critic David Sterritt also defended the movie on the ABC News *Nightline* program on August 9, 1988: "I hope that people go to see it and make up their own minds about it, but support filmmaking with this kind of courage and ambition to deal with this kind of issue in this day and age." A hastily written editorial condemning *The Last Temptation of Christ* appeared in the *Monitor* on August 12, 1988, -- the same day that the movie was released. One article about the movie appeared on July 15th. While it presented some of the negative reaction to the film, it ended by quoting the soothing comments of the National Council of Churches and Universal Studios.

In 1990, the governing board of the National Council of Churches passed a resolution condemning Christopher Columbus for "invading" America and the "genocide" of the Indians. An amendment proposed by an attending churchman, which would have added a list of positive things about America, was voted down.

The July/August 1990 *Reading Room News* stated that the Reading Room Service Center was "considering"

adding the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible to the catalog. This Bible version is a favorite of the National Council of Churches. It is based on two unreliable manuscripts, the Codices Sinaiticus and Vaticanus. The former was found in a wastebasket of a monastery in the 19th Century. It has over 5000 alterations not made by the original copyist. The NRSV calls many familiar Bible passages into question with scores of footnotes. One of Mrs. Eddy's most frequently quoted references (Mark 16:17, 18) is dismissed as a late addition and not part of the original Gospel.

There is no way to know if the Board of Directors has ever considered a formal affiliation with the NCC. Certainly the editorial policy of *The Christian Science Monitor* is in harmony with NCC positions regarding the relinquishing of national sovereignty and world government. The changes in the other periodicals certainly suggest a new, ecumenical approach. This newsletter will continue to monitor any developments.

EIGHT MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

A comparison of the January and April 1999 editions of *The Christian Science Journal* revealed that the following churches/societies have closed: Texarkana, Arkansas; Los Angeles (40th), California; Susanville, California; Brunswick, Georgia; Flushing, New York; Troy, New York; Gastonia, North Carolina, and Darlington, South Carolina. During the same period, the following society opened: St. Simons Island, Georgia. The February *Journal* disclosed that The Mother Church has closed its reading room at One State Street in Boston. Since the count began in February 1987, **474** churches have closed and **40** have opened.

CHIEF JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT

In January 1999, Elizabeth Weaver, a longtime judge who is currently serving on the Michigan Supreme Court, was elected unanimously to a two year term as Chief Justice by her fellow justices. *Banner* readers will remember that Mother Church members Elizabeth Weaver and Roy Varner filed suit in the Massachusetts courts which called on fourteen current and former officers of The Mother Church to give an accounting of their actions during the disastrous half billion dollar foray into television broadcasting. The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ultimately ruled against Weaver and Varner on June 19, 1997.

MORE ABOUT PERIODICAL CHANGES

The latest Christian Science periodical to undergo a complete redesign is the study edition of *The Christian Science Quarterly*. The official title has been relegated to fine print status with the new title "Weekly Bible Lessons" taking center stage along with trees, flowers, grapes, starfish, and geese. The redesign of the interior pages has led to confusion. Instead of having the Bible and *Science and Health* citations side-by-side, everything

is placed vertically. Church readers have commented that it is difficult to keep one's place with this new format. In addition, all other space is covered with lines which further add to confusion during study and on the platform.

Mail advertising for the new *Sentinel* carries the new motto "Watching the world from a spiritual perspective" and has eliminated Mrs. Eddy's chosen motto, "What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch -- Jesus" The new *Monitor* has replaced Mrs. Eddy's chosen motto "First the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear" with a quotation from one of her letters, "The object of the *Monitor* is to injure no man, but to bless all mankind." Mrs. Eddy's motto is relegated to easily overlooked fine print on the editorial page.

NEW READING ROOM DESIGNATION

The front cover of a handbook issued by the Board of Lectureship dated November 1, 1998, clearly shows the front of a reading room with the following sign: **Christian Science Reading Room - Bookstore** Once again, it would seem that Boston is changing the focus and designation of everything as fast as possible. Mrs. Eddy's letter on page 236 of *Miscellany* suggests that she desired a uniform designation of "Christian Science Reading Room".

DISALLOWED BOOK

A letter to reading rooms dated February 1999 advises that a mailing of free copies of the book *Mrs. Eddy* by Hugh A. Studdert-Kennedy by Aequus Institute constitutes unauthorized literature and should not be displayed. The letter states that the Christian Science Publishing Society had considered including the book in its own Twentieth Century Biography Series, but that "insurmountable copyright questions were raised about the original content of the book." The original copyright has expired. The book was originally written with the tacit approval of the Board in the 1940s, but was ultimately rejected because of the Board's displeasure over Mr. Studdert-Kennedy's earlier book, *Christian Science and Organized Religion*, published in 1930 which told the story of the great litigation. Mr. Studdert-Kennedy was a Christian Scientist from England.

It is interesting to note that, apart from Bliss Knapp's *Destiny of The Mother Church*, the only books which appeared in the Twentieth Century Biography Series were reprints of already familiar titles. Another book which was promised, but has never appeared, is Adam Dickey's *Memoirs of Mary Baker Eddy*. At the time the series was announced, it was widely suspected that the entire project was created to serve as a smokescreen for the publication of the Knapp book. The Board knew that its appearance would raise widespread controversy, but was willing to risk it to get

the Mabury money to bail itself out of financial difficulties encountered during the failed Monitor Channel experiment.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The most recent application forms for membership in The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass. have a change of wording. The 88th edition of the *Church Manual* states, "If you have been taught by a loyal student who has taken a degree at the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, or by one who has passed an examination by the Board of Education, fill this blank." (p. 114) The new form has removed the word "taken" and replaced it with "received". Once again, the Board has found it necessary to correct Mrs. Eddy.

It is widely assumed that Mrs. Eddy closed the Massachusetts Metaphysical College forever in 1889. However, on page xii of *Science and Health*, she states, "She retained her charter, and as its President, reopened the College in 1899 as auxiliary to her church." She never closed it again.

MARIANNE WILLIAMSON

The Winter 1999 issue of *The Banner* mentioned that Marianne Williamson had been favorably quoted in the November 30, 1998, issue of the new *Sentinel*. At that time, *The Banner* erroneously stated that Marianne Williamson was the author of *A Course in Miracles*. In fact, this book was written by Dr. Helen Schucman (now deceased) who said that it was dictated to her by the voice of Jesus. She was given assistance and support by Dr. William N. Thetford. Both individuals were research psychologists. Marianne Williamson is widely regarded as the most influential proponent of the book. Her computer web site gives many links to New Age groups which, in turn, connect with white magic, theosophy, new thought, and other esoteric groups. In her book *Illuminata*, Ms. Williamson states, "...Jesus is truth, the Torah, is truth, Mohammed is truth, Krishna is truth, Buddha is truth, and so on... The New Jerusalem means unification of the world's spiritual traditions." (p. 30) This certainly suggests the ultimate ecumenism: a one-world church.

LARRY KING AND VIRGINIA HARRIS

A recent book by Cable News Network talk show host Larry King entitled *Powerful Prayers* includes several quotations of Virginia Harris, chairman of the Christian Science Board of Directors.

MEDICARE FUNDING DISPUTE GOES ON

A front page Washington *Post* article of March 22, 1999, titled "Faith and Medicare Funding" reported on the continuing legal efforts to deny Medicare payments to Christian Science nursing facilities. "The federal lawsuit questioning Medicare payments for such treatment was filed in 1996 by Children's Healthcare Is a

Legal Duty (CHILD)... In August of that year, a judge agreed with CHILD and overturned the original Medicare law because it gave the Christian Science church a role in designating whether a facility was eligible for the benefits... In 1998, a federal district judge dismissed the case, and CHILD appealed to the 8th Circuit, which is expected to schedule oral arguments this spring."

FREDERICK DIXON AND RHODES PLAN

Previous issues of *The Banner* have detailed the dream of Cecil Rhodes to build an English-speaking federation based on an alliance (or actual union) of Great Britain and its commonwealth with the United States. His plan, which was detailed and funded through his series of wills, was to result in a world government based on English law. Cecil Rhodes died in 1902, but his plan was carried on through designated trustees. The Rhodes scholarship program in the British commonwealth and the United States was designed to create support for his plan by educating "the best and the brightest" in those countries. It was calculated that a high percentage of these individuals would enter government and universities where their influence would steer public opinion and public policy toward the Rhodes plan.

A document titled *Proceedings in Equity 1919-1921*, which consists of the actual court proceedings of what is known popularly as "the Great Litigation" between the Christian Science Publishing Society and the Board of Directors of The Mother Church, reveals information about the Rhodes plan and its influence on the church. On January 17, 1917, Frederick Dixon, editor of *The Christian Science Monitor*, appeared before the Board of Directors: "After Mr. Dixon left the meeting, the following motion was made by Mr. Dittmore and seconded by Mr. Dickey, viz: 'That the editor of The Christian Science Monitor be authorized to editorially and through the news columns of The Monitor indorse and support an alliance of the English-speaking peoples, and that the Christian Science Sentinel be asked to support this policy of The Monitor through the wise, metaphysical interpretation of this and other subjects of broad international significance as they are referred to in The Monitor. After some discussion of the question, it was laid on the table, to be taken up at the next meeting of the board.'" (pp. 384, 385) The transcript does not reveal the final decision of the board, but subsequent editorial policy of the *Monitor* clearly shows that this viewpoint was adopted.

Disastrous decisions made prior to the Second World War by Rhodes people in the British government, and the disintegration of the British commonwealth after 1945, made the original plan unworkable. Today the United Nations stands as the model for world government. Pressure on Great Britain to sink its

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identity and currency in a European Union is growing. The necessity to surrender national sovereignty to United Nations authority for the sake of world peace and the environment is a relentless theme in *Monitor* editorials and commentaries. A series of Rhodes scholars have served as *Monitor* editors, correspondents, and writers over the years. Why abdicate the national sovereignty of the United States, Great Britain, Canada, and the rest of the English-speaking world into a world government dominated by nations which have no history of preserving justice, the rights of the individual, or the rule of law. The Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution begins with "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceable to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. The United Nations Covenant on Human Rights states: "Everyone shall have the right to freedom of expression... but it carries with it special duties and responsibilities...and is, therefore, subject to certain penalties, liabilities and restrictions...as are provided by law." Every right enumerated by the U.N. Covenant on Human Rights may be denied if it is

"necessary to protect national security, or public order, or public safety, or public health, or public morals, or the rights, freedoms or reputations of others." The rights guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution for the past two hundred-eight years are absolute. One must ask why *The Christian Science Monitor* is so blithely willing to accept such transparently false promises from international politicians and ignore "that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

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TRADE MARK APPLICATION

IN EUROPE

A letter sent to "English Speaking Mother Church Members in Selected Countries" in Europe dated March 31, 1999, demonstrates once again the relentless pursuit of power by the Board of Directors. The letter from the office of the TMC general counsel states: "The Mother Church would appreciate your immediate assistance in a very important matter. As many of you are already aware, The Mother Church has filed an application to register the term 'Christian Science' in English as a Community Trade Mark (the "CTM") in the European Union... The Mother Church has acquired other CTMs such as the *Cross and Crown* symbol and the *Mary Baker Eddy* signature in order to protect our trade marks from misuse by others. As part of this application process, it has become necessary that the Office of the General Counsel for The Mother Church submit to the Office of Harmonization in the Internal Market (the "OHIM") many documents that are examples of how the term 'Christian Science' has been used in the European Union over the past 100 years." As part of this effort, individual church members were asked to submit as many examples as possible of the use of the words Christian Science in local newspapers for lectures, reading room advertising, leaflets, handouts, posters, photographs with the words appearing in them, etc.

While it is understandable for symbols to be trademarked to distinguish the origin of a product, it would seem quite another matter to trademark the words "Christian Science" which have become a generic term found in dictionaries for most of this century. To permit the Directors to have total control over these words would effectively cripple anyone outside their narrow list of approved writers from even discussing Mrs. Eddy's discovery in the countries comprising the European Union.

In the United States, The Mother Church held control over churches' names after 1955 when the Directors "obtained an injunction in Federal District Court in Ohio forbidding the members of Third Church of Christ, Scientist in Akron, Ohio, from calling their church by any name identifying itself as connected with Christian Science." (*Christian Science After 1910*, p. 108) This injunction went unchallenged until 1980 when The Mother Church went to court to prevent Plainfield Christian Science Church in New Jersey from using "Christian Science" as part of its name. In drawn

out legal action which lasted until 1988, "the New Jersey Supreme Court upheld the right of the Plainfield church to use the words, 'Christian Science', by declaring that these words constituted a generic term and could not be copyrighted." (*C.S. After 1910*, p. 162) After losing again in an appeals court over technicalities, the directors declined to take the case to the U. S. Supreme Court. As a result, everyone in the United States is free to use the term "Christian Science" without fear of legal harassment. At the time, it was the opinion of many that the case was brought with another goal in mind: to bankrupt the Plainfield Church and force it to disband. This secondary goal also failed.

In 1971, the Directors obtained a copyright extension on *Science and Health* until the year 2025. This private law included a retroactive copyright on all previous editions of the textbook clear back to 1875. After lengthy court action, the copyright was finally overturned as unconstitutional in 1987. By now, all of Mrs. Eddy's published works have entered the public domain. This latest effort is an attempt to obtain in Europe what they were denied in the United States.

ANOTHER POWER GRAB

The July 1999 *Christian Science Journal* carries a full-page article titled "Church History: Taking inventory! The unpublished writings of Mary Baker Eddy". The article announces that the church history department (the archives) will be closed for several months "to expand its space, reorganize its collection, and install more advanced computer software systems for the preservation, classification, and retrieval of these priceless materials." The article goes on to ask for help from church members and the public to track down and identify letters and documents which the Directors are not aware of. The article goes on to state: "While the owner of an unpublished document under copyright may have every right to physical possession of it, the owner has no legal right to copy it without the permission of the copyright holder. This is true even if the copyright holder is unaware of the document's existence." [The Board of Directors claims exclusive copyright ownership on all these unpublished documents.] The article continues: "We have become aware of some privately published books and papers that contain, or purport to contain writings or statements of Mrs. Eddy that are being circulated and, in some cases, offered for sale... To the extent that these publications and copies contain authentic material, they are published and circulated in violation of the federal copyright laws. We ask the cooperation of the public in resisting this

illegal publishing, copying, distribution, and sale." The article goes on to suggest that The Mother Church will, itself, publish "most, if not all" of these unpublished materials at an unspecified future time. (See page 62 of the July 1999 *Journal* for the complete article.)

Much of the material the Directors refer to has been published for decades. The Carpenter Foundation printed much of it beginning in the 1930s. Gilbert Carpenter, C.S.D. and his son sent copies of each volume to the Directors as they were published. In 1973, The Mother Church gained ownership of the Carpenter collection with the promise that it would be "ever accessible to qualified students throughout the world." The Directors immediately reneged on that promise. Since 1958 "a compilation of key material from the Carpenter Foundation's books" has been widely available under the title *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*. This book, which is commonly called "The Blue Book", has been continuously in print for the past forty years. A court case in 1971 established that the book could be freely published. (See *C.S. After 1910*, pp. 113, 124, 129)

In view of all this, it would seem highly disingenuous for the Directors to now say, "We have become aware of some privately published books and papers that contain, or purport to contain writings or statements of Mrs. Eddy that are being circulated and, in some cases, offered for sale." One must ask if this is the beginning of legal action to deny these books to the public. Their statement that they plan to publish this material themselves should be viewed with skepticism. They promised to publish Adam Dickey's *Memoirs of Mary Baker Eddy* in 1991, but, eight years later, it has never appeared. (See *Mary Baker Eddy. Twentieth-Century Biographers Series. An Introduction.*, p. 30)

"The determination to hold Spirit in the grasp of matter is the persecutor of Truth and Love" (S&H, p.28)

BAREFACED PREVARICATION

The *Christian Science Sentinel* for June 28, 1999, in its question and answer column had the following: "Q: How is the Church governed? A: Its government is set forth in the *Church Manual*, a constitutional document that has remained unchanged since Mrs. Eddy completed it in 1910."

The last *Church Manual* issued by Mary Baker Eddy was the 88th edition announced in the September 3, 1910, *Christian Science Sentinel*. It inserted what now appears as the first paragraph to Article VIII, Section 22, "Practitioners and Patients". The *Sentinel* always included a box listing publications for sale and, without fail, carried the same sentence: "Each new edition of the *Church Manual* containing the By-Laws of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, will have special notice in the

SENTINEL." The September 3, 1910, issue was the last one to announce a new edition of the *Church Manual*. The new By-Law and 88th *Manual* were also announced in the October 1910 *Christian Science Journal*.

Two weeks after Mrs. Eddy's passing on December 3, 1910, a new *Church Manual* called the 89th edition was quietly introduced on December 17th, 1910. The year "1911" was stamped on its cover. It was never announced as was specified every week in the *Sentinel*. This new *Manual* removed Mrs. Eddy's name and office of Pastor Emeritus from page 21. It also added the words "and Branch Churches" to the titles of pages 120 and 127 and the footnote which appears on page 127. Interestingly, the sentence in the *Sentinel* promising to announce each new edition of the *Manual* continued to appear until the January 14, 1911, issue, but *no formal announcement of the 89th edition ever appeared*. The alterations were so hastily made that these wording changes were overlooked in the Table of Contents up until 1916. Also in 1916 the cross and crown seal was added to the cover and the words "authorized edition". Before 1910, Mrs. Eddy used a small letter "t" in "the Mother Church" on the title page, changed it briefly to a capital "T" and finally back to a small "t" for the final editions. This was changed to a capital "I" in 1916.

In 1913 the words "Yours in Truth and Love" were removed from the application forms on pages 115, 117, and 118 and replaced with "I was formerly a member of the denomination, but have definitely severed my connection therewith." Also the address number 18 was added to page 117 even though it had never appeared on that page before.

In 1924 Mrs. Eddy's name and office of Pastor Emeritus was restored to the list of Church Officers on page 21 after strong protests from the C.S. field.

A topical index was added to the *Manual* in 1925. In it the by-law titled "Local Self Government" is called "Local Government." The index heading entitled "Directors" significantly omits page 26 which contains the by-law requiring the Pastor Emeritus' approval for new Directors. Also the by-law "For the Mother Church only" on page 104 was omitted from the index. The index was finally removed from the *Manual* in 1951.

In 1931, the footnote contradicting Mrs. Eddy's version of the Church's history was added to page 19.

In 1971 the "Editor's Note" at the bottom of page 130 was added. This note announces that the legislature of Massachusetts changed the state statute which Mrs. Eddy had used to establish the 1892 Deed of Trust. This 1971 change permits non-citizens to become Directors of the church. The editor's note neglects to state that this change was initiated by the Directors themselves. Mrs. Eddy had many able lawyers among her students and

could have sought this change herself if she thought it were desirable. Within the last two or three years, another change has been made to application blanks for church membership as illustrated on pages 114 and 116. The application blank formerly stated: "If you have been taught by a loyal student who has taken a degree at the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, or by one who has passed an examination by the Board of Education, fill this blank." The new application form states "received a certificate from" instead of "taken a degree at" as Mrs. Eddy specified.

As late as the July 1992 issue of *Yankee* magazine, the Directors maintained that Mrs. Eddy authorized the 89th edition of the *Church Manual*. They have never explained why it was never announced in the *Sentinel* in accordance with Mrs. Eddy's established procedure. They have never produced any credible proof that she authorized these changes in her own handwriting. The *Church Manual* must be restored to the exact text which Mrs. Eddy labored to give us. The *Manual* is the compass of the Christian Science movement. Mrs. Eddy wrote it under divine guidance. Members of Mrs. Eddy's church need to study and ponder each by-law. The wholesale annulment of the by-laws which has occurred over the past eighty-nine years in Boston must stop. [The foregoing list of *Manual* changes is an updated account first given in the summer 1992 issue of *The Banner*.]

TWENTY-TWO CHURCHES CLOSE

According to a comparison of the April and July 1999 issues of *The Christian Science Journal*, the following 22 churches/societies have closed in the United States: Los Angeles (24th), California; San Carlos, California; Taft, California; New Milford, Connecticut; East Point, Georgia; Kankakee, Illinois; Columbus, Indiana; Peru, Indiana; Essex, Maryland; Westminster, Maryland; Gloversville, New York; Liberty, New York; Perry, New York; Lebanon, Ohio; Marietta, Ohio; Sidney, Ohio; Illinois Valley-Cave Junction, Oregon; Chester-Swarthmore, Pennsylvania; Dallas (4th), Texas; Dallas (6th), Texas; Ellenburg, Washington; and Evansville, Washington.

During the same period two churches were formed: Hallandale, Florida, and 7th Church Dallas, Texas. An examination of the *Journal* shows that this "new" church has the same address as former 4th Church. It would appear that 4th Church and 6th Church merged to create the new 7th Church, Dallas.

Since the count began in February 1987, **496** churches have closed and **42** have been formed.

PRACTITIONERS IN THE WORLD

According to the July 1999 *Christian Science Journal*, there are currently 1879 listed practitioners worldwide. This compares with 2045 in December

1997, 2575 in August 1993, and 10,503 in June 1951. There has been a loss of 166 since December 1997.

HOW BOSTON MEASURES PROGRESS

The Board of Directors and their current enthusiasm for the ways of the world reminds one of the old joke about putting together a child's Christmas bicycle: If all else fails, read the directions. In Christian Science, the Bible, *Science and Health*, and the *Church Manual* were intended to be our guide in all things. Metaphysics was expected to follow *with results*. During the heady days of the Monitor Channel, some of the key players were consulting a channeler and passing cassette tapes of "ancient wisdom" around to other church workers. That witch of Endor is no longer consulted. The Directors have now appointed an "Executive Manager, Board Research, Development and Projects" who is apparently in charge of the current overhaul of the periodicals as well as other initiatives. He has promised that people won't recognize the church when he is finished. The future is said to be in "focus groups" which will tell the Directors what people want to see, hear, and read. If Moses had asked the people what they wanted, we would have a golden calf today.

GLOBALIZATION

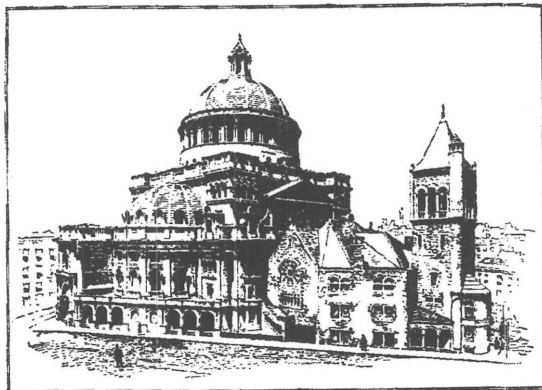
A special, undated issue of *The Herald of Christian Science* sent to reading rooms in the late spring of 1999 contains all of the familiar positions favoring world government that one is used to seeing in *The Christian Science Monitor*. In a series of obviously solicited contributions from around the world, a dangerous naivete is evident. From Germany: "Some people might fear that with globalization they are governed by material circumstances outside their control. The idea that we all serve God, however, leaves the government to God. If it replaces fear with trust, joy, and confidence." From Italy: "Some people are a bit frightened about globalization... But we all have spiritual dominion. We have the control over our experience that God gave us."

As one might expect, a *Monitor* correspondent opines: "World unity, however, is a very spiritual concept. There is one Lord, one God, one Mind. Understanding that concept can help make institutions of international government work, make global understanding work, and make peace happen... As we talk about trying to administer the world as one place, people may want to hang on to a strictly national identity. People sometimes think there's a tension between acknowledging the allness of God and wanting to preserve their individual identity. Yet acknowledging God's allness doesn't in any way impinge on one's identity. In fact, if God is the source of your identity, then acknowledging the allness of God, and your individual reflection of that allness, gives you strength, gives you courage."

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