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UPDATE ON LITIGATION

The complaint submitted to the Suffolk County Probate & Family Court of Massachusetts by Maryfrances Cassell in February 2010 was followed by a hearing held on June 29, 2010, as reported in the Summer 2010 *Banner*. It, in turn, has been followed by a request for "discovery" by her attorneys.

After the initial hearing, the attorneys for the defendants (the individual members of the Christian Science Board of Directors, *not* The Mother Church) submitted an affidavit signed by the General Counsel for The Mother Church, Kevin E. Ness. The Ness affidavit declared that a notarized affidavit signed by former board member Victor Westberg in 2007 was mistaken. The 2007 Westberg affidavit states that Maryfrances Cassell was excommunicated because she had violated the Tenets of The Mother Church. According to the *Church Manual*, a member accused of violating the Tenets must receive the benefit of the three steps of the Matthew Code (See *Manual*, p.51 Article XI, Sect. 3) However Miss Cassell was excommunicated with a single letter dated February 8, 2007. This means that the directors violated *Manual* procedures in dropping her name from the roll of The Mother Church without giving her a chance to appeal.

Victor Westberg died in September 2008. The 2010 affidavit by Mr. Ness states that Victor Westberg's notarized affidavit constituted a clerical error. According to Mr. Ness, Victor Westberg really meant to write that Maryfrances Cassell was "working against the Cause of Christian Science." In such a case, a member can be expelled with a single letter by the Board of Directors. (Article XI, Sect. 7)

Victor Westberg served on the Board of Directors from August 5, 2003, to January 22, 2008. Prior to his election to the board, he had served as President of the Board of Education. In both roles, he served as the church's contact with "problem" practitioners and teachers who were, in many cases, merely obeying Article I, Section 9 of the *Church Manual*. In such cases, teachers and practitioners were intimidated and threatened with loss of their *Journal* listing, their teacher status and the loss of their associations of pupils if they did not agree to remain silent and compliant. Mr. Westberg was regarded in the field as the board's "hatchet man". He even called one practitioner at 3:00 in the

morning to discuss the ongoing disciplinary action against him. Mr. Westberg had long experience and familiarity with the *Manual* provisions, and it would seem very unlikely that he would not know what he was signing and having notarized.

In August of 2010, the attorneys for Maryfrances Cassell filed a request for "discovery" so that the relevant documents held by the Christian Science Board of Directors might be examined.

On September 16, 2010, the attorneys representing the Board of Directors filed: "DEFENDANTS' EMERGENCY MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER TO STAY/PROHIBIT ALL DISCOVERY UNTIL THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE COURT'S SUBJECT MATTEER (sic) JURISDICTION IS ADJUDICATED PURSUANT TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS THE COMPLAINT UNDER RULE 12(b)(1)" The fact that the board's attorneys had already voluntarily revealed the Westberg affidavit and the hastily prepared Ness affidavit would seem to constitute tacit admission that the documents relevant to Miss Cassell's request should be made available to her. The number of documents requested in this discovery request would probably amount to no more than a dozen pages. The Board of Directors' motion cites several instances of case law in which *ordained clergy* are shielded from surrendering documents in legal actions. The fact is that the individual members of the Christian Science Board of Directors are *unordained* citizens or residents of Massachusetts who are required to comply with all the provisions of the several deeds of trust established by Mary Baker Eddy *without waiver* and, by extension, the by-laws written by her. This is all established in *civil law* and does not involve religious entanglements.

In addition, Miss Cassell's complaint does not ask that the court evaluate or otherwise delve into religious doctrine. The only question in the discovery request is whether the Board of Directors followed the clearly defined *procedures* outlined in the by-laws. This is a duty mandated by the deeds of trust and the by-laws.

No court date has been set for the defendants' motion.

CONTINUING NEED

A message from Novus Ordo Seclorum Foundation: "The litigation is in the process of discovery. The amount due by October 15th is \$7,000.00; however the amount of \$4,000.00 had to be borrowed to meet the previous bill which increases the total to \$11,000.00.

It is important to restore the Christian Science organization as it was originally founded by our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer of Christian Science. This litigation has an excellent lawyer doing very thorough work, so it is very important to continue to fund it in order that the restoration can commence. All who are in a position to contribute will be blessed, and now is the time before any further deviation occurs." Signed by Maryfrances Cassell, Director. Contributions may be sent to Novus Ordo Seclorum Foundation, P.O. Box 11, Mount Joy, PA 17552 USA.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME

The Latin motto *Novus Ordo Seclorum* (which means The New Order of the Ages) appeared on the western side of a granite monument erected at the site of Mrs. Eddy's birthplace at Bow, New Hampshire. It was dedicated on July 16, 1921, the one hundredth anniversary of her birth. The monument was dynamited by order of the Board of Directors in 1962.

According to *Classica Americana* by Meyer Reinhold (Wayne State University Press, Detroit [1984]), the motto was an adaptation of a phrase appearing in the epic poem, the *Aeneid* by the Roman poet Vergil. This poem recounted the mythical founding of the Roman republic and was a favorite of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and other founding fathers of The United States. This also explains the motto's appearance on the Great Seal of The United States. (pp. 232, 233) See also *Christian Science After 1910* by The Banner's editor, (pages 25-28, 116) and the February 2010 edition of *The Banner* for more details.

FINANCES

The brief treasurer's report given at the 2010 Annual Meeting was quoted in the September 2010 *Christian Science Journal*: "Our funds on hand are at 455 million dollars. The Church has no indebtedness, and our expenditures for the past year were at 102 million dollars... And I can add that the general fund stands today at 164 million dollars... From a financial perspective, there's the thought that the Church has lots of money, 'so does it really need my financial support?' The Board of Directors considers not only current requirements, but also future needs. So it does seem wiser to maintain a higher level of funds." (p. 28)

A radio interview with Mother Church treasurer Ned Odegaard was linked to the church's internet web site in August of this year. In the interview Mr. Odegaard revealed that the church experienced a serious cash flow crisis in 2005. The radio program link was removed after a short time.

The October 2010 *Journal* included "a new, occasional column" from Mary Trammell, editor-in-chief of the periodicals; as well as Michael Pabst, Scott Preller, and Judy Wolff, trustees of the Christian Science

Publishing Society. (Mary Trammell and Michael Pabst also happen to be members of the Christian Science Board of Directors which is a violation of the separation of powers intended by Mrs. Eddy.)

"...because we're in this together, we want to make sure you're informed about what's happening at the Publishing Society... Not all of the news will be rosy, but it will be honest and based on a trust that readers will know how to pray effectively about issues that need healing... For example, even though we were able to reduce our operating loss from \$21.9 million to \$17.8 million last year, the deficit is unsustainable and unacceptable. But we are eager to tackle these challenges with you... How can our periodicals better fulfill their mission as the organs of our Church?" (p. 18)

Elsewhere on the same page, they answer their own question: "General Publication (a department that publishes biographies of Mary Baker Eddy and special collections from the periodicals) has posted a modest profit for the first time in over 50 years." One of the special collections referred to is the very popular, but expensive, *Anthology of Classic Articles*. The anthology contains the deep metaphysical articles from the first hundred years of the periodicals. These articles are in sharp contrast to the semi-metaphysical "lite" articles so often found in the "life style" versions of the *Journal* and *Sentinel* published today. Many churches no longer bother to have the periodicals bound for their reading room libraries because of the generally insubstantial and disappointing content. Since the life style version of the *Sentinel* was introduced in 1998, subscriptions have gone down by 47%.

FIFTEEN MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

According to a comparison of the July and September 2010 issues of *The Christian Science Journal*, the following churches have closed: Bakersfield (2nd), California; Oxnard, California (formerly double listed as Ventura); San Diego (soc.), California; Homestead, Florida; Indianapolis (soc.), Indiana; Emporia, Kansas; Lawrence, Kansas; Damariscotta, Maine; Saginaw, Michigan; Concord Village, Missouri; Billings, Montana; Hudson, New York; Orchard Park, New York; Chickasha, Oklahoma; and McKeesport, Pennsylvania. At the same time, the society at Evansville, Indiana, reappeared in the listing after a three month absence. Since the count began in February 1987, **844** churches have closed and **74** have opened.

WYLY BROTHERS AND THE S.E.C.

According to *The Wall Street Journal* of July 30, 2010: "Billionaire brothers Sam Wyly and Charles Wyly hid \$550 million in trading profits by using an 'elaborate sham system' of offshore entities, the Securities and Exchange Commission charged Thursday... The SEC said the Wylys used sham trusts

and subsidiaries in the Isle of Man and the Cayman Islands to avoid disclosure of their stakes and sales of stock in public companies where they were directors. In one instance, the brothers traded on insider information about a coming sale of a company to make a \$31 million profit, the SEC alleged... [T]he Wyllys' lawyer, William A. Brewer III, said the brothers plan a vigorous defense and expect to be vindicated. 'After six years of investigations, the SEC has chosen to make claims against the Wyly brother -- claims that, in our view, are without merit,' said Mr. Brewer. He added that the Wyllys relied on the advice of accountants and lawyers.

The New York Times of August 22, 2010, reported: "How strong is the case? 'Pretty strong,' said Ronald J. Colombo, an associate professor of securities and corporate law at Hofstra University, 'though not a no-brainer.'... Mr. Brewer described the issue of control as largely beside the point. The Wyllys did only what they were told to do by professionals, he stressed. Further, 'no activity took place that even hints at some disadvantage to anyone in the market.' Professor Colombo predicts a pretrial settlement, but efforts at resolving this dispute without a judge have gone on for years." (www.wsj.com & www.nytimes.com)

Sam and Charles Wyly are members of The Mother Church. Charles Wyly is listed as a trustee of the Mary Baker Eddy Library for the Betterment of Humanity, Inc. in Boston. (www.marybakereddylibrary.org/about/learn-more/biographies)

ANOTHER NAME FOR THE LIST

The 2010 summer issue of *The Banner* listed individuals who have passed on tragically and suddenly after being appointed to positions at The Mother Church. Included among the names were: Leigh Daugherty who was to be appointed Second Reader in 2010; Richard Bergenheim who was appointed President of The Mother Church in 2008; David Reed who was appointed President of The Mother Church in 2006; Cynthia Neeley who was appointed President of The Mother Church in 2004; and Geraldine Schiering who was named teacher of the Normal Class in 2000. Since then, the name of Suzanne Cowin has been forwarded for inclusion on the list. She died in the middle of her term as Second Reader of The Mother Church. Her passing was announced in a letter dated February 9, 2006, to the Christian Science field from the Directors.

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS

Article XXIV, Section 9, of the *Church Manual* states in part: "The Christian Science Board of Directors shall elect annually a Committee on Business, which shall consist of not less than three loyal members of The Mother Church, who shall transact promptly and efficiently such business as Mrs. Eddy, the Directors, or the Committee on Publication shall commit to it...

Before being eligible for office the names of the persons nominated for said office shall be presented to Mrs. Eddy for her written approval." This by-law first appeared in the 55th *Church Manual* of 1906 and was changed to its current wording in the 74th *Manual* of 1908. The same by-law in the 59th *Manual* of 1906 also included: "There shall be a Committee on Business of one or more members wherever Mrs. Eddy resides." This provision was later removed.

From the beginning, this by-law was intended to establish and maintain positive, metaphysical support. Undoubtedly, some members of this committee still maintain that highly ethical role and function. However, evidence received in the past few years suggests that after Mrs. Eddy's passing, other individuals have been appointed to this committee for a very different purpose. The editor of *The Banner* is requesting that former members of the Committee on Business give accounts of their assignments and experiences while they were on this committee. All identities will remain strictly confidential, and all accounts will be rendered untraceable.

BIG BANG ABANDONED

An article of special interest to Christian Scientists was published in *Technology Review*, a publication of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on July 27, 2010. The following is from the article titled "Big Bang Abandoned in New Model of the Universe":

"A new cosmology successfully explains the accelerating expansion of the universe without dark energy; but only if the universe has no beginning and no end.

"As one of the few astrophysical events that most people are familiar with, the Big Bang has a special place in our culture. And while there is scientific consensus that it is the best explanation for the origin of the Universe, the debate is far from closed. However, it's hard to find alternative models of the Universe without a beginning that are genuinely compelling.

"That could change now with the fascinating work of Wun-Yi Shu at the National Tsing Hua University in Taiwan. Shu has developed an innovative new description of the universe in which the roles of time space and mass are related in a new kind of relativity.

"Shu's idea is that time and space are not independent entities but can be converted back and forth between each other. In his formulation of the geometry of spacetime, the speed of light is simply the conversion factor between the two...

"This universe has no beginning or end, just alternating periods of expansion and contraction...

"That's in stark contrast to the various models of the Universe based on the Big Bang. Since the accelerating expansion of the Universe was discovered, cosmologists

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have been performing some rather worrying contortions with the laws of physics to make their models work...

"The most commonly discussed idea is that the universe is filled with a dark energy that is forcing the universe to expand at an increasing rate. for this model to work, dark energy must make up 75 percent of the energy-mass of the Universe and be increasing at a fantastic rate.

"But there is a serious price to pay for this idea: the law of conservation of energy. The embarrassing truth is that the world's cosmologists have conveniently swept under the carpet one of the fundamental laws of physics in an attempt to square this circle.

"That paints Shu's ideas in a slightly different perspective. There's no need to abandon conservation of energy to make his theory work...

"Even if he finds a way, there will need to be some uncomfortable rethinking before his ideas can gain traction. His approach may well explain the Type-I supernova observations without abandoning conservation of energy but it asks us to give up the notion of the Big Bang, the constancy of the speed of light and to accept a vast new set of potential phenomenon related to the

interchangeable relationships between mass, space, and time..."

[www.technologyreview.com/blog/arxiv/25492/]

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AFTER 1910

by

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This book, written by the editor of *The Banner*, is a complete account of the calculated grab for power by the Christian Science Board of Directors and their subsequent micromanagement of every phase of Christian Science in Boston and in the field, which has almost completely suffocated all spontaneity and inspired thinking. Today we see the empty shell of a once great movement. This book documents the disastrous and unnecessary decline of the church after it passed from the leadership of Mrs. Eddy to the despotic control of the Board of Directors.

Hardcover: \$18.95 Paperback: Sold Out

The book may be ordered from The Bookmark, P.O. Box 801143, Santa Clarita, CA 91380. Postage and Handling \$5.95 for orders up to \$19.95. Telephone orders: 1-800-220-7767 Orders may also be done via the web site: www.thebookmark.com

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CHURCH ALIVE!?

On September 7, 2010, the Christian Science Board of Directors announced, "Today is our launch of CHURCH ALIVE. We hope you'll join us as we explore the meaning and possibilities of awakening the Spirit's Church -- to Love's rich harvest awaiting our communities and the world... For some, the idea of church may conjure up images of a safe and peaceful place to commune with the Divine. For others, church may be more aligned with a like-minded community and fellowship." Among other things, the plan includes regional church summits in two or three locations with talks and panel discussions. There will also be activities during the week before the 2011 Annual Meeting.

While this project was announced on September 7th of 2010, at least one workshop was held a year and four months before that date on May 14, 2009, at First Church, Alton-Godfrey, Illinois. The term "Church Alive!", was specifically used in the heading of the handout given at that meeting. Linda Bargmann, who is associated with Dick Davenport's Next Generation Christian Science Fellowship of Chesterfield, Missouri, gave the presentation. (See Spring and Summer 2006 and Fall 2009 *Banners* for background.)

Many of the suggestions in the handout are used at the Chesterfield fellowship. In addition the document states: "This handout contains fresh ideas which have been happening at branch churches in CA [California] and MO [Missouri] and at The Mother Church over the past 10 years. Some of the suggestions from the handout given at Alton-Godfrey follow:

MUSIC: Use a variety of instruments in church and SS... Soloist or congregation sings a cappella (Congregation is the choir!) Solo is a duet or one singer with back up from a trio or quartet. Sing a fourth hymn during the offertory. Sing hymns not included in the 1930's hymnal or supplement... First and Second readers announce hymns and solo. Rather than just reading the verses, introduce with info about the hymn, the author, and the music. Introduce the musicians to the congregation especially if there are subs... Sit or stand for hymns, depending on the occasion. TMCYouth.com says they dance in African CS churches, but I have not experienced that yet in MO or CA or TMC.

CHURCH SERVICES: First or second readers or both readers together announce "necessary" notices...

Announcements come from the congregation as well. Readers greet congregants in the lobby... Don't have a fixed sit down/stand up schedule. Some stand the whole time, and some sit the whole time... sitting in a circle, etc. Have a "meet and greet" or fellowship time, either at the beginning of the service, during the Bible Lesson, during announcements, or at the end of the service. Encourage testifiers [at Wednesday meetings] to introduce themselves... Use translations newer than the King James for the Scriptural selection, for Wednesday readings and for 1st John 3: 1-3... Vary the Wednesday readings by alternating the Bible and Science and Health, or reading most from one or the other for emphasis. Announce and/or put the Wednesday subject up on a bulletin board, or send it around the neighborhood to let everyone know what is discussed during a Wednesday meeting. Ushers wear name tags. Second readers do one Wednesday a month. 2nd readers do all the Bible parts -- the Scriptural and benediction (if the benediction is from the Bible -- the order of service says "pronouncing benediction" not "read from the Bible") 2nd readers choose and announce hymns, etc. With smaller groups, one person reads each line of the responsive reading, or women do some, men do some and all do some. (This works best with a big screen TV to show who does what.) With smaller groups on Wednesday nights, all sit in one row and start testimonies at one end and each person give one. If time, start again for a second round. Testimonies can be discussion or questions to consider, special inspiration gained from study, etc.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Turn the Golden Text or a portion of the Responsive Reading into a chant, rap, poem, etc., to get the SS going first thing. Have the older students put together Wednesday reading, choose the Bible translation and hymns with the help and support of the teacher and first reader. Teachers of similar grades meet weekly or monthly in the reading room to share strategies, support, etc.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Celebration with contemporary music, drama, interviews, prayer, etc. Picnics put on by the youth committee. Democratic governance without an executive board. Open the church for local elections. Use the church as a crisis center, such as through the Salvation Army. Use the church for weddings and funerals. Call the secretary of the board a secretary, not the obsolete term of clerk which does not fit the position. End of quotations from handout.

EDITORIAL

From the brief September 7th announcement of the Board of Directors, it would appear that those branches that follow the order of service given in Mrs. Eddy's *Church Manual* will be tolerated and let alone. The real emphasis and focus will be on those who "may be more aligned to a like-minded community and fellowship." In addition, the announcement states that those who obey the *Manual's* provisions "may conjure up images of a safe and peaceful place to commune with the Divine." The term "conjure" is a negatively loaded word. The *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* defines conjure to mean "to summon by invocation or incantation." Or even worse, "to summon a devil or spirit by invocation or incantation."

It is known that at least some of the current members of the Christian Science Board of Directors have visited Dick Davenport's Next Generation Christian Science Fellowship in Missouri. The current board seems to be persuaded that adopting the distractions, the busyness, and the human euphoria that one finds in experimental CS groups will revive the flagging fortunes of the Christian Science movement. It all reminds one of a cartoon that appeared in *The New Yorker* magazine many years ago showing a scientist running from his laboratory holding a test tube and shouting: "Eureka! I have found a substitute for quality!"

Mrs. Eddy expected those who "name the name of Christian Science" to *dedicate their lives* to the greatest and holiest of all Causes. Christian Science was to be the *center* of their lives. Demonstration and healing are the whole of Christian Science. Without these, there is nothing. Spontaneous healings took place during church services and lectures. It was demonstration and healing that led to Christian Science's unparalleled prosperity during its first century, and it was the cooling and dissipation of these essential elements that have led to its catastrophic decline in its second century. Too many church members view Christian Science as a health care system that provides a comfortable, material life style in the suburbs with a twice weekly cameo appearance in church. Mrs. Eddy expected that those who "name the name" would recognize that they have a *mission* and a *duty* to God, to their Leader, and to mankind and that they realize that by their works they shall be *judged*, -- and justified or condemned. *Justified or condemned!* (See Alertness to Duty, *Church Manual*, p. 42)

Sometimes when one points out the decline to others, one hears the retort, "We mustn't voice error! We just need to know the truth about it." This cliché really means changing the subject or going back to sleep. Christian Science does not need a substitute for quality. It needs individuals who are awake and

dedicated, who do their *daily* metaphysical work, -- not just a fleeting repetition of nice thoughts with good intentions. It means strong and understanding affirmations of the truth and the fearless handling of specific error. It also means reading and pondering the textbook and the Bible, not just going through the full-text lessons. Only when this work is done, will the focussed simplicity of the church service come alive and the healing atmosphere become palpable once again. It is the *only* way to attract those untold numbers who seek the healing of the Christ Truth just as happened during the astounding, early years of Christian Science.

MONITOR SUBSCRIPTION FIGURES

The October 18, 2010, edition of *The Christian Science Monitor* gave the U.S. Postal Service statement of current circulation. In addition, the circulation figure for 1933 is given from *The Continuing Spirit* by Norman Beasley (p. 232) The daily *Monitor* changed from broadsheet to tabloid size on April 1, 1975.

1933	129,260	
1989	156,246	*color format, fewer pages, & greatly reduced advertising begin.
1990	116,709	
1991	115,117	
1992	107,652	
1993	103,607	
1994	96,352	
1995	86,479	
1996	85,679	
1997	77,507	
1998	77,093	
1999	72,498	
2000	73,079	
2001	70,324	
2002	77,310	
2003	72,463	
2004	63,794	
2005	54,726	
2006	57,027	
2007	52,813	
2008	47,725	
2009	48,435	* weekly format begins
2010	76,869	

The new weekly format of the *Monitor* was inaugurated on April 12, 2009. This change was made just when weekly news magazines were failing in the United States. The once thriving *U.S. News & World Report* became a monthly publication. As of January 2011, it will suspend publication. *Newsweek* was recently sold for *one dollar* to stereo equipment magnate Sidney Harmon on condition that he accept the magazine's considerable financial liabilities. Its circulation has gone down from 3.2 million five years ago to just one million today. *Time* has 3 million subscribers, down from 4 million just five years ago (*New York Times* 11-5-2010) It remains to be seen how the new *Monitor* will do when the initial promotional efforts have run their course. The Publishing Society reports: "Annual losses [for all CSPS activities] have dropped by \$6 million over the last two and a half years, from \$22 million to \$16 million this fiscal year." (Dec. 2010 *CS Journal*, p.18)

SENTINEL SUBSCRIPTION FIGURES

The October 25, 2010, edition of the *Christian Science Sentinel* gave the required U.S. Postal Service statement of current circulation. The 1933 figure comes from Beasley's *The Continuing Spirit*, p. 232:

1933	170,784
1997	44,995
1998	50,868 *"life style" edition began
1999	53,290
2000	46,342
2001	48,899
2002	48,260
2003	45,047
2004	37,778
2005	36,384
2006	34,773
2007	32,341
2008	30,154
2009	24,130
2010	25,720

The December 2010 *CS Journal* reports, "Today, fewer than half of Mother Church members subscribe [to the periodicals]. (p. 18) When the *Sentinel* and *Journal* became life style magazines in 1998, those who wrote deep, metaphysical articles saw their submissions rejected unless they were willing to drastically water down the content. As a result, many simply stopped sending in articles for publication. Now, some twelve years later, it will be difficult to restore the earlier standard that subscribers expected. Longtime church members have said that because of the generally superficial writing in the periodicals, they feel that they can no longer afford to subscribe.

CHURCH CLOSINGS

A comparison of the September and December 2010 editions of *The Christian Science Journal* reveals that the following churches/societies have closed: Saint Petersburg (2nd), Florida; Kansas City (6th), Missouri; Millerton, New York; Lock Haven-Lockport, Pennsylvania; and San Marcos, Texas. At the same time, a new society at Tehachapi, California, has been formed. CORRECTION: The Fall 2010 *Banner* mistakenly listed First Church, Billings, Montana, as closed. In fact, it remains open. Since the count began in February 1987, 848 churches have closed, and 75 have opened.

PRACTITIONERS AND TEACHERS

The December 2010 *Christian Science Journal* lists 1,362 practitioners worldwide and 178 teachers who are still teaching primary classes:

Practitioners Worldwide

Jun 1951	10,503
Aug 1993	2,575
Dec 1997	2,045
Jan 2000	1,833
Jan 2001	1,770
Jan 2002	1,686
Jul 2003	1,546
Jan 2004	1,507
Jan 2005	1,433

Jan 2006	1,501
Jan 2007	1,521
Jan 2008	1,474
Jun 2009	1,442
Jun 2010	1,374
Dec 2010	1,362

The January 2011 *CS Journal* announced that practitioner and teacher listings are now available online via *Spirituality.com* and *ChristianScience.com*. Also applications for those wishing to be listed as a Christian Science practitioner can be made online. (p. 15)

Teachers Worldwide (Still teaching classes *)

Mar 1992	250
Mar 1995	239
Dec 1997	209*
Jan 2000	193*
Jan 2001	189*
Jan 2002	190*
Jul 2003	169*
Jan 2004	166*
Jan 2005	172*
Jan 2006	168*
Jan 2007	143*
Jan 2008	172*
Jun 2009	154*
Jun 2010	182*
Dec 2010	178*

UPDATE ON LITIGATION

A ruling in the Suffolk County Probate & Family Court of Massachusetts by Justice Elaine Moriarty is pending but had not yet been released at press time for inclusion in *The Banner*. The original complaint was submitted by Maryfrances Cassell in February 2010 and was followed by a hearing held on June 29th. At that time, the attorney for the Christian Science Board of Directors moved that the complaint be dismissed. The judge denied the motion of the Directors' attorney and ordered both sides to prepare written rebuttals to be submitted to the court by Tuesday, July 6, 2010. The Directors' attorney also submitted affidavits concerning the excommunication of Maryfrances Cassell which were "corrected" after the decease of Victor Westberg who had executed the original documents. Subsequently, a request for "discovery" was made by the attorneys for Miss Cassell, and was immediately resisted by the Directors. The discovery request also will involve the Attorney General of Massachusetts. The ruling is now expected in January 2011.

CONTINUING NEED

Funds are still needed to continue this important litigation from dedicated Christian Scientists in the field and all of those who value the rule of law and the expectation that deeds of trust will be honored and enforced as written.

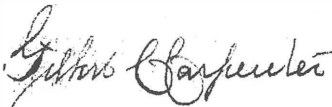
A request from Maryfrances Cassell, director of the Novus Ordo Seclorum Foundation states, "The Court case is progressing. The judge will soon make a ruling, and it will be necessary to be ready to respond promptly. At present, Discovery is being requested by our lawyers from the Directors. We may have to wait until the

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ruling from the Court is made. Pray that the Court will follow the law. Donations are being contributed to the greatest Cause, which will uphold the one divine Principle and preserve the purity of the Christian Science organization which will preserve true freedom. The amount needed within thirty days is \$6,000.00." Contributions may be made to" Novus Ordo Seclorum Foundation, P.O. Box 11, Mount Joy, PA 17552 USA.

HUMOR IN THE SENTINEL

The October 16, 2010, *Christian Science Sentinel* asks readers to submit jokes, cartoons, and stories for publication. Humorous snippets appeared in the early periodicals beginning with *The Journal of Christian Science* in Volume One, Number Four of October 6, 1883. An example: "A lecturer, discoursing on the subject of 'Health,' inquired: 'What use can a man make of his time while waiting for a doctor?' Before he could begin his answer to his own inquiry, some one in the audience cried out: 'He can make his will.'"

The submissions to the current *Sentinel* generally have been in the original spirit, but one in the December 13th issue stands out as highly questionable. With Leonardo da Vinci's painting of The Last Supper in

mind, the joke read: "Q. What did Jesus say to his disciples at the Last Supper? A. Those of you who want to be in the picture, get on this side of the table!"

The *Church Manual* states in Article VIII, Sect. 3, Christ Jesus the Ensample, "Careless comparison or irreverent reference to Christ Jesus is abnormal in a Christian Scientist, and is prohibited."

Mrs. Eddy describes the scene: "The Passover, which Jesus ate with his disciples in the month Nisan on the night before his crucifixion, was a mournful occasion, a sad supper taken at the close of day, in the twilight of a glorious career with shadows fast falling around; and this supper closed forever Jesus' ritualism or concessions to matter." (See complete references in *Science and Health*, pages 32 - 35)

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NEGATIVE DECISION IN CASSELL CASE

In a decision dated December 30, 2010, Elaine M. Moriarty, Suffolk County Judge of Probate and Family Court, dismissed the complaint of Maryfrances Cassell against the Christian Science Board of Directors. The decision was not released until the week of January 3rd, 2011.

In her decision, Judge Moriarty stated, "The *Church Manual* authorizes the Board of Directors to exercise exclusive authority over business and spiritual affairs of the Church. See Article I, Section 6 and to have exclusive governance of the Church" [Editor's note: Article I, Section 6 does *not* give the board authority over the spiritual affairs of the Church and only says, "The business of The Mother Church shall be transacted by its Christian Science Board of Directors."]

After reviewing the particular points raised by Miss Cassell in her suit, the judge declared, "After review of Pleadings and applicable law, it is ordered that the within complaint be DISMISSED for lack of subject matter jurisdiction."

The judge goes on to state, "However, insofar as she alleges these controversies result from misuse or mismanagement of trust assets (par 46 [of Cassell complaint]) she has no standing to raise this issue as the trust is a public charity and it is the responsibility of the Attorney General to do so."

Further on the judge continues: "Bottom line, to the extent that the Trustees are required to be accountable to the *Church Manual* in the governance of the trust and management of its assets, there may be appropriate judicial review by civil courts but same is to be done on application of the Attorney General who is statutorily charged with overseeing public charitable trusts, and not by lawsuits filed by individual church members to whom Directors owe no individual duty. Acknowledging that members of the Church are beneficiaries in a different sense then (sic) members of the public, nonetheless they are not beneficiaries of the trust in a legal sense."

DISCUSSION

Judge Moriarty reaffirms the position of past rulings that Mrs. Eddy established a public charitable trust. However, when all of Mrs. Eddy's deeds of trust (1892, 1903, 1904, 1905, and 1906) are examined, it is clear that she established a private trust. The 1892 deed of trust, which is reprinted on pages 128-135 of the *Church*

Manual, quotes Chapter 39 of the Public Statutes of Massachusetts, and indicates that the Directors are akin to "**deacons, [and] church wardens.**" (p. 130). As such they are **caretakers** "and the Church members own the aforesaid premises and buildings, beneficially." (*Church Manual* p. 75:18, 19) (Emphasis added)

In her decision, Judge Moriarty cites a legal precedent involving another religious denomination which is referred to as a "hierarchical church." Interestingly, in 1994, the Board of Directors submitted a memorandum as part of the *Weaver vs. Wood* lawsuit in which they erroneously claim for the first time ever: "The Mother Church structure is **hierarchical**, with complete authority vested in a self-perpetuating Board of Directors to conduct the business of the Mother Church and to discipline members of The Mother Church." (Emphasis added)

Christian Science teacher and practitioner Elaine Natale Davidson reported that in a meeting with the Board of Directors on March 7, 2002, she was told: "The complaint [Davidson's *Matters of Conscience*] may not be taken 'unto the church' -- the membership -- **because the Board claims it is the Church**, and no further steps of the Matthew 18:15-17 teaching are permitted." (Emphasis added)

In the October 1892 *Christian Science Journal*, Mrs. Eddy wrote: "Guided by the Divine Love they [her legal counsel] found in the laws of Massachusetts the statute referred to in the following deed (and which is herewith published [now appearing as the footnote on page 130 of *Church Manual*]) **for incorporating a body of donees, without organizing a church.**" (Emphasis added) Elsewhere on the same page, Mrs. Eddy notes the importance of specifying whether the previous deed had "created a public, or a private trust." (p. 275)

As further proof that the Board of Directors are akin to deacons and church wardens and not a hierarchy, their 1971 attempt to extend the copyright on Mary Baker Eddy's *Science and Health* was ruled unconstitutional in U.S. Federal Court on August 22, 1985. The Christian Science textbook is now in the public domain.

On April 28, 1988, a New Jersey appeals court upheld the decision of the New Jersey Supreme Court that churches and individuals may identify themselves as Christian Scientists without gaining permission from the Christian Science Board of Directors. The Directors had sought to prohibit Plainfield Christian Science

Church (Independent) of New Jersey from identifying itself with Christian Science. Today the Board of Directors have physical control of The Mother Church property, The Christian Science Publishing Society, the Board of Education, and an ever dwindling financial base. They have *no* control over the true substance of Christian Science which is individual self-instruction through the writings of Mary Baker Eddy and her preferred King James Version of the Holy Bible.

CASE TO BE APPEALED

An appeal in the case of Maryfrances Cassell is being prepared and will be submitted to the appropriate court when ready. Details were not available when this issue of *The Banner* went to press.

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A letter from Maryfrances Cassell dated March 16, 2011, states, "The Appeal will be filed within a few days. The cost of the appeal will depend upon the obduracy of the Defendants. The obedience to the Church Manual should be followed by all members. All members are equal. This church is impartial. Its rules apply not to one member only, but to one and all equally. Mary Baker Eddy (My 230:9-10)

"This Cause is crucial -- to preserve the purity of the Christian Science organization as founded by its Leader, Mary Baker Eddy." Donations should be sent to: Novus Ordo Seclorum Foundation, P.O. Box 11, Mount Joy, PA 17552

LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF CS PLAZA

A message from Nathan Talbot, Clerk of The Mother Church, dated January 26, 2011, stated, "Yesterday the Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) voted to designate the Christian Science Plaza as a Landmark... The Church did not seek Landmark status... The designation will call for BLC approval of any new buildings on the Plaza, as well as changes to the exteriors of existing buildings and the open space... It should be noted that the majority of new development currently being proposed by the Church is behind the former Colonnade Building... and across the street from the Hilton and Sheraton Hotels. This area is not within the Landmark boundaries and therefore will not be subject of BLC review..."

In an article headlined, "Christian Science eyes new towers", the *Boston Herald* of February 27, 2010, reported, "As the need for new Hub office space disappears amid double-digit vacancy rates, the Christian Science Church has switched plans to develop its 14.5 acre Back Bay site. Instead of an office building, church officials now hope to build a 35-story residential tower and a 15-story hotel on Dalton Street and a third building at Huntington Avenue -- all far above zoning limits."

The Landmark Designation most likely will prevent the construction of the building on Huntington Avenue,

but would not affect the proposed hotel and residential tower for Dalton Street. (See the illustration of CS Plaza on the cover of this issue of *The Banner*: Proposed buildings labeled "1" and "2" would be on Dalton Street. The proposed building for Huntington Avenue, which would probably be disallowed by BLC, is labeled "3")

As quoted in the Spring 2009 *Banner*, *The New York Times* of January 5, 2009 reported, "Vacancy rates in office buildings exceed 10 percent in virtually every major city in the country and are rising rapidly, a sign of economic distress that could lead to yet another wave of problems for troubled lenders."

The Wall Street Journal of April 1, 2009, reported, "Boston's John Hancock Tower, New England's tallest building, was sold Tuesday in a foreclosure auction held by an investor group for \$660.6 million, half the price paid by real-estate private-equity firm Broadway Partners three years ago... The auction, which some participants described as a 'non-event' and lasted only a few minutes, reflects a steep decline in commercial-property values as the economic distress sweeps through office buildings, shopping malls, hotels and the like."

(Editor's Note: Why would the Christian Science Board of Directors push forward with high risk real estate development at this time when almost all commercial property remains in deep crisis throughout the United States? Past experience shows that the board is not swayed by outside advice. When the board insisted on launching the ill-fated Monitor cable channel, *Cable World* magazine of March 23, 1991, observed: "Although it's unclear how much of that money [\$250 million Mother Church investment in the electronic media] was poured directly into The Monitor Channel, that eye-popping figure has cable insiders scratching their heads, in amazement... 'It's probably up there with some of the biggest failures ever seen in cable.'" [See *Christian Science After 1910*, p. 184])

Five years ago the board held a completely different view of real estate development. An article titled "Church -- stressing 'mission focus' -- cuts real-estate costs" in *The Christian Science Monitor* of April 14, 2006, announced the intent to sell Mary Baker Eddy's homes in Lynn and Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, by the Christian Science Board of Directors. In announcing the pending sale of the houses, Nathan Talbot stressed the need for Christian Scientists to be better healers: "And what is going to help us be better healers? Keeping a clear focus. And what is distracting from that focus -- well, there are several things, and we are setting them aside. And devoting so much of our resources to property management is one of them... We think that property management is a symbol of what can distract. We want to be free to devote every possible resource to our healing mission."

The Spring 2009 issue of *The Banner* asked, "Where do the directors propose to get the financing for this new building project? *Speculation is that the \$12 to \$20 million subsidy currently allocated for the Christian Science periodicals could be diverted to the building project once the newspaper and the magazines are primarily converted to internet-only access.*" (emphasis added)

JOURNAL, SENTINEL & HERALD TO BE PRIMARILY WEB PUBLICATIONS

The February 2011 *Christian Science Journal* announced, "In the future the Web will increasingly become the primary venue for publishing the *Journal*, *Sentinel*, and *Herald*. Web-first publishing has many advantages, but that doesn't mean you'll stop seeing your print editions of the periodicals." (p. 7) This theme was continued in the March 2011 *Journal*: "If you could decide what the content and form of our periodicals would be like a year from now, what would they be?... These aren't unlike the questions we've been wrestling with as we think about the future of our religious periodicals... [W]e are increasingly hearing from readers who want to be able to access the message of Christian Science from a variety of digital platforms -- desktop and mobile devices connected to the Internet -- with more opportunities for interaction with the content and with other readers, while other subscribers wonder why anyone would ever want to read a magazine on anything but paper." (p. 18, 19)

The trial balloon for the transformation of the periodicals from print to Internet was launched in an e-mail letter dated January 12, 2009, to members of The Mother Church: "From January through May of this year, Barbara Vining, CSB, President of The Mother Church, and Brian Talcott, CSB, are conducting workshops for branch church members on 'Embracing the Christian Science Periodicals.'... Barbara and Brian look forward to sharing ideas on how changeless divine Principle governs the changeless spiritual mission of the periodicals *as they adapt to rapid changes in the way ideas are communicated in the world today.*" (emphasis added)

The Spring 2009 *Banner* predicted: "It would appear that church members are being prepared for Internet versions of the *Sentinel* and *Journal* with occasional print versions as a consolation. This would probably take place in 2010 when members will be told that the 'new' internet *Monitor* has been so well received that the monthly and weekly periodicals will follow suit."

The Banner will now revise its prediction by stating that the change to Internet versions of the *Sentinel*, *Journal*, and *Herald* will take place in 2012 and that print anthologies will be mailed to subscribers two or four times per year. These will contain the most popular

articles as determined by the number of "hits" each one receives on the Internet.

850 CHURCHES CLOSED SINCE 1987

A comparison of the December 2010 and March 2011 issues of *The Christian Science Journal* reveals that the following churches/societies have closed: Gloucester, Massachusetts; Hood River, Oregon; and Scranton, Pennsylvania. At the same time the society in Carpinteria, California, ~~reappeared~~ in the church listing after having disappeared from the June 2010 *Journal*. A new society is listed for Detroit, Michigan. Since the count began in February 1987, 850 churches have closed and 76 have opened. An average of 37 churches have closed each year since 1987 which comes to an average of three every month.

MENTAL SELF-KNOWLEDGE AN EDITORIAL

An American Air Force pilot, who was shot down over North Vietnam, managed to eject safely. He was captured and thrown into solitary confinement. He later reported that for the first time in his life he met himself, and he did not like what he saw. This is a common reaction to harsh isolation and explains why solitary confinement is so often used as punishment in prisons. People will do almost anything to avoid meeting themselves face to face. In the 1960s when the pilot was a prisoner of war in North Vietnam, societal distractions back home included television, radio, sports activities, and camaraderie among family and friends.

Today the number of distractions has greatly increased, and people now have hundreds of 24-hour cable television channels, satellite radio, the iPod, computer games, the Internet, Twitter, constant updating of Facebook pages, chat rooms, cell telephone calls, text messaging, and multiple other electronic distractions. We have reached the point where it literally is possible never to meet oneself.

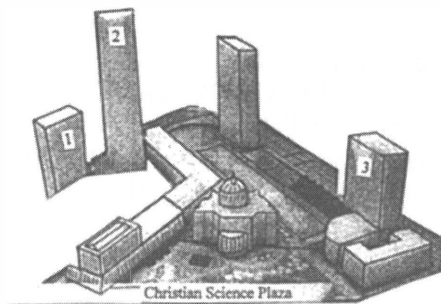
Mary Baker Eddy writes, "Anatomy, when conceived of spiritually, is mental self-knowledge, and consists in the dissection of thoughts to discover their quality, quantity, and origin. Are thoughts divine or human? That is the important question. This branch of study is indispensable to the excision of error." (S&H 462: 20-25) So mental anatomy, which can only be done in solitude, is not to be avoided, but confronted and embraced.

Christian Scientists have a guide to mental self-knowledge in their textbook on pages 115 and 116, titled "SCIENTIFIC TRANSLATION OF MORTAL MIND," which consists of three degrees: Depravity, Evil beliefs disappearing, and Understanding. Many professing Christian Scientists skip the first degree analysis of depravity, because they feel certain that they have long since risen above such claims.

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But what does Mrs. Eddy say about this *indispensable* study: "The anatomy of Christian Science teaches when and how to probe the self-inflicted wounds of selfishness, malice, envy, and hate. It teaches the control of mad ambition. It unfolds the hallowed influences of unselfishness, philanthropy, spiritual love. It urges the government of the body both in health and in sickness. The Christian Scientist, through understanding mental anatomy, discerns and deals with the real cause of disease." (S&H 462: 25-1)

How many people today sleepwalk through their unexamined lives, and when a physical problem arises, go read an article in the periodicals with the timid expectation that something good might happen? Mrs. Eddy writes: "We never need to despair of an honest heart; but there is little hope for those who come only spasmodically face to face with their wickedness and then seek to hide it. (S&H 8: 3-6)

Mrs. Eddy writes, "Seek Truth, and pursue it. It should cost you something; you are willing to pay for error and receive nothing in return; but if you pay the price of Truth, you shall receive *all*." (Mis. 342: 24-27) Christian Science is a discipline, not a life style. Mrs. Eddy emphatically states, "There is no excellence without labor; and the time to work is *now*." (Mis. 340: 5,6)

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AFTER 1910

by
Andrew W. Hartsook

This book, written by the editor of *The Banner*, is a complete account of the calculated grab for power by the Christian Science Board of Directors and their subsequent micromanagement of every phase of Christian Science in Boston and in the field, which has almost completely suffocated all spontaneity and inspired thinking. Today we see the empty shell of a once great movement. The book documents the disastrous and unnecessary decline of the church after it passed from the leadership of Mary Baker Eddy to the despotic control of the Board of Directors. The book contains footnotes, sources, and photographs.

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**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS CHARGES THE BOOKMARK
WITH COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT**

A March letter from the legal department of The Mother Church, accused The Bookmark of Santa Clarita, California, of copyright infringement and reportedly demanded substantial monetary compensation. Articles by well-known writers from the early Christian Science periodicals were among those cited and include familiar names such as Milton Simon, William Coffman, John Peterson, Inman Douglas, Evelyn Heywood, Violet Hay, Stanley Morgan, Ivimy Gwalter, and Louise Wheatley Cook Hovnanian. The letter also named Adam Dickey's *Memoirs of Mary Baker Eddy*.

THE STORY OF ONE BOOK

Memoirs of Mary Baker Eddy by Adam Dickey was published after his passing in 1926. Copies of it were distributed to members of his association and were also placed in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The Board of Directors, on hearing of the book, wrote a letter to each member of Adam Dickey's association demanding that they send their copies to them. They told Mrs. Dickey to retrieve the copies in the Library of Congress and turn over to the Board of Directors the printing plates and that they would reimburse her for all expenses involved in the printing of the book. They argued in their letter to the Dickey association that Mrs. Eddy had asked Adam Dickey to write a book, not publish a book. The board acquired the copyright, but not all copies were turned in.

The extreme measures taken by the board were prompted by Mrs. Eddy's earnest request to Adam Dickey: "Mr. Dickey, I want you to promise me something, will you?" I said, 'Yes, Mother, I certainly will.' 'Well,' she continued, 'if I should ever leave here -- do you know what I mean by that?' 'Yes, Mother.' 'If I should ever leave here,' she repeated, 'will you promise me that you will write a history of what has transpired in your experiences with me, and say that I was mentally murdered?' I answered, 'Yes, Mother, I will.' 'Now, Mr. Dickey, do not let anything interfere with your keeping this promise.'" (*Christian Science After 1910*, pp. 49, 50)

The Directors did not want Mrs. Eddy's disturbing request and the circumstances which prompted it ever to

reach the field. The Adam Dickey book has never been made available by the Directors since its suppression in 1927 in violation of Mrs. Eddy's clear expectation that it be written and published.

RESPONSE FROM THE BOOKMARK

A letter to the Christian Science field from Ann Beals dated April 29, 2011, was distributed via the Internet. It stated, "If your interest in The Bookmark goes back to the year 2000, perhaps you remember the time when The Mother Church charged me with an infringement of copyrights on material that they owned. They claimed that the Divinity Course and General Collectanea (the Blue Book) contained the unpublished writings of Mary Baker Eddy and, having acquired the material in the Carpenter Foundation for the Church archives, they now owned copyright on all of her unpublished writings. I took this book off my publication list for some months, then one day I thought, 'It isn't right that dedicated students of Christian Science should be deprived of their Leader's teaching, especially a book so inspiring and healing as this one.' And so I restored the book to my list. I heard no further from the church. Until recently.

"Some weeks ago, the Board of Directors of The Mother Church again notified me that I was guilty of copyright infringement, for it seems they hold copyrights on many article in the Journals and Sentinels that I have been publishing in The Bookmark. I had assumed that these articles were in the public domain, but not so. My sole motive in publishing these books has been to provide Christian Scientists with inspiring literature that would help them find healing and a better understanding of Mrs. Eddy's revelation. Also, if I published these articles in hard cover books, they would not be lost or forgotten in time, for so many Scientists found comfort and healing in them. Only recently, just before charging me with copyright infringement, the Church published two collections of these early articles.

"My friend, our movement is in deep water today. Many of our churches have closed and many more with only a few members are likely to close over the next decade, and as they close, the material in the bound volumes of the past is disappearing. We are the remnant. These deep spiritual writings coming from The Bookmark will help us through this dark time. We have many very dedicated and capable Scientists in our movement, but they must have good material to work with. While the Bible and our Leader's writings are the

foundation for this work, these other writings help us to go forward. The world needs Christian Science, and we can reach it as we are united in praying scientifically. Our combined prayerful work should open the way for Christian Science to enjoy a renaissance. This email is to let you know that I may not be able to provide you with certain books until this issue is settled with the Directors of the church. And unreasonable demands by the Directors could close The Bookmark. Would you please let the Directors know how you feel about this?"

LAST YEAR'S BUCKET OF WATER!

"The January 1988 issue of *Reading Room News* included a notice that past issues of the *Journal* and *Sentinel* are available on microfiche, a form of microfilm which allows the storage of large quantities of data in a small space. The article warns, 'The availability of past volumes on fiche should not be interpreted as a sudden encouragement to acquire and delve into old issues of the periodicals.' Readers were urged to read current literature with the statement, 'Recognizing the freshness and vigor of such a fountain, we're naturally less interested in a drink from last year's bucket of water!' (C.S. After 1910, p.166)

Previously, reading rooms had been urged to remove their bound volumes of the *Journal* and *Sentinel* and store them out of sight so as to discourage visitors from reading the classic and deeply metaphysical articles from the pioneer days of Christian Science. The inclusion of a microfiche version was a concession so they could say that the complete *Journals* and *Sentinels* were still available, even if they were almost invisible and more difficult to use.

DOG IN THE MANGER

The current effort by the Directors to suppress classic Christian Science literature is, in the opinion of the editor of this newsletter, an attempt to put The Bookmark out of business once and for all. It is reminiscent of Aesop's Fable, "The Dog in the Manger" in which a dog took up residence in a manger filled with hay. When the cattle came home from a hard day's work in the fields, the dog snarled and snapped at the cattle and would not let them near the manger or the hay. Aesop's moral of the story is: Do not grudge others what you cannot enjoy yourself.

In like manner, the Directors seek to prevent earnest seekers of the truth from reading the deep metaphysics which inspired countless students during the first century of Christian Science. Instead, they replaced these classic works with their own trendy, superficial articles in newly designed lifestyle versions of the *Journal* and *Sentinel*. The number of subscriptions for both periodicals have plummeted since the "new and improved" versions were introduced.

In a very real sense, it can be said that the Directors

have replaced Christ in the manger with their dog in the manger. They jealously claim ownership of writings that they do not value and do not want to publish or share with others. At the same time they would deny these writings to honest seekers for truth coming from other sources. Their concept of "authorized literature" has been used to suppress all independent writing on Christian Science.

As Christ Jesus said, "But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for you neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in." (Matthew 23: 13)

RED INK FOR THE PERIODICALS

The *Christian Science Journal* for June 2011 reports that the \$68 yearly subscription for the *Journal* actually costs the Publishing Society \$100 to produce. A yearly *Sentinel* subscription which sells for \$79 actually costs \$150 to produce. The various editions of the *Herald* cost the Publishing Society \$240 for each subscription.

The article states, "A part of these losses is offset by fees paid by practitioners, branches, and nurses advertising in the *Journal* and *Heralds*. The balance, more than \$2 million in annual losses, is funded by The Mother Church... Clearly, such a situation is not sustainable for either the Church or the Publishing Society, which is why we are taking steps to reduce costs, and planning to increase subscription prices in October 2011." (p.16)

The lifestyle editions of the *Journal* and *Sentinel* are much more costly to produce. The oversized dimensions of the magazines; the use of shiny, slick paper; the distracting and confusing splashes of color; the large, pointless stock photographs; and the grinning pictures of the article writers are expensive and distract from The Word. The original magazines had classic, instantly recognizable covers. Publishing and printing costs were kept at a minimum. The attention of the reader was focussed entirely on metaphysics.

UNFORESEEN PROFITS

It would seem that the Christian Science Publishing Society has discovered the profitability of classic articles from the early periodicals almost by accident. They recently published a spiral bound volume titled *Anthology of Classic Articles* for \$32. This print edition proved to be so popular that an audio version on CDs was issued for \$65. It is understood that these two volumes, along with the various versions of the full-text edition of the *Christian Science Quarterly*, are their only profitable publications. This unexpected success might have helped trigger the legal action against The Bookmark. These writings, disdained for so many years by the Directors, have shown the potential to make them money.

AUTHORIZED VERSUS AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LITERATURE

Mrs. Eddy inserted a card in the July 1891 *Christian Science Journal* as a "tip sheet" opposite page 135 because it was written after the issue had gone to press. This card is almost always absent from the bound volumes:

CARD.

SINCE my attention has been called to the article in the May **JOURNAL**, I think it would have been wiser not to have organized the **GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR DISPENSING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LITERATURE**.

1. Because I disbelieve in the utility of so wide spread an organization. It tends to promote monopolies, class legislation and unchristian motives for Christian work.

2. I consider my students as capable, individually, of selecting their own reading matter and circulating it, as a committee would be which is chosen for this purpose.

I shall have nothing further to say on this subject, but hope my students' conclusion will be wisely drawn, and tend to promote the welfare of those outside, as well as inside this organization.

MARY B.G. EDDY.

NOTICE.

Having awakened to the fact that material means and methods cannot be incorporated in the practical demonstration and work of Divine Science and especially in the circulation of Christian Science literature I hereby recall the request made in the May **JOURNAL**, namely -- "that Scientists organize for the systematic distribution of Christian Science literature," and hereby declare the General Association for Dispensing Christian Science Literature disorganized from date.

CAROL NORTON,
General Secretary.

New York, June 26, 1891.

In spite of Mrs. Eddy's counsel, the Directors instituted the concept of authorized literature after her passing in 1910. No one was permitted to publish a book or article on Christian Science without prior authorization of the Board of Directors. Practitioners and teachers would lose their listings in the *Journal* for acting without permission. Anyone else would be ostracized and probably be excommunicated from The Mother Church.

The experience of Ann Beals, the founder of The Bookmark, is instructive and demonstrates how this

system worked. In 1974, she published her first booklet, *Animal Magnetism*. In the book, *Crisis in The Christian Science Church* (1978), she wrote, "It was only a matter of time before I heard from the church authorities. My teacher, Neil H. Bowles, of Atlanta, Georgia called me many times to convince me I should withdraw the pamphlet... Then one day he called and said, 'Mr. Lee, head of the Department of Practitioners, has just called me and he wants me to tell you that you will lose your *Journal* listing if you do not take back your pamphlet.'" After meetings with Mr. Lee and Board member Arthur Wuth, she was told that her pamphlet was incorrect literature. She asked to be shown what was incorrect. They refused to tell her. Then she was told that she would lose her *Journal* listing if she did not withdraw the pamphlet. So she withdrew her practitioner listing from the *Journal* before they could do it. She recorded, "Soon afterward, five articles that had been accepted by the editors of the periodicals were returned with a form letter rejecting them... The coldness, the injustice of the church hierarchy did not drive me away from the church. This blindness on the part of the authorities only served to emphasize what serious trouble the Cause was in." (pp. 18, 19)

After collaborating with Reginald G. Kerry on his first four, groundbreaking letters to the Christian Science field exposing misconduct, immorality, and cover-up at church headquarters, Ann Beals left Boston for California in October 1978. In May of 1980 she founded The Bookmark in Pasadena. Her first catalog stated, "The purpose of The Bookmark is to bring you classic and contemporary writings on Christian Science -- presently in circulation among practitioners, but unknown to the majority of dedicated Christian Scientists who are demanding higher demonstrations and better healing... The awakening of genuine students to the fact that Mrs. Eddy never approved of the practice of 'authorized literature' is infusing new life into our Cause." Her own pamphlets, *Animal Magnetism*, *Scientific Prayer*, and *The Spiritual Dimension* served as the inspiration and original public offering for this endeavor. Since then, articles, lectures, association addresses, and rare books have been made available to students throughout the world. In many cases, *these writings would have been lost forever* had they not been preserved through the efforts of The Bookmark.

OTHERWISE LOST FOREVER

The old theological thought that association addresses should never be shared beyond a teacher's own association of pupils was also broken. Should Saint Paul's letters to the Ephesians, the Philippians, or the Colossians be available only to the contemporary Christians of those ancient towns and cities? Should their instruction and rare insights be stricken from the

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THE DOG IN THE MANGER

Bible and denied to everyone else throughout history because they were not the originally intended audience? So it is with the great Christian Science teachers such as Martha Wilcox, Samuel Greenwood, and Bicknell Young, whose associations were long ago disbanded, but whose labors, experiences, and demonstrations can help the sojourner in this and every age. Had these writings not been rescued and published, they easily could have ended up in anonymous estate sales or flea markets and lost forever.

LET THE WORD HAVE FREE COURSE

Mrs. Eddy writes, "A student can write voluminous works on Science without trespassing, if he writes honestly, and he cannot dishonestly compose *Christian Science*. (Ret. 76:4-6) Also she writes: "Let the Word have free course and be glorified. The people clamor to leave cradle and swaddling-clothes. The spiritual status is urging its highest demands on mortals, and material history is drawing to a close. Truth cannot be stereotyped; it unfoldeth forever... The question now at issue is: Shall we have a practical, spiritual Christianity, with its healing power, or shall we have material medicine and superficial religion?" (No. 45: 24-28, 46:3-5)

MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN

The Directors legal action against The Bookmark is not yet resolved. If this sole outlet of authentic Christian Science literature were to be put out of business, we would have only the erratic and anemic offerings of the once great Christian Science Publishing Society. Three Directors have email addresses at the Church Center: Nathan Talbot: talbotn@csps.com; Mary Metzner Trammell: trammellm@csps.com; and Margaret Rogers: rogersm@csps.com. The other two are Tom Black: blackjt@aol.com; and Michael Pabst: mpabstcsb@gmail.com. At this critical time in Christian Science history, they need to hear your views on this subject. While the Directors pursue the artificial hype of Church Alive! and their Annual Meeting extravaganza, the Cause continues to sink.

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THE MANUAL JAIL

The Annual Meeting at The Mother Church took place on Monday, June 6th. It was conducted as a guided conversation with board chairman Michael Pabst acting as the facilitator. The *Church Manual* specifies: "These assemblies shall be for listening to the reports of Treasurer, Clerk, and Committees, and general reports from the Field. (p. 56)

There was *no* report from the Clerk. The Treasurer's astonishingly brief report stated that funds on hand amounted to \$514 million. There was zero indebtedness. Expenses for the past year were \$93 million, and two-thirds of the funds were restricted. The last satisfactory report from the Treasurer was published in the September 2004 issue of *The Christian Science Journal* and consisted of six pages of specific information.

In spite of the stage-managed, conversational style of the meeting, board member Tom Black spoke up and asked, "Would you mind if we kept ourselves out of the Manual jail and would ask the Committee on Publication to give his report...?" (1: 01: 41) In response, C.O.P. Russ Gerber said, "Thank you, Tom. Thank you. Much better to be outside the jail; I agree." (1: 07: 01)

This exchange was puzzling since the Annual Meeting already was *not* conforming to the Manual provisions. The remarks would seem to belie a broader resentment of the By-laws and their limitations on capricious human will.

MRS. EDDY'S INSTRUCTION

Regarding the *Church Manual* and the By-laws, Mrs. Eddy states, "Notwithstanding the sacrilegious moth of time, eternity awaits our Church Manual, which will maintain its rank as in the past, amid ministries aggressive and active, and will stand when those have passed to rest... This church is impartial. Its rules apply not to one member only, but to one and all equally. Of this, I am sure, that each Rule and By-law in this Manual will increase the spirituality of him who obeys it, invigorate his capacity to heal the sick, to comfort such as mourn, and to awaken the sinner." (My 230)

She also writes: "Adhere to the teachings of the Bible, Science and Health, and our Manual, and you will obey the law and the gospel." (My. 251, 252)

In *Miscellaneous Writings*, Mrs. Eddy states:

"Christian Science demands both law and gospel, in order to demonstrate healing, and I have taught them both in its demonstration, and with signs following. They are a unit in restoring the equipoise of mind and body, and balancing man's account with his Maker. The sequence proves that strict adherence to one is inadequate to compensate for the absence of the other, since both constitute the divine law of healing." (p. 65:21-29)

ADAM DICKEY'S ADDRESS

In an address delivered by Adam Dickey in The Mother Church in October 1921 and printed in the April 1922 *Christian Science Journal*, he said, "Through her [Mrs. Eddy's] ability to detect in advance what mortal mind was trying to do and thus to protect her church, she was led through revelation to establish By-laws which, when understood and obeyed, would at all times, both present and future, save her followers from suffering and from unfortunate experiences that could be avoided..."

"The question has been asked, 'Is it not strange that Mrs. Eddy put the government of The Mother Church in the hands of five persons?' Christian Scientists do not understand that she did this. What she did was to put the government of The Mother Church into the By-laws. The church is not being governed by persons; it is governed by Principle through the *By-laws* in the Manual..."

"When the Manual is disregarded, the church is in danger..."

"The Board of Directors has been charged with certain responsibilities which they must carry out. For instance, one of the By-laws in the Manual (Art. I, Sect. 6) states, 'The business of The Mother Church shall be transacted by its Christian Science Board of Directors. This does not mean that the Directors are at liberty to inflict their will or their desire upon the Christian Science movement. Indeed, the very opposite is true. The movement could not endure if the Directors should arbitrarily undertake to tell the members of The Mother Church how to conduct themselves.'"

ANALYSIS

Tom Black's reference to the Manual as a "jail" did not evoke any response or reaction from others on the platform. Russ Gerber's approving rejoinder suggested that he was already familiar with the "jail" analogy.

Could it be that the other directors have heard Tom Black's derogatory "jail" reference many times in private and perhaps have used it themselves, and, for that reason, did not express surprise or have any other reaction?

EIGHT MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

A comparison of the March and June 2011 issues of *The Christian Science Journal* reveals that the following churches/societies have closed: Los Angeles (37th), California; Danbury, Connecticut; Dunedin, Florida; Anderson, Indiana; Ottumwa, Iowa; Bronxville, New York; Brookings, South Dakota; and Odessa, Texas. At the same time, the church at Somerville, New Jersey, has become a society listed at Manville, New Jersey. During the same period, a society has been formed in Boston (Jamaica Plain), Massachusetts. Since the count began in February 1987, **858** churches have closed, and **77** have opened.

NUMBER OF BRANCH CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES WORLDWIDE

Over the years, counts of the number of branch churches and societies have been made. The 1908 figure of 1,059 is taken from the book titled *Mary Baker Eddy*, by Arthur Brisbane (1908). Later editions of the same book are titled *What Mrs. Eddy Said to Arthur Brisbane* and do not contain these statistics. The 1908 edition also counted 3,793 *Journal*-listed practitioners and gave Mother Church membership as 45,195.

The 1951 and 1961 branch church numbers in the table below were given out at the Annual Meetings in Boston in those years. The high-water mark for branch churches was apparently 1961. The 1993 figure appears on page 191 of the editor's book, *Christian Science After 1910*. The 2011 number was determined using the June 2011 *Christian Science Journal*. The 2011 count revealed that there are currently 1,178 churches/societies in the United States and 495 in other countries with a total of 1,673 worldwide. This indicates that nearly half of all Christian Science churches have closed in the last fifty years since 1961.

1908	1,059
1951	3,049
1961	3,273
1993	2,467
2011	1,673

PRACTITIONERS AND TEACHERS

The June 2011 *Christian Science Journal* lists 1,385 practitioners worldwide:

Practitioners Worldwide

1908	3,793
Jun 1951	10,503
Aug 1993	2,575
Dec 1997	2,045
Jan 2000	1,833
Jan 2001	1,770
Jul 2003	1,546
Jan 2004	1,507
Jan 2005	1,433
Jan 2006	1,501
Jan 2007	1,521
Jan 2008	1,474
Jun 2009	1,442
Jun 2010	1,374
Dec 2010	1,362
Jun 2011	1,385

Teachers Worldwide (Still teaching classes *)

The June 2011 *Christian Science Journal* lists 174 teachers who are still teaching primary classes:

Mar 1992	250
Mar 1995	239
Dec 1997	209*
Jan 2000	193*
Jan 2001	189*
Jan 2002	190*
Jul 2003	169*
Jan 2004	166*
Jan 2005	172*
Jan 2006	168*
Jan 2007	143*
Jan 2008	172*
Jun 2009	154*
Jun 2010	182*
Dec 2010	178*
Jun 2011	174*

FUNDS REQUESTED FOR APPEAL

A letter dated June 10, 2011, from Maryfrances Cassell makes the following request:

"A very strong Appeal has now been filed which should return Mary Baker Eddy's Church back to her. She never relinquished ownership of her Church, and she made her members Member Beneficiaries. Please donate to fund the Appeal. The amount needed is \$15,000..."

It should also be noted that this suit is not against The Mother Church, but rather against the individual members of the Christian Science Board of Directors who have effectively annulled the By-laws and who continue to ignore, disregard, and/or abuse individual church members who seek to implement Mrs. Eddy's requirements in obedience to her *Church Manual*. [See the following issues of *The Banner* for details of this suit: February 2010, Spring 2010, Summer 2010, Fall 2010, Winter 2011, and Spring 2011. Copies are available from the editor on request.]

Donations for the Appeal should be made to:

Novus Ordo Seclorum Foundation
P.O. Box 11

Mount Joy, PA 17552 USA

RECOMMENDED WEB SITE

Readers of *The Banner* are referred to the following web site which contains useful commentary as well as links to a large number of other sites about Christian Science history, contemporary issues, and projects that a routine Internet search might not uncover:

www.independentcs.blogspot.com

NEGATIVE PRESS

A derogatory book about Christian Science is due to be published on August 9, 2011, and is titled: *fathermothergod: My Journey out of Christian Science* by Lucia Greenhouse.

The Wall Street Journal of July 8, 2011, published an article titled, "When Spirituality Kills. How should society regulate New Age gurus or Christian Scientists?" by Mitch Horowitz. The bulk of the article is about "James Ray [who] was convicted last month of negligent

homicide in the 2009 deaths of three people at a ceremony he led in an Arizona sweat lodge.” The only reference to Christian Science is that in the 1890s, the Massachusetts state legislature “drew up new licensing requirements designed to restrict anyone who offered healing without a medical degree.” The article notes: “Pioneering psychologist William James lobbied against the measures, arguing that ‘mind cure’ treatments seemed to relieve suffering and led to some documented cures.”

The weekly print edition of *The Christian Science Monitor* of July 4, 2011, included an editorial titled, “Is prayer not an aid to health?” It expresses concern that “the federal government recently decided not to study prayer as an aid in healing -- as it had done for years.” The editorial also noted that the “N[ational] I[nstitutes] of H[ealth]’s National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine points to studies that claim prayer is outside the ‘mainstream’ of unconventional healing practices and is based on ‘belief’ and not ‘scientific laws’.” [end quotations]

Editorial comment: For the last fifty years, the U.S. federal government has been allowed incrementally to create what amounts to a state religion through the establishment of compulsory national medical health care. The government, through unelected bureaucrats, now defines and regulates what it considers to be legitimate thinking, and it feels justified approving or disapproving decisions previously left up to the individual and his family. The solution to all of this is *not* to beg for concessions or exemptions from a monopolistic medical hierarchy, but to inform an *increasingly restive public* about the loss of freedom to live one’s life according to one’s own conscience. When the government’s health police seek even to regulate what specific “healthy” foods should be permitted in school cafeterias, and when at least one locality feels justified to decide what foods students are allowed to bring to school in a sack lunch from home, everyone should be concerned that individual freedom is in danger.

THE CHURCH MILITANT

The character of Mary Baker Eddy’s church has changed over the last one hundred years from the Church Universal and Triumphant to the church militant. In an address to 15th Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City on October 15, 1931, Frances Thurber Seal expressed concern about the transformation then taking place: “Never before in the history of the Christian Science movement, has there been so great a need for wide-awake heralds on the watch-towers. In the earlier periods of its history, the attacks came from without, and the few on the inside quietly rallied to the call of the Leader and her captains, and under her directions handled the attacking error. But, through the great and rapid

growth of the organization, much error has found a place inside the ranks -- conscious or unconscious error acting through immature Scientists, ignorant of metaphysics, and [embracing] ambition etc. -- and this gives it an advantage it could never gain from a merely external point of attack. When Moses led the Israelites from Egypt, 600,000 strong, there went with him a mixed multitude (Num. 11:14) and these were the people that caused much of the trouble. They clamoured for flesh to eat, they were weary of the manna which God gave them, and they influenced the less spiritually-minded of the Children of Israel, until they fell a-lusting.

“So it is with our organization today. There is a great mixed multitude in our midst. Through enthusiasm, a zeal without wisdom, an overwhelming ambition, our Churches have been weakened by taking into membership many people who know little or nothing of the Science of Being and who have naturally brought into it their human opinions and methods... Our mixed multitude is made up of the same condition of mentalities -- those who have come for the healing or to find surcease from worry, from sorrow, from poverty, and who seek nothing higher, and these always bring inharmony...

“The forms of error that seem to creep into branch Churches are socialism and anarchy. Socialism, as you probably know, is the belief in a central government, and it would mesmerize the members into a lethargic condition that causes them to cease doing real work and to leave it all to the Trustees, the Directors or other officers...

“Another subtle temptation of the Church member is to substitute his opinion for the intelligence of another, thus exerting mental domination... This temptation is increased by the great number of people who like someone else to do their thinking for them. If this temptation knocks at the door of any one of you, remember that it is the priesthood, and reject it as such, for your Leader declared that ‘the pride of priesthood is the prince of this world. It has nothing in Christ.’...

“The same relationship exists between Science and Health and the Manual, as between the Revelator and Founder of Christian Science. The one is the natural outgrowth of the other. Let no one be deceived into thinking he can accept the one and reject the other, either as a whole or as a part... I know something of this, for Mrs. Eddy told me herself. She said that at the time she was engaged upon the most important work of her life, next to the writing of Science and Health, and that this was equally necessary, for it was the completion of the government of The Mother Church, and I can still see the look of far-away vision in her eyes as she said, ‘When it is completed, it will be the most perfect form of government the world has ever seen’, and after a

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pause, she continued, 'and it [the world] will not be able to see it for a long time to come.'" [End quotation]

EIGHTY YEARS LATER

Today we see the result of the unhandled error that Frances Thurber Seal warned of in 1931. Too many church members are content to let other people do their thinking for them and view with deep suspicion anyone who dares to express misgivings about the Christian Science Board of Directors' disregard for the *Church Manual* and precedents established by Mary Baker Eddy.

Ambition long ago eclipsed metaphysical qualifications in the church. One example is the treatment of James Calder Cassell, Jr., the father of Maryfrances Cassell. Mr. Cassell was originally from Santa Fe, New Mexico. He was renowned for his instantaneous healing. Because of this, he was urged to relocate to a larger population center where his practice would do the most good. He chose Oklahoma City. The astounding healings continued. Dr. John M. Tutt, C.S.B., and Professor Hermann S. Hering, C.S.B., were visitors in the Cassell home. In spite of all this, unknown local practitioners with "friends in Boston" complained about this "interloper" who had invaded

their territory and stolen their patients. Much like Aesop's Dog in the Manger, the barking was heard in Boston's Back Bay, and the practitioner listing of James Calder Cassell, Jr., was removed permanently from *The Christian Science Journal*. Jealousy, envy, and cronyism motivate a certain sector of practitioners and teachers in the field who view church membership primarily as a career opportunity. Knowing the right people at church headquarters, acting as cheerleaders for the latest gimmick or project, and informing on suspected dissidents are often rewarded with positions at The Mother Church. Sincere, latter-day teachers who have accepted invitations to speak to branch churches or benevolent homes outside their "territory" have been disciplined in recent years. These same teachers and practitioners have learned the safety of speaking in generalities rather than sharing their highest sense of truth. They never know who might be listening and what might be reported back to Boston. Emma C. Shipman, one of Mrs. Eddy's own students, referred to this in the 1950s as the "silent practice." After more than eighty years of mad ambition, the church is reaping the fruits of wrong practice and mental malpractice.