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ARBITRATION HEARING RESULTS

A decision by Justice Elaine M. Moriarty of the Probate and Family Court of Suffolk County, Massachusetts, regarding the request by the Christian Science Board of Directors that Maryfrances Cassell be required to pay their attorney's fees was released on July 9, 2013. The Board of Directors had requested that Miss Cassell be ordered to pay \$47,800. Judge Moriarty reduced the fees to \$30,500 and required her to pay within 120 days.

In the "Discussion" portion of the decision, the judge stated: "Ms. Cassell is part of a restoration group within the Christian Science community who disagree with the actions of the Board concerning the governance of the Church. Specifically, she and others object to the Board's authorization of use of the Boston church for other than Christian Science purposes and for, in her view, failing to adhere to the governing documents of the Church. [...] Furthermore, as noted by the Appeals Court, her contention that the Board members are merely fiduciaries of a trust established by [Mrs.] Eddy 'is flawed...because [Mrs.] Eddy's deed of trust only covers a conveyance of land; it does not establish the judicial policing of church membership... Ms. Cassell's multiple attempts to control the Board's actions, despite the clear, well-established law prohibiting the relief requested show that the present action is frivolous and not advanced in good faith.'" [emphasis added]

In response to the Board's motion for attorney fees, Miss Cassell's attorney, Robert B. Eyre wrote: "...the same *Church Manual* that gives the Defendants power to act on Plaintiff's [Miss Cassell's] membership also imposes a duty on members of The Mother Church to steward the Mary Baker Eddy Trust and complain about their misconduct. The Defendants were intended and bound to be subservient to the Governing Documents authored by Mrs. Eddy, not the masters of them. If they are masters of their own Governing Documents -- as they claim to be -- then they are not Trustees or fiduciaries at all, but owners of the assets and the Trust has failed. Plaintiff's entire purpose was to defend the principle of membership and, through that, preserve the Trust from that failure by restoring some semblance of accountability of the Directors to someone other than themselves."

DEEDS AND CHURCH MANUAL IGNORED

The Directors insist that they are bound only by the 1892 Deed of Trust which is a conveyance of the land upon which the original Mother Church edifice stands. The Directors and Judge Moriarty adamantly ignore Mrs. Eddy's Deed of Trust of 1903 [printed in the *Church Manual* on pages 136-138], as well as the long hidden and suppressed Deeds of 1904, 1905, and 1906.

Mrs. Eddy specifically links her 1904 Deed of Trust to the previous Deeds of 1892 and 1903. She states in the 1904 Deed: "...nothing herein contained shall ever be construed as a waiver or as permitting a modification in any degree the further trusts set forth...wherein it is provided that no new tenet or by-law shall be added nor any tenet or by-law amended or annulled by the grantees [the Directors], unless the written consent of said Mary Baker G. Eddy, the author of the text book 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures' be given therefor..."

THE CASE WILL GO FORWARD

This case has always been about the restoration of Mrs. Eddy's rights to her own Church as stated in her Deeds of Trust, By-laws, and Tenets. Preparations are underway to reintroduce this case in another venue. Details will appear soon in a future issue of *The Banner*.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Shirley Paulson, Head of Ecumenical Affairs for the Church of Christ, Scientist, was in South Africa for Church Alive! on April 6 and 7 of this year. She stated in a video: "We cannot live in a time capsule designed by Mary Baker Eddy in the 19th Century because if we do, we will float away in the ocean and no one will remember." (13:02) Mrs. Paulson's solution is to join the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches, thereby annulling Mrs. Eddy's Tenets. Then what? A mutilated doctrinal platform. (S&H 37:20)

On June 25, 2013, Mike Davis, researcher at The Mary Baker Eddy Library for the Betterment of Humanity, stated, -- somewhat sacrilegiously,-- in a "Manual Myth Busters" video at NorCal Church Alive!: "Sometimes I think that Christian Scientists feel that Mrs. Eddy probably went into her prayer closet each day, and by-laws straight from God dropped into her mind." (1:29) What does Mrs. Eddy say about the by-laws? "They sprang from necessity, the logic of events, -- from the immediate demand for them as a help that must be supplied to maintain the dignity and defense of our Cause; hence their simple, scientific basis and detail so requisite to demonstrate genuine Christian Science, and

which will do for the race what absolute doctrines destined for future generations might not accomplish." (Mis. 148: 14-21) "Notwithstanding the sacrilegious moth of time, eternity awaits our Church Manual, which will maintain its ranks as in the past, amid ministries aggressive and active, and will stand when those have passed to rest. (My. 230:1-4) Also: "Adhere to the teachings of the Bible, Science and Health, and our Manual, and you will obey the law and gospel." (My. 251:29-2)

THIRD CHURCH, NEW YORK CITY

An article in *The New York Times* of July 30, 2013, reported: "It is among New York City's longest-running food fights, pitting the well-heeled residents of one [of] its most exclusive neighborhoods against an extravagant catering operation that is run out of a Park Avenue church.

"The two sides have battled at the local community board, before the State Liquor Authority and in court for seven years over the caterer's wedding, corporate and charitable events and fashion shows at the Third Church of Christ, Scientist, a handsome neo-Georgian building at East 63rd Street... In January 2012, a state court stripped the caterer, Rose Group Park Avenue, of its prized liquor license based on a state law that bars liquor sales within 200 feet of a church... But citing a drop in business because it could not serve liquor, the Rose Group increased its political contributions and dispatched lobbyists to Albany.

"After three failed attempts, the Rose Group got a bill passed in June granting it special dispensation from state law so the caterer could get the liquor license. The opposition is irate. They are calling on Mr. Cuomo to veto the bill... [...]

"[T]he Liquor Authority and the courts denied the Rose Group a liquor license because the company had turned the church into a full-time catering hall, removing all the church pews and installing a V.I.P. room and kitchen equipment. 'Far from being a subordinate use of church property,' the court said, 'Rose Group events take priority over Church events.'" (nytimes.com) [See also *Banners* of Spring 2007, Winter 2009, and Spring 2012]

CHURCH CLOSINGS

A comparison of the June and September 2013 issues of *The Christian Science Journal* reveals that the following five churches have closed: Hollywood, Florida; Live Oak, Florida; Hyde Park (Soc.) Chicago, Illinois; Lake Jackson, Texas; and Bennington, Vermont.

At the same time, Third Church, Boston, Massachusetts, reappeared with a new address after a two month absence from the church directory. Since the count began in February 1987, 910 churches have closed and 79 have opened.

DECONSTRUCTING THE LESSON, PART 2

The September 2, 2013, *Christian Science Sentinel* continued the assault on the *Quarterly Bible Lessons*: "In coming months, Christian Scientists will find a little more variation in lesson length, particularly toward the shorter side." (p. 15) [emphasis added] This suggests that there will be more citations, but they will be considerably shorter.

As the Summer 2013 *Banner* reported, the July-September *Christian Science Quarterly Bible Lessons* carried a notice that future Bible citations could increase to twenty-six citations, and those for *Science and Health* could increase to thirty-two. This notice followed the February 2012 *C.S. Journal* advice to branch church Readers: "There are many good reasons for reading from the books, but there may be equally good reasons to read from the Full Text." (p. 64) In due course, the contrived "good reason" appeared: There are no longer enough markers to continue reading directly from the books as Mrs. Eddy requires. (See *Church Manual*, Article III, Section 4, p. 32) The sly plan is to frustrate Readers into using the Full Text Quarterly. Then the real goal will have been achieved: the invasion of the body of the lesson with inferior Bible translations and paraphrases.

A good example of inferiority is the passage about Elijah in I Kings 19:12. The King James Version (1611) has it as: "and after the fire a still small voice." *The New English Bible* (1972) translates this same passage as: "and after the fire a low murmuring sound."

THE AUTHORITY OF THE MANUAL

The June 1962 *Christian Science Journal* includes an editorial by Helen Wood Bauman: "Unwillingness to obey the *Manual* at any point or the resisting of any provision in it shows a failure to recognize our Leader's place in the momentous unfoldment of Christian Science to humanity." (p. 317)

HUMANITY'S QUEST for HEALTH

The July 2013 *C.S. Journal* announced a new series of articles by C.O.P.s which originally appeared in other non-Christian Science publications. The new emphasis of C.O.P.s is to blog and twitter with "health journalists, editors, writers, and publishers." Russ Gerber reported, "We're already seeing modest indications of a shift in attitudes." (p. 47)

The September 2013 *Journal* installment was titled: "Eckhart Tolle and the kingdom of heaven within". Eckhart Tolle was a frequent guest, -- along with New Age advocate Marianne Williamson,-- on the Oprah Winfrey television program beginning in the late 1980s. The Tolle article was written by Eric Nelson, C.O.P. for Northern California. The article originally appeared in *Communities@WashingtonTimes.com*. Nowhere does Mr. Nelson mention Christian Science or quote from Mrs. Eddy. While Mr. Tolle is quoted about the

importance of "spirituality", his statements are not explicitly Christian in any true sense. In his book *Stillness Speaks* (2003), Mr. Tolle writes of "your Buddha nature" (p. 13), and he is quoted deferentially on the Buddhist TibetanThangkaPainting.com web site.

The October 2013 *Journal* installment was titled, "Open a book to find better health", by Stormy Becker Falso who is described as a former C.O.P. for Georgia. Once again, there is no mention of Christian Science, nor is Mrs. Eddy quoted. The question is: How do such publications "correct in a Christian manner impositions on the public in regard to Christian Science, injustices done Mrs. Eddy or members of this Church by the daily press, by periodicals or circulated literature of any sort" which is the mandate for C.O.P.s? (See *Church Manual*, p. 97)

PERSONALIZING THE SUNDAY LESSON

The Readers at The Mother Church continue to add unnecessary, personal comments during the readings. On a recent Sunday, the Second Reader said, "These are Jesus' words from the Gospel of Saint John." (Something that would be obvious to the congregation once she started reading.) The First Reader also said, "This is a definition from the Glossary of *Science and Health*." Also the First Reader has stated that Mrs. Eddy asked this question about the Science of Being in the textbook before reading the Scientific Statement of Being. Before the congregation recited together the Lord's Prayer, the First Reader told them that "Norm" would read Mrs. Eddy's spiritual interpretation. Also, "Norm" read the Correlative Scripture (I John 1-3) from an alternate Bible version without identifying it. The back and forth between "Judy" and "Norm" is reminiscent of the banter between news anchors on the local television news.

MONITOR METAPHYSICAL ARTICLES

Since the demise of the daily *Christian Science Monitor* and the appearance of the weekly version on April 12, 2009, the metaphysical articles have shown more than a few lapses from the standard established from 1908 onward: "Mrs. Eddy directed that a religious article should always appear on 'The Home Forum.'... Mrs. Eddy did not believe that the *Monitor* should be just a denominational organ, speaking only to Christian Scientists or to prospective converts. The *Monitor* must be a 'real' newspaper. But it could and should carry a regular daily article of explicitly applied Christian Science thinking." (*Commitment to Freedom*, Canham, p. 53)

Since April 12, 2009, the following issues have included metaphysical articles with diminished content. August 9, 2009: No CS mentioned; December 13, 2009: No MBE or quotations; April 19, 2010: mentions C.S. but quotes from Eugene Peterson's Bible paraphrase, *The*

Message; August 6, 2010: No CS mentioned; August 23, 2010: No CS mentioned; February 7, 2011: No MBE or quotations; February 28, 2011: No MBE or quotations; June 6, 2011: No CS mentioned; December 19, 2011: No CS mentioned; April 23, 2012: No CS mentioned; June 11, 2012: No CS mentioned; November 5, 2012: No CS mentioned; March 25, 2012: No MBE or quotations; August 12, 2013: No MBE or quotations.

THEY THAT BE WITH US...

Daisette D.S. McKenzie was elected President of The Mother Church for 1943. Her address for that year's Annual Meeting was published in the July 1943 *C.S. Journal*, the same issue in which appeared "Mrs. Eddy's Place" (later disavowed by the Christian Science Board of Directors in 1991). This address was given at the turning point of World War II:

"In *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany* by Mrs. Eddy are these words so applicable to this moment (p. 225): 'This is a crucial hour, in which the coward and the hypocrite come to the surface to pass off, while the loyal at heart and the worker in the spirit of Truth are rising to the zenith of success, -- the "Well done, good and faithful," spoken by our Master.'... The outward organization of the Christian Science movement, sacred and important as it is, is but the outward and visible sign of that unseen army comprising all the great and good of earth, both past and present -- 'saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs' -- who are still fighting gloriously with us, even unto the end of mortality.

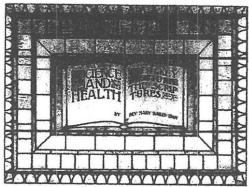
"It is increasingly clear that there is no 'here and there,' since God is omnipresent. The Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, tells us that 'in Science, individual good derived from God, the infinite All-in-all, may flow from the departed to mortals' (S&H, p. 72) This marvelous and blessed assurance unites all Christian warriors in one church militant. The Apostle Paul seems to be aware of this when, in his epistle to the Hebrews, chapters 11 and 12, he enumerates the victories of the followers of God of all ages, and, in concluding his recital says, 'We also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses.' [...]

"And now we reverently ask, What of the love of Mary Baker Eddy? There need be no doubt in the minds of any that she could have escaped the merciless persecution of her later years, if she would have accepted the 'twelve legions of angels.' When passing through one of the most bitter of her trials, she said to one of her students, that it would be 'easy' to slip away and be with her students on the other side, adding that she could not do this because her work here was not finished. For our sakes she must wait... Greater love hath no man or woman. Humanity has twice beheld the fire of immortal

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life and love, as Abraham beheld, through Melchizedek, a brief vision of the Son of God... Therefore, beloved fellow members, as the Scriptures admonish us, 'Arm yourselves likewise with the same mind,' looking with joy unto the 'author and finisher of our faith,' and to the appearing of the Church Triumphant." (pp.374-376)

Sometimes when it seems that the powers that be are determined to disobey and disregard Mrs. Eddy's founding documents (her further Deeds of Trust, the by-laws, and the Tenets) and to deconstruct what she labored to build, there is sense of discouragement. But one must remember the words of Elisha: "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." (I Kings 6:16)

WORDS OF ADMONITION

For those who arrogantly and smugly believe that they have inherited the Urim and Thummim and, therefore, can disregard what they see as an "obsolete" or "outdated" mandate to obey the Deeds, the By-Laws, and the Tenets should consider Mrs. Eddy's words in a rarely seen article titled "Reflection": "Everything done to Jesus and to me which could in any way harm us was a conspiracy against

the welfare of him who did it and against the human race. It darkened the light that otherwise would have been reflected and would have shone for all. The individual who did this injured himself more than he did the Master a million times, and will live to learn this and see just how it was done and suffer until he destroys in himself the evil that caused him to do it... Here is the love of God -- that this divine Principle sends forth through the universe its divine idea, and some person will be found fit to reflect it to such an extent as to become the window for the world in every age and clime. Through this window God pours in His light and blessings upon mankind. But if they try to darken this window, to break it or to misrepresent it, and even to believe themselves that it is not the transparent medium through which the light shineth, and turn in their dungeon to the opaque wall of their dark mind to let in light, can you not see the consequence?... Would the perpetrator of this finale of sin -- as when Jesus was crucified -- go and hang himself and thus be rid of the awful penalty consequent? No! He could not thus easily escape, but must master his own relentless master, must overcome in himself the terrible sins that caused his evil deed... [I]f only I had not tried to shut out the light from God's window and shade His reflection and deflect the true image and likeness..."

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LAST ACTS OF A DEPARTING CLERK

Among the last actions taken by departing member of The Christian Science Board of Directors and clerk, Nathan Talbot, were the removal from Mother Church membership of a longtime practitioner (first listed in *The Christian Science Journal* in 1987) and the threat to delist his branch church. Both of these letters were written on October 11, 2013. To illustrate the foreboding of the directors, these letters were also transmitted by e-mail which suggests the urgency and even desperation on the part of the board to squelch the ongoing legal effort to restore Mrs. Eddy's deeds of trust and her by-laws as given in *The Church Manual*. *The Banner* is not identifying the practitioner or the branch church at this time because of the unresolved nature of their cases.

Mr. Talbot wrote to the practitioner: "...upon complaint of a Church member and careful investigation thereof, [the board] has determined that you have persisted in working against the interests of the Church, its members and the accomplishment of what Mary Baker Eddy understood to be advantageous to the Church and to the Cause of Christian Science; and, that you have influenced others to pursue similar courses of action."

To the branch church, Mr. Talbot informed its members of the removal of their practitioner from Mother Church membership. In addition he wrote: "We must also let you know the Board received information concerning your branch's distribution of its charitable funds to certain private causes. If true, these actions run contrary to the spirit of love and fellowship a branch must have to remain affiliated with The Mother Church under the *Church Manual*, Article XXIII, Section 12, and have caused The Mother Church to consider removing the branch's listing in *The Christian Science Journal* as well as disciplining other Mother Church members."

Mr. Talbot fails to mention Article XXIII, Section 1, which states: "The Mother Church of Christ, Scientist, shall assume no general official control of other churches, and it shall be controlled by none other." Also Section 10 of the same article states: "In Christian Science each branch church shall be distinctly democratic in its government, and no individual, and no other church shall interfere with its affairs."

And what were the "certain private causes" that this branch church chose to assist? Maryfrances Cassell during the period of "dirty tricks" when her bank accounts (among other things) were being tampered with, and she was left in financial peril. (See Spring 2012 and Summer 2012 *Banners* for details of the dirty tricks.) Through subterfuge, this branch church's bank account now has been frozen!

NEW FUND TO SUPPORT LEGAL ACTION TO RESTORE MRS. EDDY'S DEEDS

"The Mary Baker Eddy's Church and Deeds Restoration Fund" (www.mbefund.net) has been established to continue the legal effort to reinstate Mrs. Eddy's deeds of trust and the clear requirement that the trustees (Directors) obey them and the by-laws without waiver. Active preparations now are being taken to initiate court action. Documents submitted to the court by the directors during the recent Cassell lawsuit make it clear that they recognize *only* the 1892 Deed of Trust as binding upon them. This deed involves the transfer of the property on which The Mother Church would be built. The 1892 deed does not mention the yet-to-be-written by-laws. By a convenient leap of logic, the Directors choose to believe that they are not subject to the by-laws. The by-laws are for the Directors to enforce upon *other* church members. None of the directors' court submissions even acknowledge the 1903 Deed of Trust which is included in the *Church Manual* on pages 136-138. It requires that "no new Tenet or By-Law shall be adopted nor any Tenet or By-Law amended or annulled by the grantees [Directors] unless the written consent of said Mary Baker G. Eddy, the author of the textbook '*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*,' be given therefor..."

SUBSEQUENT DEEDS WERE HIDDEN

Mrs. Eddy's 1904, 1905, and 1906 Deeds of Trust remained hidden until Michael Ritchie of Scotland managed to find them in the Recorder's Office in New Hampshire. (See Spring 2013 *Banner* for details.)

The 1904 Deed reiterates in even stronger terms the requirements demanded in the 1903 deed. Yet, in a court filing from the Directors dated March 6, 2012, they claim: "In sum, there is simply no colorable basis in fact to suggest that the Church Manual imposes any legally enforceable trust obligations upon the Board, either in general or specifically with regard to church discipline. [...] In sum, because there is no colorable basis in fact to support the incorporation of the Church

Manual in any of Mrs. Eddy's deeds of trust; and, because there is no colorable basis in law to apply *Watson* [U.S. Supreme Court Case *Watson v. Jones* (1871)] to Cassell's claims concerning her wrongful excommunication, all such claims are wholly frivolous."

The *Watson v Jones* case defined three bases for establishing a church organization: hierarchal, congregational, and deeds of trust by a donor. Mrs. Eddy chose the deeds-based church which deliberately exposes the trustees [Directors] to court supervision and, if warranted, removal if they violate the deeds of trust and other specified instruments such as by-laws and tenets.

In the *Weaver v. Wood* case (1997), the Directors submitted a statement to the court -- in a veritable *coup d'etat* -- in which they claimed that they constitute a hierarchy. In consonance with this mindset, a resolution of the Directors dated August 6, 1993, states that the by-laws mean whatever the Directors say they mean even if a subsequent determination contradicts a previous one. (See "Annulment of the By-Laws" in the Spring 2013 *Banner* for the exact text of their resolution.)

SUPPORT THE RESTORATION FUND

It is vitally important that Mrs. Eddy's rights be restored to her own church and that her position as Pastor Emeritus be respected. This legal action will not take place in the Massachusetts court system, but in another, more reliable venue which will be announced soon. Donations may be sent directly to the "Mary Baker Eddy's Church and Deeds Restoration Fund" Checks may be made out to: "M.B.E. Fund."

(Escrow Account #2 maintained by the attorney)

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE FOUNDATION

The web site for the Christian Science Foundation in England is highly recommended. It contains an important article about the *Church Manual* and Deeds of Trust that *Banner* readers will find useful and enlightening.

christiansciencefoundation.wordpress.com

DECONSTRUCTING THE LESSON, Part 3

Effective with the January-March 2014 *Christian Science Quarterly* (Citation Edition), the words "The following Citations comprise our Sermon" have been removed. This sentence has appeared consistently in the *Quarterly* since 1897. Nothing happens in Boston without a reason. Since the citations will no longer comprise the lesson-sermon, what exactly will be altered? Watch this space.

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE...

An October 1, 2013, letter from the Board of Directors announced that Nathan Talbot would resign

from the Board effective November 7. He was replaced by Scott Preller. A letter from the Board dated November 12th announced that Michael Pabst would resign from the Board effective November 17th. He was replaced by Allison W. Phinney, Jr. The December 2, 2013 *Christian Science Sentinel* announced that Lyle Young would replace Nathan Talbot as clerk. The same announcement stated that Scott Preller would remain as President of the Board of Education.

Yet another letter from the Board of Directors dated November 21st stated that Scott Preller would step down as President of the Board of Education and would become a trustee of the Christian Science Publishing Society (a position which he had previously filled in 2011). Allison Phinney was announced as the new President of the Board of Education.

SENTINEL SLIPS BELOW 20,000

The October 28, 2013, *Christian Science Sentinel* (p. 22) gave the annually required U.S. Postal Service statement of current, paid circulation: 19,346.

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
2011	24,016
2012	23,403
2013	19,346

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MONITOR LOSES 23,000 IN TWO YEARS

The required U.S. Postal Service statement of current, paid circulation appeared in the October 7, 2013, *Christian Science Monitor* (p. 6)

1933	129,260
1989	156,246 *Color format, fewer
1990	116,709 pages & greatly
1991	115,117 reduced advertising
1992	107,652 begin. (Hoagland)
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
2011	74,312
2012	59,775
2013	51,410

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PRAYER ASKED FOR MONITOR

A letter dated October 23, 2013, to "Christian Science nurses and practitioners advertising in *The Christian Science Journal*" presented an update on the *Monitor*: "...For the last two years, we have made a conscious decision not to invest in ... direct mail campaigns, and we have reduced our marketing investment. We have seen a decline in subscriptions to below 48,000... We have seen the *Monitor*'s annual deficit fall from \$19 million in 2009 to \$9.5 million in 2013... This brings us to our second point, our request for prayerful support. We feel it is so metaphysically sound to expect that the *Monitor* prove its usefulness and profitability. And we are equally convinced that proving its usefulness and demonstrating profitability are unattainable without the support of the membership. In light of this, may be ask each of you to please give at least one treatment to the *Monitor*? The letter was signed by the Directors and Trustees of the Publishing Society.

The Banner has always given the "Average no. copies each issue during preceding 12 months" in its yearly circulation report (51,410 this year). The above letter quotes "No. copies of single issue published nearest filing date" (47,644 this year).

WEEKLY MONITOR EDITOR RESIGNS

A letter from Lyle Young, the new clerk and chairman of the Board of Directors, dated December 16, 2013, announced the resignation of John Yemma effective in late January 2014. Mr. Yemma has been editor since 2008 when the transition from Mrs. Eddy's daily newspaper to a lackluster, weekly magazine was engineered. This was done just as other, well established, weekly news magazines such as *U.S. News & World Report* and *Newsweek* were failing as print publications. *Newsweek* was sold for one dollar in 2011 to stereo equipment magnate Sidney Harmon on condition that he accept the magazine's considerable financial liabilities. (see Winter 2011 *Banner*)

The daily *Monitor*'s advertising was commandeered by John Hoagland in 1988 to help launch his ill-fated World *Monitor* magazine (1988-1992). Mrs. Eddy's daily newspaper was left a shell of its former self.

So the question is: Why do the Directors continue to make disastrous, business decisions that go against simple common sense and the clear mandate established by Mrs. Eddy? As one successful businessman said during the Directors' reconciliation tour (after the multi-million-dollar failure of the cable television *Monitor Channel*), "I wouldn't hire any of them."

In a letter dated August 8, 1908, Mrs. Eddy wrote, "It is my request that you start a *daily* newspaper at once, and call it the Christian Science Monitor. Let there be no delay. The Cause demands that it be issued

now." [Emphasis added] (*Commitment to Freedom* [1958] Erwin D. Canham, p. 23)

Current *Monitor* editor John Yemma will be replaced by Marshall Ingwerson who has been serving as managing editor.

The Board's letter also stated: "Last year, it [the *Monitor*] posted its best financial performance since 1961 on an inflation-adjusted basis." (The *Monitor*'s annual deficit of \$9.5 million still represents a huge drain on the overall finances of The Mother Church.)

SEVEN MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

A comparison of the September and December 2013 issues of *The Christian Science Journal* reveals that the following churches have closed: Fort Bragg, California; Rialto, California; Torrance, California; Iowa City, Iowa; Dearborn, Michigan; Franklin, North Carolina; and Dayton (1st), Ohio. Since the count began in February 1987, 917 churches have closed and 79 have opened.

NUMBER OF BRANCH CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES WORLDWIDE

The 1908 branch church total appears in Arthur Brisbane's *Mary Baker G. Eddy* published in that year. The 1951 figures were announced at that year's Annual Meeting. The 1961 figure of 3,273 branches was announced at Annual Meeting and apparently represents the historical, high-water mark for the number of branches worldwide. Using that figure, half of all branch churches and societies have closed in the last fifty-two years.

Branches Worldwide

1908	1,059
1951	3,049 (2,279 U.S. 770 elsewhere)
1961	3,273
2011	1,673
2012	1,666 (1,153 U.S. 513 elsewhere)
2013	1,632 (1,129 U.S. 503 elsewhere)
2014	1575 1086 US 489 ELSEWHERE

PRACTITIONERS AND TEACHERS

The 1951 Annual Meeting announced that there were 10,503 practitioners worldwide. The 1908 figure is from the Brisbane book cited above. The remainder of the figures are from counts made in *The Christian Science Journal* for the months indicated:

Practitioners Worldwide

1908	3,793
1951	10,503
Jun 2000	1,833
Jan 2005	1,433
Jun 2010	1,374
Jun 2012	1,383
Dec 2013	1,327

Teachers worldwide (Still teaching classes*)

Mar 1992	250
Jan 2000	193*
Jan 2005	172*
Jun 2010	182*
Jun 2012	167*
Dec 2013	186*

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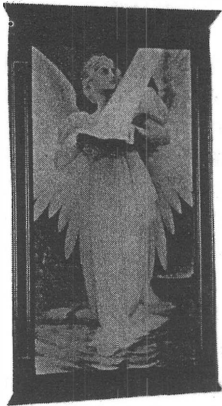
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In order to progress, the Christian Scientist, must pray daily for deliverance from the hypnosis which makes him believe that it is chance instead of "*direction by malicious minds that are at work*," producing all the various phases of discord and disease with which he constantly confronted.

Nothing could be more pernicious than this argument of Satan, because if the Christian Scientist can be misled into dealing with the seen instead of the unseen, evil will continue its domination and control and the cause of Christian Science will seem to disappear. Did not true Christianity seem to become enmeshed by the same subtle influences?...

To quote again Mrs. Eddy's full statement, "*If any honest Christian Scientist can be deceived into believing that it is chance, not direction by malicious minds which are at work, -- that ignorance instead of sin is what he has to meet at all times, -- this error prevents him from understanding enough of the question to insure his own defense, and leaves him in the power of animal magnetism, -- perhaps temporarily relieved of his suffering, rejoicing in a hope of freedom which he afterwards finds to be in vain.*"

From Christian Science. Its "Clear, Correct Teaching" and Complete Writings (pages 553,554)

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BRANCH CLERK GONE WILD

The Winter 2014 *Banner* reported the removal from membership of a longtime practitioner and the threat to delist his branch church by Nathan Talbot, Clerk of The Mother Church, in letters dated October 11, 2013. Mr. Talbot wrote to the branch church: "We must also let you know the Board received information concerning your branch's distribution of its charitable funds to certain private causes. If true, these actions run contrary to the spirit of love and fellowship a branch must have to remain affiliated with The Mother Church under the *Church Manual*, Article XXIII, Section 12, and have caused The Mother Church to consider removing the branch's listing in *The Christian Science Journal* as well as disciplining other Mother Church members." The "certain private causes" were Maryfrances Cassell and her legal effort to compel the directors to obey Mary Baker Eddy's deeds of trust, by-laws, and tenets.

Now the back story of the "information" received by Mother Church officers has emerged. The clerk of the branch church disagreed with the decision of the membership to aid Miss Cassell. In September 2013, the clerk disabled the church's security cameras so that her night visits to the church could not be recorded. She took documents and other church records which she faxed to the General Counsel of The Mother Church, Kevin Ness. Mr. Ness's church center e-mail address appears clearly in her notes scribbled on the faxed documents along with one personal message addressed to "Dear Kevin".

Soon, the local charities commission and attorney general got involved after a "certain outside entity" tipped them off and suggested that the branch church was violating standards for a charitable, non-profit corporation. The branch church had to engage a lawyer to demonstrate that the church, indeed, was upholding ethical and legal standards.

In addition, the branch church's clerk wrote unauthorized checks for her grandson's school tuition, took the charities commission letter addressed to the church board to the bank and had the church's account closed, but arranged special checks for her salary to be cashed. She then took a vacation to Vanuatu (west of Fiji in the Pacific Ocean) taking the church's checkbook with her. On returning, she was notified of her

termination as clerk. She wrote three checks to her sister [The account had been reopened by the branch church] and then threw the checkbook into a disused cupboard hoping that it would not be found.

In the meantime, church members were able to track down the store with fax service where the clerk transmitted the stolen documents to Boston. The store had kept a file of all the faxed documents, and in this way, the branch church was able to identify exactly what had been stolen and transmitted to Mother Church officials.

The clerk and her sister were removed from the branch church's membership on January 27, 2014. It is reported that the former clerk is unrepentant and feels fully justified in her actions. The branch church is still unraveling all of the clerk's embezzlement of funds and other misdeeds. Legal action is being considered. The former clerk remains a Mother Church member in good standing.

CLERK TO CLERK

A video invitation to branch church clerks was sent out from The Mother Church on September 23, 2013. Norm Bleichman, Producer of Annual Meeting, Bill Warrick, Manager of Church Alive, and Nathan Talbot, Clerk of The Mother Church, announced audio conferences with branch church clerks for October 8th and December 6th. Another was planned for March 2014.

Clerks are encouraged to communicate and share "ideas" with the clerk of The Mother Church as well as with those in other branches. This activity has no basis in the by-laws. The *Church Manual* states: "The Mother Church of Christ, Scientist, shall assume no general official control of other churches, and it shall be controlled by none other.

"Each Church of Christ, Scientist, shall have its own form of government. No conference of churches shall be held, unless it is when our churches, located in the same State, convene to confer on a statute of said State, or to confer harmoniously on individual unity and action of the churches in said state." (Art. XXIII, Sect. 1)

Does not the forgoing case of a branch clerk conferring with Mother Church officials demonstrate the wisdom of Mrs. Eddy's by-laws? The malicious mischief and disruption caused by this mutual disregard of the *Church Manual* should demonstrate the wisdom of following the Pastor Emeritus and her spiritually demonstrated church government.

THIRD CHURCH, NEW YORK CITY: LIQUOR LICENSE DRAMA CONTINUES

The January 11, 2014, *New York Times* reported:

"An Upper East Side catering hall that has waged a long-running campaign for a liquor license was dealt a major setback on Friday when Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo vetoed legislation tailor-made for the hall.

"The catering hall, which is run out of a Park Avenue church, had its liquor license stripped by a court in 2012 because of a state law banning liquor sales within 200 feet of a church.

"The caterer, Rose Group Park Avenue, sought legislation to grant it a special dispensation from the law, a carve-out that the Legislature approved in June over objections from neighbors. The caterer operates out of the Third Church of Christ, Scientist on East 63rd Street, which is within 200 feet of another house of worship, Central Presbyterian Church." (nytimes.com)

Big News Network of January 11, 2014, reported: "The chic caterers have spent \$373,401 since 2011 on lobbyists to sway lawmakers to amend state law so hard liquor could be served inside the church, records show. One lobbyist who received \$245,000 from Rose, spread \$27,500 to state legislators and \$32,000 to Cuomo..." (bignewsnetwork.com)

City Council Watch of August 15, 2013, reported: "Third Church of Christ, Scientist at 583 Park Avenue has stood for 90 years as a Temple to Science and Health, according to the tenets propounded by Mary Baker Eddy. Active membership having declined of late, in 2006, the Christian Scientists began renting out their church to the Roses, an entire family of event planners. The Rose group struck a mutually lucrative bargain with the Christian Scientists, who would be allowed to continue using the church twice a week, in between bar mitzvahs, hedge fund holiday parties and fashion shows... The Rose family ran into trouble when applying for a liquor license, as there is a *legitimate* house of worship, Central Presbyterian, less than 200 feet away, and state law forbids retail liquor sales in such close proximity to churches and schools." (Emphasis added) (citycouncilwatch.net)

There is no indication that the Christian Science Board of Directors has ever threatened Third Church, New York, with delisting even though the long-suffering residents of the Park Avenue neighborhood doubt that it can any longer be considered a legitimate house of worship.

DECONSTRUCTING THE LESSON, Part 4

The Winter 2014 *Banner* reported the elimination of "The following Citations comprise our Sermon" from the *Christian Science Quarterly* (Citation Edition). Apparently the Directors received negative feedback from the field which prompted an article by the trustees of the

Publishing Society titled "Removing a 'traffic light'" (See March 17, 2014, *C.S. Sentinel*, p. 15; and the March 2014 *C.S. Journal*, p. 2):

"For decades upon decades [Actually **116 years** ever since the current lesson topics were adopted in July 1898 under Mrs. Eddy's close supervision] there has been a small notice that served as a kind of traffic signal to help transition between the Responsive Reading and the Lesson-Sermon... [W]e found no evidence that Mary Baker Eddy wrote this particular sentence or wanted this precise wording preserved. However because the *Church Manual* does specify that Readers 'shall read all notices and remarks that may be printed in the *Christian Science Quarterly*' (p. 32), the only way to give Readers the freedom either to continue using this familiar sentence or offer an alternative statement that feels more natural to their own unique church setting, was simply to remove it." Regarding the Readers, Mrs. Eddy states emphatically, "They shall make no remarks explanatory of the Lesson-Sermon at any time..." (Art III, Sect. 6)

THE LIFESTYLE MANUAL

In an article titled "The *Church Manual* -- a guidebook for living" (March 2014 *C.S. Journal*) the current clerk of The Mother Church, Lyle Young, asks, "But if you only did what the *Manual* inspired you to do, wouldn't that be boring and make you a bore? Wouldn't that make you talk Christian Science all the time? [Actually, no, no, and no. --Editor] Mr. Young concludes, "Whether you're cross-country skiing, riding a bus to work, or instant messaging a friend, the *Manual* supports you in living as a healer." (p.51)

Again, the current directors seem to be intent on an accelerated downward course by trivializing the By-Laws which Mrs. Eddy labored to give her followers. Now, everything is to be relative, casual, and comfortable. However, just as the Ten Commandments are not the ten suggestions, so the *Church Manual* is not a multiple choice lifestyle guide. The Ten Commandments are not boring and do not make the Christian a bore.

Mrs. Eddy states, "The Rules and By-Laws in the Manual of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, originated not in solemn conclave as in ancient Sanhedrim. They were not arbitrary opinions nor dictatorial demands, such as one person might impose on another. They were impelled by a power not one's own, were written at different dates, and as the occasion required. They sprang from necessity, the logic of events, -- from the immediate demand for them as a help that must be supplied to maintain the dignity and defense of our Cause; hence their simple scientific basis, and detail so requisite to demonstrate genuine Christian Science, and which will do for the race what absolute doctrines destined for future generations might not accomplish." (*Church Manual*, p. 3)

PUBLISHING SOCIETY DEBT REDUCED BY FORTY-THREE PERCENT?

Recently resigned trustee of the Publishing Society, Judy Wolff, stated in a January 2014 *C.S. Journal* interview: "In the last three years we have gone from a deficit of 17.8 million dollars in 2010 to 7.7 million in 2013. This is the outcome of prayer from people who came before us, as well as the prayer we've been doing and the support of the members." (p. 10)

However, a letter from the Directors and Trustees asking for prayer for *The Christian Science Monitor* dated October 23, 2013, reported that the *Monitor* deficit for 2013 was 9.5 million dollars. (See Winter 2014 *Banner*)

If the overall Publishing Society debt is 7.7 million dollars, and the *Monitor*'s debt is 9.5 million dollars, and the newspaper is part of the Publishing Society, then the numbers do not make sense. It would appear that the debt reduction is a bookkeeping exercise.

An interview with recently resigned *Monitor* editor John Yemma in the February 2014 *C.S. Journal* seems to give a partial explanation: "We're moving off of a direct subsidy from The Mother Church, but we definitely need the support of Christian Scientists to continue through subscribing." (p. 12) Recently resigned CSPS trustee and director Michael Pabst stated in the January 2014 *Journal* interview: "We are committed to providing a print edition [of the *Monitor*] as long as we are profitably able to produce one..." (p.11) It would appear that the *Monitor* and its endowment fund have been cut loose from the Publishing Society. This suggests that the directors and trustees believe that the *Monitor*'s days are numbered, and that the Publishing Society wishes to avoid time-consuming financial complications and entanglements when the newspaper finally goes bankrupt.

DIRECTORS' TOTAL CONTROL OF CSPS

A letter dated January 27, 2014, from the CSPS trustees announces the resignation of Judy Wolff and Linda Kohler as Trustees and the appointment of director Margaret Rogers and TMC treasurer Lyon Osborn as their replacements. [See also *C.S. Sentinel* of March 3, 2014, pp. 11, 12] Director Scott Preller has been a trustee since November 2013. For the first time ever since 1898, the majority of the trustees of the Publishing Society are also members of the Christian Science Board of Directors. (The directors have had *de facto* control since the Great Litigation of 1919-1921.)

The reason given: "The Trustees, who have been working full time but largely remotely, recognized a more efficient and effective way of meeting current management needs would be to have Trustees located in Boston who could be readily available when needs arise..." Regarding this effective annulling of the

Publishing Society's 1898 Deed of Trust, the Directors quote from a footnote in Robert Peel's biography of Mrs. Eddy to justify themselves. What did Mrs. Eddy do when she discovered that the trustees holding the property for the yet-to-be-built Mother Church intended to have the church and publishing society housed in the same building? [Drawings and floor plans for this proposal were illustrated in the March 1892 *C.S. Journal*] She demanded that all contributions to the church building fund be returned to the donors. In the October 1892 *Journal*, Mrs. Eddy stated that she was "confident that all loyal Christian Scientists will gladly consecrate our Church to a more dignified end, than an exchange or a place for business bickerings, bag and baggage." This would seem to indicate that she wanted the sanctity of her church separate from the more worldly business operations of a publishing house. Alice Orgain observes: Jesus whipped the money changers out of the temple, even though they were selling sacrifices of doves, etc., to the end of subserving religious rites."

(*As It Is*, p. 746)

When Mrs. Eddy finally established the deed of trust for the Publishing Society in 1898, she kept the fact secret from the Directors until the deed was signed. It is reported that board chairman Archibald McLellan was so angered by this that he would not speak to CSPS trustee William P. McKenzie for two years for "keeping him in the dark". So now, all pretense at maintaining Mrs. Eddy's deliberate separation of powers has been removed.

TRAPPIST MONK LEAVES TOWN

A former Trappist monk, who was a constant fixture in the branch church where Maryfrances Cassell attended, disappeared immediately from the scene as soon as her court case was concluded. A long e-mail from him to Nathan Talbot, clerk of The Mother Church, appears in the September 2011 *C.S. Journal* on page 32. An article by the same individual appears in the November 2011 *Journal* (p. 54) as does a testimony in the July 23/30, 2012, *Sentinel* on page 41 and 42. Perhaps his most memorable line in the *Sentinel* was, "We are the divine idea and reflection of such a loving Mom-Dad God."

SCAMMER IS EXTRADITED

The Philadelphia Inquirer of February 17, 2014, reported that Jack Mayer was extradited from the Dominican Republic to Pennsylvania to face charges that he scammed more than one million dollars from elderly people in that state. Maryfrances Cassell is believed to be one of his victims. A special investigator has been assigned to see who may have given Mr. Mayer her name. (philly.com) *Banner* readers will remember the list of "dirty tricks" which were used in an attempt to keep Miss Cassell from pursuing her court case including a tip to police that resulted in a drug raid on her residence. (See Spring and Summer *Banners* of 2012)

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CHURCH CLOSINGS

A comparison of the January and March 2014 editions of *The Christian Science Journal* indicates that the following churches have closed: Carrollton, Georgia; Warner Robins, Georgia; Butte, Montana; and Hickory, North Carolina. During the same time, a new society was listed for Coconut Grove (Miami), Florida. Since the count began in February 1987, **921** churches have closed and **80** have opened.

WEB SITE HACKED AND CRASHED

The web site for the "Mary Baker Eddy's Church and Deeds Restoration Fund" was hacked and deliberately crashed along with its server during the week of March 9th. The site has now been restored and may be viewed at: www.mbefund.net. *Banner* readers are urged to familiarize themselves with the history and text of Mrs. Eddy's deeds of trust which, to this day, remain practically unknown to most Christian Scientists. Her deeds demand obedience to the By-Laws and specify that church officers will be subject to judicial review and removal from office if a valid complaint is received. This is *Mrs. Eddy's plan* which was frustrated almost immediately after her passing in 1910. The tyranny

of director worship that developed in Boston has reduced the once fruitful Christian Science field to a bleak and barren desert. This is truly the last generation of organized Christian Science if the freedom to speak, write, and publish established by Mrs. Eddy is not restored. The Watson v. Jones Supreme Court decision of 1871 defined three bases for establishing a church: congregational, hierarchical, and those based on deeds of trust by a donor. This third basis is so rare that it was forgotten until its rediscovery in 2012. Support for the ongoing legal action to restore Mrs. Eddy's trusts is vital to the future of her Church and mankind. Donations/checks should be made out to: **M.B.E. Fund** and sent to: Robert B. Eyre, Foehl & Eyre P.C., 27 East Front Street, Media, PA 19063. Brochures will soon be available free from *Banner* editor on request.

DUTY OR LIFESTYLE OPTION?

It shall be the **duty** of every member of this Church to **defend** himself daily against aggressive mental suggestion, and **not** be made to **forget** nor to **neglect** his **duty** to God, to his Leader, and to mankind. By his **works** he shall be **judged**, -- and **justified** or **condemned**. (*Church Manual*, Art. VIII, Sect. 6)

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A NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS

ANDREW W. HARTSOOK, EDITOR

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REPLACING THE KING JAMES VERSION

It was reported at the 2011 Association meeting of Judy Wolff, C.S.B., that the Christian Science Board of Directors is actively seeking to replace the King James Version of the Bible for the main body of the Sunday lesson-sermon.

Judy Wolff was a trustee of the Publishing Society from October 2006 to February 2014 and, therefore, was in a unique position to know what the Board and the Trustees were planning. The Winter 2013 *Banner* reported that the Directors were seeking to join the National Council of Churches. This fact was first disclosed at the 2012 Wolff Association meeting.

Resistance to the elimination of the King James Bible in the Christian Science field has been viewed in Boston as a stumbling block to church "progress". The "problem" was addressed in the May 12, 2014, *Christian Science Sentinel*. This "announcement" by the Board and Trustees is titled "...the inspired Word of the Bible..." (pp. 11, 12):

"The question of whether the King James Version of the Bible should be the only one used for the English Lessons is one which the Bible Lesson Committee and both the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees have prayed over for years... Friends, we earnestly request that all branch churches read the Lesson-Sermons as they are printed in the *Christian Science Quarterly*."

This is not the first time that the issue has been raised. The Spring 2008 *Banner* reported the case of a branch church member who was called by the Mother Church Clerk's office because of that member's letter protesting the abandonment of the KJV in the weekly lessons.

During the conversation, the Clerk's representative admitted that another branch church had been threatened with delisting if it did not read exactly what was printed in the *Quarterly*. The representative confirmed that this had happened... "but since then they [the Directors] have gotten new light on things..."

Many branch churches use the web site www.kjvquarterlypages.com to download the Authorized KJV (what Mrs. Eddy called "our common version") to use whenever the *Quarterly* publishes other Bible translations or paraphrases for the Golden Text and Responsive Reading in the weekly lesson. The same *Sentinel* article also states: "Most recently, concern

arose over the use of a translation that capitalized pronouns for Jesus." The Bible referred to is the *New King James Version* published by Thomas Nelson, Inc. [1997]. The Preface to that volume states: "...reverence for God in the present work is preserved by capitalizing pronouns, including You, Your and Yours, which refer to Him. Additionally, capitalization of these pronouns benefits the reader by clearly distinguishing divine and human persons referred to in a passage." Clearly, the Thomas Nelson *NKJV* considers Jesus to be God. Mrs. Eddy's marginal note on page 473 of *Science and Health* states, "Jesus not God." See also Jesus' own words recorded in Matthew 19: 16-18.

DEED OF TRUST REQUIREMENT

Mrs. Eddy's 1898 Deed of Trust organizing The Christian Science Publishing Society states, "Said trustees and their successors in trust shall not be eligible to said trusteeship or to continue in the same, unless they are loyal, faithful, and consistent believers and advocates of the principles of Christian Science as taught by me in my book, 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures.'" (Emphasis added)

USE OF NEW KJV IN THE QUARTERLY

A review of the 2013 and 2014 issues of the *Christian Science Quarterly* reveals that the *New King James Version* has been used many times: In 2013: February 3, May 5, June 23, October 13, and December 15. So far in 2014, the *NKJV* will have been used February 7, May 25, July 6, August 3, and August 10. Speculation in the Christian Science field is that the Directors already have decided upon the *NKJV* as the replacement for the original King James Version because it probably would meet with the least resistance. After all, it is "just" a modern update of the original King James Bible.

THE DIRECTORS' ATTITUDE

A twenty-minute video of the Directors at the Brisbane, Australia, Church Alive! event on April 27, 2014, included an exchange between Robin Hoagland and "Skip" Phinney: **Robin Hoagland:** What about the things that divide our membership, things like the use of Bible translations, music, church priorities, and activities. Often it's a difference in interpretation of the *Manual*. How do we overcome this division? **"Skip" Phinney:** You look back thirty years or something, and you find that other things divided the church membership. They weren't necessarily innovations or something. They were the familiar questions about the

reading room and the drapes and the colors and so on. So the human mind -- mortal mind -- is always going to try to divide, and I think once we realize that, then we begin to resist it on a different basis.

PREVIOUS DECLARATIONS

Periodicals Editor Annie Knott affirmed Mrs. Eddy's insistence on the original King James Version in an editorial for the April 17, 1913, *Christian Science Sentinel*. Previous Boards of Directors have affirmed that only the original King James Version should be used in church services and Sunday schools (See *C.S. Sentinel* of July 2, 1938, and September 24, 1984.)

MBE LETTER FROM THE ARCHIVES

Letter L02166 from The Mary Baker Eddy Library was written by Mrs. Eddy to James Henry Wiggin, who was "detailed to the work (punctuation, capitalization and general smoothing out as to construction of sentences)." [Powell, p.138] Her letter was written on Massachusetts Metaphysical College stationery in 1885: "I am astonished that when so much depends on my getting out this book at an earlier period than this, -- and have sent word to you by Mr. Frye twice that I would have no new version or any other, but the accepted St. [King] James version, that you have inserted another than the one I had placed in my copy." In a "N.B." at the end of her letter, Mrs. Eddy states, "My notes on Genesis were upon the above scriptural version. It changes the uniformity to go off on another one."

It should be noted that Mrs. Eddy makes repeated references to the King James as "our common version" or the "common version" in *Science and Health* on pages 488:12, 523:21, and 576:26. Almost all of her quotations in her textbook and other writings are from the KJV. [Reprinted from the Summer 2008 *Banner*.]

A REVISED SCIENCE AND HEALTH?

The July 2014 *Christian Science Journal* includes a statement by the Board of Directors in answer to the question: Should *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* be changed to keep up with the times? (p.42)

The Directors state, "The textbook of *Christian Science* can't be made simpler, and doesn't need to be made more 'accessible,' as the author herself pointed out... *Science and Health* isn't a book needing help in keeping up."

CONTRADICTIONS

The Spring 2008 *Banner* reported: "Cheryl Peterson, a *Journal*-listed practitioner from December 1993 through October 2005, has rewritten *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. She has listed herself as its author, has copyrighted it, and is now offering it for sale at her website [www.healingsciencetoday.com]..."

"Coincidentally, Cheryl Peterson's brother, Evan Mehlenbacher, is currently a *Journal*-listed practitioner

and authorized teacher of Christian Science. His primary class teacher was former CSBD member John Lewis Selover. His 1994 normal class teacher was Nathan Talbot. He is currently on the Christian Science Board of Lectureship where he is available for youth and Christian Science Organization (college) lectures only.

"Mr. Mehlenbacher was interviewed for a July 23, 2003, National Public Radio program titled, 'New Direction for Christian Science?' Also interviewed for this program was Virginia Harris. Referring to the *Church Manual*, Mrs. Harris stated, 'We had to strip away what existed. We had to strip away the good, the bad and the ugly.'

"Mr. Mehlenbacher stated, 'When you strip away religion and institutionalism from Christian Science, you begin to see that it's not hard at all, and that there aren't these rules that you have to follow like whether to go the the doctor or not. That's totally up to you as a seeker.'

BLOG POST ON TMC WEB SITE

The Directors' and Trustees statement '...the inspired Word of the Bible...' in the May 12, 2014, *C.S. Sentinel* [See page one of this *Banner*] also appears on the Mother Church web site. On May 5, 2014, an e-mail blog post from a reader in British Columbia was posted: "The day will come when it will be necessary to update Mary Baker Eddy's writings because the English language has evolved to the point that the English used by Eddy will read much as Elizabethan English reads to us today. Like the KJV -- the meaning of individual words will change enough to completely alter Eddy's message. While we may be some distance from that point we will get there." The blog post was taken down after only a few hours.

2008 CONVERSATION

In spite of the Directors' and the Trustee's strong statement about maintaining the integrity of *Science and Health*, the conversation of Helen Mathis, David Robertson and Mary Trammell recorded in the May 2008 *C.S. Journal* raises questions about these assurances:

Mathis: Wouldn't it be helpful to have a "Study *Science and Health*," like the study Bibles everyone already has? A study edition of *Science and Health* (not a "commentary") could have, for example, notes for words that are no longer in common use; Webster definitions of unfamiliar words; alternative Bible verses from different versions for those passages from the KJV that are not easily understood; even a simple concordance in the back. Does this sound familiar since this is already happening with *my-BibleLesson.com*?
Trammell: That's a wonderful idea, Helen. I understand that something like this is in the works already. (p. 17) [See Summer 2008 *Banner*]

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Annual Meeting of The Mother Church took place on June 2, 2014, as a boardroom only production viewable on the Internet. Treasurer Lyon Osborne reported, "The directors have taken this opportunity to set aside some of these resources to provide for the future needs of the movement, and it seems wise to do so until there's steady growth in active church membership."

The actual financial figures were read by Robin Hoagland: Amount of funds on hand: \$713,000,000. Expenditures for the eleven month period ending March 2014: \$80,000,000. The treasurer's office has switched to a new accounting system in which the fiscal year finishes at the end of March rather than April as in previous years. There was no indebtedness for the period given. A yearly summary follows:

Year	Funds on hand	Gen. Fund	Expenses	Indebtedness
2005	\$281m		\$69m	\$157,000
2006	361m	\$66m	97m	0
2007	474m	146m	97m	0
2008	496m	196m	113m	0
2009	379m		108m	0
2010	455m		102m	0
2011	514m		93m	0
2012	499m		99m	0
2013	632m		88m	0
2014	713m		80m	0

The figures do not indicate how much of the funds are restricted, unrestricted, or whether the funds on hand include real estate valuations. In former years when the amount in the general fund was given, members at least had a clearer picture of restricted versus unrestricted funds. The announcement that the directors were setting aside resources for future needs of the movement should be quantified. Members deserve a more detailed treasurer's report.

M.B.E. LIBRARY CHANGES

Three days after Annual Meeting, a letter dated June 5, 2014, was sent to *Journal*-listed teachers and practitioners:

"In an effort to more closely unify the activities of the Library with those of the Church and its healing mission, and to operate in a more cost-efficient and effective way, several changes in the legal and operating structure of the Library will be implemented. First the Church will be taking steps to dissolve the Library as a separate corporate entity, including dissolving its Massachusetts corporate status and IRS 501(c)(3) tax status, but to continue the Library as a distinct integrated activity of the Church. As a result of this change, two other changes will occur. The Library Board of Trustees will become a Board of Advisors and the Library's support services in human resources, legal, financial and technology areas will be fully integrated into the Church departments that provide these same support services to all areas of the Church and the Publishing Society...

"Because Lesley Pitts will be concluding her duties

as President and Executive Director of the Library on June 19 and a new Executive Director has not yet been identified, Steve Graham has been asked to serve as Interim Manager of the Library beginning June 20. The final change will occur early in September when Library employees will become employees of the Church..."

From the Spring 2002 *Banner*: "The 'Per Capita Progress Report for 2001' sent to Mother Church members in January 2002 contained a list of costs associated with the building of the Mary Baker Eddy Library for the Betterment of Humanity. The report states that new construction costs will be \$25 million and that \$1.2 million has been contributed so far. In addition it is estimated that annual operating costs will be \$5 million per year for the first several years... [The *Boston Globe* of December 4, 2001, reported]: "With great fanfare, the church is building a modernistic, \$50 million Mary Baker Eddy Library for the Betterment of Humanity."

From the Fall 2003 *Banner*: "The Internal Revenue Service Form 990 for the period ending April 30, 2002, [of the MBE Library] revealed total [yearly] expenses to be \$4,067,018. Of that amount, salaries accounted for \$1,109,569."

From the Fall 2008 *Banner*: "While it is difficult to acquire financial figures, the initial capital expense for the library was approximately \$55 million. It lost \$10 million the first year, \$5 million the second, \$4 million the third, and \$3 million each year since then. There have been drastic cutbacks, and the library is now open four days per week for only two hours. The library claims 46,000 visitors, but the actual number of walk-ins is around 4000. The rest are apparently 'hits' on the library's internet site. Of the 4000 actual visitors, it is estimated that most are visiting the Mapparium."

ELEVEN CHURCH CLOSINGS

A comparison of the March and June 2014 editions of *The Christian Science Journal* indicates that the following churches have closed: Los Angeles (12th), California; Yucca Valley, California; Hartford (2nd), Connecticut; Boynton Beach, Florida; Sebring, Florida; Hamilton, Montana; Findlay, Ohio; Kingwood, Texas; Lubbock (1st), Texas; and Chester, Vermont. Since the count began in February 1987, 932 churches have closed and 80 have opened.

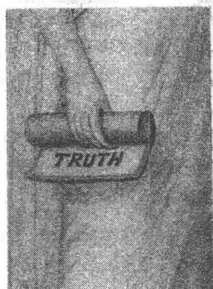
PLAZA REVITALIZATION UPDATE

A June 11, 2014, posting on The Mother Church website states: "Our previous communication in August 2013, provided a progress report on the design of the Belvidere/Dalton project, which consists of a 60-story hotel and condominium building being developed by Carpenter & Company; and a 26-story rental apartment building being developed by Pritzker Realty Group... Since then, design and permitting has proceeded to the

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point where Carpenter & Company along with the Mayor of Boston, Martin J. Walsh, have just announced that Four Seasons will operate the 215-room, 20-floor hotel and will provide services for the 180 condominiums located above the hotel. Construction of the high-rise building is expected to begin late this year and take approximately two and one half years."

LEGAL ACTION TO BEGIN SOON

All previous efforts to force The Christian Science Board of Directors to obey Mrs. Eddy's deeds of trust and by-laws have taken place in Massachusetts. Invariably, the courts asserted that Mrs. Eddy established a public charitable trust, and, therefore, individual members do not have standing to sue the Directors for violations of her clearly stated wishes. The courts have maintained that only the Attorney General has the power to intervene in The Mother Church. But the Attorney General has declined to do so for more than one hundred years by maintaining that religious institutions under the 1st Amendment of the U.S. Constitution have immunity. Since 1910, the Directors have not been subject to any oversight. Members who try to invoke Article I, Section 9, of the *Church Manual* are ignored. If they persist, they are excommunicated. In a March 6, 2013, court filing, the Directors asserted: "...there is

simply no colorable basis in fact to suggest that the *Church Manual* imposes any legally enforceable trust obligations upon the Board, either in general or specifically with regard to church discipline."

This new legal action will take place in New Hampshire where Mrs. Eddy executed every one of her deeds of trust and her Last Will and Testament. She even incorporated the deeds of trust into her Will to emphasize that these were *her* private trusts, not public charitable trusts. The *Watson v. Jones* 1871 Supreme Court decision declares that churches may be established by private trusts and that the trustees are subject to court oversight if violations occur. We are living in the last generation of organized Christian Science if the debacle in Boston and the arrogance that created it are not corrected. Readers of this newsletter are urged to the web site supporting this effort: www.mbefund.net. Those without Internet access may request a brochure from the editor of *The Banner*. Readers are urged to send a generous contribution made out to **M.B.E. Fund** in care of:

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