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**A Newsletter for
Christian Scientists**
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THE MOTHER CHURCH TO SELL BACK BAY PROPERTY

The Boston Herald of August 3, 1989, reported, "The Christian Science Church is preparing to sell off nearly an acre of prime Back Bay property, putting several buildings and vacant lots along Massachusetts Avenue on the bidding block...The sale of the parcels located between the church's main headquarters and the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, comes at a time when the Christian Science Church is spending tens of millions of dollars revamping its communications empire. According to published reports, the 110-year-old church has used up nearly two-thirds of its liquid assets over the past three years, much of it launching its television and radio broadcasting operations... [T]he church's trustees will be selecting a brokerage firm to handle the parcels sale within the next few weeks."

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION JOURNAL

The July 1989 ABA Journal contained an article, "When Faith Healing Fails". The article matter-of-factly reports the Florida child care case and notes that "more than 40 states endorse Christian Science practices..." A lawyer for the pending Massachusetts case is quoted as saying, "Neither a jury nor a judge has the right to decide whether a parent has met his or her obligation to protect their children from physical illnesses when they choose prayer over medicine. These issues should be decided in the state legislature after all sides have been given a chance to thoroughly air their beliefs"

MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

Eight more churches and societies have closed since the Summer 1989 Banner was published. By comparing the July and September 1989 Journals, the following have disappeared from the listing: Crescent City, CA; Dunsmuir, CA; Lincoln, CA; Sacramento, CA (3rd); Warrensburg, MO; Hornell, NY; Dallas, OR; and Beaufort, SC. In addition, the reading room at the Los Angeles, CA, airport has closed. At the same time Blythe, CA, Oxford, OH, and Ship Bottom, NJ, have reappeared in the Journal listing after varying lengths of absence. Spirit Lake, IA was previously listed as a new society when, in fact, it has existed there for most of this century. It is listed in the Journal on a seasonal basis. Several other listings appear to fall in this same category. There is one more correction to make in the church closing list in the last Banner. Fourth Church, Detroit, MI, did not close as reported, but became a society and is still operating in the same church building as Northwest Society of Detroit. In the thirty-three months since the Banner mailing list was formed, there has been a net loss of approximately 100 churches and societies.

PROMOTING THE TEXTBOOK

One dedicated Christian Scientist decided to ask bookstores in her city to stock Science and Health. Several agreed to do so. She wrote to the C.S. Publishing Society with the news and received a stern letter back informing her that she had no business promoting the textbook because this was the exclusive province of the Publishing Society. In addition she was told that since all bookstores carry obnoxious books, the Publishing Society had no interest in placing Science and Health in any commercial bookstore, university bookstores not excluded.

KATHERINE FANNING IN THE NEWS AGAIN

The September 1989 issue of New Choices, a retirement magazine, contains an article about Katherine Fanning titled, "A Conscientious Objector" by Renee Loth of the Boston Globe. Besides recounting her twenty year career in journalism, the story includes some interesting comments by Mrs. Fanning about the Monitor situation: "Print journalism, actual reading and writing, is the key to rational thought. When you get into television you're dealing with entertainment values, with fleeting impressions. That is fine as a secondary activity, but it shouldn't become the primary one. We had a major difference regarding what the Monitor should be, what its importance is as a newspaper. After simmering for some time, this finally came to a head... I can't do something that I don't believe in, and I did not believe that their [the Directors'] decisions were the right ones -- on the bases of the Church and journalistic commitment to a thought-provoking newspaper."

TIME CHANGE FOR THE WORLD MONITOR TV SHOW

Effective September 25, 1989, the World Monitor show on the Discovery Channel will be broadcast at 7:30 p.m. rather than 7:00. The ratings for this program have not been encouraging. This time change will force the show to compete with one of the most popular cable TV news programs, Cable News Network's Crossfire. It would seem that this move will only result in even poorer ratings and no profits.

LEAFLET AVAILABLE

"Defending Your Religious Liberties as a Christian Scientist." This thirteen page leaflet by Ronald J. Gardner is described as an unofficial treatise on how an adherent of the teachings of Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy might become a "target out of range". It was written partly in response to the child care cases in the courts, but is not intended to be construed as legal advice. This would appear to be a useful document for COPs as well as church members. The price of the leaflet is \$5.00 and may be ordered from Ronald J. Gardner, P.O. Box 4193, San Diego, CA 92104.

THE EIGHTY-NINTH EDITION, INC.

This new organization's address is: 20 Rowes Wharf, Suite 506, Boston, MA 02110). Their letter of July 24, 1989, in addition to seeking contributions, states, "Our purpose is to bring The Mother Church and its branches within the protective walls of the Manual's by-laws...[A]dulteration [of the by-laws] has resulted in The Mother Church sinking into a morass of material thinking... Of particular concern is the reinstatement of The Christian Science Monitor to its former position of respect, honor and dignity...Church members and friends must be involved in the effort to open up the privacy in which the Boards of Directors operate..." Editor's Note: The 88th Edition of the Church Manual was the last one issued by Mrs. Eddy. The 89th was issued after Mrs. Eddy's passing and contains changes not approved by her. Christian Science will go forward only when the spirit and the letter of the 88th Edition and the 13 deeds of trust are adhered to.

TELEVISION ADVERTISING

When The Christian Science Monitor carried advertising, it was all subject to standards which typically did not accept patent medicines or literature inconsistent with Christian Science. As long as advertising was under the supervision of Christian Scientists, this could be controlled. However with the advent of television programming, this control over advertising apparently could no longer be exercised. For example, the World Monitor television program on the Discovery Channel has carried advertising for Anacin 3 pain reliever, promotions of heart pacemakers by Siemens Corporation, Liquid Dial Soap featuring germ killers, and the Time-Life book series, Mysteries of the Unknown. This latter book series includes subjects such as spiritualism, occultism, necromancy, telepathy, mentalism, telekinesis, premonition, mind-reading, white and black magic, and Theosophy. In fact, the picture of Madame Helena Blavatsky, founder of Theosophy and self-avowed enemy of Mary Baker Eddy, momentarily fills the television screen.

While the technical expertise of the television program itself is at the top of TV industry standards, the advertising problems illustrate the difficulties encountered when activities not provided for by Mrs. Eddy are pursued.

THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL

The channel which hosts the World Monitor television show has shown remarkable lack of sensitivity about Christian Science over the months since the program was inaugurated. This is surprising because according to John H. Hoagland, Manager of The Christian Science Publishing Society, the Discovery Channel considers the Monitor TV show to be "the jewel in our crown". (CS Journal, September 1989, p. 20) Yet for days on end, this channel ran the same film snippet of Indonesian fire dancers walking on hot embers while in a deep hypnotic trance. This appeared night after night just before the Monitor show began.

Even more disturbing is an article previewing the showing of "Mary Baker Eddy -- A Heart in Protest" which appeared in the September 1989 TDC magazine, the program guide for the Discovery Channel. On page eleven, an article by freelance writer Stanton Siederovitch starts, "One day in 1866, Mary Baker Eddy joined the company of Mohammed, George Fox, and Joseph Smith when in a moment of enlightenment the spirit moved her." The article goes on to suggest that C.S. was a passing fad which has been abandoned in favor of "X-rays, and CT scans". The recent court cases are dredged up, and the article ends by mocking a Christian Science testimony. The final words are, "Misapplied and misunderstood, Christian Science still sustains its most dedicated adherents. They remain 'so very grateful.'" One ought to expect more from a channel which considers World Monitor to be the jewel in its crown.

PUBLICATION OF PROSE WORKS

The Bookmark (P.O. Box 801143, Santa Clarita, CA 91380) announces that it is now accepting contributions for the publication of Prose Works by Mary Baker Eddy. Recently The Bookmark successfully republished Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures by Mrs. Eddy in a new paperback edition which is being offered to the public outside the restrictive marketing policies of the C.S. Publishing Society. The plan is to do the same for Prose Works. Contributions will be gratefully acknowledged.

MORE ABOUT ADVERTISING SCIENCE AND HEALTH

As noted in the Summer 1989 edition of The Banner, the current advertising of the Christian Science textbook in the C.S. Journal and the C.S. Sentinel has a very subdued and fuzzy appearance when compared to the ads for Robert Peel's Spiritual Healing in a Scientific Age. The illustrations of Science and Health are typically smudgy little pictures, and the actual title of the book and the name of the author are lost in the text. The ads more often than not fail to mention the healing of disease. They usually say that the book "explains Bible truths that uplift and regenerate daily living -- business, home, health, personal relationships." No prices or ordering instructions are given, and the reader is referred to Christian Science Reading Rooms or the Publisher's Agent in Boston. By contrast, Journal ads in 1939 included the book title in bold print with the statement, "The original, standard, and only Textbook on Christian Science Mind-healing." The prices of all the editions and clear ordering instructions were included. As noted in the last edition of The Banner, recent 1989 Sentinels have included a toll-free number for easy ordering of the Peel book. Ads for Science and Health still do not include the price of the book. In addition the Publishing Society forbids local churches or individuals to advertise Science and Health. (See Winter '89 Banner) The textbook cannot be found in commercial bookstores even though most of them have sections devoted to religious books. Correcting this situation should be a top priority for Christian Scientists. The textbook is the only unimpeachable source of Christian Science instruction and should not be hidden away from the public. As the last chapter, Fruitage, proves, the textbook is very capable of promoting itself if only the receptive thought can find it.

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CORRECTING FALSEHOODS

The November 20, 1989, Christian Science Sentinel contains a serious misstatement by the C.S. Board of Directors about the recent appearance of independently published editions of Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy. According to the Directors, "Today several 'doctored' or revised editions are being offered for free or in bookstores. The only uncorrupted text is printed by The Mother Church and bears the facsimile signature of Mary Baker Eddy and this unmistakable trademark: [cross and crown seal]." (p. 22)

Only three independently published editions of Science and Health are known of by the editor. In 1980, Eric W. W. Taylor published a facsimile edition of the last Science and Health published under Mrs. Eddy's supervision. In 1986, the Mary Baker Eddy Foundation published an authentic edition. In 1989, the Pasadena Press in association with The Bookmark published an authentic paperback edition of the textbook. All three of these editions are absolutely faithful and true in every respect to the text of the 1910 edition of Science and Health as last issued under Mrs. Eddy's supervision.

By contrast, Science and Health, as published by The Mother Church, has deleted two testimonies, added another, and rearranged the order of these in the chapter, Fruitage. (This chapter has been restored to its original 1910 purity in the above-named 1980, 1986, and 1989 independent printings.) In addition The Mother Church removed Mrs. Eddy's picture from the frontispiece in 1911. The text of The Mother Church's version otherwise remains true to the 1910 edition. A number of controversial changes have also been made in the Church Manual. All of these changes were treated in detail in the Winter 1989 Banner. The only "doctoring" or corruption of Mrs. Eddy's writings has taken place in Boston.

One must ask why is it that the C.S. Board of Directors and the C.S. Publishing Society do next to nothing to promote Mrs. Eddy's writings and at the same time try to discredit and hinder in every way possible the efforts of sincere students of Christian Science who are trying to promote them. Answer this question and you may have solved the great riddle of Boston.

ANOTHER BRANCH CHURCH DECLARES ITS INDEPENDENCE

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Surfside, Florida, officially declared itself to be independent of the Boston organization in June 1989. Originally incorporated in 1953, the suburban Miami church is now known as:

Church of Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy
Christian Science

The church uses the early lesson-sermons prepared under Mrs. Eddy's supervision and has a quarterly publication, The Christian Science Standard. The address of the church is: 228 89th Street, Surfside, FL 33154-3413.

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT AND THE MONITOR'S REACTION

The November 6, 1989 U.S. News & World Reports carried a two-page story about the continuing controversy surrounding The Mother Church and the expensive electronic media. Among other things, the article stated that church employees reveal that one-third of all C.S. churches now have fewer than 16 members and that overall membership has dropped from 270,000 before World War II to 170,000 today.

The Monitor reacted with a hastily written half-page editorial on November 2nd. One of the strangest statements was, "The unkindest cuts are those that impugn motives. It strikes some as incredible that a church organization would spend tens of millions of dollars to reach millions around the globe for reasons other than to expand membership rolls. Yet this is the case." No doubt it does strike many Christian Scientists as incredible that their own church is doing so little to promote Christian Science with the tens of millions of dollars given over the last 97 years expressly to promote -- in a forthright way -- this wonderful revelation.

ELEVEN MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS AND ONE OPENING

The following churches and societies have closed according to the January 1990 Journal as compared to the September 1989 Journal listings: Bessemer, Alabama; Homedale, Idaho; Cannelton, Indiana; North Adams, Massachusetts; Cleveland, Ohio (5th); Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (Soc.); Memphis, Tennessee (Soc.); Aransas Pass, Texas; Katy, Texas; Lynnwood, Washington; Tomahawk, Wisconsin. One new society has been formed in Cookeville, Tennessee.

Delhi, New York; Bar Harbor, Maine; and Stonington, Maine; erroneously listed as new societies in the summer 1989 Banner, have appeared for a number of years on a seasonal basis. Lehigh Acres, Florida, was erroneously listed as a closed society in the summer 1989 Banner, and Crescent City, California, in the fall 1989 Banner when they, too, appear on a seasonal basis. Since the February 1987 Journal, 109 churches/societies have closed and ten new ones have been formed.

THE KING JAMES BIBLE AGAIN

The November 2, 1989 Monitor ran a full-page book review of the Revised English Bible. The article takes pains to say, "Like the earlier translation [New English Bible], the REB is not intended to supplant the King James Version." However in the next paragraph the reviewer states, "...the King James is based on the earlier, lesser-quality Bishop's Bible." This is an error in statement. A small group of Bible scholars of the 19th Century decided that since the Codices Vaticanus and Sinaiticus were more ancient than the manuscripts in common use [Textus Receptus], they must be more authentic and reliable. One of these Bible scholars actually referred to the King James Version as "that vile text". The Codex Vaticanus had lain dormant in the Vatican library for centuries before coming to light. The Codex Sinaiticus was discovered in a wastebasket of a Catholic monastery in the 19th Century. By contrast, the manuscripts which comprise the Textus Receptus [the basis of Martin Luther's Bible and the King James Version] were assembled by Desiderius Erasmus, one of the greatest scholars of western civilization, and they agree 90 to 95% with all existing Scripture manuscripts. Only the Codices Sinaiticus and Vaticanus and a few lesser manuscripts disagree. The Textus Receptus manuscripts are less ancient simply because they were actively used in the

living Christian church and had to be meticulously recopied over the centuries. By contrast, the Codices Vaticanus and Sinaiticus collected dust. When they came to light, they were wrongly regarded as authoritative texts because of their obscurity and long preservation.

The C.S. Board of Directors statement in the November 20th Sentinel included, "As many new translations and paraphrase editions of the Bible become available, it is important that the Authorized or King James Version not lose its rightful place in the libraries of students. The key concern, of course, is to understand the original, spiritual message of the Bible." To state merely that the KJV should have a place in one's library is not the same as declaring it to be the one authority and standard by which all other English translations are judged. The proponents of the modern translations insist that their new Bibles do contain the original, spiritual message and that the KJV is hopelessly flawed. It is interesting to note that the Monitor also ran prominent ads for the Revised Standard Version of the Bible in 1952. Mrs. Eddy's choice of the King James Bible when other "modern" versions were available to her should be sufficient endorsement to guarantee its place beside Science and Health forever. It deserves more than just a "place" in one's library.

A WELCOME DEVELOPMENT

The Friday, December 8, 1989, C.S. Monitor for the first time began to offer a toll-free telephone number for easy ordering of Science and Health. Credit cards are accepted and a simplified address is also given for those who wish to order by mail. It is hoped that this is only the first step to promoting the Christian Science textbook and making it widely available to the public.

A NEW BOOK AVAILABLE SOON

"The Scientific System of Spiritual Evolution in Science and Health" is a book prepared by students of Christian Science and is based on the research of Alice L. Orgain, C.S. This unique book takes the textbook chapter by chapter to reveal Mrs. Eddy's scientific system of spiritual evolution of human consciousness as it moves from a belief in matter to complete spirituality. Long neglected glossary terms are used in a very enlightening and helpful way. Like all authentic Christian Science literature, this book leads the reader back to Science and Health with renewed insight rather than away from it. This hardcover book will be available in February 1990, for \$30.00 plus 2.00 postage from: The Rare Book Company, P.O. Box 957, Freehold, NJ 07728

EXCOMMUNICATION PROCEEDINGS INITIATED BY THE MOTHER CHURCH

The editor of The Banner received a letter from the Clerk's office of the Mother Church asking if he could give any reason why his name should not be dropped from the membership rolls of The Mother Church. The letter, dated November 20, 1989, stated that The Banner "circulates information opposed to the Cause of Christian Science". The Banner's editor responded on November 25th, but has, thus far, received no reply to his answer of defense.

TWELVE PAGE PAPER AVAILABLE TO BANNER READERS

"Redeeming the Church Institution Through Obeying the Manual" is a paper by a prominent church member who has written for the C.S. periodicals. It is available from the editor of The Banner for \$2.00, postpaid. Complimentary copies will be mailed to all Journal-listed teachers in the United States. This

paper shows how disobedience to Mrs. Eddy's Church Manual "has opened the way for animal magnetism to work through the human controls that have usurped the divine direction Mrs. Eddy hoped for." In addition the author uses the pamphlet, "Permanency of The Mother Church and Its Manual" to show how the arguments it contains are erroneous and contrary to Mrs. Eddy's clear intent. Since there are at least three editions of the "Permanency" booklet, in circulation, readers may have to make careful comparisons on four pages of the paper to locate references given. The few, small typographical errors are the responsibility of The Banner and not the paper's author.

BANNERS TO READING ROOMS

The Banner was originally sent to reading rooms in order to develop the largest readership possible. Several hundred individuals have been added to the mailing list via reading rooms. By now it is felt that almost everyone who could be reached in this way has been located. Therefore, this edition of The Banner is the last one which will be sent to reading rooms. Any individuals who wish to be placed on the strictly confidential mailing list should consider doing so at this time.

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STEVEN GOTTSCHALK PUT ON INDEFINITE LEAVE

During a recent departmental meeting in Boston at which a Board demand for "unity" and silencing of dissent was presented, Steven Gottschalk, frequent contributor to the C.S. periodicals and author of *The Emergence of Christian Science in American Religious Life*, read a letter dated March 1, 1990, which he then shared with the Board of Directors and made available to co-workers. In his letter, he stated, "...the fact remains that nothing in the Manual or in Mrs. Eddy's continuing leadership requires, justifies, or permits repressing responsible expression of divergent viewpoints on church directions and policies. Far from being inherently divisive and detrimental to unity, allowance for such expression helps build unity... We can be grateful that thought is being stirred to consider issues about what makes our movement move. At the same time, to write off all concern about new directions as foot-dragging conservatism would be to disregard earnest, prayer-impelled warnings that may need to be heeded... Is it not self-contradictory for us to ask for recognition of our freedom to practice spiritual healing while we deny elemental freedom of expression among ourselves?" The day following his remarks, Mr. Gottschalk was put on indefinite leave.

In the November 6, 1989, U.S. News & World Report, Mr. Gottschalk was quoted as saying, "[W]ith the enormous emphasis on outreach, there's been a blurring of the theological contours of Christian Science and a willingness to downplay its demands, that the church is becoming as worldly as the world it is trying to reach." The February 9, 1990 Boston Globe revealed that The Mother Church has hired a public relations firm to carry out a major campaign during the upcoming trial of David and Ginger Twitchell. The March 5th Globe reports, "In a memorandum to 18 top Christian Science officials, the church's board of directors demands that members close ranks during the current time of troubles -- and remarks that employees who disagree with the church's policies should 'have the integrity to seek employment elsewhere.'" The memo referred to the February 9th Boston Globe article "and accuses unnamed employees of 'steal(ing)' confidential plans of this Church and leak(ing) them to the local and trade press.'" Separately, many church members experienced a sense of déjà vu upon receiving a solicitation from Donald Bowersock, treasurer, in their mailboxes last Friday. In his letter Bowersock asked members to donate \$37 million to pay for the construction of the church's new shortwave radio facilities, a plea remarkably similar to his special appeal in late 1988, for \$38 million, for the same purpose."

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

An article in the January 2, 1990, Monitor states, "Two recent studies indicate that Americans have not lost their faith nor deserted church pews... The much-touted decline of religion in the United States and the consequent secularization of American society is a myth. On the contrary, Americans' basic religious beliefs and church attendance have changed almost not at all since the 1930s." NBC Nightly News of January 21, 1990, reported that four to eight million "baby boomers" (those born between 1946 and 1964) started attending church in earnest some fifteen years ago.

One must wonder why this good news has not been reflected in a stable or increasing attendance at Christian Science churches. As recent issues of The Banner have demonstrated, there has been a dramatic decline in the number of C.S. churches just since February 1987 when the church listings in The Christian Science Journal were compared with those in succeeding issues. In fact, this decline has been going on steadily since the 1950s. In the time just between the February 1987 and the April 1990 Journals, 121 churches and societies have closed and only eleven new ones have been formed. We have always been led to believe that the closing of our churches was due to people moving to the suburbs or the general decline in church attendance among all denominations throughout the country. The January 2nd Monitor article should silence this false rationalization once and for all. The new line recently expressed by the chairman of the Christian Science Board of Directors is, "Having more names on a list cannot be our objective. The survival of the church is far more attuned to how much good it can do." (U.S. News and World Report, 11-6-89)

The following thirteen churches/societies have closed since January 1990: Crosssett, Arkansas; Fresno, California (1st); Seal Beach, California; Susanville, California; Fort Lauderdale, Florida (2nd); Highland Park, Illinois (merged with Glencoe to form Highland Park-Glencoe); Buffalo, New York (2nd); Mount Holly, New Jersey; John Day, Oregon; Portland, Oregon (1st); Redmond, Oregon; Lead-Deadwood, South Dakota; and Pullman, Washington. Tomahawk, Wisconsin previously listed as a closed society has reappeared as a seasonal listing.

MONITORADIO AND KQED

A series of articles in the San Francisco Chronicle (final one 2-13-90) covered a dispute between Mayor Art Agnos and radio station KQED involving the issuance of \$15 million in tax-exempt bonds for the station's building plans and the Monitor's policy regarding the sexual orientation of its employees. The mayor said that the bonds for the radio station would not be issued unless the Monitor's hiring practices were changed. "At issue is KQED-FM's broadcast of 'Monitoradio'. The show's parent company, The Christian Science Monitor Publishing Co., fired a newspaper reporter in 1981 because she was a lesbian. Courts have upheld the ruling because the publisher is part of the First Church of Christ, Science, so the dismissal was protected by the constitutional separation of church and state... Last week, Anthony Tiano, president of KQED, said he spoke with the publisher and claimed that the company said sexual orientation will no longer be part of its employment practices... [Scott] Shafer [Agnos' press secretary] said that Agnos still wants it in writing that the Christian Science Monitor Publishing Co. has a new employment practice in place..."

EIGHT MORE TV PROGRAMS AND EIGHT ONE-HOUR SPECIALS

The January 1990 "Monitor Month", a newsletter mailed to reading rooms, announced seven new regular programs which will be on cable TV as of January of this year. They include, The Children's Room, Today's Monitor, One Norway Street, Inner City Beat, El Monitor de Hoy, Monitor Forum, and Eldridge on Sports. The January 5th Monitor also listed another new show, 50 Years Ago Today. In addition, "Monitor Month" announced that eight one-hour television specials will be produced for syndication during 1990. All of these productions are secular programming. Only the shortwave Herald broadcasts have any religious content, and these are beamed primarily to Third World countries. It is puzzling that there is no concerted effort to reach the great audience of

people in the United States and Canada where the prospect for reaching the receptive thought is much more likely and very much needed. For the most part, Americans and Canadians do not own shortwave radios. The high prices of the radios offered in Monitor advertising makes it unlikely that many people will acquire them.

Since all of this programming, including the nightly World Monitor TV program and the monthly World Monitor magazine, is controlled by the Monitor Syndicate, the profit or loss registered by these ventures is not specifically included in the treasurer's report at the annual meeting of The Mother Church. Since large monetary bequests to The Mother Church -- given expressly for the propagation of Christian Science -- are being funneled into secular ventures costing multiple millions of dollars, the membership has the right to question the wisdom and value of these non-religious enterprises and ask what any of them has to do with promoting Christian Science.

THE COPYRIGHT CASE

The successful legal case to free Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy from the unconstitutional copyright extension has left one important element of unfinished business: the legal fees still owed to the law firm which skillfully carried the case. All Christian Scientists are the beneficiaries of the freeing of the Christian Science textbook. Those who wish to contribute to the fund to retire this debt may send their contributions to: Csaplar & Bok, One Winthrop Square, Boston, MA 02110, to the attention of Mr. Arnold P. Messing. Each contribution will be individually acknowledged.

THE MONITOR'S AGENDA

The January 2, 1990, Monitor ran a full-page opinion by frequent contributor Norman Cousins denouncing what he calls the "bugaboo" of national sovereignty in favor of a world government. This was followed by an editorial in the Jan. 5th edition of the Monitor which stated, "The great challenge for the international community will be to evolve noncoercive structures and mechanisms..." The Jan. 25th issue included an article by frequent contributor David N. Newsom who advocates "new forms of international governance". The Feb. 2nd edition includes a letter praising the Jan. 5th editorial and suggesting that "the United Nations should be transformed into a federal world government." The Feb. 8th Monitor includes a full-page advertisement for the World Federalist Association which states, "The time for world federalism is approaching." In fine print at the bottom the ad concludes, "This message was paid for by members of the World Federalist Association in honor of their president, Norman Cousins." The Feb. 20th Monitor included another opinion page article by Norman Cousins praising the UN, saying, "[T]he UN will have to be truly institutionalized. The UN is not only the best candidate for enduring peace, it is the only candidate we have." One must ask what The Christian Science Monitor stands for: Mrs. Eddy's clearly stated views supporting the U.S. Constitution with its limited government (My. p. 282) or the alien views which would submerge the well-established freedoms we enjoy in an uncertain New World Order of international politics and mega-government? George Washington warned, "Government is not reason; it is not eloquence; it is force! Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master."

CORRECTING FALSEHOODS

The February 12th C.S. Sentinel contains, "I never wrote this..." from the

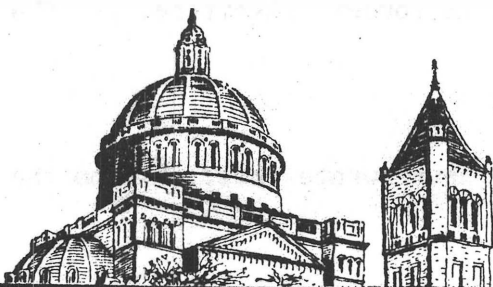
Directors. (p. 29) The article resurrects warnings against false articles attributed to Mrs. Eddy which were exposed long ago and which rarely circulate today. However the Directors launch a new attack on the book, "Divinity Course and General Collectanea", by saying that it "contains spurious material". This book contains priceless, authentic material collected by Gilbert Carpenter, C.S.D. (a worker in Mrs. Eddy's household) and his son, Gilbert Carpenter, Jr., C.S.B. The Mother Church eagerly negotiated to obtain the Carpenter Library in 1973 and promised to make the materials available to students of Christian Science. This promise has never been kept, and now The Mother Church is apparently trying to discredit those portions of the Carpenter Library which are in general circulation. If, indeed, there is spurious material (which is very doubtful), the Directors have an obligation to be specific about this matter.

THE NATURE OF DISSENT TODAY

Those individuals who are questioning the situation in Boston today adhere to two basic positions and offer two basic remedies. One position desires to maintain the structure which has developed over the last eighty years (since Mrs. Eddy's departure from the human scene) and merely replace church officials with others who more nearly represent their own views on church traditions and policies. The other position urges that Mrs. Eddy's 88th Church Manual, the last one issued by her, be obeyed exactly as she wrote it. This latter position needs to be examined. It is hoped that Christian Scientists will reread the Manual with this thought in mind. If this had been done in December, 1910, the C.S. movement would not have gone sadly awry. We have the opportunity right now to retrace our steps and follow the finger-posts our Leader left for us in the by-laws.

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THE BANKRUPTCY QUESTION

ABC News with Peter Jennings of April 16, 1990, included a five minute segment which briefly discussed the ongoing Twitchell case and then focused on the possible bankruptcy of The Mother Church in the near future because of the enormous spending on the new electronic media projects. This same report was aired the next morning on Good Morning America. Veteran news correspondent Morton Dean narrated the story which stated that Channel 68 in Boston cost The Mother Church \$50 million, is losing money, and is the least watched station in town. The World Monitor program on the Discovery channel is "drenched in red ink" and is losing \$20 million a year. [John Hart, news anchor, reportedly earns \$440,000 per year.] The newly formatted Christian Science Monitor, with more color and fewer pages, has lost \$19 million during the year ending in April. The sale of the acre of property in downtown Boston was mentioned as well as the alleged plan to sell a C.S. church near the White House in Washington, D.C. A Mother Church employee who was interviewed with subdued lighting and voice alteration to disguise her identity stated, "We are turning away from the healing mission of Christian Science to big business, big marketing, advertising, and have joined in some busy race with the electronic media." Martin E. Marty, a theologian who appears in the "Mary Baker Eddy: A Heart in Protest" video, stated in this same ABC News segment that many C.S. churches are closing and that there are "fewer practitioners by the hundreds". Morton Dean mentioned that the Board of Directors had declined to be interviewed or give a statement about the bankruptcy allegations. The other networks did not carry similar stories, and it would appear that the ABC report was developed with the help of concerned TMC employees in much the same way as was done with the US News and World Report article of November 6, 1989.

A letter to ABC News from John H. Hoagland, Manager of the C.S. Publishing Society, dated April 17th, was printed in the April 24th Monitor. Mr. Hoagland stated, "In effect, ABC challenged our right to exist and prosper in your world... ABC made the claim that our purpose is proselyting." The ABC news did not question the programs' right to exist or even mention proselytizing as an issue. In fact, the Hoagland letter did not touch upon the issues in the ABC report at all and chose to decry statements which were never made.

The really interesting letter to ABC News was sent by John Lewis Selover, Chairman of the C.S. Board of Directors, on April 20th. The letter stated, "It is ludicrous for anybody to assume that our Church would ever place itself in a situation where it couldn't pay its bills... Your people gave little, if any, attention to our published financial reports." The once a year treasurer's report in the Journal is hardly a complete financial report. Mr. Selover claims that property in Boston is being sold "to benefit the City of Boston and our immediate neighborhood" and that a parcel of land adjoining the Washington, D.C. church is for sale, not the church itself. He denies that this is being done to "rebuild our treasury". It should also be noted that \$15 million was transferred from the Mother Church employees pension fund to the general fund on April 30, 1989.

Concern with the multiple million dollar spending by the Directors on all the secular TV programming, the shortwave transmitters, and the new monthly magazine began well before any of the spending started. Many of the resignation letters from the Monitor staff members in November 1988 mentioned the perils and hidden costs of entering television and radio broadcasting. The investigation of the situation by Federal Judge Thomas Griesa (C.S.) confirmed the astronomical costs. Longtime Monitor writer Elizabeth Pond wrote a detailed letter (2-15-89) which discussed the financial, moral, and philosophical problems already encountered. Even Robert Peel tried to warn of the problems in July 1988. (See Banners Fall 88, Winter 89, Spring 89, June 89) Most recently Steven Gottschalk wrote an open letter (3-1-90) protesting the repressing of "responsible expression of divergent viewpoints on church directions and policies." The Directors turned a deaf ear to all constructive criticism and even launched a secret investigation to learn the identity of a group of TMC employees who wrote an open letter to the field on September 26, 1987. Christian Science teachers were threatened with disciplinary action in a letter sent out on November 30, 1988, if they were found "working against the Cause."

The true financial situation of The Mother Church is difficult to learn because the report of the Treasurer at the Annual Meeting never gives detailed figures. (See CS Journal, Sep 89, for latest report.) A financial statement for the new Monitor Syndicate has never been presented to the membership, and it is not clear how funds are shifted between The Mother Church and the syndicate. A profit or loss statement for the new ventures has, thus far, been withheld. Also the TV ratings for the television programs have not been shared with church members since the early ones for World Monitor were given in the Elizabeth Pond letter. (.2 share; Jan 89 [76,000 homes] at est. cost of \$30 - 50 million per year with no income at all after second year unless the show gets 3.2 rating [1.2 million homes]. Standard viewership of Discovery Channel is 300,000 homes.)

At this time there is no hard, reliable information to confirm or refute the talk of bankruptcy. The enormous start-up costs and rapid transfer of money to shore up universally unprofitable electronic ventures has understandably led to the current speculation. Mr. Selover states in his letter, "It is not our purpose to accumulate money like a banking institution..." It could be argued that a century of accumulated endowments ought not to be dangerously depleted with no prospect of the new ventures eventually making a profit or at least breaking even. Concern has been expressed that the entire church center including the original 1894 Mother Church, the Extension, and Mrs. Eddy's home could be lost in a bankruptcy situation and that eager buyers are waiting for the chance to get the properties. What is needed now is a detailed financial report to the members of The Mother Church including specific figures for the Monitor Syndicate. The informal talk show format used at the 1989 Annual Meeting is not enough. No branch church treasurer would get away with a report like that. Straightforward disclosure of all facets of the business operations by the Mother Church Treasurer and the C.S. Board of Directors is the only way to quell the bankruptcy talk if, in fact, it is groundless.

THE FUTURE

Between the years 1889 and 1892, when there was no Mother Church organization, branch churches and societies continued to flourish and new ones were formed. According to the October 1892 C.S. Journal, there were 55 churches and 120 societies at that time. No matter what might happen in Boston regarding the current financial situation, the now existing branches could

continue in consonance with The Manual of The Mother Church. Christian Science will thrive and spread in the field only through the living example and effort of sincere students of Christian Science. It has never spread in any other way. It would be natural, at the same time, for Mrs. Eddy's students throughout the field to make every effort to assure that the historic church edifices in Boston and Mrs. Eddy's home remain in Christian Science hands under provisions of the 1892 Deed of Trust and also that the Christian Science Publishing Society continue to operate under the 1898 Deed of Trust. Step by step the Christian Science movement can be restored to its Manual-based activities through the by-laws and the deeds of trust. As Mrs. Eddy states, "Humility is the stepping-stone to a higher recognition of Deity. The mounting sense gathers fresh forms and strange fire from the ashes of dissolving self, and drops the world. Meekness heightens immortal attributes only by removing the dust that dims them. Goodness reveals another scene and another self seemingly rolled up in shades, but brought to light by the evolutions of advancing thought, whereby we discern the power of Truth and Love to heal the sick." (Mis. 1:15-2)

A NEW BOOK

A new book by the late Malcolm Forbes with Jeff Bloch titled, "What Happened To Their Kids? Children of the Rich and Famous", Simon & Schuster, 1990, \$18.95, contains mini-biographies of the children of prominent people. However, the section about Mrs. Eddy's son and adopted son fails to tell anything about their lives or destinies. Rather, it takes the opportunity to repeat many worn out falsehoods about Mrs. Eddy. Interestingly, it contains a poignant story about Robert Lincoln, but neglects to say that he and his descendants were Christian Scientists and that the Lincoln estate was willed to The Mother Church.

KERRY LETTER # 11

Letter Number Eleven by Reginald G. Kerry dated May 1990 has been sent to the C.S. field. Copies of this letter, which discusses the current Boston situation, may be obtained for \$2.00 each from R.G. Kerry, P.O. Box 42960, Los Angeles, CA 90042.

THE MEMBERS' COALITION

A new bulletin from the anonymous group, The Members' Coalition, dated May 1990, discusses the ABC News broadcast of April 16th, the court case in Boston, the questionable ethics and decisions of current Mother Church officers, and the new trend in stand-up lectures. According to this bulletin, one lecturer "uses a photo of a bathing beauty and a baseball bat as props". The new video lecture is described as being "set in a sleazy beauty parlor [which] is profane and irreverent and will antagonize all serious religious thinkers". The bulletin concludes by saying, "Our class action lawsuit proceeds carefully."

A LESSON FROM 1910

The following lesson was prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Eddy. The lessons of those days included unusual power and insight. The one selected for this issue of The Banner was the first to bear the amended title: "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, Alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced". Previously the lessons were titled: "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, Or, Mesmerism and Hypnotism". The C.S. Sentinel for May 21, 1910 announced the change of subject, and readers were requested to announce the new title on May 29, 1910.

Golden Text: Rev. 22: 14, 15

Responsive Reading: Micah 5: 2-13

I		IV	
Bible	S&H	Acts 8:5, 6, 9-11	102:30-5 (2nd .)
Gen. 3:1-5, 13	594:1-4 (2nd ;)	Job 24:1, 13, 24, 25	110:32
Gen. 49:17	583:26		106:15-29
Judges 18:30, 31	306:32		
Matt. 23:33	92:11		
	533: 12-14, 26-2		
II		V	
Isa. 26:21	269:3-5	Acts 19:11, 13-17,	129:16
Isa. 27:1	529:22	19	299:18
Matt. 10:25, 26	563:27	Matt. 12:30, 33	185: 6-17
Luke 10:17-19	102:1		178:28
	328:17		
III		VI	
Lev. 19:31	322:15-17	John 12: 31, 32	567:18
Deut. 18:9-12	104:13	Rev. 12: 7-10	568: 5-7,
Acts 16:16-18	402:20		24-30
	450:27-2	Rev. 18:21, 23, 24	570:14

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WORKERS

The new, streamlined organizational structure at the Boston headquarters of The Mother Church is characterized by the maximum efficiency of modern business methods. According to the November 1988 resignation letters from Monitor staff members, 200-400 Christian Scientists were fired or forced to take early retirement when the plans for the new media ventures were formulated. The jobs of these dedicated workers were either eliminated altogether or were turned over to outside businesses (the subscription service for the periodicals, for example) which promised lower costs for the same services. The Boston television station and the World Monitor program seen on the Discovery Channel are staffed by an overwhelming majority of non-Christian Scientists. The same is apparently true of the monthly World Monitor magazine which does not even include a religious article among its pages. In fact, the December 1988 edition of the new magazine stated, "Religion cannot offer scientific evidence of its truth..." (p. 94) One cannot imagine such a statement being printed had Christian Scientists been on the staff in key positions.

Because Christian Scientists are no longer significantly included in projects which The Mother Church officers deem vital to the future of the Church, the unseen, but crucial, element of demonstration in every facet of our Church's work has been greatly reduced. The new, non-Scientist employees are, no doubt, working efficiently and putting in an honest day's work, but the demonstration which has always constituted the key to the successful operation of Christian Science church work is absent.

The book, "Mary Baker Eddy, Her Spiritual Footsteps" by the Gilbert Carpenters, Senior and Junior, constantly reiterates the importance Mrs. Eddy placed upon demonstration for even the simplest tasks by students in her household. "All the workers in Mrs. Eddy's home, whether they cooked for her or attended to her correspondence, whether they occupied the guest chamber or the attic, were her valued students, and it required a spiritual understanding to demonstrate their work. This requirement was the law of the home." (p. 17) "Mrs. Eddy knew that whatever was not the expression of scientific demonstration was the expression of mortal mind..." (p. 297) In Miscellaneous Writings Mrs. Eddy states, "Rushing around smartly is no proof of accomplishing much." (p. 230:12, 13) It would seem that this point has been overlooked since the early 1970s when the first efficiency studies emphasized human ways and means over the spiritual when it came to church work in Boston.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The report of the Treasurer of The Mother Church given at the Annual Meeting on June 4, 1990, included remarks which were intended to answer criticism and adverse news reports which have circulated over the past months regarding the use of Church funds, the sale of property, the continuing heavy expenditures for the electronic media projects, and the use of the pension

fund. The Treasurer stated that there had been honest differences of opinion regarding the direction of the church's electronic media projects, but that these have degenerated into mere curiosity and mischief. Channel 68 in Boston and the World Monitor magazine are expected to make a profit (no time frame given and no mention of World Monitor TV program), but the shortwave project was never intended to make money. This was an apparent reference to the Treasurer's own per capita tax letter of February 1990 asking for \$37 million to pay for the transmitters, money which had already been requested in a special appeal letter in late 1988. The statement implied that the recent appeal was for operating expenses even though the letter clearly stated that the transmitters were the expense to be paid for. He stated that the desire for detailed financial data was based on a mortal mind desire to know and did not stem from legitimate concerns. He repeated in words very similar to those used by Mr. Selover in his letter to ABC news of April 24th, that it is inconceivable that the C.S. Board of Directors would allow church finances to dwindle to the point that bills could not be paid. (No doubt such a thing was inconceivable to Donald Trump and his army of financial experts just a few months ago.) The Mother Church Treasurer indicated that his report would consist only of those specific elements listed in Article XXIV, Section 3, of the Church Manual ("the amount of funds which the Church has on hand, the amount of its indebtedness and of its expenditures for the last year.") This by-law in no way restricts the report to these figures.

By contrast, the Committee on General Welfare's report of March 3, 1920, which was issued in accordance with an agreement with The Mother Church, included detailed figures covering every facet of Church finances (pages 46 to 49). This committee was formed by the Directors in 1919 to answer "considerable adverse comment in the Field" regarding the handling of Church finances and the conduct of Church business at that time. Clearly then, there is an historical precedent for making a more detailed financial statement available to members of The Mother Church. The members deserve more than vague figures and bland assurances.

FOURTEEN MORE CHURCHES CLOSED; ONE NEW OPENING

The following churches have closed according to a comparison of the March and July 1990 C.S. Journals: Fremont, CA (2nd); Marysville, CA; Rolling Hills Estate, CA; Rosemead, CA; Willows, CA; Crystal River, FL; Bronson, MI; Grand Rapids, MI (2nd); Kansas City, MO (3rd); Norwich, NY; Washington, NC; Gold Beach, OR; Chester, PA (merged with Swarthmore); and Orange, TX. In addition 12th Church, Chicago, IL, has reverted to a society. Effingham, IL is a new church. Since February 1987, 120 churches have closed and 12 have opened.

THE GETHSEMANE FOUNDATION

The Gethsemane Foundation, 5290 Beltline Road, Suite 152, Dallas, TX 75240, is dedicated to correcting false teachings and metaphysical errors about Mrs. Eddy and Christian Science. Through the publication of memoirs of Mrs. Eddy's own students and research papers examining and correcting false and misleading statements about her, the Gethsemane Foundation seeks to restore a right understanding and appreciation of our Leader. As Mrs. Eddy said, "People seem to understand C.S. in the exact ratio that they know me and vice versa. It sometimes astonishes me to see the invariableness of this rule." 11/26/1897 (Divinity Course and General Collectanea, p. 108) Readers of The Banner are urged to request to be added to the mailing list for these important publications. The Gethsemane Foundation is a tax exempt foundation which is

wholly dependent upon the voluntary contributions of its readership.

NEW WORLD ORDER

The Christian Science Monitor continues to shamelessly beat the drums for world government even though this policy directly and flagrantly contradicts the clearly stated position of Mary Baker Eddy. "I believe strictly in the Monroe doctrine, in our Constitution, and in the laws of God." (My. 282:3, 4) This misguided policy also ignores Mrs. Eddy's warning entitled "Insufficient Freedom" (My. 266:1-9).

Norman Cousins, a frequent contributor to the opinion page whose solution to every problem is world government, suggested in the May 1st issue that the American Founding Fathers would be delighted with the prospect of "an interdependent and organized world society. Since the transcendent problems of the time are global in nature, global responses are necessary and indeed mandatory."

George Washington in his Farewell Address wrote, "Why, by interweaving our destiny with that of any part of Europe, entangle our peace and prosperity in the toils of European ambition, rivalry, interest, humor, or caprice?" Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, wrote in a letter to James Monroe on June 17, 1785, how important it is "to satisfy our countrymen how much it is their interest to preserve, uninfected by contagion, those peculiarities in their governments and manners to which they are indebted for those blessings." James Madison, father of the U.S. Constitution, wrote on February 2, 1792, in the National Gazette, "Among various reforms which have been offered the world, the projects for universal peace have done the greatest honor to the hearts, though they seem to have done very little to the heads of their authors. [Rousseau] was aware, neither of the impossibility of executing his pacific plan [of world federation] among governments which feel so many allurements to war, nor, what is more extraordinary, of the tendency of his plan to perpetuate arbitrary power wherever it existed."

In the June 5th Monitor, Norman Cousins once again states, "The best chance -- perhaps the only chance [to combat terrorism] -- is through a well-organized international collective security system; in short, a fully integrated world organization that can utilize all its resources, economic and political, to deal with international criminality. ...[T]he bugaboo of national sovereignty blocks common sense... National sovereignties must no longer be allowed to make judgments that affect all life on this planet. Important decisions on a world scale can no longer be dictated by narrow tribal concerns." The Monitor also promotes "An Agenda for the 21st Century: Interviews from The Christian Science Monitor." The theme throughout this book is world government. The one newspaper in the world which should be "telling mankind of the foe in ambush" has abandoned its mission and has joined an international elite which wishes to concentrate all political and economic power into its own hands. Mrs. Eddy states, "Escape from evil, and designate those as unfaithful stewards who have seen the danger and yet have given no warning." (S&H 571:8-14)

MANDELA AT THE MOTHER CHURCH

A cover letter which accompanied The Church Center Bulletin of June 28, 1990, stated, "Recently a prominent world figure, Nelson Mandela, paid a surprise visit to The Mother Church. Details of his visit are described in the enclosed Church Center Bulletin." Among other things, Mr. Mandela was presented

with a copy of Science and Health inscribed as follows: "To Nelson Mandela With best wishes for your continued spiritual mission to bless mankind, Richard C. Cattani, Editor The Christian Science Monitor." Winnie Mandela stated, "With our boxes of matches and our necklaces, we shall liberate this country." This was part of a speech she made at Soweto on April 13, 1986. In necklacing, an automobile tire is placed around the victim's neck, filled with gasoline and ignited. All the victims of these terrorist acts are other blacks who oppose Mandela's African National Congress. As recently as April of this year, a 9-year old girl and a 14-year-old boy were necklaced in Natal province. On February 11, 1990, Nelson Mandela stated, "I salute the South African Communist Party for its steady contribution to the struggle for democracy." He also admires Colonel Ghadafi and Fidel Castro. Regarding this bland denial of truth in the Church Center Bulletin, one cannot help but ponder Isaiah 59:14, "Truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." Mrs. Eddy states, "...when the press assumes the liberty to lie, it discounts clemency, mocks morality, outrages humanity, breaks common law, gives impulse to violence, envy, and hate, and prolongs the reign of inordinate, unprincipled clans." (Mis. 274: 17-21)

STATUS OF THE COPYRIGHT DEBT

The law firm, Csaplar & Bok, One Winthrop Square, Boston, MA 02110, reports that the current balance remaining to pay off the debt for overturning the unconstitutional copyright extension on Science and Health is now approximately \$145,000. Contributions have been received from all over the United States and several foreign countries. Those who wish to contribute to the retirement of this debt may send donations to the above address to the attention of Mr. Arnold P. Messing. All contributions are individually and gratefully acknowledged.

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