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NEW HAMPSHIRE DEVELOPMENTS

A Reservation of Rights of Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Melbourne (Australia) Respecting Supplemental Report Filed by Trustees Under the Will of Mary Baker Eddy, Clauses VI and VIII" was filed on February 6, 2017. [See Spring 2017 *Banner*] The Reservation noted that on or about April 11, 2016, the Director of Charitable Trusts of New Hampshire wrote that "[b]ecause the trustees of the Clause VIII Trust are also the board of Directors of the Mother Church, they have *embedded conflicting fiduciary obligations*."

The Reservation of Rights noted that "the Director brought to the Court's attention the Trustees failure to adhere to prior orders of the Court or otherwise obtain prior Court authorization to modify the Trustees' conduct or prior authorizations."

Second Church's Reservation of Rights noted, "This embedded conflict, it is submitted, taints every action and decision of the present Clause VIII Trustees because they also serve as Directors and fiduciaries of the Mother Church, a beneficiary of the Clause VIII Trust, which is also (indeed primarily) intended to benefit a larger class of beneficiaries that 'promote Christian Science as taught by grantor [Mary Baker G. Eddy].' (Will of Mary Baker G. Eddy, Clause VIII). [...]"

"Second Church respectfully submits that the only way to eliminate the embedded conflict that taints every decision of the existing Clause VIII Trustees, and restore the necessary independence, objectivity and accountability to the administration of the Clause VIII Trust is either to remove the current Trustees and appoint new Trustees, who are not Directors or fiduciaries of The Mother Church, or to appoint an independent monitor or to seek advance authority for distributions and transactions from the Court..." [See Spring 2017 *Banner* for complete account.]

INDEPENDENT TRUSTEE PROPOSED

Lyle Young resigned from the Christian Science Board of Directors on April 11, 2017, and returned to his home in Ontario, Canada. He was replaced by Richard Evans on that date. Subsequently, the date was changed -- without explanation -- to May 1, 2017.

On May 23rd, Attorneys for Second Church submitted "Status Report and Nomination of Trustee." The embedded conflict between church Directors and

Trustees as detailed by the New Hampshire Director of Charitable Trusts was noted: "An appointment of Mr. Evans as a Trustee, if it is contemplated, would be improper: As the Court is well aware, the Directors also serving as Trustees of the Clause 8 Trust are embedded in a conflict of interest.

"Second Church believes the appointment of [a] New Hampshire resident who is not tainted by this conflict of interest is appropriate to restore the independent supervision of the Trust provided by the service of Trustee Josiah Fernald until his death in 1949.

"To this end, Second Church offers the name of Mark Fernald, a New Hampshire resident and attorney, to be appointed by the Court as a Trustee of the Clause 8 Trust... [...]"

"It is also believed that Attorney Fernald is a descendant of the same family as, Josiah Fernald, the first and only independent Trustee who served the Trust from its inception and until his death in 1949."

DIRECTORS OBJECT

On June 2, 2017, the Directors submitted their objection to Second Church's proposal for an independent Trustee: "Second Church's petition should be denied as there is no vacancy in the Trustee positions. Contrary to Second Church's assumption, Trustee Lyle Young has not resigned his position as Trustee under the Will of Mary Baker Eddy, Clauses 6 and 8, nor has Richard Evans been appointed or is acting as a Trustee." [...]"

[Editor's note: The Directors erroneously claim that only five trustees can be appointed. Up until the passing of Josiah Fernald in 1949, there were always six trustees in accordance with Mrs. Eddy's wishes. The independent sixth trustee was intended to keep the other five honest because of the embedded conflict of interest.]

The Objection continued: "The Director [of Charitable Trusts] and Trustees have notified the Court that they are currently working together to review questions previously raised by the Director concerning the Trusts." [Editor's note: Concerning this "working together", see reference to the Director's memorandum dated August 11, 2017, below]

MEMORANDUM OF DIRECTOR OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS

On August 11, 2017, the Director of Charitable Trusts of New Hampshire submitted: Memorandum in Support of Trustees' Motion to Amend 1993 Order and to Convert Trusts to Unitrusts.

The section titled "Historical Background of the Trusts" states, "[The Mother Church] is organized as a hierarchical, as opposed to a congregational, church." The memorandum then refers to the *Weaver v. Wood* lawsuit of 1997 and the *Watson v. Jones* case settled by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1871.

The *Weaver v. Wood* lawsuit was lodged by Michigan Supreme Court Judge Elizabeth Weaver and Roy Varner then of Houston, Texas.

From the Summer 1997 Banner: "*The Boston Globe* of June 20, 1997, reported that on June 19th, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court decided by a vote of seven to zero that 'individual members have no legal standing to sue the church board of directors, which is organized as a public charity under state laws. The only person who has that standing, the court said, is the attorney general...

"The suit was filed, in part, because of the irretrievable loss of \$450,000,000 in church funds expended on what *Forbes* magazine predicted was an electronic media project doomed from its inception. None of the officers responsible has ever been called to account for the loss of what were, in large part, the bequests of countless church members, teachers' associations, and branch churches given over a period of some ninety years." [End of 1997 *Banner* quotation]

Regarding the *Watson v. Jones* U.S. Supreme Court decision of 1871, subsequent legal cases routinely stated that the Supreme Court recognized two bases for founding and organizing a church: congregational or hierarchical. The lawyer for Maryfrances Cassell, who took legal action against the C.S. Board of Directors from 2010 to 2013, reread the original *Watson v. Jones* decision and discovered that the Court also established a third basis for founding churches: deeds of trust. This third basis is routinely omitted from legal literature because it is so rarely used. But it was precisely a New Hampshire deed of trust that Mrs. Eddy used to establish her church.

The Memorandum from the Director of Charitable Trusts continues: [Mary Baker Eddy] established the organizational structure for what would become a global church, with central authority vested in the Board of Directors of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts (the "Mother Church"). It is organized as a hierarchical, as opposed to a congregational, church."

Clearly in their "working together", the Board of Directors slyly proclaimed the fiction of hierarchical church government to the New Hampshire Director of Charitable Trusts. Mrs. Eddy's deeds of trust significantly limit the actions of the C.S. Board of Directors by requiring *oversight* by the New Hampshire courts.

From the Spring 2011 Banner: "Interestingly, in 1994, the Board of Directors submitted a memorandum as part of the *Weaver vs. Wood* lawsuit in which they erroneously claim in print for the first time ever: 'The Mother Church structure is hierarchical, with complete authority vested in a self-perpetuating Board of Directors to conduct the business of The Mother Church and to discipline members of The Mother Church.'" [End of 2011 *Banner* quotation]

From the Director of Charitable Trusts' Memorandum: "What the pending motion does not do is propose any alteration in the composition of the Clause VIII Trustees. The Trustees seek to protect their prerogatives in deciding where Clause VIII Trust distributions are made, given the religious nature of the Trust. They are wary of intrusion from government and do not want any 'independent' trustees." [Emphasis added]

It was Mary Baker Eddy who wanted a sixth independent administrator / trustee. The first was her cousin, Henry M. Baker followed by Josiah Fernald. In 1949, the C.S. Board of Directors obtained a court opinion that a sixth trustee was no longer needed.

In short, the Director of Charitable Trusts proposes: "The conversion to unitrust and, in the case of the Clause VIII Trust, the application of UPMIFA [Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds], should give the Trustees and their investment advisor greater flexibility to assure the long term growth of the trusts' assets with the related growth in distributions over time."

This recommendation would seem to ignore, among other things, the gross mismanagement of the Clause VIII trust funds by the Christian Science Board of Directors through borrowing from the fund for purposes contrary to its intent, depriving the intended beneficiaries (the Christian Science field) of the support Mrs. Eddy intended, the mixing of funds with Mother Church funds, and the lack of independent, forensic audits. The Director of Charitable Trusts seems to accept the assurances of the C.S. Board of Directors that similar violations will not be repeated in the future.

1913 N.H. SUPREME COURT DECISION

The 1913 decision of the New Hampshire Supreme Court (*Fernald v. The First Church of Christ, Scientist*) rejected the Directors' efforts to strip these funds from Mrs. Eddy's will and move them to Massachusetts. The court decision emphatically stated: "Mrs. Eddy was a woman of remarkable business capacity. She provided in her will that the executor therein named should be excused from giving any sureties on his official bond. She did not provide that those acting in behalf of the Church as trustees should be excused from giving a bond. Having in mind her remarkable intelligence and

far-sightedness, this omission is strikingly significant.”

Earlier in its decision, the Court noted: “But for the wisdom and the patient toil and research of this Court, this property might already have become scattered to the four winds of Heaven, and the beneficent wishes and plans of this queenly almoner have been forever blasted.”

SUPPORT FOR RESTORATION FUND

The legal effort in New Hampshire to restore Mrs. Eddy’s deeds of trust, *Church Manual* by-laws, and administration of the trust under her will continues. To support these important efforts, send contributions made out to “M.B.E. Fund”. They should be sent to:

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HISTORY OF THE LEGAL ACTION

To read Mrs. Eddy’s will, deeds of trust and other documents supporting the current New Hampshire legal efforts, visit the website: www.mbefund.net

SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

A series of YouTube videos and articles on the Internet discuss Biblical signs in the sky on September 23rd purported to fulfill Revelation 12 in the Bible. A September 10, 2017, article on *World Net Daily* titled “9/23/17: More Ominous, ‘Biblical’ Signs in the Sky” stated:

“On that day, the sun will be in the constellation Virgo (known as the virgin). The moon will be below the ‘feet’ of the constellation. Additionally, Venus, Mars and Mercury will be above the constellation. As the constellation Leo has nine stars and will also be above Virgo’s head, the alignment can be interpreted as a ‘crown’ of 12 stars... [The article states that this is not astrology, but divine astronomy.]

“Revelation 12:1-2 reads: ‘And there appeared a great wonder in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.’ The article also refers to Luke 21:25 -- “And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;” The article also mentions the August 21st solar eclipse over the United States, the series of hurricanes in Texas, Florida, the Caribbean, and the recent earthquakes in Mexico. [www.wnd.com]

An article appearing on *Unsealed* for August 1, 2017, noted: “This sign really is unique. About a dozen or so supposed matches have been presented from other years, but only the 2017 alignment perfectly matches the description in Revelation 12. A near-match in 3915 BC has been repeatedly mentioned and I find it to be pretty interesting, but it still lacks the precision of the 2017

alignment.” [www.unsealed.org]

PRINCIPIA UPPER SCHOOL POLICY

An undated letter forwarded to *The Banner* in September 2017, from Charley Martin, K-12 Principal for Student Life stated: “As we look to a wonderful weekend of Homecoming festivities, I want to turn our attention to making sure that Homecoming feels successful and welcoming for all of our students, particularly those who identify as LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bi, trans, questioning/queer, etc.). Events like Homecoming, which often tap into our most deeply held gender paradigms, can feel particularly constricting for these students when they are invited to live someone else’s expectations for their identity...”

“Principia does not stipulate dress expectations by gender, and prioritizes support each student as they dress in a manner that reflects their most authentic self... [...]”

“Our students can date or take any other students to Homecoming, regardless of biological sex, gender expression, or sexual orientation...”

“As a school that supports LGBTQ students and adults as members of our community, it’s important to recognize that this is a FULL invitation for these individuals to be themselves as they choose. We recognize each person in our community as a unique expression of God, which allows for a wide spectrum of individual gifts and qualities to be celebrated and shared...”

The Fall 2016 *Banner* reported the resignation of David Kennedy, C.S.B., as editor of the *Journal*, *Sentinel*, and Herald Editorial Department of The Christian Science Publishing Society:

“Associate Editor Barbara Vining had written a proposed editorial which suggested that transgenderism is in accord with Christian Science teaching as expressed in the Bible and Mrs. Eddy’s writings. Wikipedia defines *transgender* as a ‘state of one’s gender identity not matching one’s assigned sex [at human birth].’...”

“The Board of Directors overruled David Kennedy’s objections to the Vining editorial and ordered that it be published. It appeared in the July 25 & August 1, 2016, issue of the *Christian Science Sentinel*, pages 19-21. The board appointed Barbara Vining to replace Mr. Kennedy as editor of the periodicals.”

TEN MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

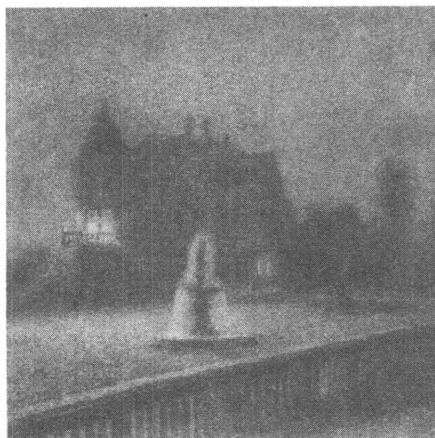
A comparison of the church listings June and September 2017 issues of *The Christian Science Journal* reveals that the following churches in the United States have closed: Huntington Beach, California; Clear Lake, Iowa; Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Helena, Montana; Newburgh, New York; Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, Grove City, Pennsylvania; Spartanburg, South Carolina; Johnson City Tennessee; and Walla Walla, Washington.

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June 2017 *Journal*. Word received by *The Banner* is that the church is closed temporarily (not having public services) until a new meeting place can be established.

Since the count began in February 1987, **1039** churches have closed and **81** have opened in the United States.

CORRECTIONS

The Summer 2017 *Banner* mistakenly gave the year that the U.S. dollar was taken off the gold standard as 8-15-1970. The correct date was August 15, 1971.

Also the quotation from *Science and Health* given on the last page of the newsletter mistakenly included the word "to" at the end of the fourth line.

FROM MRS. EDDY

The following prayer was given by Mrs. Eddy to Judge Septimus J. Hanna in 1902-1903:

The effect of this prayer *is not reversed*.
God, good reigns; there is *no other mind*.
Love reigns; there is no hatred, no envy, no revenge.
All things work together for good to them that love good.

We love good, God, and He gives us all our thoughts, motives, and governs all our acts. The divine Life preserves our life and health, and they cannot be taken from Christian Scientists, and Christian Scientists cannot be made sinful.

We love God, and God loves us and is guiding us every moment.

This prayer cannot be reversed. This prayer bears fruit after its own mind; it does good; it blesses us and all others.

Here am I, God, absent from the body, use me.

LATE NEWS BULLETIN

A court order from the New Hampshire Probate Division, dated September 22, 2017, has scheduled a 3-hour hearing for November 3rd to consider an amicus curiae brief from Second Church, Melbourne, Australia; that church's standing to participate in court; consideration of the Memorandum of the Director of Charitable Trusts favoring the CSBD's wish to convert Mrs. Eddy's Clause VI & VIII Trusts to a unitrust; as well as considering appointment of an independent sixth trustee. *Now is the time* to financially support the Restoration Fund (see above) to restore Mrs. Eddy's plan for her church. Your help is vital at this time.

*****HIS BANNER OVER ME

THE

BANNER

WAS LOVE *****

A NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS

ANDREW W. HARTSOOK, EDITOR

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WINTER 2018 ** ZANESVILLE, OHIO

NOVEMBER 3, 2017, HEARING HELD IN NEW HAMPSHIRE PROBATE COURT

As reported in the Fall 2017 *Banner*, a 3-hour hearing was held to consider an *amicus curiae* brief from Second Church, Melbourne, Australia. The topics to be included were Second Church's standing to participate in court proceedings, consideration of the Memorandum of the Director of Charitable Trusts favoring the CSBD's wish to convert Mrs. Eddy's Clause VI & VIII Trusts to unitrusts and move them out of New Hampshire to Massachusetts, and consideration of appointment of an independent sixth trustee as originally intended by Mrs. Eddy. This was evidenced by the appointment of her cousin Henry M. Baker and the subsequent appointment of Josiah Fernald to that position. Both were friendly to Christian Science, but neither was a church member. The Board of Directors petitioned the court to dispense with the sixth independent trustee in 1949 at the passing of Josiah Fernald. The court assented to the CSBD's request at that time, and there has not been an independent administrator / trustee since then.

As of the mailing of the Winter 2018 *Banner*, the court has not resolved the issue of converting Mrs. Eddy's Clause VI and VIII Trusts to unitrusts. As noted in the Fall 2017 *Banner*, the New Hampshire Supreme Court firmly rejected a similar effort by the Board of Directors in 1913. (*Fernald v. The First Church of Christ, Scientist*)

U.S. CONSTITUTION'S FIRST AMENDMENT CHURCH AUTONOMY CLAIM

In a memorandum filed by Second Church on November 17, it was noted that "the Director-Trustees do not serve here (that is, in New Hampshire) as Directors of the Mother Church; rather, each individual serves as an individual in the capacity as a trustee appointed at the discretion of this Court and subject to the terms of Mrs. Eddy's Will and the laws of New Hampshire. This was the entire point of the earliest decisions of the Courts of New Hampshire and Massachusetts holding that the gift under Clause 8 was not to The Mother Church, but to a Trust to be administered in New Hampshire by Trustees appointed by and accountable to this Court... The Trustees have been supervised by and have answered to this Court since the inception of the Trust. [...] The

First Amendment's religious clauses belong to the congregation and founder of The Mother Church, not to the trustees bound by fiduciary duties."

SECOND CHURCH'S SPECIAL INTEREST STANDING

In another memorandum submitted to the court on November 17th, Second Church asserted, "All that has come before the Court in the last two years has been the result, in one way or another, of the special interests of Second Church. Second Church's interest is unique, actual, and necessary. The absence of such interests before the Court has allowed the Clause 8 Trust to be dominated by the singular, adverse interest of the Directors of the First Church of Christ, Scientist and to lapse into a decades long period of corrupt administration by that group, during which the priorities of the Trust were turned upside down and its assets used solely to support The Mother Church. The original purpose of promoting and extending the religion of Christian Science was lost as a result of the actions of the Directors of the Mother Church, without detection or opposition by the Director of Charitable Trusts ("DCT") and without notice to anyone else, until Second Church discovered the perversion of the Trust and insisted on its proper administration..."

BAD ACTS

"The history of bad acts committed by the Director-Trustees, including acts taken which resulted in a material change in the purpose or nature of the trusts as set out by Mrs. Eddy, has been detailed at length before this Court in numerous other filings, and include:

"- The Directors' attempt to have the assets of the Clause 8 Trust distributed to The Mother Church in *Chase v. Dickey* [1912];

"- The last thirty years has seen The Mother Church become nearly the sole beneficiary of Trust distributions (where the early years of the trust saw distributions to branch churches and other entities in furtherance of Mrs. Eddy's wishes).

"- An improper loan of \$5,000,000 of principal from the Clause 8 Trust to The Mother Church in 1992 (a loan which, represented 63% of Trust assets), that was only discovered through an independent audit... [...]

"- The Director-Trustees' 2001 motion to pool Clause 8 Trust assets with those of The Mother Church and allow joint administration without adequate accounting or auditing of those assets. [...]

"- A breach by the Director-Trustees of their obligation

under the Court's August 23, 2001 order to 'continue to have independent audits of each trust performed' and file those audits. Rather, the Director-Trustees filed accounts 'audited' by their in-house, and therefore not independent, accounting manager...

"- The Director-Trustees' attempt, assented-to by the DCT, to eliminate the obligation to audit the accounts for the Trusts, which this Court refused to approve;

"- The sale, by the Directors, of the copyrights of many of Mrs. Eddy's works -- central and vitally important to the promotion of her religion-- to The Mother Church. This was in direct perversion of Mrs. Eddy's wishes and the purposes of the Trusts established by her will. The act not only harmed the ability of the trusts to further Christian Science, but also robbed the Trusts of the proceeds generated by the copyrights (estimated by Second Church to be at least \$10,000,000;

"- The Director-Trustees attempt to be excused from curing their failure to provide historical forensic audits for the last approximately 15 years and to permit The Mother Church investment committee to remain in place over the Trusts' assets and investments, despite that The Mother Church and the Trusts should not necessarily have the same investment objectives. [...]

"Furthermore, the Director-Trustees have a long history of removing questioning voices by removing The Mother Church members [from] the roles of The Mother Church, 'excommunicating' members, and shutting down branch churches, including attempts to wipe Second Church off the face of the earth.

"Given all of the above circumstances, Second Church certainly has a special interest in the administration of the Clause 8 Trust. [...]

"Given the number of questionable acts taken by the Director-Trustees, it may be that there are simply too many aspects of the administration of the Clause 8 Trust for the DCT to effectively police and that the harms flowing from the Director-Trustees' embedded conflicting fiduciary obligations are too numerous for the DCT to effectively monitor with his own resources... [...]

"As described earlier, it is not possible or desirable for the DCT to police all instances of Director-Trustee misconduct. Branch churches, however, and in particular Second Church, are well positioned to monitor and enforce the terms of the Trusts due to their special relationship with The Mother Church and their detailed knowledge of the church, its organization and its history. It is certainly socially desirable to enforce the wishes of the testator, and allowing Second Church to do so here would further that goal."

MOTION FOR INDEPENDENT TRUSTEE

A motion for appointment of an independent trustee was filed by Second Church the same day as the above quoted memorandum. Much of the reasoning for this

motion has been covered in the paragraphs just quoted as well as in the Fall 2017 *Banner*. Needless to say, the motion goes into greater detail.

The motion quotes New Hampshire Attorney General James P. Tuttle from 1913 at the time of the Fernald case before the N.H. Supreme Court: "... it seems to be our plain duty to urge that the interests of all who may expect to reap the benefit of this charity may be well protected and the interests of those of New Hampshire may be better protected by the appointment of one or more New Hampshire trustees who either profess, or are not hostile to, the belief she [Mrs. Eddy] desired to promote..."

OBJECTION BY TRUSTEE / DIRECTORS

On December 1, 2017, the Trustee/Directors filed an objection to Second Church's motion to appoint an independent trustee. At the same time, they filed a memorandum in support of that objection. Also on December 1, Thomas J. Donovan, Director of Charitable Trusts (DCT) filed his own objection to the appointment of an independent trustee with the court.

Both the Trustee/Directors and the DCT cited the separation of church and state guarantees of the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution: "The Court's appointment of an independent trustee, and its oversight of the wide ranging investigation that Second Church proposes, will require this Court to interpret the Church Manual, the Church Bylaws, Mrs. Eddy's various deeds of trust, and her other religious texts to determine her intent in creating these Trusts. New Hampshire courts should refrain from entering a dispute when doing so would lead to entangling in 'matters of doctrine, discipline, faith, or internal organization.'"

SECOND CHURCH RESPONDS

On December 11, 2017, Second Church submitted responses to both the DCT and the Director-Trustees' objections. Regarding the DCT's objection, Second Church noted: "The DCT Reply begins with a mischaracterization of Second Church's argument. The DCT argues that Second Church's position 'would make a potential litigant out of any disappointed applicant for a charity's grant or services.' In response: "Second church has made no application to the Trusts for grants or services, but simply seeks to vindicate the wishes of Mrs. Eddy by enforcing the proper administration of the trusts under her will for the benefit of Christian Science... The DCT's appearance on the docket does not mean his involvement has been effective; indeed, the DCT stated at the hearing on November 3, 2017, that the Charitable Trusts Unit intends to be less involved going forward in any matter the Director-Trustees assert involves their First Amendment rights, including not to question the correctness of such an assertion. [...] While electing not to address its contention, the DCT fails to

offer even a cursory explanation of how appointment of an independent trustee of the clause 8 Trust -- which since its creation has been administered under the supervision of the Court in New Hampshire and for the first 40 or so years was governed by at least one independent trustee -- would involve an unconstitutional 'entanglement.'"

In answer to the Director-Trustees contention that a sixth independent trustee would infringe their First Amendment autonomy, Second Church noted, "But there can be no doubt that as long as the dispute does not require this Court to discern or interpret some undeclared religious tenet or doctrine, or intrude upon the ecclesiastical authority of the Director-Trustees as Directors of The Mother Church, this Court can and must enforce the terms of the trust and is not required to relinquish its established authority over the Clause 8 Trust to the Directors of The Mother Church."

A RECENTLY DISCOVERED BREACH

On March 6, 1907, Mrs. Eddy required each of her trustees to take out a surety bond for "five hundred thousand dollars". A surety bond guarantees performance of a contract or obligation by individuals who thereby become legally liable for debt, default or failure in duty. It has recently been discovered that the Director-Trustees have not renewed their surety bonds since 2013.

NEW HEARING DATE TO BE SET

The New Hampshire Probate Court judge is expected to set a hearing date for January 2018 to resolve the issues described in the above paragraphs.

EXTENSION DETERIORATION GOES ON

The spring 2017 *Banner* reported the deterioration of the 4,800 wooden pilings which support the Mother Church Extension. Wooden pilings must remain moist or they will deteriorate. With the construction of the plaza, the area around the Extension was deprived of water from surface rain and snow since 1972, and the foundation of the building is now severely compromised. It has been reported that the readers' platform has had to be abandoned, and that some places in the floor have sunk three feet.

SIX CHURCH CLOSINGS; ONE OPENING

A comparison of the September and December 2017 issues of *The Christian Science Journal*, reveals that the following churches have closed in the United States: Tom's River, New Jersey; Valley Stream, L.I., New York; Southern Pines, North Carolina; Ardmore, Pennsylvania; San Augustine, Texas; and Woodbridge, Virginia. At the same time, a new branch was formed in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania. Since the count began in February 1987, 1045 churches have closed, and 82 have opened. In June of 2017, 2nd Church, Tampa, Florida, stated that they had not disbanded, but were looking for a new meeting place. No new listing has yet appeared.

BRANCH CHURCHES WORLDWIDE

1908	1,059
1951	3,049 (2,279 US, 770 elsewhere)
1961	3,273
1993	2,467
2011	1,673
2012	1,666 (1,153 US, 513 elsewhere)
2013	1,632 (1,129 US, 503 elsewhere)
2014	1,575 (1,074 US, 489 elsewhere)
2015	1,563 (1,079 US, 473 elsewhere)
2016	1,492 (1,030 US, 462 elsewhere)
2017	1,435 (985 US, 450 elsewhere)

COLLEGE ORGANIZATIONS

1982	292 (233 US, 59 elsewhere)
2013	84 (57 US, 27 elsewhere)
2014	77 (52 US, 25 elsewhere)
2015	68 (51 US, 17 elsewhere)
2016	64 (50 US, 14 elsewhere)
2017	63 (48 US, 15 elsewhere)

In all of Europe and the United Kingdom, there is only one college organization remaining.

PRACTITIONERS AND TEACHERS

Practitioners Worldwide

1908	3,793
1951	10,503
Jun 2000	1,833
Jun 2005	1,433
Jun 2010	1,374
Jun 2012	1,383
Dec 2013	1,327
Dec 2014	1,298
Dec 2015	1,277
Dec 2016	1,232
Dec 2017	1,185

Teachers Worldwide (*Still teaching classes)

Mar 1992	250
Jan 2000	193*
Jan 2005	172*
Jun 2010	182*
Jun 2012	167*
Dec 2013	186*
Dec 2014	192*
Dec 2015	208*
Dec 2016	200*
Dec 2017	184*

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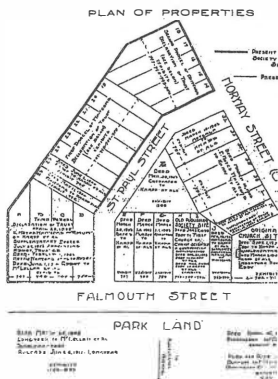
The October 30, 2017, issue of the *Christian Science Sentinel*, (p. 23) gave the annual required U.S. Postal Service statement of current paid circulation: 15,126.

1933	170,784
1997	44,955
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
2014	18,101
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The required U.S. Postal Service statement of current, paid circulation appeared in the October 23, 2017, *Christian Science Monitor* (p. 3): 36,399

1933	129,260	
1989	156,246	*Color format, fewer pages & greatly reduced advertising began (Hoagland)
1990	116,709	
1991	115,117	
1992	107,652	
1993	103,607	
1994	96,352	
1995	86,479	
1996	86,679	
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 began.
2010	76,869	
2011	74,312	
2012	59,775	
2013	51,410	
2014	43,163	
2015	42,315	
2016	39,609	
2017	36,399	

TO READ SOURCE MATERIAL

To read the legal court documents from which the above quotations were taken and to read Mrs. Eddy's Deeds of Trust and her Last Will and Testament, go to www.mbefund.net

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**MARCH 19, 2018, ORDER(S) ON MOTIONS
 ISSUED BY N. H. PROBATE COURT**

Judge David D. King issued a thirty-six page list of orders in response to the November 3, 2017, hearing held in his court. (See Winter 2018 *Banner*)

A summary of the orders prepared by one of the attorneys for Second Church, Melbourne, Australia, includes the following comments, direct or summarized in this newsletter report: The Mother Church is not a beneficiary of the Clause 8 provisions of Mrs. Eddy's will. (p. 23) This clear declaration restores their primary purpose to more effectively promote and extend the religion of Christian Science in the world as opposed to repairs to the Mother Church edifices and plaza. Since the mid 1980s these funds, that were intended to promote Christian Science in the field, have been spent exclusively in Boston. The struggling Christian Science field has received nothing. (See Summer 2017 *Banner*)

From the court's decision: "The Court, however, cautions the Trustees [Directors], that should they endeavor to unfairly distribute funds to those entities in their favor or withhold distributions from those they would 'punish', they risk violating the specific intent of Mary Baker Eddy that distributions be made to 'more effectually' promote and extend the Christian Science religion and their fiduciary duty of impartiality." (p. 29)

The court also required that the availability of funds for potential distributions to the C.S. field be published prominently in the *Christian Science Monitor*. (p. 29)

"It [the court], however, indicated to the Second Church that it would 'not be adverse to accept future *amicus curiae* submissions should it decide that in light of the questions before it,' if the additional submissions would be helpful to the court... It also encouraged the Second Church 'to share their information with the DCT [Director of Charitable Trusts] who, by statute represents their interests in this matter.'" (p. 10)

Regarding Second Church's motion to appoint a sixth trustee (in effect until the passing of Josiah Fernald in 1949), the court was not inclined to appoint an additional trustee in the absence of a vacancy on the current board of trustees. "As such, it does not, at the present time, find that there is good cause to effectively vacate Judge Lord's 1949 Order by adding a sixth member to the board of Trustees. That said it will

continue to encourage the Second Church to provide the DCT with any information it deems helpful to the DCT in its oversight responsibilities and, as appropriate, it will continue to consider acceptance of *amicus* submissions. Finally, it notes that nothing in Judge Lord's order requires that future vacancies be filled by Directors of the Mother Church." (pp. 34, 35)

"Second Church offers conclusory examples of bad faith on the part of the Directors-Trustees, including 'shutting down branch churches' and going so far as to suggest that they have attempted 'to wipe [the] Second Church off the face of the earth.'" (p. 19)

Regarding church accounts, "The Court observes that despite a court-order, the Trustees had failed to file audited accounts for thirteen years, however, the DCT had not entered any objections, nor had the court enforced its own order requiring audited accounts." (p. 10)

"The Court notes that although the Second Church implicitly seeks re-opening of prior years' accountings, those have been approved without timely objection by the DCT and Second Church. It is disinclined to re-open decades of accountings when either the Second Church could have registered its objections with the DCT, and in the absence of response, likely would have had standing in this Court, or DCT could have objected in a timely fashion. Neither of the acts occurred and as such, the Court will not re-open those accounts at this time. (p. 35) "In addition, the Court reminds the Trustees that all future accounts are to continue to be audited by an independent auditor at least until such time as there is no longer an embedded conflict between the Trustees of the Trust(s) and the Directors of the Mother Church." (p. 4)

"As noted *supra*, the Second Church lacks standing to object, however, it is encouraged to share its concerns with the DCT after each accounting is filed. (p. 35) [Editor's note: In effect, Second Church is fulfilling the role of a sixth trustee by its submissions to the court.]

Regarding the conversion of Clause 6 and Clause 8 Trusts, to a Unitrust, the court approved this move by the Trustee-Directors, but did not allow it to be subject to the UPMIFA [Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act] which caps distributions to 7%. [See Fall 2017 *Banner*, p. 2]

MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE RECORD

On March 19th, the same day that the Order(s) on Motions were released by the Probate Court, a Motion of Second Church of Christ Scientist, Melbourne (Australia) to Supplement The Record was submitted to

the Probate Court. Second Church, "requests that the Court supplement the record in the above-captioned matter with a republication of an Order of this Court (Corning, J.), dated October 16, 1913 (the "1913 Order"), contemporaneously republished in the *Christian Science Sentinel*...

"1. The 1913 Order is of great importance and relevance to this matter because it, among other things, addresses obligations relating to the administration of Clause 8 of the Trust under the Will of Mary Baker Eddy.

"2. The 1913 Order does not, however, appear in the files of this Court that have been made available to Second Church. Nor does the 1913 Order appear in the files of the New Hampshire Attorney General that have been made available to Second Church.

"3. Within a week of the issuance of the 1913 Order, it was re-published by The Christian Science Publishing Society in the *Christian Science Sentinel* on October 25, 1913, and appears in the *Christian Science Sentinel*, Volume XVI (1913-1914), No. 8, at page 147, true and accurate copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

"4. Given the importance and relevance of the 1913 Order, and its apparent absence from the Court's files, Second Church respectfully requests that the Court accept into the record the *Christian Science Sentinel*'s republication of the 1913 Order attached hereto as Exhibit A."

THE CORNING DECISION

The original trustees were Archibald McLellan, Allison V. Stewart, John V. Dittmore, Adam H. Dickey, and James A. Neal who were residents of Massachusetts. The fifth trustee was Josiah E. Fernald of Concord, New Hampshire.

In part, the order states, "...Mary Baker G. Eddy, in and by her said will, gave, decreed, and devised to The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, certain property and estates in trust for the purpose of more effectually promoting and extending the religion of Christian Science as taught by her... and for other incidental purposes as set forth in said will;...

"Therefore, I [Judge Corning] do hereby allow and authorize you to take possession of and hold said trust estate agreeably to the tenor and intent of said will. And you are hereby required to make, or cause to be made, and filed in the probate office for said county a true inventory of all the real estate, goods, chattels, rights, credits, and effects so derived and bequeathed with three months from the date hereof; to render **annually** [emphasis added] to said judge an account of the income and profits thereof; and at the expiration of said trust, to adjust and settle your accounts with said judge, and pay

and deliver over all balances, money, and property with which you have been intrusted, pursuant to the order decree of said judge; and in all respects faithfully to execute said trust according to the true intent and meaning of said estate."

MRS. EDDY'S 1907 BOND

In conjunction with the above order, the Winter 2018 *Banner* stated: On March 6, 1907, Mrs. Eddy required each of her trustees to take out a surety bond for "five hundred thousand dollars". A surety bond guarantees performance of a contract or obligation by individuals who thereby become legally liable for debt, default or failure in duty. It has recently been discovered that the current Director-Trustees have not renewed their surety bonds since 2013.

2018 NORMAL CLASS

An email letter from the Board of Education to *Journal*-listed practitioners dated March 13, 2018, notes that an announcement inviting applications for the Normal Class was published only one time in the October 2017 *Christian Science Journal*. "Normally, this announcement would also have been published in the December and February issues of the *Journal* and *Sentinel*." The letter notes that ordinarily the deadline for applications is April 1st. Further it states that if any Christian Science practitioner listed for more than three years feels led to apply for the class, and needs a few extra days to complete the application, he/she should contact the Administrative Manager of the Board of Education.

In years past, a seat in the Normal class was greatly sought after. Prospective applicants hardly needed to be reminded by a *C.S. Journal* announcement. Often there was a waiting list for seats in the class. The fact that few practitioners have applied is testimony to the current state of the movement.

It is understood that recent graduates of the Normal class have had few or no applications for class instruction, and some have no pupils in their associations. At least one member of the Christian Science Board of Directors is said to have only five pupils in his association. In years past, it was common for teachers to have waiting lists for class instruction and had hundreds of pupils in their associations.

PRINCIPIA

An article in the March 4, 2018, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* titled, Guarding tradition: "Principia has lots of money but few Christian Scientists to fill classrooms".

"But the tight community is being challenged as it faces the lowest enrollment in generations. The number of students at both campuses has dipped to 835 total -- and that has school officials weighing their options. Money doesn't seem to be an issue, however.

"Principia's endowment is \$680 million. Though down \$100 million from its peak a decade ago, it's an enormous sum for a program with so few students... Travis Brantingham, head of the pre-K to grade 12 boarding and day school, stated, "We are going to run out of kids before we run out of money. There just aren't enough Christian Scientists on the planet."... [...]

"There are only eight first-graders. Seventy-six seniors are expected to graduate from the high school this spring.

"Quite a few families pulled out a few years ago when Principia formally opened to students and faculty of any sexual orientation, said Kevin Rooney, who retired in 2017 as director of accreditation at the Independent Schools Association of the Central States..." [See Fall 2017 Banner]

SIX MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

A comparison of the December 2017 and March 2018 issues of *The Christian Science Journal* reveals that six churches have closed in the United States: Lakewood (society), Colorado; Weston, Massachusetts; Columbus, Mississippi; Lincoln (1st), Nebraska; New York (9th), New York; Cincinnati (Wyoming), Ohio; and Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Since the count began in February 1987, 1051 churches have closed and 82 have opened.

PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

A bulletin from Plainfield Christian Science Church, Independent dated January 18, 2018, stated: "Our web site had 63,272 users, who viewed over 424,000 pages. We have 2,756 videos on YouTube that were viewed 250,729 times, for a total of almost 3 million minutes watched! And we have a total of 815 YouTube subscribers, having added 503 subscribers during 2017. Sound Cloud has 22,634 plays from over 50 different countries. The German version of our web site had 233 users, the Dutch version had 565 users, the French version had 10,130 users, and the Spanish version had 10,933 users." The web site address is: www.plainfieldcs.com.

The Plainfield church came to prominence in 1975 when pupils of Arthur P. Wuth (member of the C.S. Board of Directors 1964-1975) and C. Earle Armstrong (New Jersey C.O.P.) tried to gain control of the branch church. The effort failed, but they began a campaign to have two Plainfield *Journal*-listed practitioners delisted. In fact, their names were taken out of the *Journal*. "When it was discovered that one of the individuals who initiated this campaign was on the local board of trustees, the other members of the board voted to remove him from his position in May of 1975. The expelled member, a pupil of Arthur P. Wuth, stated that the church 'would be taken care of by Boston.' In 1977, the

C.S. Board of Directors demanded the Plainfield members pledge their loyalty to the board and remove their trustees. The members voted 67 to zero, to keep the current trustees.

"In a letter dated June 16, 1977, the Christian Science Board of Directors announced their decision to withdraw recognition of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plainfield, New Jersey, and to remove their card from the *Journal*. No doubt remembering their success in shutting down Third Church in Akron, Ohio, in 1955, they also warned that they could no longer refer to themselves as a 'Christian Science church.' The Internal Revenue Service, the tax departments of the State of New Jersey, and the City of Plainfield were advised by The Mother Church legal department that they should consider withdrawing Plainfield's tax exempt status." (p. 141)

"The year 1980 was notable for court action initiated by The Mother Church on July 21st against First Church in Plainfield, New Jersey. When this branch did not wither away and disband after it was delisted in 1977, the Directors decided to prevent it from using the words 'Christian Science' to identify itself. The action was thought to have a secondary purpose of destroying the financial base of the church through costly legal expenses. On July 24th, over two hundred registered letters (return receipt requested) were sent out to Mother Church members whom Boston suspected might also be members of the Plainfield church. The letters demanded that these individuals decide by September 15th to which church they wished to belong. Many recipients of the notice were not Plainfield members at all and were disturbed by the implications of the letter. The court proceedings were to drag on for several years." (p. 149)

"On March 1, 1985, the 1983 decision of the Superior Court in Elizabeth, New Jersey, forbidding the delisted Plainfield church from using the words 'Christian Science' was overturned in the Appellate Division. The Mother Church immediately appealed the reversal to the New Jersey Supreme Court. The Appellate Division stated that The Mother Church has 'no right to a monopoly in the name of a religion.' (p.159)

"On February 23, 1987, the New Jersey Supreme Court upheld the right of the Plainfield church to use the words, 'Christian Science', by declaring that these words constituted a generic term and could not be copyrighted." (p. 163)

"After losing in the New Jersey Supreme Court in its effort to stop the Plainfield church from using the term, 'Christian Science', The Mother Church lost again in a New Jersey appeals court on April 28, 1988. Boston declined to appeal the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. This left individuals and churches free to identify

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themselves as Christian Scientists without gaining permission from the Board of Directors." (p. 166) Quotations are from *Christian Science After 1910* by Andrew W. Hartsook (1993) available from The Bookmark. (www.thebookmark.com) Tel: 661-298-7767

Plainfield Christian Science Church also publishes *Love is the Liberator*, a bimonthly publication. Go to: www.plainfieldcs.com for more information.

ARGUMENTS

There is no error of any name or nature in consciousness that can resist, hide or escape the Truth. The light of Truth and Life and Love shines straight through my belief of evil and banishes it, chasing it into its native nothingness.

My desire is to know and obey God's law, to be filled with all the fulness of Spirit, knowing only the consciousness of God, good.

My health, strength, life, intelligence, action, etc., are subject to the governing and controlling power of the divine Mind, and to nothing else, for there is no other power.

There is no insufficiency of any kind in Truth, in infinite Love.

Good is ever-present, and is the only reality of existence; this renders evil obsolete.

There is nothing present or has power apart from God that has any reality.

Error cannot strangle, smother or choke the Truth or its manifestation and the Truth cannot be reversed.

There is no belief of evil in the bodily senses that has any reality, and that is the Truth and cannot be reversed.

Impersonal error is obsolete, absolutely obsolete, in the presence of Truth, of God, of the Christ, or the spiritual idea, of Life, Love, Spirit, Mind, Soul.

The law of my so-called mortal mind concerning my body or any part of it, is *unreal, nothing, rendered null* and void by God's law.

No mesmeric law of my conscious or unconscious thought can formulate any inharmonious condition in my body that has any reality in the presence of God, LOVE. -by Mary Baker Eddy (page 68) from *Watches - Prayers - Arguments* published by Gilbert C. Carpenter, Sr. in 1952, East Providence, Rhode Island.

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CASE GOING TO NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPREME COURT FOR CONSIDERATION

An order signed by Probate Court Judge David D. King, dated June 14, 2018, regarding Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Melbourne, Australia, requests that four questions be transferred to the Supreme Court for review: "Given the unusual procedural posture of the matter before it, the Court DEFERS consideration of the *Request for Interlocutory Appeal*...pending a determination by the New Hampshire Supreme Court whether it will accept one of the Rule 7 appeals. The Second Church is DIRECTED to submit to this court, within seven (7) days of the date its receipt of a decision(s) by the New Hampshire Supreme Court a status report of whether a Rule 7 appeal(s) has been accepted, with a copy of the decision appended thereto. After receipt of the status report, the Court will proceed to enter further orders as appropriate." The court will decide whether this is a mandatory or discretionary appeal and whether to accept it. An answer is expected from the Supreme Court in July.

THE FOUR QUESTIONS OR ISSUES

1. "Whether the Probate Court erred in holding that Second Church... lacks special interest standing to request certain affirmative relief in Probate Court...concerning the charitable Trusts created under Clause VI and Clause VIII of the Will of Mary Baker G. Eddy..." Second Church has documented the embedded conflict of interest of the Director/Trustees. The Director of Charitable Trusts [DCT] has been ineffective in monitoring and enforcing measures ordered by the Probate Court. Conferring special interest standing on Second Church would be socially desirable given the worldwide impact of the Mrs. Eddy's trusts in the expansion and promotion of Christian Science as taught by Mrs. Eddy.

2. "Whether the Probate Court's Order denying Second Church's motion for appointment of an independent [6th] trustee rests on multiple errors of law and improperly elevates... [the] 1949 letter of Judge of Probate Gordon S. Lord to the status of an order permitting the conflicted Directors of The Mother Church to remain the only Trustees of the Clause VIII Trust despite the binding law of the case set by this Court in its 1913 decision in Fernald..."

3. "Whether the Probate Court erred in denying as 'moot' Second Church's request to take discovery of, *inter alia*, records of the Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General, Charitable Trusts Unit, which concern the embedded conflict of the Trustees and which have not before been presented to the Probate Court..."

4. "Whether the Probate Court abused its discretion in denying Second Church's request to amend its motion for reconsideration of the March 2018 Order to present newly-discovered evidence of the Trustees' bad faith..."

An example of bad faith, "a 1996 apparently *sua sponte* Order of the Probate Court that they increase the surety bond coverage (from \$25,000 to \$100,000 for the Clause VI Trust, and from \$500,000 to \$8,000,000 for the Clause VIII Trust), misrepresented to the Probate Court that The Mother Church was the sole beneficiary of the Trusts [ignoring the entire Christian Science field] and that an increase in coverage was unnecessary, ignoring entirely the DCT as a party of interest... In light of the Trustees' bad faith and misconduct with respect to their administration of the Trusts, in particular the unauthorized loan by the Clause VIII Trust to The Mother Church which is the subject of a 1993 Stipulated Order of the probate Court, and the DCT's ineffectiveness in supervising the Trustees and enforcing the Trusts, the Probate Court's failure to exercise its discretion to permit Second Church to present newly-discovered evidence of the Trustees' bad faith was, in and of itself, an abuse of discretion.

"Given the broad public interest in the proper administration of these significant charitable Trusts, this Court should undertake review of this issue, and vacate the ruling of the Probate Court and remand the matter to the Probate Court to appoint a suitable independent New Hampshire trustee who 'either profess[es], or is not hostile to, the belief Mrs. Eddy desired to promote, to act in conjunction with [the Directors] and their successors under such bonds to the Probate Court as may be determined to be reasonable."

SUPPORT FOR THE RESTORATION FUND

The legal effort in New Hampshire to restore Mrs. Eddy's deeds of trust, Church Manual by-laws, and administration of the trusts under her will continues. Please send contributions made out to "M.B.E. Fund". They should be sent to: Jennifer R. Eyre, Administrator

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ANN BEALS

From *Christian Science After 1910*: by Andrew W. Hartsook (1993): "Ann Beals is the daughter of Harry Smith, a noted Christian Science lecturer [and teacher]. In 1967 she had become a *Journal*-listed practitioner in Massachusetts, but she witnessed with dismay the decline in the movement. Mrs. Beals had written a penetrating article in 1974 on the subject of animal magnetism. She had researched the article meticulously, but it was rejected for publication by the *Journal* and *Sentinel* editors. When she made plans to have it printed herself, she was warned that her practitioner card would be removed from the *Journal*. She resisted the coercion and published the article in February 1974. She was then pressured by her teacher to withdraw the pamphlet. Other articles she had submitted to the periodicals were summarily rejected. When it became clear that her practitioner card would be removed, she acted first and withdrew her name from the *Journal* in September of 1976. Ann Beals had been instrumental in the writing and mailing of the first four Kerry letters [exposing misconduct, immorality, and cover-up at church headquarters]. After the fourth one went into the mail, she left for California. Her banned articles were being widely requested, and this, in part, inspired her to start *The Bookmark* two and a half years later." (pp. 151-152)

It is with profound regret that *The Banner* learned of the passing of Ann Beals on June 25th. The *Banner* editor last spoke to her on June 18th. The *Bookmark* will continue to offer the best and most profound early and contemporary works on Christian Science available anywhere. [www.thebookmark.com] Mailing address: P.O. Box 801143, Santa Clarita, CA 91380

RETROSPECTION

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

"Some weeks ago, the Board of Directors of The

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

"My friend, our movement is in deep water today. Many of our churches have closed and many more with only a few members are likely to close over the next decade, and as they close the material in the bound volumes of the past is disappearing. We are the remnant. These deep spiritual writings coming from *The Bookmark* will help us through this dark time. We have many very dedicated and capable Scientists in our movement, but they must have good material to work with. While the Bible and our Leader's writings are the foundation for this work, these other writings help us to go forward. The world needs Christian Science, and we can reach it as we are united in praying scientifically. Our combined prayerful work should open the way for Christian Science to enjoy a renaissance..." [Republished from May 2011 *Banner*]

FROM THE LAW OF LOVE BY ANN BEALS

"With the discovery of Christian Science, the teachings of Christ Jesus were transformed from a religious philosophy of Love to a practical Science of Love. The idea of God as the rational Father of the universe evolved into God as the *divine Principle* of the universe. In this way, Christian Science replaced the belief in a man-like God with a well-defined scientific Principle. For the first time the spiritual and scientific laws underlying Christ Jesus' healing works could be understood and proven universally.

"In the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mrs. Eddy explains the spiritual nature of God and man, and the unreality of matter and evil, including sin, disease and death. Her discovery accurately defines the qualities, laws, energies, structure and contents of the spiritual realm. It establishes the healing works of Christianity on scientific laws.

"Although Christian Science was discovered over a century ago, it is still little understood, and the healing power latent in the spiritual realm has barely been tapped. Even with the purest of motives and the most

dedicated effort given to understanding God, few have even faintly approached the spiritual healing works of the Master Christian or the Discoverer of Christian Science.

"And so the question remains, How do we enter this kingdom that waits within the inmost thoughts? How do we achieve dominion over matter and mortality, and escape from the discord and confusion of these latter days?" [...]

"Mrs. Eddy writes in *Miscellaneous Writings* of 'the line, plane, space, and fourth dimension of Spirit.' This fourth dimension is not a dimension conveniently invented to explain phenomena that the physical sciences can't explain. The spiritual dimension has always existed. In entering it, we are simply becoming conscious of the universal Mind outside of, and beyond our own. We are developing a mental depth that is new to human consciousness.

"Understanding God scientifically as the cause of creation is the next step in the orderly development of science and religion. As this evolution comes about, the healing works of early Christianity will be understood scientifically and practiced universally...

"If heaven could be reached by brave or super-human deeds, or intellectual brilliance, or magnificent leadership, or creative genius, or religious devotion, we would have reached the millennium long ago. But the prerequisite for understanding divine reality and demonstrating its healing power is the daily living of the Sermon on the Mount, and this seems to be the single most difficult thing for human nature to achieve." pp. 4, 5. Available from The Bookmark, 101 pages, \$15.00

MORE TMC PROPERTY FOR SALE

"The June 14, 2018, *Boston Globe* noted: "The First Church of Christ, Scientist, which owns the land on which the MidTown [Hotel] sits, is putting it on the market. Whoever acquires the property is likely to raze the old, if well-maintained, hotel replacing it with something far grander than a place where you can still get a room for under \$200 on a Friday night.

"It's the latest and potentially largest, in a string of real estate moves the Church has engineered around its Back Bay campus over the last 15 years highlighted by upgrades to Christian Science Plaza and ongoing construction of the city's largest condo tower at One Dalton Street -- an \$850 million, 742-foot-tall spire where penthouses could go for \$40 million...

"The hotel didn't expand to keep up with its fancier neighbors, in large part because Druker's [the developer] lease with the Christian Science Church was set to expire in 2016. With property values soaring, it was widely expected that the site would eventually be put on the market. That time has come.

"The Church has hired real estate brokers and

advisors and is seeking ideas -- and a buyer -- for the parcel, which covers more than an acre along Huntington Avenue. A new lease could sell for \$55 million to \$80 million, one source familiar with the site estimated, depending on the site's potential zoning. That's not far-fetched -- Carpenter & Co. paid \$65 million in 2014 for the much smaller One Dalton site, after it had been permitted for a skyscraper..." [www.bostonglobe.com]

It was announced at the 2018 Annual Meeting that The Mother Church currently has in excess of one billion dollars in cash and other assets.

THREE MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

A comparison of the March and June 2018 issues of *The Christian Science Journal* reveals that the following church have closed during that time period: Acton, Massachusetts; Delaware, Ohio; and Palestine, Texas. During the same period, a new church was listed in Southern Pines, North Carolina. Since the count began in February 1987, 1054 churches have closed and 83 have opened. The first announcement of a branch dedication [edifice free of debt] in over twenty years was reported in the July 2018 *C. S. Journal*: Baguio City, Philippines, on March 24, 2018. (p. 48)

BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM GETHSEMANE
The Gethsemane Foundation has three books available: *Mary Baker Eddy -- A Prophetic and Historical Perspective* by Paul R. Smillie. Includes many incidents that other biographies may allude to but seldom present in such detail. Also by Paul R. Smillie: *In Defense of Mary Baker Eddy & The Remnant of Her Seed*. The importance of acknowledging Mrs. Eddy as the Woman in Prophecy. *Heartfelt*. A compilation of poetry by Mrs. Eddy including some written in her youth for local newspapers which have never before been republished. Compiled by Nancy Beauchamp. Each book lists for \$19.95 and may be purchased from The Bookmark or Amazon.com.

A TESTIMONY

"Overhearing a remark that Christian Science had very elevating literature, I made a mental note of it and seized the first opportunity to read the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy.

"Daily study of this Science has brought many proofs of healing. The outstanding healing took place in the early 1930s. We had been living in a small southern town for about a year when my youngest son became ill. His grandmother, who was not a Scientist, was very fearful and implored me to call a doctor. To quiet her fear, I agreed to have a diagnosis.

"The doctor, who knew I was a Christian Scientist, diagnosed the illness as typhoid fever. He made this one call only; and as he was leaving, I paid him his fee and thanked him for coming. He left medicine, which was untouched; instead a Christian Science practitioner

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