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C.O.P. CRISIS IN MASSACHUSETTS

The August 1995 *Christian Science Journal*, for the first time, lists Warren Dwight Silvermail as C.O.P. for Massachusetts and M. Victor Westberg as Manager, Committees on Publication. In the past, the manager had served in both capacities in accordance with the *Church Manual* which states, "There shall be appointed by The Mother Church a Committee on Publication, which shall consist of one loyal Christian Scientist who lives in Boston, and he shall be manager of the Committees on Publication throughout the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Ireland." (p. 97)

This appointment has created a stir in the Massachusetts churches. A new per capita tax of \$48.00 has added a burden of several thousand dollars to many branches which were struggling financially before the new requirement was announced. It has also been reported that the newly appointed C.O.P. wants to set up his office in Reading rather than Boston and needs \$80,000 to equip and run his office. Some churches have already announced that they will not pay the per capita tax. Others have noted that Mrs. Eddy requires, in the above quoted *Manual* provision, that the C.O.P. live in Boston. The new C.O.P. does not reside within the city limits and apparently does not plan to conduct business there either. Church members in Massachusetts wonder why the Directors would create such a stir when they are facing the *Weaver vs. Wood* lawsuit. Some speculate that it is a test of loyalty. It seems more likely that the Board fears that the lawsuit will immobilize regular church business and wants to ensure C.O.P. coverage for the state in the face of preoccupation with the impending court battle.

T.M.C. MOTION DENIED

On August 30, 1995, Justice Vieri Volterra of the Massachusetts Superior Court denied the motion of The Mother Church to dismiss the lawsuit brought by Elizabeth A. Weaver and Roy D. Varner against fourteen present and former officers of The Mother Church and The Christian Science Publishing Society. In an unusual handwritten opinion, the judge noted, "...the plaintiffs are members of The Mother Church in a special and unique manner separate and distinct from any member of the public. Indeed, the plaintiffs have been elected to be members of The Mother Church, and they stand as beneficiaries of the property of The Mother Church as established by the wills and trusts of Mrs. Eddy as donor or settlor." Elsewhere Judge Volterra

states, "Moreover, I conclude that the plaintiffs are entitled to a judicial determination that under the 1898 Deed of Trust, the defendant trustees were prohibited from investing the revenues of the Society for speculative purposes and from incurring liabilities beyond the ability of the Society to liquidate assets promptly to pay indebtedness. Thus the plaintiffs have demonstrated a factual predicate to show that the defendants have engaged in ultra vires conduct [in excess of their chartered or statutory rights] in respect to the 1898 Deed of Trust so as to make Count III a triable claim."

On August 11th, the President of The Mother Church and the General Counsel of the church had sent out letters warning that the lawsuit, if successful, "would amend the *Church Manual* and certain of Mrs. Eddy's Deeds of Trust... It would do this by forcing the adoption of the personal theories and interpretations of the two plaintiffs concerning these founding documents."

A press release from the TMC general counsel following the judge's decision dated September 6th reiterated the same arguments and announced that the defendants "are preparing to file a petition for appellate review of Judge Volterra's decision." It is reported that the Directors are desperate to avoid turning over documents and minutes of meetings which will be required during the discovery phase of the lawsuit. Sources state that they are spending long hours preparing papers for the inevitable trial. It has been reported that Stephen Gottschalk and others associated with the Mailing Fund had approached the plaintiffs Weaver and Varner asking to be accepted as co-plaintiffs in the lawsuit, but they were turned down.

DISSENT AMONG C.S. CARE FACILITIES

At a one-day meeting held in Boston on August 19, 1995, Christian Science care facilities agreed to new accreditation standards to be administered by the Association of Organizations for Christian Science Nursing [AOCSN]. While the majority voted for the new standards, eight facilities -- including two very prominent ones -- voted against the new standards because Boston headquarters wants to eliminate long-term sheltered care and has supported the acceptance of Medicare funding. The dissenting facilities are concerned about the problem of providing diagnosis of disease in the absence of an M.D. and feel that the elimination of long-term sheltered care denies people a service they wish to have. The Summer 1995 *Banner* reported on F.B.I. inquiries as to whether AOCSN facilities were fertile ground for Medicare fraud investigations.

PLEASANT VIEW SOLD AGAIN

The Union Leader of Manchester, New Hampshire, reported on August 22, 1995, that the property owned and occupied by Mary Baker Eddy from 1891 to 1908 has been sold by McKerley Health Care Centers of New Hampshire to Genesis Health Ventures, Inc., of Kenneth Square, Pennsylvania. The chain of long-term care facilities, which includes Pleasant View, was sold for \$82.5 million.

Mrs. Eddy gave Pleasant View to The Mother Church in her will. The Directors had the house demolished apparently during 1917 or 1918. A sanatorium for retired Christian Science practitioners was built on the site and opened in 1927. The Directors decided to sell the property in 1975. The last residents left in January 1976, and the facility and the grounds were sold to the state of New Hampshire for \$2 million even though it was appraised at almost \$10 million. The state used the facility as an insane asylum. It was later bought by McKerley Health Care Centers.

CHURCH CLOSINGS

A comparison of the July and October 1995 issues of *The Christian Science Journal* reveals that the following churches have closed: San Francisco (3rd), California; Marion, Indiana; Springfield, Massachusetts; and Wharton, Texas. At the same time a new listing has appeared for Glenside, Pennsylvania. The society at Havre, Montana, which was listed as closed in the last issue of *The Banner*, has reappeared, and apparently joins the list of societies operating on a seasonal basis. Since the count began in February 1987, **340** churches/societies have closed and **34** have been established.

C.O.P.s MEET IN LONDON

An international meeting of Committees on Publication was held in London for a week during the early fall of this year. The last such meeting was held in Berlin, Germany, in November of 1993.

MIDDLE EAST UPDATE

Israel and the Palestinian Authority headed by Yasser Arafat signed the Oslo 2 agreement in Washington, D.C. on September 28, 1995, paving the way for Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank. *The Jerusalem Post* of September 29th reports, "On the day he [Arafat] signed the Declaration of Principles two years ago, he addressed the Palestinian people on Jordan Television, assuring them that the agreement was nothing more than the implementation of the 1974 PLO Plan of Phases, a 10-point scheme for the destruction of Israel in stages, the first of which is 'the establishment of a national authority on any part of Palestinian soil that is liberated or from which the Israelis withdraw.' He repeated the same assertion last week, in an interview published in Arab papers in Jordan and Jerusalem."

TEXAS C.O.P. SPONSORED TALK

A talk entitled "Seeing Equal" was held on October 23, 1995, in Dallas, Texas, and was sponsored by the Texas C.O.P. The speaker was Melba Pattillo Beals. The invitation to the talk states, "How can Dallasites eradicate discrimination, bigotry and prejudice in our city?...Ms. Beals is the author of the book *Warriors Don't Cry* -- an account of her experience as one of the nine children that integrated Little Rock Central High School in 1957... 100% of proceeds from ticket sales will be given to Thanksgiving Square & The Greater Dallas Community of Churches to honor them for the ongoing work they do for Dallas by *Seeing Equal*."

BILL INTRODUCED IN U.S. HOUSE

Rep. Lamar Smith (R-Texas), a Christian Scientist, has introduced H.R. 1914 which would authorize the attorney general to set up a toll-free number or computer base to determine if a job applicant is a U.S. citizen.

MRS EDDY'S PLACE

Miscellaneous Documents Relating to Christian Science is a book published in 1961 by the Carpenter Foundation. One chapter in that book is entitled "Christian Science Notes" by Caroline D. Noyes, C.S.D. Mrs. Noyes attended classes taught by Mrs. Eddy in 1884, 1885, and 1887. In her notes she writes, "One distinguishing feature in Mrs. Eddy's students and loyal followers or of her faithful Normal teachers, they always recognized and have always done so, the fact that Mrs. Eddy was the woman St. John prophesies of in Revelation XII and the little book spoken of in a previous chapter is *Science and Health*... In so believing, they recognize the only true Leader in Mrs. Eddy, the Revelator, the Discoverer and Founder of the Christ, Truth, and Science as containing the whole undivided Truth that is saving the world. They consider it an altogether sacred book as prophesied by St. John and feel confident by the results of their work in casting out error and healing it is the word of God and will save all who trust to it, and see in it a continuation and confirmation of Jesus' teaching.

"The great red dragon alluded to in the twelfth chapter typifies the mental malpractice or malicious animal magnetism directed against Mrs. Eddy's works and students and herself and explains something of the difficulties which she and they had to overcome. It has always been the greatest enemy of Christian Science and still is and we can say it is the only enemy of Christian Science. We, her loyal students, thoroughly endorse her teachings on that subject and could have made no headway or success had we not done so."

MRS. EDDY'S OWN EXPLANATION

In a transcript recently published by The Bookmark entitled, *Mrs. Eddy's Explanation of the Illustrated Poem "Christ and Christmas"* as given by Judge Septimus J.

Hanna, the following statements are made:

"[Mrs. Eddy] stated, 'The true Science -- divine Science -- will be lost sight of again unless we arouse ourselves. This demonstrating to make matter build up is not Science. The building up of churches, the writing of articles and the speaking in public is the old way of building up a cause. The way I brought this Cause into sight was through HEALING; and now these other things would come in and hide it just as was done in the time of Jesus. Now this Cause must be saved and I pray God to be spared for this work.'" (p. 25, 26)

"Mrs. Eddy tells us that the enemy attempts to sever her from her revelation more than they attempt anything else. All claims of malicious animal magnetism are handled when resistance to her place in Bible prophecy is handled... If we handle the world's hatred of her, that love will come forth abundantly in our healing work." (p.26)

"Mrs. Eddy wrote, 'I am amazed when I see how little Christian Science healing is done. So much is faith healing, little more.' And again, 'Unless we have *better healers* and more of this work than any other is done, our Cause will not stand and having done all stand. Demonstration is the whole of Christian Science, nothing else proves it, nothing else will save it and continue it with us. God has said this and Christ Jesus has proved it.'" (p. 29, 30)

"The following is recorded in the handwriting of Laura Sargent. 'In order to love God, we must honor and love the Way. How can we love God unless we love His idea which shows us the way and which is the Way; and in order to honor and love the Way, we must have a true sense of the individual through whom the Way has been manifested to us, else we are not keeping the law to love our neighbor as ourself, or doing by our neighbor as we would be done by... Our whole salvation rests upon the manner in which we treat her, since the Way comes to us through her, and God demands that we love our neighbor by having the *spiritual* sense of our neighbor, and the spiritual sense of our Teacher and Mother as God's idea that we must love and honor.'" (p. 48, 49)

BANNER EDITORIAL

Much has been written about the "Boston situation" over the past twenty years since the first Kerry letter was sent to a stunned field. That uncovering was necessary and awakened church members from the illusion that "all is well". Since that time, the focus on Boston as *the* problem has led to the false conclusion that straightening out Boston would solve every other problem in the Christian Science movement. The fact is that if every member in the field were doing his daily work, misconduct in the church administration offices in Boston would have little effect on the prosperity of

Christian Science. The Christian Science field, however, is far from being prosperous. In fact, it is in a state of near total collapse as any honest observer will admit.

The cause of this breakdown lies with individuals in the field who call themselves Christian Scientists. As the statements from Mrs. Eddy quoted above clearly reveal, the whole of Christian Science is demonstration. Without scientific demonstration, there is no Christian Science. Demonstration does not consist of reading the lesson every day, attending church twice a week, and thinking a few good thoughts before heading out the door. Neither does reading the periodicals nor attending a lecture fulfill the requirements of demonstration.

The early students of Mrs. Eddy's day devoted every available waking moment to study and treatment for themselves and others. They fulfilled life's mundane requirements and obligations faithfully, but their one wish was to get back to the books and their mental work. They spent hours a day in this study and prayer. They found a transformed life in a transformed consciousness, and this profound change illuminated their atmosphere of thought to such an extent that others sensed it and were drawn to it. Healing and regeneration were the natural outcomes of this consecrated life. The Cause prospered enormously.

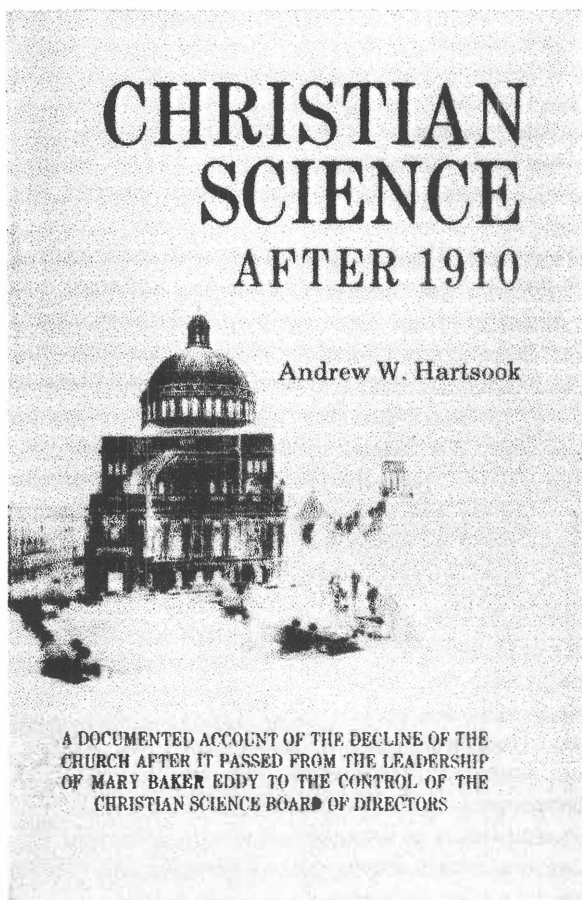
It is undeniable that today there are many more distractions than the pioneers of Christian Science faced in the last half of the Nineteenth Century and the first decades of the Twentieth. Radio, television, and now the computer Internet, intrude into almost every home. Entertainment and diversion beckon twenty-four hours a day. One would not think of inviting as a guest someone with foul language and gross thinking and acting, but television brings a stream of them to the family hearth. The evening pseudo-news programs offer the illusion of serious issues, but how many of the stories can one remember the next day? The Internet invites mindless, idle dabbling for hours on end.

Many Christian Scientists today, unlike the pioneers, view the lesson, church services, reading, and study as something to get finished with so that they can get on with *real* living. Thus, the priorities of the pioneers are completely reversed; and the former prosperity, demonstration, and healing are gone.

Until the Christian Scientists in the field reverse this fatal trend and rediscover the secret of the pioneers of this Science and live in that secret place of the most high, what happens in Boston won't matter one whit.

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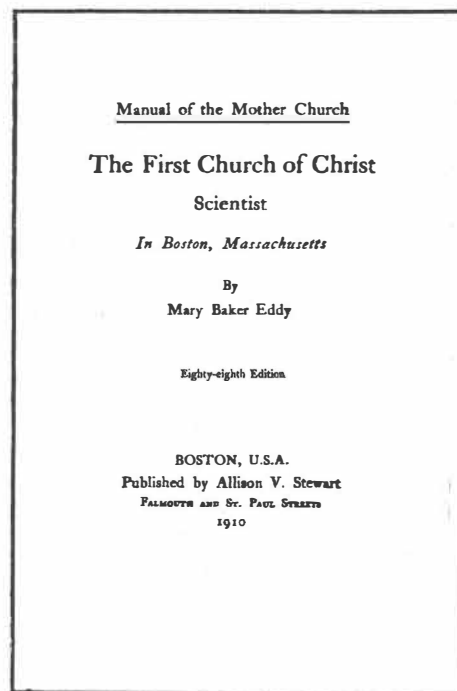


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BOMB AT PUBLISHING SOCIETY

An incendiary bomb left at the Christian Science Publishing Society on November 15, 1995, was disabled by a Boston fire department water cannon according to *The New York Times* of November 16th and *The Christian Science Monitor* of the following day. According to the *Monitor*, the bomb was in the security office. Others in Boston stated that the bomb was left at the main entrance of the Publishing Society. The *Times* stated that the package contained a bottle of liquid attached to wires leading to the back of a metal box. The device burst into flames when the fire department used its water cannon. The *Monitor* stated that there was little damage to the security office and no injuries.

The story was briefly picked up by radio and television news. None of the accounts speculated on the origin of the bomb, and the *Monitor* stated that local and federal authorities were investigating. Some people in Boston think that the bomb might have been left by Bosnian Serb nationalists who were unhappy with the *Monitor's* reporting of the mass killing of Muslim men and boys in Bosnian Serb-held territory. The *Monitor's* reporter in Bosnia, David Rohde, was detained by Bosnian Serbs and was released only after American pressure was applied at the peace talks in Dayton, Ohio. After his release Mr Rohde made the rounds as a guest on television and radio news programs describing the suspected mass graves he had located in Bosnia.

Observers noted that the *Monitor* did not report the story until two days after the incident, suggesting that church authorities reluctantly printed the story only after other news sources had done so.

WEAVER-VARNER LAWSUIT

The Massachusetts Court of Appeals has agreed to hear a request by The Mother Church to dismiss the lawsuit against fourteen former and present officers of the Publishing Society and the church.

According to the *Monitor* of November 13th, a friend of the court brief was filed in support of the position of the fourteen former and present church officers. Those endorsing this brief are: Americans United for Separation of Church and State, the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, the National Council of Churches of Christ, and the United States Catholic Conference.

So far, the courts have accepted the argument of the plaintiffs that this issue centers on the violation of the Deeds of Trust created by Mary Baker Eddy to establish

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and the Christian Science Publishing Society, and is, therefore a legitimate matter for secular courts to decide. This latest court decision, presided over by Judge George Jacobs, would seem to have accepted The Mother Church's assertion that this is a First Amendment issue, and that the Weaver-Varner lawsuit is a violation of the U.S. Constitution's protection against government interference in the affairs of a church.

KNAPP LITIGATION IS OVER

On October 4, 1995, the California Supreme Court refused to consider the appeal of the heirs of Bella Mabury challenging the agreement made by The Mother Church, Stanford University, and Museum Associates of Los Angeles to divide the money in the estates of Bella Mabury and her sister, Eloise Mabury-Knapp. As a result of the high court's refusal to hear the case, The Mother Church will receive \$55 million from the estates of these two sisters for publishing *Destiny of The Mother Church* by Bliss Knapp.

20TH CENTURY BIOGRAPHERS SERIES

In a 1991 booklet entitled *Mary Baker Eddy, Twentieth-Century Biographers Series, An Introduction*, The Christian Science Publishing Society outlined a list of proposed books to be included in this series. Besides Bliss Knapp's *Destiny* book, Hugh Studdert-Kennedy's *Mrs. Eddy: Her Life, Her Work, and Her Place in History*; a memoir of William Rathvon's experiences in Mrs. Eddy's household; and Adam Dickey's *Memoirs of Mary Baker Eddy* were promised. (The latter two were to be printed in the same volume and titled *The Chestnut Hill Years*.) So far the only books to be published are reprints of well known and readily available biographies by Sibyl Wilbur, Dr. Lyman P. Powell, Clifford Smith, William Dana Orcutt, Irving Tomlinson, E. Mary Ramsey, Julia Michael Johnston, and Louise A. Smith. It would have been logical to print the new titles first and round out the series with new printings of the old, well known titles later.

At the time that the Twentieth-Century Biographers Series was announced, it was the view of many that it was created as a smokescreen to obscure the publication of *Destiny of The Mother Church* by Bliss Knapp which the Directors of the church abhorred and which other prominent people in the field disliked. The consensus among supporters and opponents of the Knapp book was that the Directors published it only to get the money from the Mabury sisters' trusts to bail them out of the financial disaster they had created by their headlong plunge into secular, electronic media

projects. It is felt by many that the new titles should be published to counteract the dominance of the Robert Peel trilogy which has eclipsed the writings of Mrs. Eddy's students who emphasized the spiritual import of her life and mission.

ELEVEN MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

The following churches have closed in a three month period according to a comparison of the October 1995 and January 1996 *Christian Science Journals*: Burbank (2nd), California; Modesto (2nd), California; Seal Beach, California; Olathe, Kansas; Somerville, Massachusetts; Wyandotte, Michigan; Grand Rapids, Minnesota; Kansas City (2nd), Missouri; Auburn, New York; Richmond Hills (Queens), New York; and Lakeway, Texas.

During the same period, a new society has been formed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Second Church, Toledo, Ohio, has reappeared after an absence of six months. Since the count began in February 1987, **350** churches/societies have closed, and **35** have been established.

KLINGBEIL RESEARCH VINDICATED

An article in the December 6th *Monitor* and an editorial on December 8th speak glowingly of a course held at Harvard University during the week of December 4th entitled, "Spirituality and Healing in Medicine". The *Monitor* article described controlled, double-blind experiments and "data...quantifying the effectiveness of prayer." This precisely describes the procedures used by father and son Christian Science practitioners, Bruce and John Klingbeil in their pioneering experiments to prove the efficacy of prayer using procedures recognized by the orthodox scientific community. The Christian Science Board of Directors removed the elder Klingbeil's *Journal*-listing because of his research. The Klingbeils later took their own lives because of the opposition and misunderstanding of their work and the ostracism they suffered at the hands of their fellow Christian Scientists. Assuming that Mother Church officials are intellectually honest, it is a hopeful sign that they now embrace the methods employed by the Klingbeils in their pioneering work. The Klingbeils research has been preserved by the organization they founded, Spindrift, Inc., which actively cooperates with scientists and medical researchers who wish to continue their work. Spindrift's address is P.O. Box 452471, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33345. [Telephone: (305) 389-8080]

SUPPORT IN MINNESOTA CASE

The *Washington Times* of November 24, 1995, reported, "A coalition of Christian churches has asked the Supreme Court to review an appeal by Christian Scientists of a \$1.5 million judgment for letting an 11-year-old boy die with prayer as his only medicine. The legal attack on faith healing of children is called a threat to free practice of religion in a brief filed by Catholic,

Baptist, Mormon, Seventh-day Adventist and other churches representing 45 million communicants...The case testing the bounds of faith healing is among several religious issues lawyers want the high court to review...The [Christian Science] church claims more than 50,000 published reports of Christian Science healing, including a substantial number of people diagnosed as terminal."

DISCIPLINE AND THE FIRST READER

Since the financial crisis began in Boston, members have sought to force the Directors to obey the by-laws by employing Article I, Section 9 of Mrs. Eddy's *Church Manual* which states in part, "It is the duty of any member of this Church, and especially of one who has been or who is the First Reader of a church, to inform the Board of Directors of the failure of the Committee on Publication or of any other officer in this Church to perform his official duties...If the Christian Science Board of Directors fails to fulfil the requirements of this By-Law, and a member of this Church or the Pastor Emeritus shall complain thereof to the Clerk and the complaint be found valid, the Directors shall resign their office or perform their functions faithfully." Many people have written to the clerk asking that their detailed evidence of the Board's failure to obey the by-laws be presented to them. Needless to say, such efforts have been fruitless.

It has been recently pointed out that all *Manual* provisions to force church officers to obey the by-laws have been tried except one. Article III, Section 7 of the *Manual* states, "It shall be the duty of every member of The Mother Church, who is a First Reader in a Church of Christ, Scientist, to enforce the discipline and by-laws of the church in which he is a Reader." Thus, the responsibility for enforcing discipline in The Mother Church falls upon the First Reader and not any other officer in Boston. It has been suggested that the current First Reader of The Mother Church be reminded of his duty to approach the Directors as Nathan confronted King David.

MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

The *Jerusalem Post* of October 14, 1995, reported, "If Christians have kept silent on the transfer of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem to Palestinian control under Oslo 2, it is because they are afraid to speak out...[M]any Christian leaders have privately expressed their fears of being under the Moslem control of Palestinians, but are unwilling to say anything publicly. There have been dozens of cases in which churches and Christian clergy were attacked by Moslems. But although the churches were quick to attack Israel for not protecting them, they said nothing about those who carried out the attacks... Indicative of the feeling of uncertainty among Christians is a growing tendency

among church personnel to request Israeli identity cards..." *The Jerusalem Post* of December 16th reported many incidents in Gaza of injustice since the Palestinian Authority (PA) assumed control from Israel under the current peace process. In one incident, a Palestinian woman described how her family rented an apartment to a PA official for \$300 per month. "After living in the place for 14 months without paying rent, the officer had the woman's husband arrested. Then, to get him released, the officer demanded and got \$30,000 from the man's family. The embittered woman said: 'I have come to you from under the earth. My husband does not know I am here. He was told that he and his whole family would be liquidated if he reveals anything. We are endangered people now. The officer still lives in the apartment. When the judge is your enemy, whom can you complain to? Who knows what else he intends to do to us? Perhaps in a month he will kick us out of our own apartment. Who knows? ... That's the face of the PA and that's what's come of it. We were happy, thinking we were being liberated from the occupation. Now God should chop off our hands which threw stones at the Jews. We brought this disaster on ourselves. Now there is no law and no justice.'"

BLACK SLAVE TRADE REVIVED

The Wall Street Journal of October 20, 1995, reported the revival of the slave trade in Muslim ruled Sudan. "Last year, [Nation of Islam leader Louis] Farrakhan appeared in Sudan as an honored guest of its leaders, President Omar Hassan al-Bashir and Sheik Hassan al-Turabi, who since seizing power in 1989 have imposed an Iranian-style theocracy on the country, including largely Christian southern Sudan...Mr. Farrakhan uttered no words of public protest in the face of mounting evidence of a revived slave trade being practiced by the regime against the south...Mr. Farrakhan was silent concerning charges that, in addition to slavery, cultural and religious cleansing by the Bashir-Turabi regime has killed more than two million southern Sudanese Christians and left more than five million homeless...[They] are kept in special camps where people from the north or from abroad come to purchase them for money or goods such as camels. Young girls and women are purchased [as] housekeepers...wives. The boys are...kept as servants...[S]outhern Sudanese are bought and sold for as little as \$15... Arab militias from Khartoum stage 'ghazzus' -- raids -- in southern Sudanese villages and round up women and children after killing the men. To prevent them from escaping, they are branded, often on the ears...In Sudan's Nuba mountains alone, almost 30,000 children have been sold into slavery, most for the price of two chickens...The U.S. State Department has also confirmed the revival of the slave trade in Sudan -- particularly the revival of the

ancient slave trading routes.

EVENTS IN RUSSIA

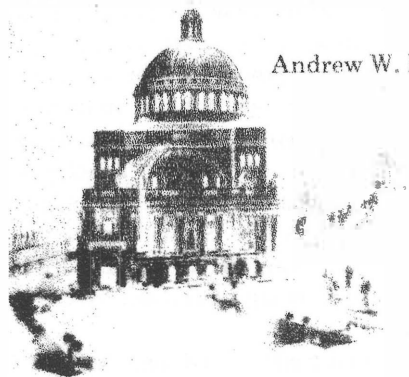
Lev Timofeyev in his 1992 book, *Russia's Secret Rulers*, writes, "Russia does not have the social basis for democracy today. It is deliberately and calculatedly not allowed to emerge. Democracy is being suffocated by the same overt and covert forces that were able to part so cleverly with the dead Communist doctrine while preserving their undivided power over the wealth of the country. Now they want not only to influence the economy, but to restore their control over society at the previous level." (pp. 144, 145) Mr. Timofeyev is, according to the dust jacket biography, "one of the last dissidents to be jailed by the Soviet Union by the Gorbachev regime, and during the 1991 attempted coup he was one of the small group designated by the KGB for immediate arrest."

Nobel prize-winning author Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn in his 1995 book, *"The Russian Question" At the End of the Twentieth Century* states, "...Communism is far from dead on the territory of the former USSR. In some republics, its institutional structures have survived in their entirety, while in all of them millions of Communist cadres remain in reserve, and its roots remain embedded in the consciousness and the daily life of the people." (pp. 122, 123)

ARK OF THE COVENANT

An article in the January/February 1996 issue of *Biblical Archaeology Review* titled "The Ark of the Covenant: Where It Stood in Solomon's Temple" by Leen Ritmeyer offers strong evidence that he has located the outlines of the chamber of the Holy of Holies of Solomon's Temple inside the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem. In the center of this Muslim monument is a rough outcropping of rock which tradition says is the top of Mount Moriah, the exact location where Abraham almost sacrificed his son Isaac. Later King Solomon built his temple at this spot and reserved this rock as the place for the Holy of Holies where the Ark of the Covenant rested. The high priest entered this chamber only once a year to make a sin offering for himself and the people. Mr. Ritmeyer, in doing his survey, noticed a rectangular depression cut into the rock: "According to my plan, this depression falls exactly in the center of the Holy of Holies. Converting its dimensions into cubits produces another rather startling fact. It measures exactly 1.5 by 2.5 cubits...These are the dimensions of the Ark of the Covenant the Lord told Moses to build in the wilderness (Exodus 25:10), the Ark that was ultimately placed in Solomon's Temple." The Fall 1992 *Banner* reviewed *The Sign and the Seal* by Graham Hancock which offers strong evidence that the actual Ark is intact and in the possession of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in the town of Axum, Ethiopia.

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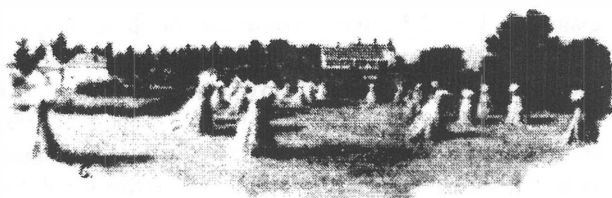
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MRS EDDY'S PLACE: REVISITED

Once again, the Mailing Fund has put out a paper which misstates and distorts the facts regarding Bliss Knapp's *The Destiny of The Mother Church*. Their January 1996 mailing entitled "This Dawning Year" repeats charges which have been answered more than once before in this newsletter. The subtitle of the mailing is "Mrs. Eddy's Place and the Future of Christian Science". Nowhere in their mailing do they offer any clear definition of what Mrs. Eddy's place is. There is no mention anywhere of the well-known 1943 statement regarding her place in Bible prophecy released by the Board of Directors and entitled "Mrs. Eddy's Place". A committee appointed by the Board in 1938 worked until 1943 and accumulated 57 typewritten pages detailing Mrs. Eddy's own published and unpublished statements. Their findings were summarized in six points which were published in the June 5, 1943, *Christian Science Sentinel*. Perhaps the Mailing Fund neglects to mention the 1943 statement because it is uncomfortably congruent with Bliss Knapp's book.

One point which reappears in Mailing Fund papers is Bliss Knapp's discussion of St. Peter's statement, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." (Acts 10:34) Peter's statement refers to his realization that Jew and Gentile are equal before God. The Mailing Fund feels that Peter's statement makes everyone absolutely equal before God. Therefore they object to Bliss Knapp's use of St. Paul's statement, "Therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee [Jesus] with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." (Heb.1:9) A careful reading of the entire book of Hebrews confirms that Mr. Knapp is correct in his conclusions, and the Mailing Fund is as wrong as were the Calvinists who, by using isolated Bible verses, inflicted centuries of misery with their doctrine of predestination of some people to heaven and others to hell.

The attitude toward Mrs. Eddy which has developed over the years brings to mind a statement by doubters among the Jews quoted in John 6:42: "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?"

The appendix in the *Destiny* book contains a true copy of Judge Septimus J. Hanna's 1898 "A Prophetic Vision" which was specifically approved by Mrs. Eddy and which does not disagree with Bliss Knapp's later elaboration on the same theme regarding her unique place in Bible prophecy and Christian history.

One of the most damaging misconceptions to come out of the Bliss Knapp controversy is the notion first put forth in the Board of Directors' letter to Mr. Knapp on February 20, 1948: "In a word, neither the human identity of Jesus nor the human identity of Mrs. Eddy was known to God or foreseen by the prophets..." Hence we have the pernicious doctrine that God doesn't know anything about us. This, of course, is a complete misunderstanding of the second degree given in Mrs. Eddy's "Scientific Translation of Mortal Mind" (S&H 115-116) where, indeed, the transitional qualities in the aspiring human thought do reach the divine Mind and, therefore, are known to God. Try to heal by starting with, "God doesn't know anything about us."

FIRST CHURCH, NEW YORK CITY

The Wall Street Journal of February 20, 1996, reported that \$22,000 in damages had been done to a stained glass window of the church by repeated vandalism by "a mentally ill man who terrorized Manhattan's Upper West Side for years." First Church, New York, was built by Augusta Stetson and her pupils in 1903.

20TH CENTURY BIOGRAPHERS SERIES

The last issue of *The Banner* erroneously reported that Irving Tomlinson's *Twelve Years with Mary Baker Eddy* (last published in 1945), E. Mary Ramsey's *Christian Science and Its Discoverer* (last published in 1963), and Julia Michael Johnston's *Mary Baker Eddy: Her Mission and Triumph* (last published 1974) had already been reprinted as part of the 20th Century Biographers Series. The last book of the series to be printed was Sibyl Wilbur's *The Life of Mary Baker Eddy* released in early 1995. So far only seven of the proposed twelve titles have been published since the series was announced in 1991.

CHURCH CLOSINGS

The following ten churches/societies have closed in a three month period according to a comparison of the February and April 1996 issues of *The Christian Science Journal*: Gualala, California; Pico Rivera, California; Fort Pierce, Florida; Chicago (10th), Illinois; Chicago (Soc.), Illinois; Effingham (Soc.), Illinois; Macomb, Illinois; Plymouth, Indiana; Philadelphia (5th), Pennsylvania; and Seattle (5th), Washington. No new churches or societies were formed during this time period. Since the count began in February 1987, 359 churches have closed and 30 new ones have formed. A complete list of all the churches affected are listed on the following pages. The listing amply demonstrates that the real crisis in Christian Science is in the field, not in

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<u>ALABAMA(4)</u>	Santa Paula	Lombard	Rockland	<u>MONTANA(2)</u>	<u>NORTH DAKOTA</u>
Auburn	Sausalito	Macomb	<u>MARYLAND(2)</u>	Absarokee	Dickinson
Bessemer	Seal Beach	Marion	Bowie	Lewiston	<u>OHIO(11)</u>
Birmingham Soc	Southgate	Marshall	Baltimore 3rd	<u>NEBRASKA(2)</u>	Athens
Sheffield	Stockton (Soc)	Mt Morris	<u>MASS. (9)</u>	Alliance	Barberton
<u>ARIZONA</u>	Three Rivers	Pontiac	Braintree	Fairbury	Celina
Payson	Victorville	Princeton	Chelsea		Cleveland 3rd
<u>ARKANSAS(3)</u>	Westminster	Riverside Berwin	Haverhill	<u>NEVADA</u>	Cleveland 5th
Blytheville	Willits	Robinson	Malden	Fallon	Hamilton
Crossett	Willows	Rock Island	North Adams	<u>N. HAMPSHIRE</u>	Mechanicsburg
Pine Bluff	Woodlands	Sterling	Springfield	Berlin	Norwood
<u>CALIFORNIA(55)</u>	<u>COLORADO(6)</u>	Vandalia	Somerville	<u>NEW JERSEY(9)</u>	Oxford
Banning	Aurora (Soc)	Villa Park	Waltham	Cape May	Port Clinton
Burbank 2nd	Denver 5th	Wheaton	Winthrop	Cliffside Park	Silverton
Coalinga	Estes Park	<u>INDIANA (15)</u>	<u>MICHIGAN(20)</u>	East N Brunswick	<u>OKLAHOMA(12)</u>
Concord	Hayden	Bicknell	Albion	Maplewood	Ada
Dunsmuir	Rocky Ford	Brazil	Big Rapids	Mount Holly	Claremore
Fremont 2nd	Salida	Cannelton	Bronson	Oradell	El Reno
Fresno 1st	<u>CONNECTICUT</u>	Greencastle	Charlotte	Pt Pleasant Beach	Miami
Gridley	Waterbury	Griffith	Clare	Union	Okla. City (Soc)
Gualala	<u>DELAWARE</u>	Hobart	Detroit 2nd	Weehawken	Okla. City 2nd
Guerneville	Dover	Huntington	Detroit 3rd	<u>NEW MEXICO(3)</u>	Okla City 3rd
Hanford	<u>FLORIDA(9)</u>	La Porte	Detroit NW Soc	Carlsbad	Pawhuska
Hawthorne	Brandon	Madison	Dowagiac	Clovis	Ponca City
Inglewood	Crystal River	Marion	Ferndale	Deming	Stroud
Lake Elsinore	Ft Lauderdale 2nd	New Castle	Grand Rapids 2nd	<u>NEW YORK(24)</u>	Tulsa 2nd
Lincoln	Ft Pierce	North Vernon	Houghton Lake	Attica	Warr Acres
Los Angeles 4th	Green Cove Spng	Plymouth	Howell	Auburn	<u>OREGON(11)</u>
Los Angeles 11th	Hudson	Richmond	Lansing 2nd	Baldwin	Coquille
Los Angeles 21st	Jacksonville 1st	Shelbyville	Mt. Clemens	Batavia	Dallas
Los Angeles 29th	Live Oak	<u>IOWA(11)</u>	Niles	Buffalo 2nd	Gold Beach
Los Angeles 39th	Miami Beach	Boone	Owosso	Great Neck	Hermiston
Los Angeles 42nd	<u>GEORGIA</u>	Des Moines 2nd	Park Rapids	Hornell	John Day
Manteca	La Grange	Dubuque	West Branch	Jackson Heights	Portland 1st
Martinez	<u>IDAHO(5)</u>	Hampton	Wyandotte	(Queens)	Portland 3rd
Marysville	Burley	Marshalltown	<u>MINNESOTA(5)</u>	Long Beach	Portland 5th
Modesto 2nd	Hailey	Mason City	Alexandria	Lynbrook	Portland 12th
Oakland 3rd	Homedale	Muscatine	Cloquet	New York 13th	Prineville
Orland	Kellogg-Wallace	Perry	Grand Rapids	New York 15th	Redmond
Pearlblossom	Idaho Falls	Shenandoah	Hibbing	Newark	<u>PENNA.(13)</u>
Pico Rivera	<u>ILLINOIS(28)</u>	Spirit Lake	St Louis Park	Norwich	Athens
Piedmont	Belleville	Waterloo	<u>MISSISSIPPI (4)</u>	Pelham	Brentwood
Quincy	Benton	<u>KANSAS(4)</u>	Biloxi	Richmond Hills	Chester (merge w/
Ramona	Carterville	Fort Scott	Greenville	(Queens)	Swarthmore)
Redwood	Chicago 1st	Great Bend	Natchez	Saratoga Springs	Downingtown
Riverside (Soc)	Chicago 10th	Lamed	Ocean Springs	Seneca Falls	Easton
Rolling Hills Est.	Chicago 19th	Olathe	<u>MISSOURI(9)</u>	Silver Creek	Elking Park
Rosemead	Chicago 21st	<u>KENTUCKY(3)</u>	Ferguson	Spring Valley	Hazleton
Sacramento 3rd	Chicago 22nd	Lakeside Park	Hannibal	Staten Island 2nd	Indiana
San Clemente	Chicago (Soc)	Madisonville	Kansas City 2nd	Wellsville	Levittown
Sanger	Effingham	Owensboro	Kansas City 3rd	Westburg	Lykene
St Helena	Harvey	<u>LOUISIANA</u>	Lake Ozark	Westfield	Monongahela
Sn Francisco 3rd	Highland	New Orleans 5th	Neosho	<u>N CAROLINA(2)</u>	Philadelphia 5th
Sn Francisco 11th	Highland Park	<u>MAINE(3)</u>	St. Louis 2nd	Nags Head	Titusville
San Jose 3rd	(merge Glencoe)	Dover-Foxcroft	Trenton	Washington	<u>RHODE IS.(3)</u>
San Mateo 2nd	Joliet	Newport	Warrensburg		Cranston

Cumberland
 Westerly
S. CAROLINA
 Beaufort
S. DAKOTA(5)
 Brookings
 Huron
 Lead-Deadwood
 Sioux City
 Watertown
TENNESSEE(4)
 Germantown
 Memphis (Soc)
 Morristown
 Nashville (Soc)
TEXAS(14)
 Alamo Heights
 Aransas Pass
 Beeville
 Borger
 Brownwood
 Dallas 1st
 Divine
 Eastland
 Katy
 Lakeway
 Orange
 Seguin
 Weslaco
 Wharton
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 Cashmere
 Des Moines
 Federal Way
 Long Beach
 Lynnwood
 Moses Lake
 Oroville
 Pullman
 Raymond
 Seattle 2nd
 Seattle 5th
 Seattle 9th
 Seattle 11th
 Seattle 15th
 Seattle (Soc)
 Shelton
 Spokane Valley
 Tacoma 2nd
 White Salmon
W. VIRGINIA (2)
 Beckley
 Wheeling
WISCONSIN(11)
 Ashland
 Beloit
 Chippewa Falls
 Eagle River

Elkhorn
 Evansville
 Marshfield
 Monomonee
 Plymouth
 Portage
 Two Rivers
WYOMING(2)
 Wheatland
 Worland

30 NEW CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES FORMED DURING THE SAME PERIOD:
 Homer, Alaska
 Russellville, Arkansas
 Glendale, Arizona
 Boulder Creek, California
 Diamond Bar, California
 Santa Clarita, California
 Suisun, California
 Sterling, Colorado
 Flager-Palm Coast, Florida
 Sun Valley, Idaho
 Baton Rouge (Soc.), Louisiana
 Franklin, Massachusetts
 Calais, Maine
 Blowing Rock, North Carolina
 Brevard, North Carolina
 Outer Banks, North Carolina
 Minot, North Dakota
 Dublin, Ohio
 Bensalem, Pennsylvania
 Glenside, Pennsylvania
 Litchfield-Pawleys Is, S.C.
 Cookeville, Tennessee
 Carrollton, Texas
 Kingwood, Texas
 Centerville-Clifton, Virginia
 Bellevue, Washington
 Ellenburg, Washington
 Kennewick, Washington
 Shepherdstown, West Virginia
 Evansville, Wisconsin

Boston or The Mother Church. To be sure, the destructive policies of the past eighty-six years since 1910 have had a chilling effect upon the Christian Science field. One of the "Paul Revere" pamphlets sent out to the field in the 1940s summed up the situation: "When no Christian Science lecture can be given to the world without passing through the censorship of the thought of the Board, then the spiritual altitude of the Board's thought becomes a serious matter. When, since the litigation decision in 1922, not a single article in the Sentinel or other Christian Science periodicals can reach human consciousness in the Field, without passing through the same censorship, this then becomes tragic. No fountain can possibly rise higher than its source. No literature sent out from the Publishing Society can flow to the field from any higher spiritual altitude than the level of the thought of the governing Board in Boston. If then the governing Board can indoctrinate the field with the thought that it is a heinous sin to be found guilty of reading anything that the board does not authorize; if the board can indoctrinate human consciousness with a fear that a penalty will ensue to anyone who dares disobey such oft repeated indoctrinations, then the mesmerism of the Field will be complete, individual unfoldment will be at an end, the vision of the Cause will vanish, and the Cause itself perish. Mrs. Eddy's warnings about the age being again sunken by animal magnetism into 1900 years of darkest night have been unheeded; and our Cause is faced with this very peril." (*Christian Science After 1910*, p. 84)

Some fifty years after these words were written, perhaps the Christian Science field is ready to wake up and demonstrate real Christian Science. For too long our churches have been characterized by ritualized speech and ritualized action, foyer smiles and recycled testimonies. Now is the time for all of us to answer Mrs. Eddy's question: "Will you doff your lavender-kid zeal, and become real and consecrated warriors? Will you give yourselves wholly and irrevocable to the great work of establishing the truth, the gospel, and the Science which are necessary to the salvation of the world from error, sin, disease, and death? Answer at once and practically, and answer aright!" (Mis. 177)

COMPLETE ANSWER TO MAILING FUND

Healing Unlimited, 2100 Third Avenue, # 1901, Seattle, WA 98121-2303, has sent a 112-page booklet to all teachers, practitioners, C.O.P.s and first readers answering the January 1996 Mailing Fund booklet attacking Bliss Knapp's *Destiny of The Mother Church*. A limited number of copies of this 112-page answer entitled "You will have to learn to love me more" are available to those requesting them. The booklet is free, but donations to help defray costs would be appreciated.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AFTER 1910

This book, written by the editor of *The Banner*, gives a complete overview of the history of Mrs. Eddy's church since 1910. Most Christian Scientists are familiar with the church's early history, but with the exception of Norman Beasley's well-meaning, but cosmetic, *The Continuing Spirit*, published in 1956, no book has dug beneath the surface to reveal what has caused the disastrous decline we see today. This 214-page book is completely documented, and includes a copy of Mrs. Eddy's Last Will and Testament, the Deed of Trust for the Publishing Society, a list of the members of the Board of Directors since 1892, and many rare photographs. An understanding of this unknown history is essential to reestablish the Cause of Christian Science as Mrs. Eddy intended it to be. The hardback, library edition is \$24.95, and the paperback version is \$12.95. Both are available from The Bookmark. (See below)

MANUAL OF THE MOTHER CHURCH 88TH EDITION

This last *Manual* approved by Mary Baker Eddy was issued on September 14, 1910. This reprint is an exact copy of the original *Manual* with gold leaf edges. It is printed on acid-free paper. The spurious 89th *Manual* was quietly issued December 17, 1910, two weeks after Mrs. Eddy's passing. The standard announce-

ment procedure for a new edition was not followed in the *C.S. Sentinel*, and no credible evidence has ever been given to show that she approved it. It contains subtle changes which were followed by many others over the years. The hardback edition of the 88th *Manual* is available for \$17.95. The paperback edition is \$10.95.

COMMEMORATIVE MEDALLION

A one-ounce silver medallion of Mary Baker Eddy, based on the bas relief made by the famous Boston sculptor, William Frederick Pope, is available in limited quantities. (See *C.S. Sentinel* of December 8, 1906, Vol IX, No. 15) The reverse pictures the unique triangular symmetry of The Mother Church with Mother's Room in the foreground. The year 1894 is visible on the cornerstone. It comes in a presentation case with the gate at Pleasant View on the outside, and Mrs. Eddy's monogram inside the lid. The medallion was commissioned in 1991. The cost is \$35.00.

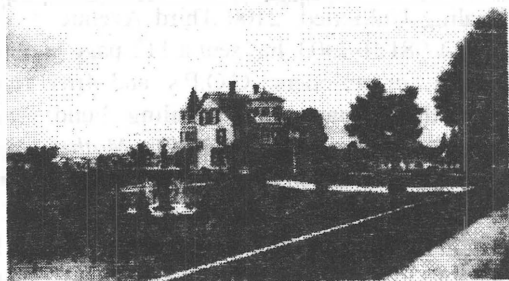
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REGINALD G. KERRY

In 1975, when it appeared to alert Christian Scientists that our movement was in serious trouble, Reginald G. Kerry came forth to awaken the Field to take action in order to ensure that Christian Science would fulfill its mission. His only motive was to help the Cause he loved so dearly.

Having spent several years working closely with the Christian Science Board of Directors in Boston, heading up the security force for the new church center, and advising them on a number of legal matters, he became alerted to widespread corruption and immorality at headquarters.

Convinced that the Field should be informed of the conditions at The Mother Church, he began sending his letters to church members, local boards, and practitioners throughout the United States and England.

From the first letter, he found support among the members, who shared his concern for the future of Christian Science. The support grew as he continued to send letters -- eleven in all.

His courageous stand opened the way for others to speak out against the Board of Directors. In time a grassroots movement gave Christian Scientists an independent voice concerning the future of their Cause.

Mr. Kerry passed on in May of this year. Although he has left us, his work will live on, and history will someday properly assess the turning point that his letters brought about in giving the Christian Science movement new life and a future of hope and freedom.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CARE FACILITIES

At a meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, held in May of this year, the Association of Organizations for Christian Science Nursing [ACOSN] continued to finalize rules and guidelines which will govern care facilities beginning on January 1, 1997, when The Mother Church officially cuts its remaining ties to these unique facilities.

One of the biggest issues revolves around maintaining Medicare funding. (Some facilities, such as Tenacre in New Jersey, did not attend the meeting since they will not participate in the Medicare program.) Patients who have Medicare will have to be cared for by *Journal*-listed nurses only. This will necessitate two classes of nurses -- those with a *Journal* listing and those who choose not to have a listing. In most cases this will result in a two-tier pay scale with the non-listed nurse being paid less. When The Mother Church

administration opted for participation in Medicare, they had to certify that Christian Science nurses were secular workers not performing any religious function. The *Journal*-listed nurses must now diagnose diseases in order to fill out the government paperwork. One unforeseen result of The Mother Church's certification that C.S. nurses are secular workers is the difficulty foreign-trained C.S. nurses now have entering the United States. Before, nurses were considered religious workers and were admitted to the country under more generous visa standards. Workers in the secular classification are scrutinized as anyone else coming from overseas for employment. This policy has contributed to the chronic shortage of nurses at Christian Science care facilities.

PUBLISHING SOCIETY AUCTION

Printing News/East of May 27, 1996, announced an auction of what appears to be a complete printing facility belonging to the Christian Science Publishing Society. The auction was held on June 25th and was conducted by Max Rouse & Sons, Inc. of Beverly Hills, California. The machinery for sale included five sheet fed presses which can handle one-color, two-color, and six-color printing. Also included was a web press which works from a continuous roll of paper. Saddle binders, automatic paper cutters, collators, spindle drills, paper folders, cameras, darkroom lights, draftsmen table, film processor, and ink mixers were all listed. The question which arises from such a sell-off of capital property is whether the Publishing Society is planning to contract out some or all of the printing of the periodicals.

MONITOR RADIO OFF WEEKENDS

On Saturday, June 29th, it was announced on National Public Radio that Monitor Radio would no longer present a weekend edition. It will continue to broadcast on weekdays.

SEVENTEEN MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

The following churches have closed between April and July 1996 according to *The Christian Science Journal*: West Hollywood, California; Okeechobee, Florida; Pompano Beach, Florida; Burlington, Iowa; Ruston, Louisiana; Fall River, Massachusetts; Cadillac, Michigan; Meridian, Mississippi; Kenmore, New York (merged with Buffalo); Pleasantville, New York; Lorain, Ohio; Tiffin, Ohio; Houston (2nd), Texas; Rosenberg, Texas; Norfolk, Virginia; Winchester, Virginia; and Colville, Washington. New societies are listed for Hilo, Hawaii; Hyde Park, Illinois; and Rogers Park, Illinois.

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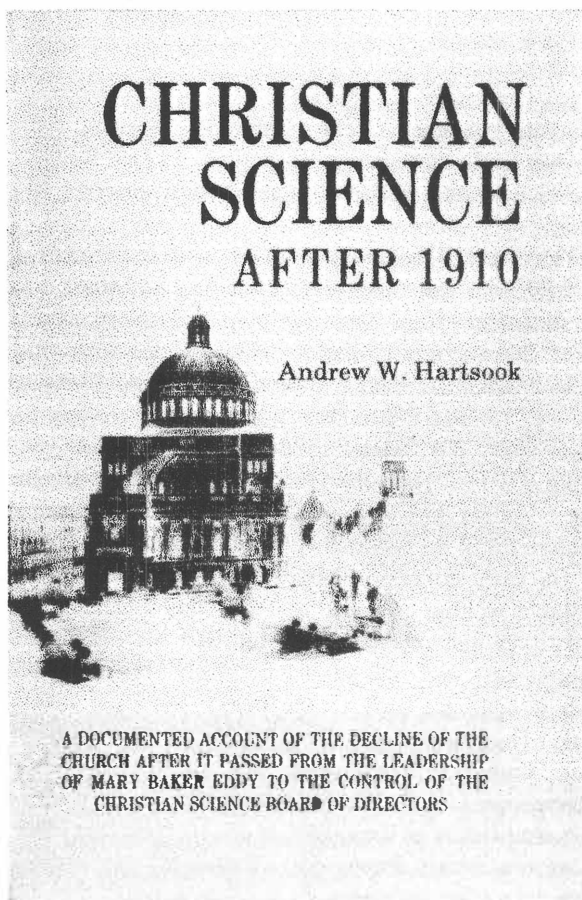
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huge Conspiracy that is taking over the world. For decades, the John Birch Society has spread word of the Conspiracy: The international bankers who pull all the strings. The ones who really control both the Communist conspiracy and the United States government. The Trilateral Commission. The Federal Reserve, which is ruining our money. The Council of Foreign Relations -- psst, they're out to destroy the Constitution, take away our guns, and enslave us in a United Nations One-World Communist government. Their code words: 'New World Order.'" This careless diatribe, which equates legitimate concern with detestable criminal activity, continues for half a page.

From another decade and era, *Banner* readers are asked to consider the following extended quotation: "What it is important to dwell upon is the increasing evidence of the existence of a secret conspiracy, through the world, for destruction of organized government and the letting loose of evil. People are apt to smile, with incredulous tolerance, at the mention of the word witchcraft. But witchcraft when it is understood in the psychology of evil, is not the riding of aged harri-dans on broomsticks, but the impulse to do evil for the sake of evil in the human consciousness...The theory that the end justifies the means [Adam] Weishaupt had inherited from the ex-Jesuits, who had assisted him in organizing his new order [the Illuminati founded in Bavaria in 1776]. John Robison, who studied the gyrations of this order, in the spurious Masonic lodges of France and Germany, has summed up its ideals as the obliteration of Christianity; the deification of sensuality; the proscription of property; the abjuration of all religion and morality; the repudiation of marriage, and as a necessary corollary the state adoption of children; universal license; and the wrecking of civilization and giving over of society to general plunder. It was, in short, through the propagation of such crazy iniquity that men like Rabaud de Saint-Etienne [of the French Revolution] were led to the conclusion that society could only be improved by being first destroyed. 'To make the people happy,' he declared, in a burst of revolutionary rabies, 'their ideas must be reconstructed, laws must be changed, morals must be changed, men must be changed, things must be changed, everything, yes, everything must be destroyed, since everything must be remade.' ...For the present, it is sufficient to draw attention to the fact that these ideals keep reappearing with a curious and significant regularity at moments of great political commotion, and exercise an extraordinary and appalling effect upon world politics... It is this theory, more than any one other thing, which brought about the recent world war, and which was used by the military vehmgericht to justify all the horrors of German policy, in a way which recalls the famous conversation between

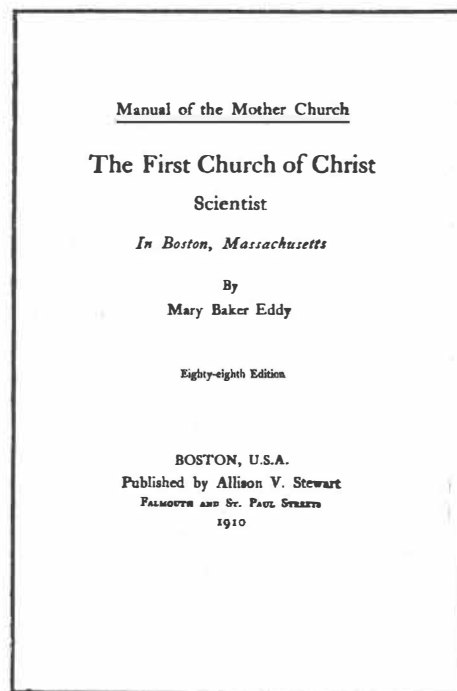


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huge Conspiracy that is taking over the world. For decades, the John Birch Society has spread word of the Conspiracy: The international bankers who pull all the strings. The ones who really control both the Communist conspiracy and the United States government. The Trilateral Commission. The Federal Reserve, which is ruining our money. The Council of Foreign Relations -- psst, they're out to destroy the Constitution, take away our guns, and enslave us in a United Nations One-World Communist government. Their code words: 'New World Order.'" This careless diatribe, which equates legitimate concern with detestable criminal activity, continues for half a page.

From another decade and era, *Banner* readers are asked to consider the following extended quotation: "What it is important to dwell upon is the increasing evidence of the existence of a secret conspiracy, through the world, for destruction of organized government and the letting loose of evil. People are apt to smile, with incredulous tolerance, at the mention of the word witchcraft. But witchcraft when it is understood in the psychology of evil, is not the riding of aged harri-dans on broomsticks, but the impulse to do evil for the sake of evil in the human consciousness...The theory that the end justifies the means [Adam] Weishaupt had inherited from the ex-Jesuits, who had assisted him in organizing his new order [the Illuminati founded in Bavaria in 1776]. John Robison, who studied the gyrations of this order, in the spurious Masonic lodges of France and Germany, has summed up its ideals as the obliteration of Christianity; the deification of sensuality; the proscription of property; the abjuration of all religion and morality; the repudiation of marriage, and as a necessary corollary the state adoption of children; universal license; and the wrecking of civilization and giving over of society to general plunder. It was, in short, through the propagation of such crazy iniquity that men like Rabaud de Saint-Etienne [of the French Revolution] were led to the conclusion that society could only be improved by being first destroyed. 'To make the people happy,' he declared, in a burst of revolutionary rabies, 'their ideas must be reconstructed, laws must be changed, morals must be changed, men must be changed, things must be changed, everything, yes, everything must be destroyed, since everything must be remade.' ...For the present, it is sufficient to draw attention to the fact that these ideals keep reappearing with a curious and significant regularity at moments of great political commotion, and exercise an extraordinary and appalling effect upon world politics... It is this theory, more than any one other thing, which brought about the recent world war, and which was used by the military vehmgericht to justify all the horrors of German policy, in a way which recalls the famous conversation between

PLEASANT VIEW SOLD AGAIN

The Union Leader of Manchester, New Hampshire, reported on August 22, 1995, that the property owned and occupied by Mary Baker Eddy from 1891 to 1908 has been sold by McKerley Health Care Centers of New Hampshire to Genesis Health Ventures, Inc., of Kenneth Square, Pennsylvania. The chain of long-term care facilities, which includes Pleasant View, was sold for \$82.5 million.

Mrs. Eddy gave Pleasant View to The Mother Church in her will. The Directors had the house demolished apparently during 1917 or 1918. A sanatorium for retired Christian Science practitioners was built on the site and opened in 1927. The Directors decided to sell the property in 1975. The last residents left in January 1976, and the facility and the grounds were sold to the state of New Hampshire for \$2 million even though it was appraised at almost \$10 million. The state used the facility as an insane asylum. It was later bought by McKerley Health Care Centers.

CHURCH CLOSINGS

A comparison of the July and October 1995 issues of *The Christian Science Journal* reveals that the following churches have closed: San Francisco (3rd), California; Marion, Indiana; Springfield, Massachusetts; and Wharton, Texas. At the same time a new listing has appeared for Glenside, Pennsylvania. The society at Havre, Montana, which was listed as closed in the last issue of *The Banner*, has reappeared, and apparently joins the list of societies operating on a seasonal basis. Since the count began in February 1987, **340** churches/societies have closed and **34** have been established.

C.O.P.s MEET IN LONDON

An international meeting of Committees on Publication was held in London for a week during the early fall of this year. The last such meeting was held in Berlin, Germany, in November of 1993.

MIDDLE EAST UPDATE

Israel and the Palestinian Authority headed by Yasser Arafat signed the Oslo 2 agreement in Washington, D.C. on September 28, 1995, paving the way for Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank. *The Jerusalem Post* of September 29th reports, "On the day he [Arafat] signed the Declaration of Principles two years ago, he addressed the Palestinian people on Jordan Television, assuring them that the agreement was nothing more than the implementation of the 1974 PLO Plan of Phases, a 10-point scheme for the destruction of Israel in stages, the first of which is 'the establishment of a national authority on any part of Palestinian soil that is liberated or from which the Israelis withdraw.' He repeated the same assertion last week, in an interview published in Arab papers in Jordan and Jerusalem."

TEXAS C.O.P. SPONSORED TALK

A talk entitled "Seeing Equal" was held on October 23, 1995, in Dallas, Texas, and was sponsored by the Texas C.O.P. The speaker was Melba Pattillo Beals. The invitation to the talk states, "How can Dallasites eradicate discrimination, bigotry and prejudice in our city?...Ms. Beals is the author of the book *Warriors Don't Cry* -- an account of her experience as one of the nine children that integrated Little Rock Central High School in 1957... 100% of proceeds from ticket sales will be given to Thanksgiving Square & The Greater Dallas Community of Churches to honor them for the ongoing work they do for Dallas by *Seeing Equal*."

BILL INTRODUCED IN U.S. HOUSE

Rep. Lamar Smith (R-Texas), a Christian Scientist, has introduced H.R. 1914 which would authorize the attorney general to set up a toll-free number or computer base to determine if a job applicant is a U.S. citizen.

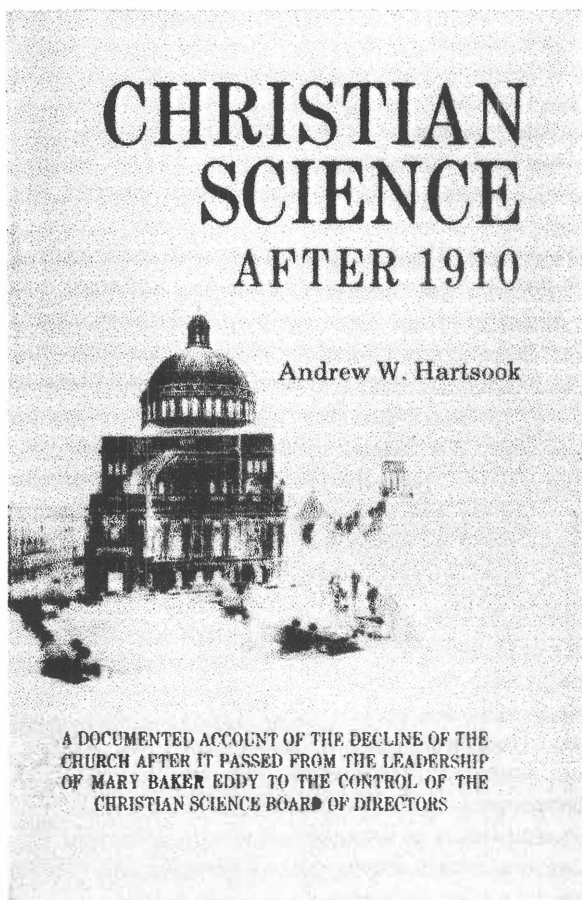
MRS EDDY'S PLACE

Miscellaneous Documents Relating to Christian Science is a book published in 1961 by the Carpenter Foundation. One chapter in that book is entitled "Christian Science Notes" by Caroline D. Noyes, C.S.D. Mrs. Noyes attended classes taught by Mrs. Eddy in 1884, 1885, and 1887. In her notes she writes, "One distinguishing feature in Mrs. Eddy's students and loyal followers or of her faithful Normal teachers, they always recognized and have always done so, the fact that Mrs. Eddy was the woman St. John prophesies of in Revelation XII and the little book spoken of in a previous chapter is *Science and Health*... In so believing, they recognize the only true Leader in Mrs. Eddy, the Revelator, the Discoverer and Founder of the Christ, Truth, and Science as containing the whole undivided Truth that is saving the world. They consider it an altogether sacred book as prophesied by St. John and feel confident by the results of their work in casting out error and healing it is the word of God and will save all who trust to it, and see in it a continuation and confirmation of Jesus' teaching.

"The great red dragon alluded to in the twelfth chapter typifies the mental malpractice or malicious animal magnetism directed against Mrs. Eddy's works and students and herself and explains something of the difficulties which she and they had to overcome. It has always been the greatest enemy of Christian Science and still is and we can say it is the only enemy of Christian Science. We, her loyal students, thoroughly endorse her teachings on that subject and could have made no headway or success had we not done so."

MRS. EDDY'S OWN EXPLANATION

In a transcript recently published by The Bookmark entitled, *Mrs. Eddy's Explanation of the Illustrated Poem "Christ and Christmas"* as given by Judge Septimus J.

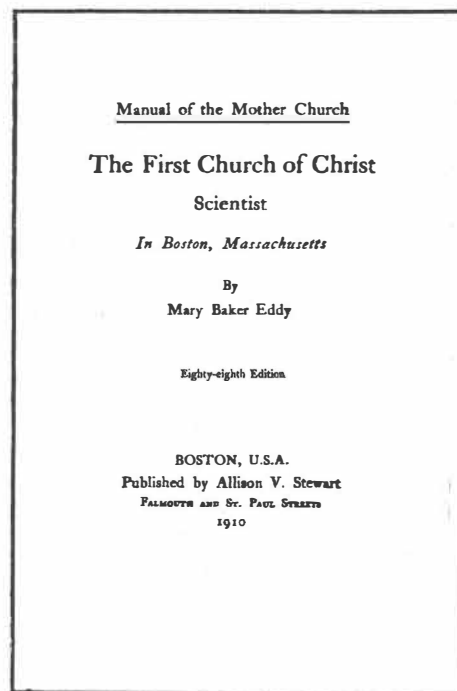


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projects. It is felt by many that the new titles should be published to counteract the dominance of the Robert Peel trilogy which has eclipsed the writings of Mrs. Eddy's students who emphasized the spiritual import of her life and mission.

ELEVEN MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

The following churches have closed in a three month period according to a comparison of the October 1995 and January 1996 *Christian Science Journals*: Burbank (2nd), California; Modesto (2nd), California; Seal Beach, California; Olathe, Kansas; Somerville, Massachusetts; Wyandotte, Michigan; Grand Rapids, Minnesota; Kansas City (2nd), Missouri; Auburn, New York; Richmond Hills (Queens), New York; and Lakeway, Texas.

During the same period, a new society has been formed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Second Church, Toledo, Ohio, has reappeared after an absence of six months. Since the count began in February 1987, **350** churches/societies have closed, and **35** have been established.

KLINGBEIL RESEARCH VINDICATED

An article in the December 6th *Monitor* and an editorial on December 8th speak glowingly of a course held at Harvard University during the week of December 4th entitled, "Spirituality and Healing in Medicine". The *Monitor* article described controlled, double-blind experiments and "data...quantifying the effectiveness of prayer." This precisely describes the procedures used by father and son Christian Science practitioners, Bruce and John Klingbeil in their pioneering experiments to prove the efficacy of prayer using procedures recognized by the orthodox scientific community. The Christian Science Board of Directors removed the elder Klingbeil's *Journal*-listing because of his research. The Klingbeils later took their own lives because of the opposition and misunderstanding of their work and the ostracism they suffered at the hands of their fellow Christian Scientists. Assuming that Mother Church officials are intellectually honest, it is a hopeful sign that they now embrace the methods employed by the Klingbeils in their pioneering work. The Klingbeils research has been preserved by the organization they founded, Spindrift, Inc., which actively cooperates with scientists and medical researchers who wish to continue their work. Spindrift's address is P.O. Box 452471, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33345. [Telephone: (305) 389-8080]

SUPPORT IN MINNESOTA CASE

The *Washington Times* of November 24, 1995, reported, "A coalition of Christian churches has asked the Supreme Court to review an appeal by Christian Scientists of a \$1.5 million judgment for letting an 11-year-old boy die with prayer as his only medicine. The legal attack on faith healing of children is called a threat to free practice of religion in a brief filed by Catholic,

Baptist, Mormon, Seventh-day Adventist and other churches representing 45 million communicants...The case testing the bounds of faith healing is among several religious issues lawyers want the high court to review...The [Christian Science] church claims more than 50,000 published reports of Christian Science healing, including a substantial number of people diagnosed as terminal."

DISCIPLINE AND THE FIRST READER

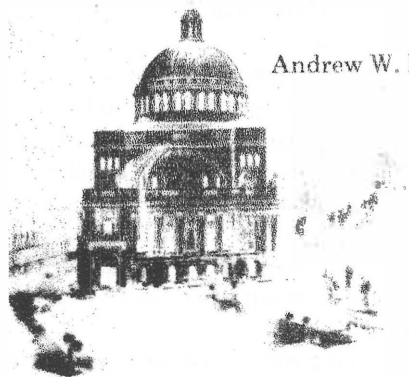
Since the financial crisis began in Boston, members have sought to force the Directors to obey the by-laws by employing Article I, Section 9 of Mrs. Eddy's *Church Manual* which states in part, "It is the duty of any member of this Church, and especially of one who has been or who is the First Reader of a church, to inform the Board of Directors of the failure of the Committee on Publication or of any other officer in this Church to perform his official duties...If the Christian Science Board of Directors fails to fulfil the requirements of this By-Law, and a member of this Church or the Pastor Emeritus shall complain thereof to the Clerk and the complaint be found valid, the Directors shall resign their office or perform their functions faithfully." Many people have written to the clerk asking that their detailed evidence of the Board's failure to obey the by-laws be presented to them. Needless to say, such efforts have been fruitless.

It has been recently pointed out that all *Manual* provisions to force church officers to obey the by-laws have been tried except one. Article III, Section 7 of the *Manual* states, "It shall be the duty of every member of The Mother Church, who is a First Reader in a Church of Christ, Scientist, to enforce the discipline and by-laws of the church in which he is a Reader." Thus, the responsibility for enforcing discipline in The Mother Church falls upon the First Reader and not any other officer in Boston. It has been suggested that the current First Reader of The Mother Church be reminded of his duty to approach the Directors as Nathan confronted King David.

MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

The *Jerusalem Post* of October 14, 1995, reported, "If Christians have kept silent on the transfer of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem to Palestinian control under Oslo 2, it is because they are afraid to speak out...[M]any Christian leaders have privately expressed their fears of being under the Moslem control of Palestinians, but are unwilling to say anything publicly. There have been dozens of cases in which churches and Christian clergy were attacked by Moslems. But although the churches were quick to attack Israel for not protecting them, they said nothing about those who carried out the attacks... Indicative of the feeling of uncertainty among Christians is a growing tendency

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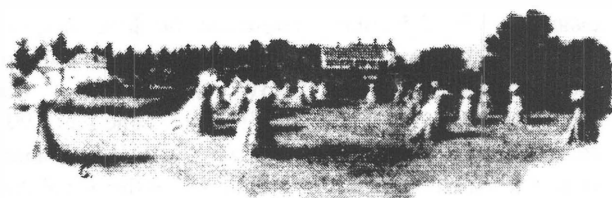
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<u>ALABAMA(4)</u>	Santa Paula	Lombard	Rockland	<u>MONTANA(2)</u>	<u>NORTH DAKOTA</u>
Auburn	Sausalito	Macomb	<u>MARYLAND(2)</u>	Absarokee	Dickinson
Bessemer	Seal Beach	Marion	Bowie	Lewiston	<u>OHIO(11)</u>
Birmingham Soc	Southgate	Marshall	Baltimore 3rd	<u>NEBRASKA(2)</u>	Athens
Sheffield	Stockton (Soc)	Mt Morris	<u>MASS. (9)</u>	Alliance	Barberton
<u>ARIZONA</u>	Three Rivers	Pontiac	Braintree	Fairbury	Celina
Payson	Victorville	Princeton	Chelsea		Cleveland 3rd
<u>ARKANSAS(3)</u>	Westminster	Riverside Berwin	Haverhill	<u>NEVADA</u>	Cleveland 5th
Blytheville	Willits	Robinson	Malden	Fallon	Hamilton
Crossett	Willows	Rock Island	North Adams	<u>N. HAMPSHIRE</u>	Mechanicsburg
Pine Bluff	Woodlands	Sterling	Springfield	Berlin	Norwood
<u>CALIFORNIA(55)</u>	<u>COLORADO(6)</u>	Vandalia	Somerville	<u>NEW JERSEY(9)</u>	Oxford
Banning	Aurora (Soc)	Villa Park	Waltham	Cape May	Port Clinton
Burbank 2nd	Denver 5th	Wheaton	Winthrop	Cliffside Park	Silverton
Coalinga	Estes Park	<u>INDIANA(15)</u>	<u>MICHIGAN(20)</u>	East N Brunswick	<u>OKLAHOMA(12)</u>
Concord	Hayden	Bicknell	Albion	Maplewood	Ada
Dunsmuir	Rocky Ford	Brazil	Big Rapids	Mount Holly	Claremore
Fremont 2nd	Salida	Cannelton	Bronson	Oradell	El Reno
Fresno 1st	<u>CONNECTICUT</u>	Greencastle	Charlotte	Pt Pleasant Beach	Miami
Gridley	Waterbury	Griffith	Clare	Union	Okla. City (Soc)
Gualala	<u>DELAWARE</u>	Hobart	Detroit 2nd	Weehawken	Okla. City 2nd
Guerneville	Dover	Huntington	Detroit 3rd	<u>NEW MEXICO(3)</u>	Okla City 3rd
Hanford	<u>FLORIDA(9)</u>	La Porte	Detroit NW Soc	Carlsbad	Pawhuska
Hawthorne	Brandon	Madison	Dowagiac	Clovis	Ponca City
Inglewood	Crystal River	Marion	Ferndale	Deming	Stroud
Lake Elsinore	Ft Lauderdale 2nd	New Castle	Grand Rapids 2nd	<u>NEW YORK(24)</u>	Tulsa 2nd
Lincoln	Ft Pierce	North Vernon	Houghton Lake	Attica	Warr Acres
Los Angeles 4th	Green Cove Spng	Plymouth	Howell	Auburn	<u>OREGON(11)</u>
Los Angeles 11th	Hudson	Richmond	Lansing 2nd	Baldwin	Coquille
Los Angeles 21st	Jacksonville 1st	Shelbyville	Mt. Clemens	Batavia	Dallas
Los Angeles 29th	Live Oak	<u>IOWA(11)</u>	Niles	Buffalo 2nd	Gold Beach
Los Angeles 39th	Miami Beach	Boone	Owosso	Great Neck	Hermiston
Los Angeles 42nd	<u>GEORGIA</u>	Des Moines 2nd	Park Rapids	Hornell	John Day
Manteca	La Grange	Dubuque	West Branch	Jackson Heights	Portland 1st
Martinez	<u>IDAHO(5)</u>	Hampton	Wyandotte	(Queens)	Portland 3rd
Marysville	Burley	Marshalltown	<u>MINNESOTA(5)</u>	Long Beach	Portland 5th
Modesto 2nd	Hailey	Mason City	Alexandria	Lynbrook	Portland 12th
Oakland 3rd	Homedale	Muscatine	Cloquet	New York 13th	Prineville
Orland	Kellogg-Wallace	Perry	Grand Rapids	New York 15th	Redmond
Pearlblossom	Idaho Falls	Shenandoah	Hibbing	Newark	<u>PENNA.(13)</u>
Pico Rivera	<u>ILLINOIS(28)</u>	Spirit Lake	St Louis Park	Norwich	Athens
Piedmont	Belleville	Waterloo	<u>MISSISSIPPI(4)</u>	Pelham	Brentwood
Quincy	Benton	<u>KANSAS(4)</u>	Biloxi	Richmond Hills	Chester (merge w/
Ramona	Carterville	Fort Scott	Greenville	(Queens)	Swarthmore)
Redwood	Chicago 1st	Great Bend	Natchez	Saratoga Springs	Downingtown
Riverside (Soc)	Chicago 10th	Lamed	Ocean Springs	Seneca Falls	Easton
Rolling Hills Est.	Chicago 19th	Olathe	<u>MISSOURI(9)</u>	Silver Creek	Elking Park
Rosemead	Chicago 21st	<u>KENTUCKY(3)</u>	Ferguson	Spring Valley	Hazleton
Sacramento 3rd	Chicago 22nd	Lakeside Park	Hannibal	Staten Island 2nd	Indiana
San Clemente	Chicago (Soc)	Madisonville	Kansas City 2nd	Wellsville	Levittown
Sanger	Effingham	Owensboro	Kansas City 3rd	Westburg	Lykene
St Helena	Harvey	<u>LOUISIANA</u>	Lake Ozark	Westfield	Monongahela
Sn Francisco 3rd	Highland	New Orleans 5th	Neosho	<u>N CAROLINA(2)</u>	Philadelphia 5th
Sn Francisco 11th	Highland Park	<u>MAINE(3)</u>	St. Louis 2nd	Nags Head	Titusville
San Jose 3rd	(merge Glencoe)	Dover-Foxcroft	Trenton	Washington	<u>RHODE IS.(3)</u>
San Mateo 2nd	Joliet	Newport	Warrensburg		Cranston

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AFTER 1910

This book, written by the editor of *The Banner*, gives a complete overview of the history of Mrs. Eddy's church since 1910. Most Christian Scientists are familiar with the church's early history, but with the exception of Norman Beasley's well-meaning, but cosmetic, *The Continuing Spirit*, published in 1956, no book has dug beneath the surface to reveal what has caused the disastrous decline we see today. This 214-page book is completely documented, and includes a copy of Mrs. Eddy's Last Will and Testament, the Deed of Trust for the Publishing Society, a list of the members of the Board of Directors since 1892, and many rare photographs. An understanding of this unknown history is essential to reestablish the Cause of Christian Science as Mrs. Eddy intended it to be. The hardback, library edition is \$24.95, and the paperback version is \$12.95. Both are available from The Bookmark. (See below)

MANUAL OF THE MOTHER CHURCH 88TH EDITION

This last *Manual* approved by Mary Baker Eddy was issued on September 14, 1910. This reprint is an exact copy of the original *Manual* with gold leaf edges. It is printed on acid-free paper. The spurious 89th *Manual* was quietly issued December 17, 1910, two weeks after Mrs. Eddy's passing. The standard announce-

ment procedure for a new edition was not followed in the *C.S. Sentinel*, and no credible evidence has ever been given to show that she approved it. It contains subtle changes which were followed by many others over the years. The hardback edition of the 88th *Manual* is available for \$17.95. The paperback edition is \$10.95.

COMMEMORATIVE MEDALLION

A one-ounce silver medallion of Mary Baker Eddy, based on the bas relief made by the famous Boston sculptor, William Frederick Pope, is available in limited quantities. (See *C.S. Sentinel* of December 8, 1906, Vol IX, No. 15) The reverse pictures the unique triangular symmetry of The Mother Church with Mother's Room in the foreground. The year 1894 is visible on the cornerstone. It comes in a presentation case with the gate at Pleasant View on the outside, and Mrs. Eddy's monogram inside the lid. The medallion was commissioned in 1991. The cost is \$35.00.

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Marmontel and Chamfort in the days of the [French] revolution when, in reply to the opinion hazarded by the former that the nation might go further than it wished, the latter replied, 'True, but does the nation know what it wishes? One can make it wish, and one can make it say, what it has never thought.' There in naked language, is the whole theory of suggestion as a means to an end, into which scruple is never to be permitted to intrude... The human mind jeers at the theory of mental manipulation, yet prominent politicians, philosophers, and soldiers, are found at critical moments, giving expression to views of an absolutely non-moral description, which are not in accordance with their behavior in ordinary life. These views are manifestly disseminated mentally, and unless the victim understands how to protect himself, through a scientific knowledge of what really constitutes Principle, he is liable unconsciously to accept them and even act upon them. It is here that the conspiracy of evil against humanity becomes recognizable." **End Quote**

When and where did this warning of "a secret conspiracy throughout the world, for destruction of organized government and the letting loose of evil" appear? It was the lead editorial in *The Christian Science Monitor* of Saturday, June 19, 1920. It would be hard to imagine a more complete change in the editorial policy of a newspaper. Mrs. Eddy writes, "Who is telling mankind of the foe in ambush? Is the informer one who sees the foe? If so, listen and be wise. Escape from evil, and designate those as unfaithful stewards who have seen the danger and yet have given no warning." (S&H 571:10-14) Readers might wish to consider for themselves whether the 1920 *Monitor* editors or the 1996 editors are the faithful stewards.

For more information on the disastrous decline in the *Monitor* after 1921 and its subsequent close connections to the secret Round Table Group (and its front organization, the Council on Foreign Relations), and the *Monitor's* 1984 call for scrapping the U.S. Constitution for a parliamentary system, see the editor's book, *Christian Science After 1910*, pages 101-110 and 156. It is also worth noting that the U.S. dollar has lost over ninety percent of its value since the Federal Reserve system was established in 1913. A *Monitor* editorial on December 31, 1974, asked: "Can mankind put together a new order in the world in the wake of the bewildering changes that have swept the globe this past year?... The world has no choice but to live together and we its citizens will have to change our habits, our attitudes and perhaps our institutions." (Emphasis added)

REMOTE VIEWING

The syndicated television program, *Sightings*, usually devotes itself to the paranormal and unexplained

phenomena. The program for the week of May 5th included a story about former U.S. Army Major David Morehouse. He volunteered for a secret CIA project in 1988. It was named "Project Sunstreak" which trained participants in the practice of remote viewing, by which individuals can see events, documents, or secret weapons behind closed doors, anywhere in the world. Major Morehouse reported that volunteers could go forward and back in time. He also stated that he felt he was losing his mind and was developing a messiah complex. The crisis came when the training sessions turned to mental assassination. He refused to participate. He was removed from the program and given a less than honorable discharge from the Army. Others also dropped out of the program for the same reason. Shortly thereafter, the CIA publicly announced that Project Sunstreak was being discontinued because it had proven ineffective. Former trainees, using their remote viewing powers, discovered that the CIA was, in fact, continuing the successful program under deeper cover. The public announcement was issued to make former participants' warnings seem foolish and without merit.

During the John Demjanjuk trial in Israel in 1987, one of the witnesses for the defense was former Soviet KGB operative Avraham Shifrin. He testified, "The KGB has a para-psychology department located in Baku, whose members can kill people long-distance without the use of weapons." (*The Jerusalem Post*, November 7, 1987)

In the second edition of *Science and Health* (1878), Mrs. Eddy wrote, "Penal law must meet the hour when he who hates his neighbor, will have no need to enter his door, to destroy his peace and prosperity, to harm his health, or to demoralize his household; for the evil mind will do this through mesmerism; and not *in propria persona* be seen committing the deed. This 'irresistible conflict' awaits us, and must be met first by law, and next by *Science*, or mesmerism that scourge of man, will leave nothing sacred as mind becomes conscious of its latent powers." (p. 63) Mrs. Eddy's detractors always point to her warnings about mesmerism and mental malpractice as evidence of hysteria on her part. However, current events are proving that she clearly foresaw this danger more than one hundred years before it became evident to the world at large.

PRAYER IS GOOD MEDICINE

The above heading is the title of a new book by Larry Dossey, M.D. The subtitle is "How to Reap the Healing Benefits of Prayer." The book contains references to the experimental work of Christian Scientists Bruce and John Klingbeil and to Spindrift, Inc. established to preserve their work. Dr. Dossey is quoted in the July 1996 *Christian Science Journal*.

RIVER PISON DISCOVERED?

The July/August 1996 issue of *Biblical Archaeological Review* contains an article which would seem to prove that the heretofore unidentified River Pison (Pishon) once flowed across the Arabian peninsula. Genesis 2:11 states, "The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold." Geological surveys, satellite photographs, and the presence of ancient gold mines contributed to the identification of the ancient, dry river bed. Of the four rivers named in Genesis, -- and defined by Mrs. Eddy in the Glossary of *Science and Health*,-- Euphrates and Hiddekel (now called the Tigris) still flow with water. The River Gihon (now dry and named Kerkha) once ran with the Tigris and Euphrates into the Persian Gulf.

THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM

The Intelligence Digest (The Stonyhill Centre, Brimpsfield, Gloucester, GL4 8LF, United Kingdom) reports in its June 21, 1996, issue: "Information from Iran that its next major war games are to be codenamed Tariq al-Quds -- or Road to Jerusalem -- could hardly be more provocative... Of course Iran has never made any secret of its desire to see Jerusalem liberated from the 'Zionist enemy', but by choosing this exact codename for its next wargames Tehran is deliberately highlighting that all its strategic planning is aimed at delivering Jerusalem to Islam." The same publication noted that

Egypt is moving closer to Tehran as a result of the military accord signed between Israel and Turkey in February. "[S]enior Egyptian media commentators, who can be relied upon to reflect the regime's views, wrote in the Egyptian press about the need for Egypt, Sudan, Libya, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, and Iran to join forces in an alliance to counter the Israel-Jordan-Turkey axis."

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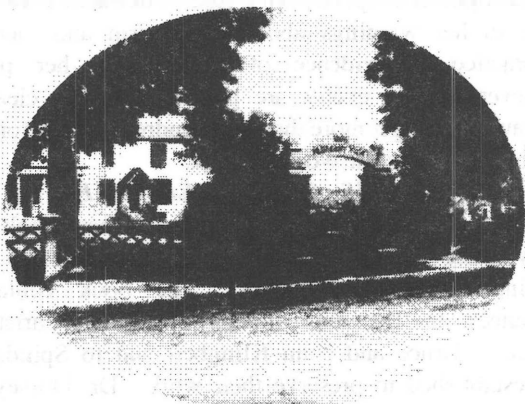
The Washington Times of July 1, 1996, reports on a forthcoming book by Michael Behe, a molecular biologist from Lehigh University, entitled *Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution*. Mr. Behe is part of a group of scientists who use the word "design" to explain the origin of complex life. "In Mr. Behe's theory, countless organisms have 'irreducible complexity,' meaning that scores of parts must work together at one time for an organism or one of its functions to take place... Their machinery is so integrated that every part had to function together from the start...' Irreducible complex systems are clear roadblocks for the Darwinian interpretation of life,' Mr. Behe said."

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