

# “...a more expansive love...”

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I'd like to invite all of you to join me in taking a whole new look at the purpose and importance of Christian Science nursing, nursing facilities, and visiting nurse services and how they provide us with the opportunity to demonstrate a more expansive love for all mankind.

My mother was in the Journal as a practitioner for over half a century healing many people into her 90's, living on her own. But then she seemed to need some extra care, which none of us was able to give her and so she was taken to the Christian Science nursing facility in Boston—the Benevolent Association. I went and stayed with her for a week just prior to teaching my class. At the end of a very active week, she said to me, “Now I want to hear what God has to say to me about Life.” And that night she moved on quietly and peacefully to her next assignment.

When the director of the funeral home, who was not a Christian Scientist, came to pick her up, the woman told me that when she first became director and was asked to come pick up someone who had passed on at a “Christian Science nursing facility,” she was very concerned about what weird things she might find there. But she said, instead she found that each person she came to pick up had been cared for as if they had been in the home of their loved ones—no bed sores, well-fed, and so much love expressed. She told me that this Christian Science facility gave better care to those who had passed on than any other facility she had been to in the state—medical, religious, or public nursing facilities. She also told me that when she got older or faced a serious physical problem, she hoped that this Christian Science nursing facility would allow her to go there even though she was not a Christian Scientist!

Is there perhaps more of a demand for Christian Science nursing than we might be aware of?



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Mary Baker Eddy said that two books were revealed to her—*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, and our *Church Manual*, which is where we find God's provision for Christian Science nursing care. How often do we go to our *Church Manual* to learn more of God's provision for progress and healing?

The entire *Manual* has one foundational message throughout it—and it is this: Love alone heals—that is, spiritual love! Not medicine, surgery, therapy, meditation, diet, or even a human sense of love from family and friends. But the infinite divine Principle, called Love, a tender spiritual Mother Love that lifts thought out of fear and hopelessness to a higher and more expansive sense of Love, which meets the human need while at the same time overcoming the false dualistic belief in both Spirit and matter, good and evil, Life and death.

Mrs. Eddy explains in *Science and Health*, “What God cannot do, man need not attempt. If God heals not the sick, they are not healed, for no lesser power equals the infinite All-power; but God, Truth, Life, Love, does heal

the sick through the prayer of the righteous.” (S&H 231:7)

Contrary to what the five physical senses may be telling us, or the media, or perhaps even our friends, Christianity and Christian Science are NOT on their way out—they are not dwindling nor becoming obsolete! Just the opposite! The world today is crying out for Christian Science—I know because for the last 15 years I have been lecturing to medical schools, universities and science seminars, interfaith groups and even atheists.

When asked, “Why do you call it a Science? Science and religion are opposites!”, I explain that they are actually one and the same. Religion is the worship of the one divine creative intelligence of this exquisite universe. A science is truth based on universal laws which can be proved by anyone who faithfully follows those laws, like the science of mathematics. The Science of the Christ refers to God’s spiritual laws of Life, Truth and Love, which govern, protect and maintain every single person in this universe.

In the 60+ interfaith talks and panels I did, one question came up repeatedly: “Can prayer cure, or does it just heal?” The answer was always the same from the other panelists: “Prayer can heal, but it cannot cure. When a doctor pronounces someone’s case as terminal, the only thing we can do is pray to give them a sense of peace and hope that when they die, life will continue.”

I shared with them the fact that the Bible talks about “healing” in both the Old and New Testaments. If you look at the four Gospels alone, they use the word “healing” over 50 times, and not one of those times does it mean that Jesus gave people a sense of peace and hope to face their death. In every single case it was instantaneous “CURE”! The four Gospels also use the word “cure” or talk about Jesus’ complete cures over 50 times saying the blind saw, the deaf heard, the lame walked and the dead came back to life.

In the Bible and in Christian Science, the word “heal” means to “cure”—to restore to our natural state of health and wholeness since we are each the image and likeness of God, infinite Good, as it says in Genesis 1. Often people have asked me, “Don’t you believe God sent medicine?” Mrs. Eddy answers this question in

*Science and Health*: “God being All-in-all, He made medicine; but that medicine was Mind [with a capital M meaning GOD]. It could not have been matter, which departs from the nature and character of Mind, God. Truth is God’s remedy for error of every kind, and Truth destroys only what is untrue. Hence the fact that, to-day, as yesterday, Christ casts out evils and heals the sick.” (S&H 142:28). [emphasis added]

I ask them, “If God sent Christ Jesus as the Savior of the world, why didn’t God send that same medicine with Jesus? Jesus healed every kind of sickness and sin through prayer alone and he taught that whoever followed his teachings: obedience to the two great Commandments—love Spirit with all your heart, soul, strength and mind; and love your neighbor as God loves them—would be able to heal as he did and to do greater works.” (John 14:12).

In response to these explanations, I have had a number of clergy say they never realized that, and then they’ve taken our textbook to learn more.

Christian Science is uniquely poised today to respond to the growing demand for what ONLY Christianity and specifically the Science of the Christ can offer—an understanding that man is not material and trying to become spiritual, but rather that every single one of us is, always has been, and always will be spiritual and perfect because we are the image and likeness of God, the perfect Principle. Health is our natural state.

We don’t have to pay billions of dollars to obtain health or wait decades to find a cure. The cure is the Christ—here right now, waking us up to our inherent wholeness as God’s precious children. Christ Jesus promised it! No one is left out; no one is left behind; no one can ever be separated from this omnipotent power and presence called divine Love. The Christ is the presence and power of divine Love, the “still, small voice of Truth,” speaking to the human consciousness to lift us out of the dream of suffering.

Why is Christian Science poised today to respond with healing answers to the world’s challenges in a way that nothing else can? Three reasons:

1) Today, a growing number of doctors are saying that medicine is failing and the medical community is looking for alternatives to medicine, including prayer.

2) A focus on material man as a god and on matter as the source of health, pleasure, identity, (although very popular right now), is failing rapidly and causing more suffering than ever before.

3) The sciences, medicine and religion are beginning to question two popular beliefs: 1) the tendency to reduce everything to matter, or 2) to pursue a dualistic approach to life, which says that both matter and Spirit are real. Instead, I am finding, all three disciplines are beginning to explore what an entirely spiritual view of life might look like. And only Christian Science can offer this.

Mrs. Eddy predicted this when she said that the leaven of the Science of Christ was at work in three measures of meal. “Ages pass, but this leaven of Truth is ever at work. It must destroy the entire mass of error, and so be eternally glorified in man’s spiritual freedom. In their spiritual significance, Science, Theology, and Medicine are means of divine thought, which include spiritual laws emanating from the invisible and infinite power and grace.” (S&H 118:10-16).

What does all of this have to do with our nursing facilities? Mrs. Eddy’s provision for nursing care is exactly what the world needs right now and exactly what we as individual Christian Scientists need.

First, we are in a period where the public, including clergy and doctors, are struggling with overwhelming fear—fear of incurability, hopelessness, and a tendency to give in to death as natural or as a friend. Many doctors and hospitals are raising concerns about the ineffectiveness and danger of many medical treatments.

There is an award-winning documentary called “Escape Fire—the Fight to Rescue American Health Care,” in which the doctors interviewed explained that American medicine is not only failing, it is dangerous. They urged their own medical community to look into alternatives to drugs and surgery.

Individual doctors are also speaking out. Dr. Richard Horton, Editor-in-Chief of *The Lancet*, a highly respected

medical publication both in Mrs. Eddy’s time and today, declared, “A lot of what is published is incorrect. . . . The case against [medical] science is straightforward: much of the scientific literature, perhaps half, may simply be untrue. . . . science has taken a turn towards darkness.” (<http://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736%2815%2960696-1.pdf>)

Dr. Marcia Angell is a physician and was a longtime Editor-in-Chief of the *New England Journal of Medicine* (perhaps the most highly respected medical journal today). She said, “It is simply no longer possible to believe much of the clinical research that is published, or to rely on the judgment of trusted physicians or authoritative medical guidelines.” (“Drug Companies & Doctors: A Story of Corruption”, published in *The New York Review of Books* magazine, Jan. 15, 2009).

Mrs. Eddy writes, “When false human belief learns even a little of their own falsity, they begin to disappear.” (S&H 252:7-8).

As I am sure you know, Mrs. Eddy had great respect for the majority of doctors. It wasn’t doctors that she opposed, but rather matter-based healing methods, which deny the allness of God, Spirit, as the only real Life.

During the 10 years I lectured at Harvard Medical School on the topic of Christian Science healing, I had the privilege to work with an amazing group of doctors who have been researching for years now the effectiveness of a spiritual approach to healing. In 2009 they asked me to co-author a book with them entitled, *Soul of Medicine—Spiritual Perspectives and Clinical Practice*. [Eds., Drs. Peteet and D’Ambra, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2011]. Each chapter is written by a doctor of a different faith. My chapter is on Christian Science treatment and I include a number of medical studies, which validate many of the ideas Christ Jesus and Mrs. Eddy taught and demonstrated.

One of the other authors told me that his wife, who is a cancer surgeon, needed to read this book, *Science and Health*. He explained how hard it was for her to watch cancer patients dying in the hospital because medicine could not cure them. He and his colleagues have again

started holding conferences on spiritual healing, as Harvard Medical School did in the 90's when Virginia Harris, CSB was speaking to the medical field and is again doing today. This past year they invited us to send some Christian Science speakers to their conference, and they also arranged for a visit to The Mother Church to learn more about Mary Baker Eddy's discovery.

Another doctor and principal editor of the book, *Soul of Medicine* shared with me how he has been meeting for many years with a group of men every Friday morning to study the Bible!

Another doctor told a class of young doctors and pastoral care students that I've been addressing each year, "You need to understand something. Medicine does not cure. God alone cures!" And then he added, "Most of the doctors at Harvard do not agree with me, until they get older!"

It reminds us of the prophet Jeremiah in the Old Testament when he wrote, "Is there no medicine in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered? . . . In vain you will use many medicines; you shall not be cured. . . . O Lord, if you heal me, then I will be truly healed." Then Jeremiah quotes God saying, "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all the peoples of the world: is anything too hard for me? . . . I will restore health unto you." [Jer. 8:22, 46:11, 17:14; 32:27, 30:17—NLT, NKJV, KJV].

So how are all these dear doctors, who are devoting their lives to relieving suffering, going to find out how Christian Science heals and how they can heal with confidence? Mrs. Eddy says that doctors should be Christian Scientists because "it equips them with sure and safe medicine." (S&H 198:27; Mis. 252:17-29).

While I was lecturing last year, I had the privilege of spending two hours with a doctor who has been a leading physician and professor nationally and internationally in the field of pain management. A fellow Christian Scientist had given him a copy of *Science and Health* and they were exploring together the mental nature of suffering. This doctor explained to me that over the years he had come to understand how counterproductive it was to

be always prescribing drugs and surgery to stop pain. It never healed the pain, and often made the problem worse. He said, instead medical students and doctors need to focus on the "ontology of being"—to look at the whole man in order to properly treat pain, indicating that people's thoughts—their fears, stresses, and burdens—were what really needed to be addressed rather than simply a physical body. How interesting! Mrs. Eddy made this provision in our *Church Manual*: "It shall be the privilege of a Christian Scientist to confer with an M.D. on Ontology, or the Science of being." [Man. 47:8].

In an article by Rob Gilbert in *The Christian Science Journal* May 2009, entitled "The Seen and the Unseen," Rob shares the example of a pain management doctor who "became interested in *Science and Health* and posted a passage from the book in his office. Later, a patient was sent to him by an oncologist for medically assisted pain management. Over several weeks, according to the doctor, and contrary to expectations, the man progressively got better until he was healed. The physician asked him, in the name of science, what had healed him. Was it the oncologist? The patient responded that he had stopped going to the oncologist. Was it me, the physician asked? Again the answer was no. The patient said that it was the passage from *Science and Health* posted on the physician's wall. The patient had written it down while waiting for the doctor one day. The doctor said the patient pondered and prayed over that passage until he was healed.

"The passage states, 'Become conscious for a single moment that Life and intelligence are purely spiritual,—neither in nor of matter,—and the body will then utter no complaints. If suffering from a belief in sickness, you will find yourself suddenly well. Sorrow is turned into joy when the body is controlled by spiritual Life, Truth, and Love.' (S&H 14:12-16).

"On the strength of further study of *Science and Health*, the physician said he healed a man of an inoperable cancer in his bowels." [See: <http://journal.christianscience.com/issues/2009/5/127-5/the-seen-and-the-unseen>].

On several occasions doctors have told me that they would like very much to ask Christian Scientists how they

heal, but they can't find anyone who will talk to them! That has to change, doesn't it?

That's where Christian Science nurses and nursing facilities are so important! And where we begin developing a much more expansive love—not just using this Science for ourselves! Christian Science is the final revelation, the Comforter promised by Christ Jesus for all mankind! It is hard for doctors or even for the public to understand how Christian Science works. It looks like we're doing nothing. Just sitting there! People say to us, "Even people in other religions who pray, do things humanly as well."

Christian Scientists know that scientific prayer all by itself can lift mankind out of every kind of suffering because nothing is too hard for God. However, there are times we seem to need a little extra human help and comfort, don't we? God's Love is like a tender Mother Love that is always ready to discern the specific need and meet it.

Christian Science nursing is a manifestation of that Mother Love of God. Our nursing facilities and nurses provide a bridge to the medical community, speaking a similar language of caring for the human needs while seeking healing. We should expect to see doctors coming to our nursing facilities in the future to learn about how to care for patients without medicine while they are using spiritual means. We should expect to see more interaction between the medical community and Christian Science nurses, as doctors explore alternatives to medicine and invite Christian Science nurses to give talks on Christian Science treatment!

But it doesn't stop there. God's provision for Christian Science nursing in the *Manual* is evidence of an even more expansive love, meeting the specific needs of Christian Scientists and the public at this particular time. The culture of fear that appears to have been pushed on everyone over the last few decades of secularism and materialism seems to be causing divisions between Christian Scientists and their family or friends. Mrs. Eddy alerted us to the fact that, "There will be greater mental opposition to the spiritual, scientific meaning of the Scriptures than there has ever been since the Christian era began." (S&H 534:24-26).

When I was growing up in the 50's, Christian Science was greatly respected. School nurses would comment on how much they liked having Christian Science kids in school because their parents didn't just give their kids a pill when they were sick; they healed them!" Our Sunday School had over 150 students in a town of 30,000, and we witnessed many healings!

For example, when I was in Junior High, I pulled a rather stupid stunt. I dove head first into a deep pile of snow. At the time it was fine because the snow was so deep; but after lunch the kids asked me to do it again. This time the snow had melted and I crashed head first into the ground, jamming my neck. Unable to breathe and in great pain, they took me to the school nurse—a medical nurse. But she was not alarmed. She had seen Christian Science kids healed at school. So she called my mother to come get me, aware that my mother would be praying. By the time my mother got there, I was completely healed and returned to class.

However things began changing. The materialism of the 50's, the sexual revolution of the 60's, the ME-generation of the 70's, the moral bankruptcy of the 80's, began pulling everyone away from God and His commandments, as the secular world ridiculed religion and God. People were constantly being tempted to love and trust the material world more than the spiritual.

That downward trend of materialism began to change in 1994 when *Science and Health* went back into the bookstores, and Stephen Carter, an African-American law professor at Yale, published his book entitled *The Culture of Disbelief*, in which he argued that it is natural to talk about God and faith in public because it is in the heart of every single individual. It seemed like overnight everyone began talking about God and spirituality again. So the carnal mind turned its hatred towards Christianity, and Christian Science in particular, attempting to silence us, divide us, close us down.

We often hear today of Christian Scientists whose family members—both students of Christian Science and those who are not—are pressuring them to turn to medical treatments when they do not find immediate healing. And yet even when medical treatments fail, it seems that people blame Christian Science!

This is where Christian Science nursing comes in! When family members or perhaps the Christian Scientist himself or herself, becomes overwhelmed by a lack of progress, pressing physical needs, or fear of incurability, WE can be recommending to them to call a Christian Science nurse or take their loved one to a Christian Science facility like High Ridge House, where their physical needs can be met at the same time that they are seeking healing through prayer--instead of taking them to a hospital!

Let me share an example of a young mother whom I will call Samantha. She called me for help concerning her baby, saying her husband is not a Christian Scientist and is very medically-minded. With every physical challenge, he was pressuring her to turn to medicine, even though he had agreed before marriage that she could rely on Christian Science care for their children.

Her new baby seemed to have a rash that was spreading and her husband was becoming alarmed, which in turn caused her alarm because it wasn't being met and she was feeling pressured to give in and go to the doctor. I suggested she call a Christian Science nurse. The nurse was herself a mother who had raised three children and had been through all of this before.

Both Samantha and her husband had heard a name for this condition and were fearful of predictions they heard about it. The nurse came over to their house to see the baby and helped allay their fears. The nurse explained some things about the care of babies and the need for less physical attention. At the time, the father who was not a Christian Scientist, felt very flustered; but then after the nurse's visit, as he saw progress, the concerns left him.

Samantha said her baby used to itch all the time—a habit the baby had whenever he was flustered. But as the mother's thought became calm, the baby became calm. One day when he was doing very well, she began rejoicing. The very next day his skin became very irritated again. She began to get fearful but then realized it was just aggressive mental suggestion and she refused to react. The skin condition disappeared, and that was the end of it! His skin has remained clear.

Samantha also called the nurse a couple more times concerning diet and food because there were so many human opinions floating around—such as dairy allergies. The nurse allayed her fear, telling of healings of allergy in her own family – with her siblings and children. The baby's former reaction to dairy products ended and now he can eat anything he is served.

This young mother was able to share with her husband's family (none of whom are Christian Scientists) information about Christian Science nursing and how the Christian Science nurse helped her and the baby. They were so surprised to hear that there were trained Christian Science nurses who could help with physical needs while a person was praying about a problem and they were very pleased to hear it. This was an important step since her husband has great respect for his family and what they think. This new understanding has helped to build a bridge between them, where before there had been division and animosity.

This particular nurse, who I'll call Donna, shared with me some other examples of how Christian Science nursing provides a more expansive love, embracing and healing even those who are not Christian Scientists. As nurses work with family members or visit a patient in their home, they get to know the family better and to discern what needs to be handled, such as fear of a particular condition or lack of compassion. She said, one woman told her she began learning how to be more tender and caring of her own mother as she watched the nurse taking care of her mother at the nursing facility.

Donna explained that she often ends up nursing the whole family. Some of them say they were raised in Christian Science and then left it. But then they begin asking questions about her own experience relying exclusively on prayer in Christian Science while raising her family. She found she was able to bless so many with what she shared. Once, a woman began asking about Mary Baker Eddy. Even though the woman had been raised in Christian Science, she knew nothing about Mrs. Eddy! The woman was so grateful and asked questions for three hours.

In another case, the daughter married a man who was from a different religion—one that saw man basically as a

sinner. There seemed to be a lot of anger in the house. So Donna began playing Christian Science hymns on a keyboard, and the family loved the hymns! She said they became like little lambs! They stopped fighting and yelling. The husband became very loving and told his dad, "We have to double up on the love."

This nurse told me that even when it appears that a case was not healed and the person passed on, the family members have told her how much they appreciated the care given to their loved one.

Are we recognizing the potential of Christian Science nursing to meet the human needs; to build bridges and take down walls of opposition and prejudice; to provide the community at large with a system of healing that is effective and reliable? Are we taking every opportunity to explain the role of nursing in Christian Science to others; to encourage people to turn to Christian Science nursing instead of to medicine and hospitals when the physical need demands more attention?

If we find that there are many negative thoughts trying to undermine our confidence in Christian Science treatment or our support of Christian Science nursing, we can and must realize that this is nothing more than aggressive mental suggestion claiming that there could be a power apart from God, which is of course impossible since divine Love is all-powerful. We need to recognize, however, that Christian Science is not our private club; nor is it just one of a number of alternative methods of healing. There is no power to heal outside of God's Science. And there is no power, which can resist, undermine, misrepresent, confuse, or silence the Science of the Christ.

Rev. 10 and 12 certainly describe the period we are in now where the dragon, lust, threatens to carry the woman away in a flood as she attempts to bring the child, the babe of Christian healing forth. Mrs. Eddy says the woman represents generic man, because although Mrs. Eddy fulfilled the prophecy of bringing this healing Truth to the world through her book, *Science and Health*, still, each one of us has to do the same—to bring this babe of Christian healing forth in our own lives. The good thing is, the battle is not ours. The Christ is present to

destroy this false claim that there could be life, truth, intelligence or substance in matter, in the five physical senses, materia medica, sensuality, past mortal history or human personality. None of these things ever had power or reality; they never had a past history, a presence or a future, because Spirit is All-in-all eternally.

But we need to handle the specific claim that man could be a material, physical, sensual being, or that evil could have the intelligence or power to organize, to plot or plan, to mentally manipulate or control. I find the story of Dan in the Bible (Gen. 49:17) and the definition of Dan in *Science & Health* very helpful. Jacob said Dan was like an adder (a poisonous serpent) in the path that bites the horse's heel and causes the rider to fall backwards.

When someone becomes sick and passes on, or a marriage, family or church becomes divided, we may wonder, who was at fault? What caused it? But that is like looking at the rider or his horse to place blame. We need to realize, evil is never person, place or thing (S&H 71:2), but simply aggressive mental suggestion challenging the allness of God, Spirit. It is the serpent in the path that seems to undermine our ability to be healers.

Mrs. Eddy defines Dan as, "Animal magnetism; so-called mortal mind controlling mortal mind; error, working out the designs of error; one belief preying upon another." (S&H 583:26). It is the subtle suggestion that evil could be real in the form of disease, divorce, division, or death; but the Bible says that God, Spirit, alone creates. He made everything very good and never created evil.

"Dan" also represents the suggestion that there could be many minds, some of them evil, and capable of controlling or manipulating our thought like a hypnotist controls a person's thought to make them believe an illusion. But since God, Spirit, is Good alone and is the only Mind communicating to man, then none of us can be mentally manipulated into fearing, criticizing, suffering or giving up. Since infinite divine Love is the only creator and we are all Love's harmonious creation, maintained, upheld, and preserved in Love's purity, then none of us can be the cause or the target of a belief in evil. Good is the only reality of God's spiritual creation.

When we stand firm in this Truth, we are able to prove

the powerlessness of evil and the allness of God, Good. One night I was awakened by a call from a man whose wife had passed on from a heart attack. She had called me previously about heart problems. The husband had attempted to revive her, but when that failed, he called an ambulance to come pick her up. I asked him to put the phone to her ear. Since there is only one Life, one Truth, one Mind, everpresent Spirit, I knew God was governing her. I spoke to her, “You know that God is your Life and that you can never be separated from this divine Life. You know that God is speaking to you every moment through the still, small voice of the Christ. Be obedient; listen and wake up.”

I hung up and began praying. The husband called back to say that she had come back to life immediately and did not remember any of what happened. That was the end any heart problems. Today this woman is a *Journal*-listed practitioner helping many others to find healing.

Revelation 21 and 22 describes a new heaven and new earth, and the city on the hill—New Jerusalem—which Mrs. Eddy says represents divine Science—the practical Science of God’s infinite Love for His perfect creation. In God’s Science “nothing can enter that city, which ‘defileth, . . . or maketh a lie’”, and “there shall be no night there . . . no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain . . .” because all is light. Therefore, inspiration, confidence, wholeness and peace are natural to each of us. (S&H 577:19-27; Rev. 21:27, 25, 4). And Revelation 22 goes on to say that in this city, “the leaves of the trees are for the healing of the nations.” (Rev. 22:2). It is only through spiritual purity and spiritual love that we are able to heal.

The title of our talk today was taken from Mrs. Eddy’s passage on page 265:10 of *Science and Health*: “This scientific sense of being, forsaking matter for Spirit, by no means suggests man’s absorption into Deity and the loss of his identity, but confers upon man enlarged individuality, a wider sphere of thought and action, a more expansive love, a higher and more permanent peace.”

Our love becomes more expansive, more inclusive, more effective as it gets “SELF” totally out of the way—self-love, self-will, self-justification, self-indulgence—and

instead begins and ends always with God, Good: “Thank you, Father-Mother God. You are the only Mind, the only power and presence, filling all space with your infinite goodness. You are the only law, cause and creator and everything you create is good, beautiful, and perfect. Thank you, divine Principle. You give each one of us everything we need to glorify you through healing. Thank you, divine Love. You are infinite Good and You are all-acting, therefore there cannot be any evil action, inaction, overaction, reaction, or diseased action. You, Spirit, are the substance and Life of all being, therefore each one of us naturally expresses health, freedom, wholeness, uprightness, and purity. There can never be a lapse from nor a return to this state of perfection because You, God, are All-in-all, eternally and we are one with you!” This is Christian Science prayer!

Progress, harmony, and peace are the law of God governing each of us, governing High Ridge House and every Christian Science nursing facility. Each of us here today has been given an unspeakable gift—the tender Mother love of the Christ meeting every human need, in this case through nursing, and awakening us to our present wholeness. Now it is our turn to show our gratitude by expanding our love for God and man through sharing this precious gift of Christian Science nursing with the world.



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