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Who robbed the woods,
The trusting woods?
The unsuspecting trees
Brought out their burrs and mosses
His fantasy to please.
He scanned their trinkets, curious,
He grasped, he bore away.
What will the solemn hemlock,
What will the fir-tree say?

From *The Complete Poems*
of Emily Dickinson

Exhibitions

Special Exhibition Gallery:

THE PRINTED WORD — opening
April 15.

TOGETHER in the Service of Chris-
tian Science — continuing until
April 3.

Rotunda: MRS. EDDY AT HOME IN
CHESTNUT HILL — on view from
February 15.

Gallery 2: ORIGINAL PLASTER MODEL
for marble bas-relief of Mary Baker
Eddy at the Chestnut Hill Home, by
William Frederick Pope, Boston
sculptor. Exhibited in Cabinet with
various small likenesses of Mrs.
Eddy.

Gallery 6 (Baker Room): BIBLES USED
BY THE BAKER FAMILY and by Mrs.
Eddy in her youth, together with
original documents and other items
pointing up her early spiritual
training.

FURNITURE AND OTHER ITEMS as-
sociated with Mrs. Eddy.

Christian Science Bible Lessons (Part 2)

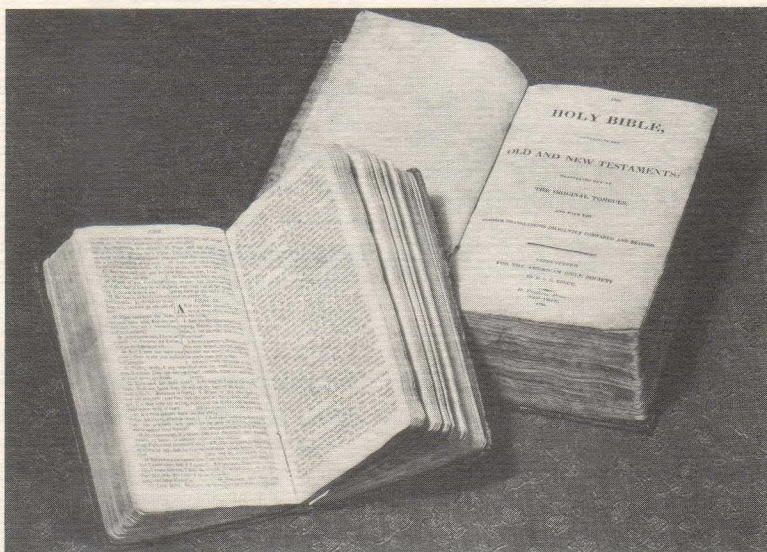
In the Autumn issue of the *Quarterly News* the unfolding of the Bible Lessons from 1883 to 1895 was summarized. The second part of this account follows, from 1895 to the final perfecting of the Lesson-Sermon in content and presentation.

MRS. EDDY CAREFULLY nurtured the young Bible Lessons, termed Lesson-Sermons in the sixth edition of the Church Manual of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., 1897, and step by step, as revealed to her, she refined and brought into final form the Lesson-Sermon and Church service.

An explanatory note to be read at the beginning of the Lesson-Sermon was authorized and inaugurated in January 1897. It was much the same as that read today with the exception of an early change of "shall" to "will" in line 2 and the substitution in 1910 of "divinely authorized," for "authorized by Christ." She rejected any remarks by Readers given from the platform, except those contained in the Quarterly. In 1897 she restricted the naming of the textbook and its author to one announcement in connection with the Lesson-Sermon, and eliminated the use of "Reverend." The reading of the number of chapter and verse for Bible citations was also discontinued at this time. These changes were usually announced in The Christian Science Journal and incorporated in the next edition of the Church Manual.

Communion as established by Mrs. Eddy was from early days a sacred occasion — a time given wholly to spiritual realization. In The Christian Science Journal for August 1889, she clarified for each Christian Scientist the profound opportunity afforded at this service for solemn and silent self-examination. The act of kneeling specified in the original "Order of Communion Services" in the Church Manual of 1900 provides the occasion for this searching prayer for oneself, all other prayers in Christian Science churches being for the specific congregations as required by the Church Manual. (Anyone would be well rewarded by reading the full and inspiring amplification Mrs. Eddy has given on the subject of "Sacrament" on page 259 of the Journal for August 1889.) Communion Sunday had been a time for admitting new members to the Church and this practice was continued through Communion Sunday, December 30, 1894, in The Mother Church when the names of 578 approved candidates were read. Although Communion had been observed over the years, the first provision for this service made in the

BIBLES STUDIED BY MRS. EDDY IN HER YOUTH



Family devotions were read daily from the Baker Family Bible, shown here. It bears Mark Baker's signature. The New Testament with initials M. M. B. on the last page was given by Mary Baker to Lyman Leslie Durgin, chore boy for her father. (On exhibition at Longyear Foundation.)

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Church Manual, was in the third edition, 1895. The first Communion Service introduced in the Christian Science Quarterly was in the July-September issue of 1896, and for a year Communion was observed on the first Sunday of each quarter until July 1897 when semi-annual Communion was introduced, to be observed on the first Sunday in January and July. This was changed to June and December in 1898. It was then decided to hold a single Communion service each year, and thereafter this was observed in June, until 1908 when Communion was discontinued in The Mother Church. These changes affected The Mother Church but not its branches.

In 1900 the Church Manual specified for the first time that Communion was to be observed in branch churches on the second Sunday in June and December, which was changed in 1903 to the second Sunday in January and July. These dates have remained permanent. The "Order of Communion Services" was printed in the Church Manual, 1900, for the first time, although general directions for the service had been given as early as 1895, in the first edition of the Church Manual.

The first version of Mrs. Eddy's Communion Hymn was published in the Journal for February 1889. It differs in significant points from her final wording in the present Hymnal.

The year 1898 was a momentous one in the history of the Bible Lessons. In the July-September Quarterly of that year, Mrs. Eddy introduced the first of her series of subjects for the Lesson-Sermons, these to be used for morning services in all Christian Science churches, while the International Series, used since 1888, were for afternoon or evening services. This practice continued until April 1899 when the International Series was dropped. Mrs. Eddy then established her twenty-six subjects to be used for all future Lesson-Sermons, the sequence of which followed in the main the same order as that used in teaching her classes (Journal, May 1899). The place of "Sacrament" in the sequence had to be adjusted, as Communion Sunday in

branch churches was changed from June and December to January and July, thus bringing this lesson immediately after the one on "God".

It is significant that the Christian Science Quarterly (Bible Lessons) was not copyrighted until 1898, and then in the name of Mary Baker G. Eddy, indicating for the first time her connection with and approval of the publication. Her name was not otherwise associated with the Quarterly until 1910, when she approved the present format and title page. Her last change in the title of a Lesson-Sermon was in October 1910, when *alias* was substituted for "or" and "denounced" added at the end of "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, or, Mesmerism and Hypnotism" thus reading "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, *alias*, Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced." Since 1890 the size and design of the Quarterly has changed several times, always in the direction of greater convenience and usefulness. The approximate standard size now used was introduced in 1909.

Thus the Christian Science Quarterly, unlike other Christian Science publications established by Mrs. Eddy, developed from small beginnings aimed at meeting Sunday School needs, but under Mrs. Eddy's loving guidance it emerged as the permanent means of fulfilling the function of the impersonal Pastor she had ordained.

Acting in Time

THE ORIGINAL COLLECTION OF Mr. and Mrs. John Munro Longyear has been substantially augmented and enriched by the acquiring of authentic objects, manuscripts, photographs, portraits and other items related to Mrs. Eddy and the early years in the development of the Cause of Christian Science. The Trustees of Longyear Foundation will receive, with gratitude, information about authentic material that may be available through gift, bequest, or purchase — or loan.

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Called to Serve



ELDORA O. GRAGG, C.S.D.

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TWO READERS, A MAN AND A WOMAN, were required for the effective functioning of the new Pastor of The Mother Church — the Bible and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures. Judge Septimus J. Hanna was appointed a Reader immediately upon the announcement of the new Pastor by Mrs. Eddy. In the second week of January, 1895, Mrs. Eldora O. Gragg was appointed a Second Reader and asked to begin her work at once, which she did on January 20. Thus came into being the Christian Science service much as we have it today. Until December 1898, the First Reader conducted all services and read from the Scriptures, while the Second Reader read from Science and Health. The Readers' assignments were then reversed and since 1898, the Second Reader has read from the Bible and the First Reader from the textbook.

MRS. ELDORA O. GRAGG, the first Second Reader in The Mother Church, was healed in 1884 of a disease pronounced incurable, and thereafter she became a lifelong student of Christian Science. Taught first by a loyal student of Mrs. Eddy, Mrs. Emily M. Meader, she later studied with Mrs. Eddy and had Normal Class with her, thus be-

coming a teacher. Over the years Mrs. Gragg taught almost a thousand students.

She was one of forty Christian Scientists to contribute \$1000 each to the Building Fund of the original edifice of The Mother Church as a Christmas gift to Mrs. Eddy on December 25, 1893. Mrs. Gragg and the Association of her students presented the chimes for the tower.

In 1892 Mrs. Eddy appointed Mrs. Gragg one of the twelve students entrusted with the organization of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, known as The Mother Church, and she became one of its First Members, actively participating in its government until 1901, when the responsibilities of government passed entirely to the Board of Directors.

According to the official biographical sketch of her in the Longyear Foundation Collection, Mrs. Gragg served for more than seven years as Second Reader without missing a single service during this time. Thus as practitioner, teacher, Reader, and First Member she was truly an early builder of the Christian Science Church.

NOTE: An article on the First Members will appear in the next issue of the Quarterly News.

For Bible Students

STUDENTS OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE are well aware of their religious tenets, the first of which recognizes that all Christian Scientists are adherents of Truth and that they seek the inspired Word of the Bible to guide them. With this in mind, the QUARTERLY NEWS calls to the attention of students desiring to probe more deeply into the Word of the Bible, the rich and rewarding source of information and study to be found in the Zion Research Library, adjoining Longyear Foundation. The Zion Research Library is a nonsectarian Protestant library devoted to the critical study of the Bible and the history of the Christian church. Founded and separately endowed by Mr. and Mrs. Longyear, it houses an excellent collection of early Bibles as well as com-

prehensive titles for general reference, and artifacts which illumine Biblical days and ways. Books may be read in the Library, which is open to those interested in Biblical research, and may be borrowed from it directly or by mail. Address: Zion Research Library, 120 Seaver Street, Brookline, Massachusetts 02146. The NEW BOOKS list is available on request.

Questions ?

FRIENDS of Longyear Foundation who have questions of a historical nature regarding the early history of Christian Science are invited to send them to Longyear Foundation. These will be answered as soon as possible in coming issues of Quarterly News or through direct correspondence.

Notes

AMONG RECENT GIFTS to Longyear Foundation is a portrait of Lady Victoria Murray, reproduced from a very fine original watercolor in the possession of her sister. Lady Victoria was a pioneer Christian Scientist in England and an active participant in the establishment of the church at Manchester. The portrait has been presented by her sister, Lady Mildred FitzGerald of London. A biographical sketch of Lady Victoria with a reproduction of the portrait will be published in a forthcoming issue of the Quarterly News.

FRIENDS FROM MANY QUARTERS have helped wonderfully in filling the gaps in the Foundation's sequence of editions of Science and Health and the Church Manual. Still missing, however, are editions 18, 20, 21, 29, 32, 39, 40, 45, 46, and 75 of Science and Health, all published before 1893. The Foundation would be grateful for information leading to the acquisition of these volumes.

Music at Longyear

A PROGRAM of organ music and hymns was presented in the Music Room of Longyear Foundation on Saturday, December 19, 1964. The program was selected with special reference to Mrs. Eddy and to Christmas. Various songs associated with Mrs. Eddy on special occasions were included, among them "Flee as a Bird" rendered from a copy of the song presented to Longyear Foundation by Miss Julia S. Bartlett and having on its margin the following note: "Back in the years from 1882 of the College Mr. Frye would play the piano while Mrs. Eddy would sing this sweet song, one of her favorites, in the evening often, with the rest of us sitting around and enjoying it with her."

Miss Gertrude Litchfield played the organ, presenting short works by Bach, Brahms, Corelli, and others, and accompanying the hymn-singing. Since seating space was limited, seats were first offered to "Friends of Longyear Foundation," and the remaining available seats were assigned in order of application. Other programs will be presented from time to time.

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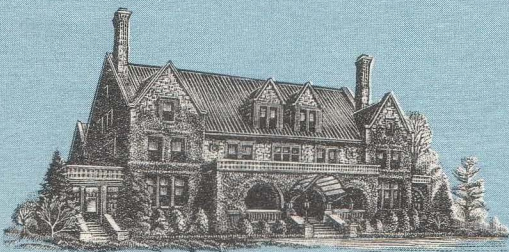
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