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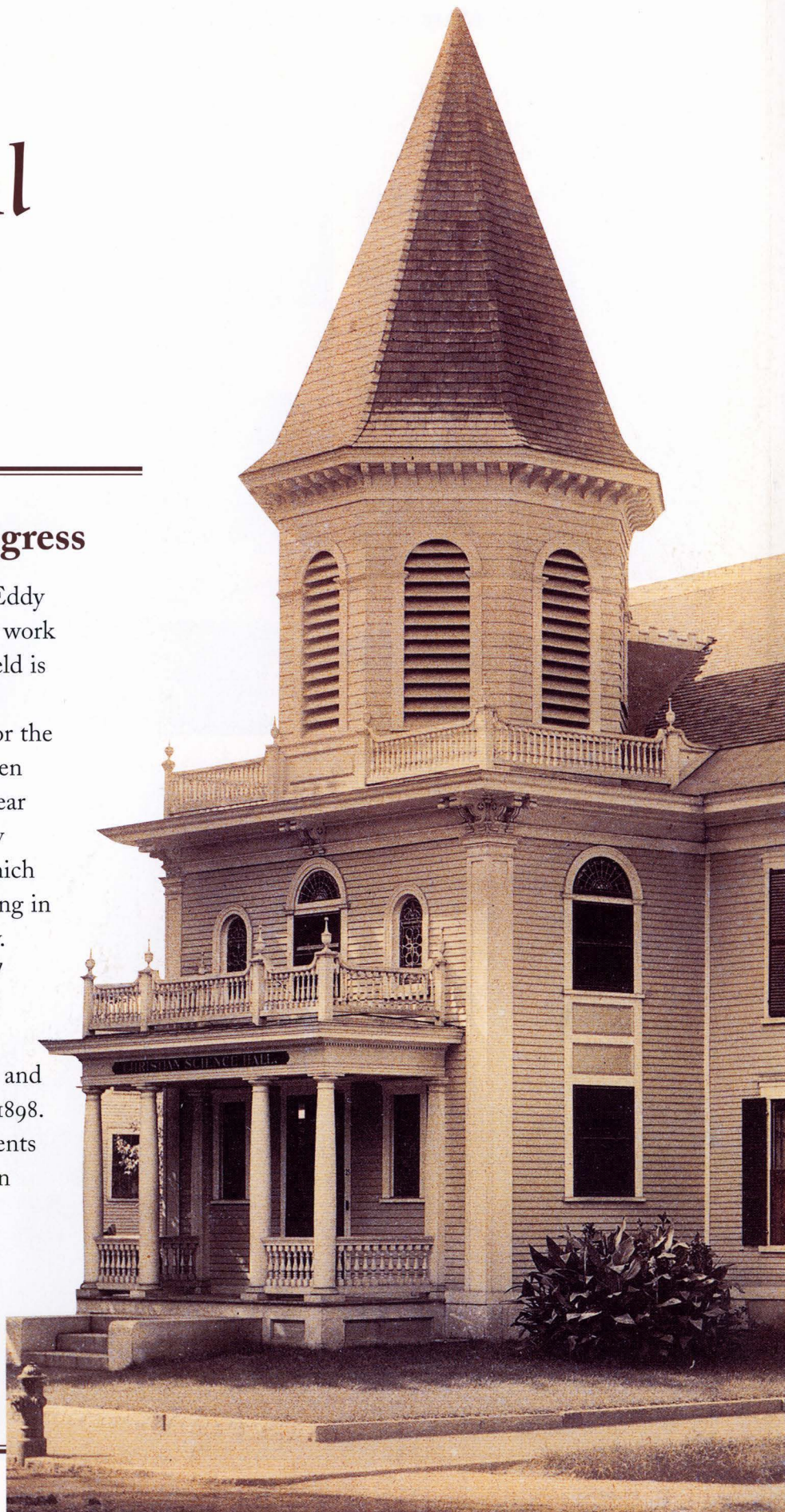
1898: A Year Full of Progress

On September 19, 1898, Mary Baker Eddy wrote to one of her students, "I am at work continually for the good of all. The field is large, the laborers are few."

Her words, "at work continually for the good of all," ring true, and perhaps even have a note of understatement! The year 1898 proved to be one of extraordinary activity for Mrs. Eddy — a year in which she strengthened her Church by putting in place many elements so familiar today.

In this issue of *Longyear Historical Review*, we present material from the Longyear Museum collection that illustrates many of the decisive moves and forward steps taken by Mrs. Eddy in 1898.

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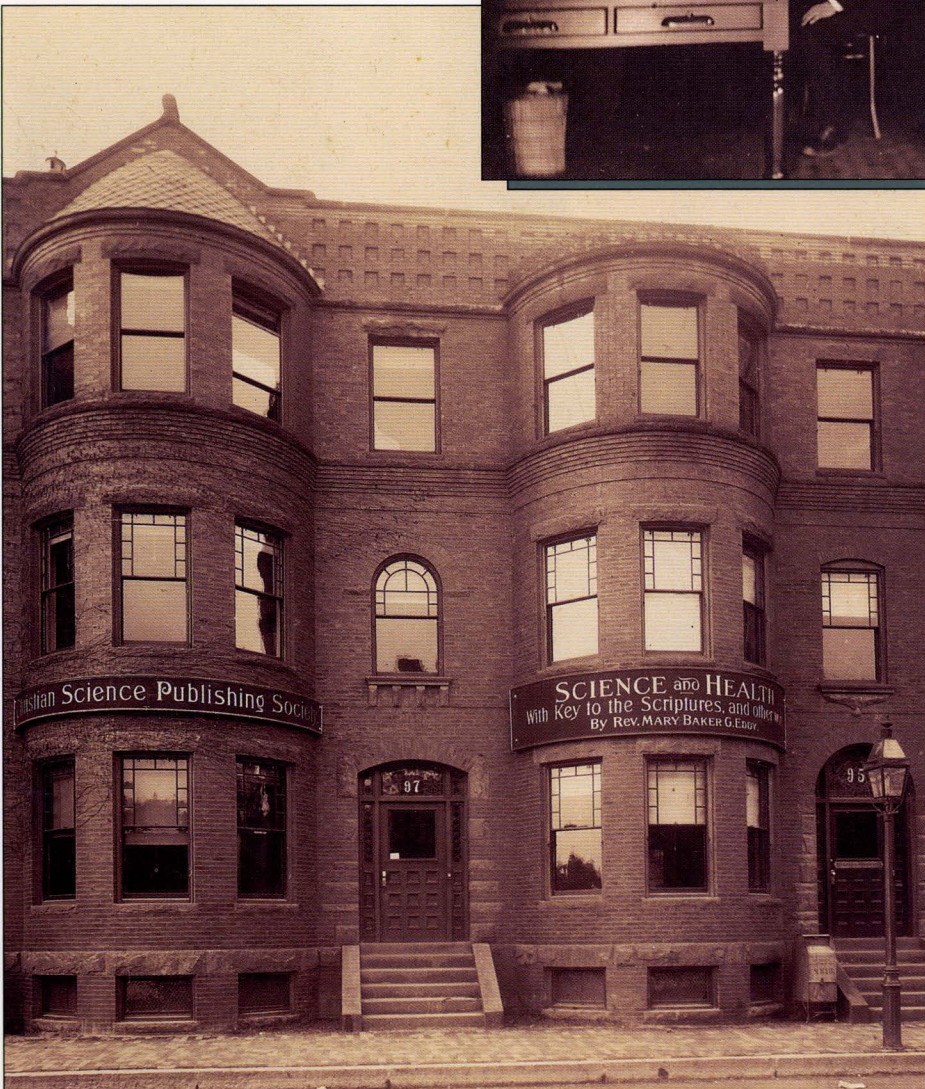


Christian Science Hall, Concord, New Hampshire

January 25, 1898: Mary Baker Eddy founds The Christian Science Publishing Society

During January 1898, Mrs. Eddy worked out the details of the Deed of Trust through which she established The Christian Science Publishing Society. See "A Gift to The Mother Church, and a Grant of Trusteeship" (*The Christian Science Journal*, Vol. XV, February 1898, p. 661).

Interior of Christian Science Publishing Society, about 1898



Christian Science Publishing Society, 95-97 Falmouth Street, Boston

Photograph from *Illustrated Historical Sketches Portraying the Advancement in Christian Science*, published by H.L. Dunbar in 1898

January: Mrs. Eddy establishes the Christian Science Board of Lectureship

The first members of the Board of Lectureship were Irving C. Tomlinson, Carol Norton, Edward A. Kimball, William P. McKenzie, and George Tomkins (not pictured). Annie M. Knott and Sue Harper Mims

joined the Board of Lectureship a few months later. Irving Tomlinson delivered the first Christian Science lecture under the auspices of the Board of Lectureship, in Lynn, Massachusetts, on February 14, 1898.



Irving C. Tomlinson
Concord, New Hampshire



Annie M. Knott
Detroit, Michigan



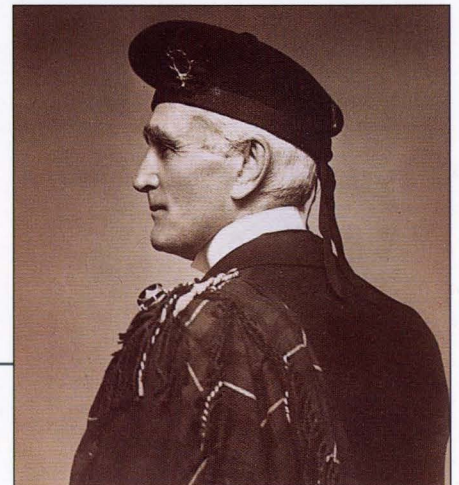
Carol Norton
New York, New York



Sue Harper Mims
Atlanta, Georgia



Edward A. Kimball
Chicago, Illinois
Shown with daughter
Edna and wife Kate



William P. McKenzie
Boston, Massachusetts

February 27: Mary Baker Eddy preaches at Christian Science Hall

Subject: "Not Matter, but Mind" Text: Psalm 91

Interior of Christian Science Hall, Concord, New Hampshire



Extracts from *The Boston Herald*:

"Mrs. H. K. Harrison, soloist, of Boston, [sang] 'Saw Ye My Saviour,' a church communion hymn, also written by Mrs. Eddy.

"Mrs. Harrison lost her voice for some months, and is said to have been recently restored to health by Christian Science.... This is the first time she has sung in public since her recovery.

"Mrs. Eddy then stepped to the desk and read the Psalm xci., which she characterized as containing more meaning than is condensed into so many words anywhere else in all literature, save in the Lord's Prayer....

"She made this Psalm her text, and, taking it, passage by passage, explained its meaning with an eloquence that held her congregation's profound attention for 45 minutes. She spoke extemporaneously, ... and she explained the doctrines of her faith with striking simplicity and richness of illustration...."

PSALM 91

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

3. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

4. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6. Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

7. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

8. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

10. There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

16. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Boston Globe's account of Mrs. Eddy's sermon

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS.

They Hear Rev Mary Baker Eddy Preach at Concord,;

Venerable Founder, of the Body Has a Large Audience.

Party of Bostonians Go by Special Train to Attend Service.

CONCORD, N H, Feb 27—Rev Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian Science, visited her church here today, at the usual hour for service, and delivered an address which extended over three-quarters of an hour.

Before speaking she read the 91st psalm, which she denominated the pearl of the psalter. She announced as her subject, "Not Matter, but Mind," and said the way it is found was, first, by the knowledge of God, and second, by the understanding of God.

The audience listened with great attention during the whole address, which was delivered extemporaneously, with vigor and rare eloquence. The church was entirely filled before the time for service, and many were unable to find even standing room.

Mrs Eddy is in remarkably good health, and read from the scriptures without the use of glasses.

A large party of Christian Scientists came here from Boston by special train to attend the services.

June: Mary Baker Eddy, Pastor Emeritus, sends Communion message
to The Mother Church: *Christian Science versus Pantheism*

**Christian Science
versus Pantheism.**

BY
MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

1898-1899 Ed.

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"This closing century, and its successors,
will make strong claims on religion, and
demand that the inspired Scriptural
commands be fulfilled."

Mary Baker Eddy
Christian Science versus Pantheism, p. 12

Christian Science versus Pantheism.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE TO THE MOTHER CHURCH, ON THE
OCCASION OF THE JUNE COMMUNION, 1898.

Subject: Not Pantheism, but Christian Science.

BELOVED BRETHREN: Since last you gathered at the feast of our passover, the winter winds have come and gone; the rushing winds of March have shrieked and hummed their hymns; the frown and smile of April, the laugh of May, have fled; and the roseate blush of joyous June is here and ours.

In unctuous unison with nature mortals are hoping and working, putting off outgrown, wornout, or soiled garments—the pleasures and pains of sensation and the sackcloth of waiting—for the springtide of Soul. For what a man seeth he hopeth not for, but hopeth for what he hath not seen, and waiteth patiently the appearing thereof. The night is far spent,

First edition of
Christian Science versus Pantheism,
by Mary Baker Eddy

Read at the Communion service
June 5, 1898, and printed in September

July: Mrs. Eddy's twenty-six Lesson-Sermon subjects are introduced
in *The Christian Science Quarterly*

LESSONS FOR THE QUARTER.

- July 3, 1898.
GOD.
Brethren Should Dwell Together in Unity. 1 Kings, 12: 16-25
- July 10, 1898
LIFE.
Elijah's Proof that God is the Source of Supply. 1 Kings, 17: 1-16
- July 17, 1898.
TRUTH.
Elijah Converting the People from Baal to God. 1 Kings, 18: 30-40
- July 24, 1898.
LOVE.
Elijah's Communion with God on Mount Horeb. 1 Kings, 19: 1-16
- July 31, 1898.
SPIRIT.
Ahab Gains a Vineyard Through Treachery. 1 Kings, 21: 4-16
- August 7, 1898.
SOUL.
Elijah's Realization of the Omnipotence of God. 2 Kings, 2: 6-15
- August 14, 1898.
MIND.
The Dead Raised to Life. 2 Kings, 4: 25-37
- August 21, 1898.
CHRIST JESUS.
Naaman Cleansed from Leprosy. 2 Kings, 5: 1-14
- August 28, 1898.
MAN.
Elisha Divinely Protected. 2 Kings, 6: 8-18

Lesson-Sermon subjects in the
July-September issue of *The
Christian Science Quarterly*, 1898

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE BIBLE LESSONS.

Vol. IX. JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER. No. 2.

July 3, 1898.—Morning Lesson (for Communion Service).

Subject: GOD.

Golden Text: "God is Love; and he that dwelleth in Love dwelleth in God and God in him." 1 John, 4: 16.

Responsive Reading:—Psalm 103: 1-5; 1 John, 4: 7-11.

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
- 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
- 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
- 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God;

NOTE.—The text is that of the Common, or Authorized Version. In the Bible references a dash indicates the use of verses referred to with all between. In the Science and Health references, the figures preceding the dash indicate the page; those following the dash, the line at which the reading begins. Unless the lines are specifically mentioned the reading stops at the end of the paragraph. When using editions between the Fiftieth and Eightieth, subtract twelve pages after page 440. All Science and Health references refer to editions later than the Seventy-ninth.


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The subjects given by Mrs. Eddy were used for the morning service, while other services on Sunday employed topics from the "International Series" (interdenominational Bible lessons selected by a committee drawn from various Protestant churches, used by Christian Scientists from 1888 to 1899, and still used by many denominations today).

In early 1899, Mrs. Eddy provided a By-Law that Churches of Christ, Scientist, discontinue use of the International Series topics for Sunday services (*Christian Science Sentinel*, Vol. I, February 23, 1899, p. 15).

September: Mrs. Eddy launches the *Christian Science Sentinel*

The Christian Science Weekly

Published  Thursday
By The Christian Science Publishing Society

VOL. 1 BOSTON, MASS., U.S.A., SEPTEMBER 1, 1898. NO. 1

SALUTATORY.

WE herewith launch a new publication in connection with our movement. The growing necessities of the situation seem to demand, at times, a speedier means of communication with the Field than our monthly *Journal* affords. New or amended By-Laws and Church Rules, which, from time to time, are passed to meet accruing needs and emergencies, should sometimes reach the Field more promptly than is possible with only a monthly messenger. The *Weekly* is projected, in part at least, to meet this need. Then, too, our files contain many communications in the nature of experiences, testimonies, and dissertations which, for want of space in the *Journal*, must often be indefinitely laid aside or entirely withheld from publication, and which are too valuable and helpful to meet such a fate. The *Weekly* will tend to remedy this difficulty and afford an additional means of spreading the good Word.

Let it not be inferred, however, that the *Weekly* is to take the place of the *Journal*. Not so. The *Journal* occupies, and shall ever occupy, a necessary and distinctive place in the history and literature of Christian Science. It can never, by the logic of events, sink lower in the scale of its mission and existence, but by the necessity of growth and progress, must continue in an ascending scale to perform the important function which gave it birth. Its establishment was fraught with far too much of sacrifice, struggle, and hardship,—its place in the rise and progress of the Cause has been, is, and shall continue to be, much too important, to admit of its losing one jot or tittle of its proverbial value. The *Weekly* will be but a convenient, and, we trust and believe, an invaluable adjunct to the *Journal*; a friend and co-laborer, as it were.

It is likely we shall hear from our beloved Leader, the Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, through its columns, from time to time. It will not, however, we feel warranted in saying, become, by any means, an exclusive avenue of communication from her to the Field. She will regard the *Journal*—her first born—as the more important and regular channel for the impartation of her words of loving counsel, admonition, and rebuke to her large and rapidly increasing family of children. The *Journal* will be the mother publication; the *Weekly* its child.

It will be a feature of the *Weekly* to supply, in each issue, a brief synopsis of the current events of the world, sufficient, perhaps, to keep the busy workers fairly well informed as to the more important facts of general interest.

For prices and terms see the advertisement on the fourth page.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Saturday, August 20, witnessed a grand parade of battle-ships on North River, New York. Sampson and Schley and their men came home in six steel ships, and their coming was the occasion of the most enthusiastic demonstration by the citizens of New York.

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First issue of the *Christian Science Sentinel*

At first titled simply *The Christian Science Weekly*, the periodical received a more descriptive name from Mrs. Eddy in January 1899: *Christian Science Sentinel*. At the same time, she gave it a motto, in Christ Jesus' words: "WHAT I SAY UNTO YOU I SAY UNTO ALL, WATCH. — Jesus."

The *Sentinel* enabled Mrs. Eddy to communicate with her followers more rapidly than she could through the monthly publication *The Christian Science Journal*, which she had founded in 1883.

Judge Septimus & Camilla Hanna

Judge Hanna was Editor of the *Christian Science* periodicals for ten years, 1892–1902, and his wife, Camilla, was Assistant Editor.

The Hannas were members of Mrs. Eddy's November 1898 class.



November 21-22: "I have a great blessing in store for you ..."

Mary Baker Eddy teaches her last class

Mary Baker Eddy

Circa 1892



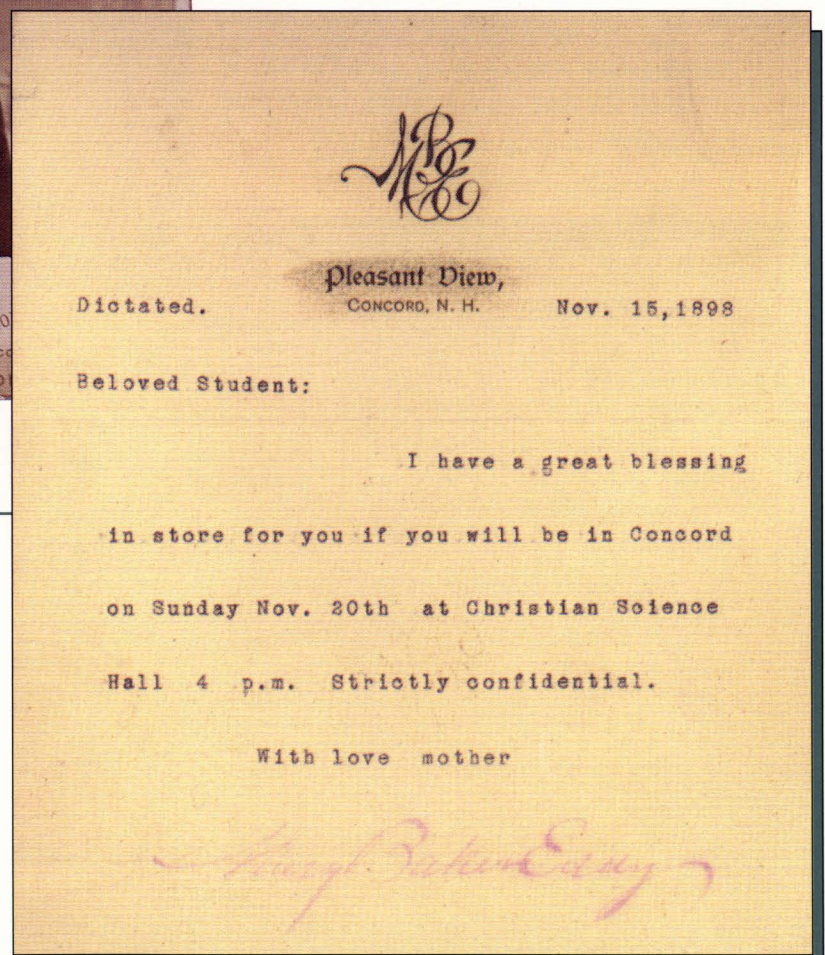
Nearly seventy people, some traveling considerable distances, responded swiftly to Mrs. Eddy's request to be at Christian Science Hall at four o'clock on Sunday, November 20. When they had assembled, Edward Kimball read a letter from Mrs. Eddy in which she explained that she would teach them one or more lessons on Christian Science. Quoting the Ninety-first Psalm (the text of her sermon the previous February), she wrote:

"The 'secret place,' whereof David sang, is unquestionably man's spiritual state in God's own image and likeness, even the inner sanctuary of divine Science, in which mortals do not enter without a struggle or sharp experience, and in which they put off the human for the divine." (*The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, p. 244.)

Letter of invitation to Mrs. Eddy's
1898 Normal Class

See "An Important Event," *The Christian Science Journal*, Vol. XVI, December 1898, p. 588, and the following reminiscences in *We Knew Mary Baker Eddy* (The Christian Science Publishing Society, 1979):

Emma Easton Newman
George Wendell Adams
Sue Harper Mims
Emma C. Shipman



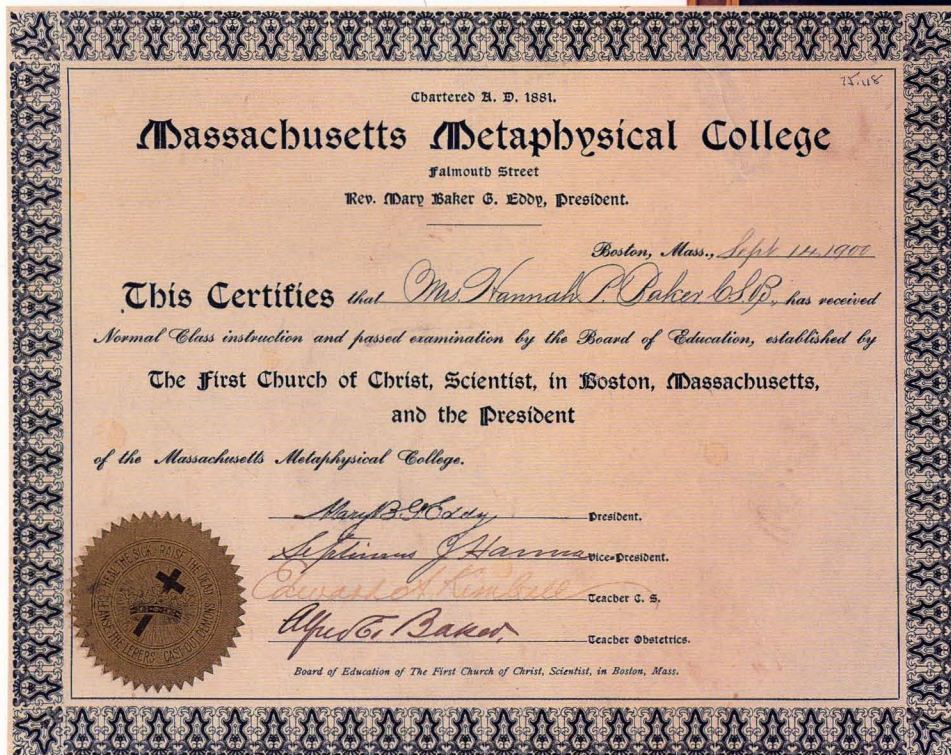
December: Mrs. Eddy lays foundations of Committee on Publication and Christian Science Board of Education

As 1898 came to a close, Mrs. Eddy's work continued unabated, as she founded the Committee on Publication and the Christian Science Board of Education.

At first, the Committee on Publication consisted of three people, but in 1900 Mrs. Eddy would select Alfred Farlow to serve as a committee of one. The late 1890s saw Farlow pioneering this work of correcting public misconceptions about Christian Science and injustices done to Mrs. Eddy or Church members.

In late 1898 Mrs. Eddy established the Board of Education, which convened its first Normal class just a few weeks later, on January 2, 1899.

Alfred Farlow
Portrait by
I.M. Gaugengigl



A Normal class certificate from the Board of Education

December: Mary Baker Eddy's poem, "Christmas Morn," is published

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE JOURNAL.

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds."

VOL. XVI. DECEMBER, 1898. No. 9.

CHRISTMAS HYMN.

BY MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

BLEST Christmas morn, could murky clouds
Pursue thy way
Or light be born? no storm enshrouds
Thy dawn or day!

Dear Christ, forever here and near,
No cradle song,
Nor natal hour and mother's tear,
To thee belong.

Thou God-idea, Life-encrowned,
The Bethlehem babe
Beloved, adored, replete, renowned,
Was but thy shade.

Thou living gleam of deathless Love,
O little Life!
So infinite—so far above
All mortal strife,

Or creed, or earth-born taint,
Fill us to-day

With all thou art—be thou our saint—
Our stay, alway.

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First publication of
"Christmas Hymn"
The Christian Science Journal,
Vol. XVI, December 1898, p. 587

When readers of *The Christian Science Journal* opened the December 1898 issue, they were greeted by a new poem by Mrs. Eddy.

Originally entitled "Christmas Hymn," it was included in the 1905 edition of the *Christian Science Hymnal*.

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Christian Science Hall



Stained glass window from Christian Science Hall, Concord, New Hampshire

This window, which is part of the Longyear Museum collection, was originally in the auditorium of Christian Science Hall (see photographs at right and on page 4).

In October 1897, Mrs. Eddy approved plans for renovation of a house she had purchased for Christian Science worship in Concord.

She daily inspected the construction, and when ill health threatened the carpenters' foreman, she healed him on the spot (see *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, p. 145).

Work went speedily forward, and grateful Christian Scientists held their first services in the new "Christian Science Hall" on December 5, 1897.

Mrs. Eddy's gifts, however, did not stop here. At the end of January 1898, she gave \$100,000 to construct a granite edifice for First Church of Christ, Scientist, Concord, New Hampshire. Christian Science Hall was razed to make way for the new church building, which was dedicated on July 17, 1904.

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