

Annual Report of Christian Science Church

Following is a report of the annual meeting of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, held June 3, 1935, in Boston, Mass.

Boston, Mass., June 3—A call to renewed activity in the daily application of Christian Science was issued today at the annual meeting of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., by the Christian Science board of directors.

Church officers in their reports divulged marked growth of the movement throughout the world, and increased demand for the writings of Mary Baker Eddy, Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science.

George Wendell Adams, speaking as chairman of the board of directors, stressed the need for interest not only in problems of individuals, "but also in the general welfare of the world. Truth and Love hold guard over the whole world as well as over the minutest occupant of it," the directors said.

"In these days of unrest, with rumors of vital disagreements among nations, we should turn often in prayerful expectancy that nation shall not rise up against nation, but that Love, God, will be acknowledged as supreme in the affairs of men. In reality, men and nations do not envy and hate each other; because they have one heavenly Father they respect and love each other."

Referring to the new Christian Science Publishing House which increased demand for Christian Science literature made necessary, Mr. Adams asserted that while wholesome activity in the movement continues, "the putting up of buildings, however beautiful and necessary they may be, does not in itself lay the foundation for spiritual enlightenment which is essential to meet the demands of humanity. To be enduring, growth must be the result

of earnest, active spiritual effort." The election of A. Barry Bacon as new president of The Mother Church was announced. Mr. Bacon succeeds Dr. John M. Brewer, associate professor at Harvard Graduate School of Education.

New readers elected to serve in the Mother Church for the next three years are Ralph B. Scholfield and Miss Florence Siever Middaugh. Edward L. Ripley and Ezra W. Palmer, both of Brookline, Mass., were re-elected treasurer and clerk of the church, respectively.

Mr. Scholfield, who will conduct church services, was born at Howden, Yorkshire, England. He was educated at Eton College, where he first experienced the healing influence of Christian Science. Entering business in London, he worked with a firm of marine insurance underwriters at Lloyd's. During the World War he served as captain of infantry with a British regiment.

In 1907 he joined First Church of Christ, Scientist, in London and has served that church as first reader and chairman of its board of directors. Since 1919 he has devoted all his time to the public practice of Christian Science, and in 1930 was elected to the Christian Science board of lecturership.

Miss Middaugh, the second reader, is a native of Colorado and was educated in the schools of Denver. She has been a student of Christian Science for more than twenty years, and a member of the Mother Church since 1918; she has had membership with branch churches in Denver and in Los Angeles, Calif., and has served as soloist in Christian Science churches during sixteen years, six of which were with the Mother Church.

Mr. Bacon, the new president, was born in Pontiac, Mich., but when quite young his parents moved to Washington, D.C., where he spent his boyhood and received his education. Entering the retail business world, he located in Boston, where he has steadily advanced and is now president of one of the oldest specialty department stores in New England.

He became interested in Christian Science shortly after coming to Boston through the severe illness of a member of his family. In the year 1900 he was made a member of the Mother Church, and has served it

actively and faithfully. He is also president and a director of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Marshfield, Mass.

In his address Mr. Bacon asserted the modern need for accepting the Bible axiom, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

"During the past four years of the so-called depression," he said, "when the whole world has struggled under unemployment, lack, want, and woe, Christian Science has come to the rescue of many, and through the application of this Science, they have been healed of erroneous conditions. In the midst of this period the building of our new publishing house was wisely undertaken. Thereby many people were given employment, much money was put into circulation, and an example of courage and perseverance in right-doing was presented with resulting benefit."

The fruitage of Christian Science in healing all manner of disease and disorder, was attested in selected testimonials read by Mrs. Marjorie C. Mulock of Detroit, Mich. Among some of the healings reported were pernicious anemia, epilepsy, mental instability, rheumatoid arthritis, atrophied limbs, defective eyesight and distressing stoppage of speech.

William W. Davis, executive supervisor of Christian Science charitable and benevolent institutions, reported increased guests and associates at both the Pacific Coast and Chestnut Hill Sanatoriums as well as abundant loving support to the Christian Science Pleasant View Home. "After being our guests for short periods, business men and women church workers and home workers frequently report that they have returned to their work with renewed assurance, hope and courage, qualities that have been reflected, in turn, in improvements in their homes and business surroundings."

Members of the board of lecturership carried Christian Science messages to the four corners of the globe it was disclosed at the meeting. They lectured in the British Isles, Continental Europe and Scandinavia, Australasia, Hawaii and the Orient, Africa, Bermuda, and the West Indies, Mexico, and the Canal Zone, the United States, Canada and Alaska.

Roland R. Harrison, manager of the Christian Science Publishing Society, reported a distinct improvement in the quality of articles submitted for publication in the religious periodicals, attributable, he said, to greater spiritual progress in the field.

Commenting on an encouragingly higher circulation trend for all periodicals, particular attention was paid to the Christian Science Monitor. "The average daily net paid circulation of the Monitor for the six months ended March 28, 1935, was 136,608—the highest sustained average over any six months' period in the history of the paper," he said. "Readers of the Monitor have been able to depend upon its discerning and impartial presentation of vital news in the United States, Europe and the Far East—recorded faithfully and fully in the perspective of its social importance."

An outstanding development in the dissemination of news by this international daily paper is the presentation of "The Monitor Views the News," reported on by C. Augustus Norwood, manager of committees on publication. Nearly 200 stations in North America were asserted to be outlets for this service furnished by co-operation of the Monitor, committees on publication and radio stations.

Originally the main duty of the committees on publication, as set forth in the church manual, was the correction of impositions on the public in regard to Christian Science.

Mr. Norwood added that "Christian Science is now so well known that published misstatements calling for corrections are comparatively few." And that "reports of our lesson-sermons in the Christian Science Quarterly are each week reaching

millions of people through newspapers, including four metropolitan dailies of New York City."

The addition of 73 new branches of the Mother Church, 47 in North America, one in South America, 17 in Europe, two in Asia, two in Africa, and four in Australasia, were listed by Miss Rosamund Wright, manager of the department of branches and practitioners.

Ezra Palmer, clerk of the church, noted in particular numerous letters received from young people showing their comprehension of Christian Science and their ability to demonstrate it. In welcoming these into church membership he recalled the words of Mrs. Eddy in "Miscellaneous Writings, "Beloved children, the world has need of you and more as children than as men and women; it needs your innocence, unselfishness, faithful affection, uncontaminated lives."

An increase of 29.5 per cent in the sales of Mrs. Eddy's works over the previous year was recorded by William M. Bartlett, secretary of the

trustees under the will of Mary Baker Eddy. "The world's need for the healing truths of Christian Science has grown more and more pressing during the two decades just passed," Mr. Bartlett pointed out. "The list of publications which in 1915 consisted of 39 items has expanded to more than 200; with new books and translations authorized and now under way, to be published within the next 12 months, will add 30 new items to the list."

Approximately 6000 persons, representing but a fraction of the total membership of the Mother Church, crowded the great auditorium to the third gallery, overflowing into the original edifice adjoining.

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