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**OUR THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY**

By Mary Baker Eddy

“Every day, every hour, our work increases in effectiveness and power.”

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**THINK UPON THIS**

Mistaking his origin and nature, man believes himself to be combined matter and Spirit. (S&H 171:17-18)

**CHRISTMAS**

As the Christmas Season approaches, each is encouraged to keep CHRIST in CHRISTmas. This can be accomplished most easily by remembering that Christmas is not a holiday, but a most Holy Day.

**JIM'S CORNER**

**HEALING**

The only claims that Christian Science cannot heal are conveniently all listed in our Textbook on page 500.

**A QUOTE FROM THE PAST  
PREPAREDNESS**

By

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

For all your days prepare,  
And meet them ever alike.  
When you are the anvil, bear,  
When you are the hammer, strike.

We each have put ample time in as an anvil, 'tis  
now time to be a hammer.

**FOR OUR NATION  
OUR CONGRESSMEN**

Each congressman is a spiritual idea, obedient to the Mind that made him, his only purpose is to fulfill the Divine will.

**A TREATMENT  
Tony from Georgia**

WATCH that the church lose not its saltiness and savour and remain a light unto the world.

“Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need.” (S&H).

Argument: that I am not qualified (not spiritual enough, haven't learned enough) to meet a need or complete an important job, task, or activity is a rank error — a malicious mental suggestion and has not one element of truth. It is a lie and the liar. God, Principle, is “the great I AM;” all-acting, all-loving; intelligence, and “Man is the expression of God's being”; therefore, my activity is that which “proceeds from divine Principle.” (S&H)

Argument: that I am comfortable where I am and will rest here is a false suggestion of stagnation and inertia and is not possible for God's spiritual creation. “Progress is the law of God, whose law demands of us only what we can certainly fulfil.” (S&H)

“Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven....Ye are the salt of the earth....Ye are the light of the world....Let your light so shine before men....For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.” (Matthew 5)

## VISITORS

Recently, we have had a number of out-of-town members visit us here in Plainfield. We are always filled with gratitude to greet our members and friends from afar. Very recently, we were visited by Betty and her husband Dave from California, Janet and her husband Barry from Georgia, Fairlie and her husband David from Maryland, Lynda and Chardell from Pennsylvania, Tom often comes from New York City for Bible classes and Sunday services, and Luanne from New York State, who drove seven hours to come for a long weekend.

## TESTIMONY OF THANKSGIVING Luanne from New York State

During this time of year, many people go home to reunite with family and friends and enjoy the warmth and love of the season. Until my trip to the Plainfield Church, there was no such place for me. My family does not get together for the holidays, and I have been missing that sense of home, where you are greeted with warm smiles and pleasant conversation. Last weekend when I was able to be with my new family and friends, it overwhelmingly filled that void.

I am so thankful that there is a place to go to, when the electricity and phone lines have failed and I cannot seem to find God on my own. A place that radiates God's love so perfectly, that it fulfills its purpose of uplifting the race and rousing the dormant understanding. A place where brotherly love is so apparent it could not be misinterpreted or pushed aside by doubt. It is truly a place that is held in the hand of Principle and cannot be denied the Christ presence.

I am so thankful for the sacrifices of so many who have learned Christian Science within its walls, and established a place to work from that shines an enormous amount of Light, so that I, too, may be lifted out of the carnal mind. I would be spending years, struggling along without that inspiration or hope of success. For me, there is no greater joy or sense of Home, than being in the Christ presence that is so abundant in the Plainfield Church. God does not leave us hoping for such a place, He provides it to us. Neither does He extinguish the sun and tell us to read about the light that fills all spaces, nor does He remove the lighthouse from the rocky shores.

I am so thankful to be a part of this church and to learn and grow in Science, in the true manner, which Mrs. Eddy has sacrificed so much for, to awaken us from our sleep, and fulfill God's purpose.

I am thankful for my practitioner and the many healings I have received.

I am so very thankful to Thee, our Father-Mother God, for providing a place where Your children sing your praise, in one accord. A Home for giving thanks.

## MRS. EDDY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

MY HOUSEHOLD

*Beloved:* — A word to the wise is sufficient. Mother wishes you all a *happy Christmas*, a feast of Soul and a famine of sense.

Lovingly thine,

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