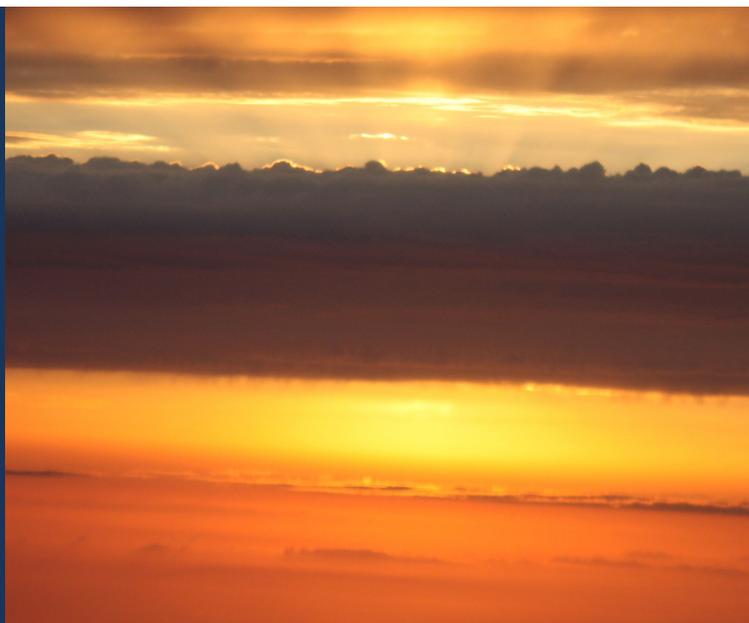


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*Christian Science Nursing
as a provision of the Manual
of The Mother Church,
safeguards, supports, dignifies,
and defends the ministry
of Christian Science healing.
More than a mere human
activity, it fully demonstrates
“...the spirit of Christ’s charity.”*

Science and Health
with Key to the Scriptures
by Mary Baker Eddy, P. XII



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Thank you for supporting the service!

EACH of you receiving this newsletter plays a vital role in support of the Christian Science Visiting Nurse Service of New Hampshire, and we thank you.

Prayer is the foundational currency which sustains the service. We’d love to hear your thoughts and fruitage from your prayerful support, especially as it relates to this year’s metaphysical theme “*To live so as to keep human consciousness in constant relation with the divine, the spiritual and the eternal...*” (My 160:5)

We know you’ll enjoy reading the report from Pat Cameron, our nurse. She shares not only fruitage from her work, but also something of when and why you might want to call for her help. Reports from the board chair and treasurer give more particulars of our activities and finances.

As you know, revenues from our nursing services are not sufficient to cover the total cost of having a visiting Christian Science nurse available to you 24/7 anywhere in the state and in bordering areas of other states. Your donations help make up this difference. They also enable us to offer benevolence to those unable to bear the complete cost of nursing. As you think about a donation, you might like to know:

\$10 covers the travel fee for an individual nursing visit.

\$30 covers the cost of gas for a day of nursing travel.

\$50 covers an hour of nursing services.

\$125 covers postage for one issue of our newsletter.

ONGOING NEEDS

It takes a myriad of talents to maintain our organization. In addition to financial and metaphysical support, the Service would be grateful for your gift of time and skills. Perhaps one of the projects that needs to be accomplished matches YOUR talents and availability.

We would appreciate help to:

- Update our mailing list.
- Serve as treasurer of the organization.
- Assist with review and filing of organization records.
- Identify and compile names and addresses of potential funding sources.
- Contact funding sources to develop relationships.
- Assist in compilation of newsletters.
- Maintain our updated website.

Please email us at board@csvisitingnurseservicenah.org, call us at 603-848-7755 or send a note to PO Box 764, Concord, NH 03302-0764 to let us know of your interest. We’d be happy to talk with you.

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CHAIR REPORT

THIS past year our theme has been “The healing lift of the Christ.” We have felt this spiritual uplift in our work during the year.

We have brought up to date the paperwork necessary for the proper functioning of our organization. Bylaws, administrative guidelines, financial processes, record-keeping, and communication methods have been reviewed to ensure information is clear and our work is being properly and efficiently done. Now we are ready to expand our Service and make more people aware that visiting Christian Science nursing services are available 24/7. Our attention is focused on three important areas:

Nursing. Fulfillment of the Manual bylaw titled *Christian Science Nurse* (Art VIII, Sec 31) is our primary goal. Christian Science practice, practical wisdom, and proper care of the sick are nursing requirements that we dedicate ourselves to support.

As you know, the Service covers New Hampshire as well as areas of Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts. Expenses for this work have increased. It is important to let you know that contributions are always needed to continue this work. We provide benevolence to patients whenever we can. A second

nurse may soon be needed. We thank you for any help you can give.

Development. Expenses continue to exceed our yearly income. Investments are used to cover the difference. To correct this situation, we want to ask agencies and foundations for financial assistance. If you know of anyone with experience in the development field and available to help us, please let us know.

Staying abreast of the times. We are in the process of reworking our web site: www.csvisitingnurseservicenh.org. We have hired an Oregon firm to help us build the site. A primary goal is to increase public awareness about our Service and allow someone needing help to find quickly a Christian Science nurse. (Note: The new website is now available at www.csvisitingnurseservicenh.org.)

We talked recently with The Mother Church regarding development of regulations and standards for accrediting Christian Science visiting nurse services. This accreditation may have certain future advantages given the changing health-care and insurance environments. We will continue to monitor developments before investing in accreditation.

TREASURER’S REPORT

IN THE Old Testament Elisha was approached by a widow in danger of losing her two sons and her home due to lack of funds. Elisha asked her “What has thou in the house?” This led her to identify that she had oil. Then Elisha set her on a project that involved her, her sons and the whole community and through divine Love that meets every human need, she and her sons were saved from the current situation and sustained thereafter.

This got me to thinking about the Service. What is it that we have in our house? One board member said recently, “I love this Service and working with our nurse and other board members.” This uplifted sense of joy, gratitude, common purpose and love is what we see. We see the continuing role that Susan Wolfe

has played for the Service with her cheerful, accurate and quick approach to bookkeeping and other administrative responsibilities. We see the loving support of Jenny Green in bringing her photography library and graphic design expertise to our newsletters. We see the thoughtful and professional legal support of Peter Wright. And there are others supporting the Service with their expertise and love.

“What has thou
in the house?”

We see our financial picture in terms of bank accounts and investments and take the human steps to nurture and protect them. We continue to meet with our financial advisors to map out a course to protect and grow our assets. They identified a coming market pull-back during last summer and advised us to shift our investments in

the market, and this softened the impact. We are grateful for their efforts.

Last year we did not have the regular and generous stock gift from a contributor that has helped us to balance our income and expenses over many years. We did however receive a gift from a Christian Science church in Maine that had closed. This allowed us to more fully meet the needs of the residents of Maine with mileage benevolence, as well as helping us to continue our general operations.

We are working with a seacoast CPA firm to review our books.

We are confident that divine Love will continue to meet every need of the Service and are also very grateful for the continued metaphysical and financial support from each one of you. So you can see that we have a great deal in our house.

Nurse's Report

By Pat Cameron

I'M GLAD to share fruitage of your support for this Service, which is unique in northern New England. Approximately 80% of states in the United States don't have specific Christian Science visiting nurse services, so this is a special organization. My visits outside New Hampshire have increased this past year, especially to Maine, and I continue to travel to Massachusetts and Vermont. In addition to home visits, I provide telephone consultations in the form of answering questions from someone caring for a loved one or from the person them self seeking advice. I've also been consulted by and advised other Christian Science nurses in a variety of ways.

Other activities this year included an interview by a medical nursing student doing a project on Christian Science care. She did a lot of research, talked with a Christian Science practitioner, nurse and church members, and put together a thoughtful presentation. I also attended — and helped organize as a board member — the Christian Science Nursing Network's International Christian Science Nursing Conference held in Missouri, and attended a UNH-sponsored workshop on person-centered planning.

EVIDENCE OF CHRIST ACTIVITY

As in previous years, I've traveled thousands of miles in all directions and made hundreds of visits helping your fellow church members. I'd like to give you an overview of the visits as evidenced by the Christ-activity. Such visits involved: 'furnishing a table in the wilderness' (Ps. 78:19); 'uplifting human thought for the impartation of divine Truth' (Ret. 93:13); 'binding wounds with Christly bands of Love and Truth' (hymn 69); 'bathing with the baptism of Spirit' (Misc. 30:31); 'moving in accord with God to reflect goodness and power' (S&H 515:23); demonstrating God's promise that 'He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken' (Ps. 34:20); and witnessing to God's child 'not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but holy and without blemish' (Eph. 5:27).

In all cases, it is God, infinite Love, who does the work and accomplishes His purpose through the Christ in action, and it is my privilege to participate in this holy work.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU CALL

I'd like to share what happens when one calls the Christian Science Visiting Nurse Service of NH and why one might want to call. First, the phone number for our Service

goes to a cell phone which is with me and on 24 hours/day. If you call and are asked to leave a message, it could be the phone is in the car while I'm with a patient; sometimes I'm already on the phone; or I may be driving and temporarily out of range. In any case, please leave a message and your call will be returned promptly — as long as you include your phone number.

When you reach me, just briefly explain your situation and we will schedule a visit. A personal visit is usually necessary to accurately assess a need, but occasionally a situation can be handled by talking over the phone. There are times when this initial call results in healing and no visit is required. I can make what we call a 'friendly visit' to do an initial assessment without there being a Christian Science practitioner actively working. You do need to be working with a practitioner in order for me to make any follow-up nursing visits. And of course, all contact is completely confidential.

Every call I receive is a "call to action", whether it is for consultation or a home visit. This action is to turn to God to think rightly about what has been presented. That doesn't mean I'm treating the caller with a Christian Science treatment, but I am reversing in my own thought whatever claim of in-harmony has been discussed. I then continue to reach out to God during my drive and throughout the nursing visit in order to be lead spiritually to "understand the practical wisdom necessary in a sick room, and to be able to take proper care of the sick" — or injured — as it says in our Church Manual. (p. 49). Thus striving to "...keep human consciousness in constant relation with the divine, the spiritual, and the eternal..." (My. 160:5)

WHY CALL A CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE

As for why one would call the Service, it can be for most anything. Help with a cut or injury; menu or food modification ideas if there's difficulty eating; bandaging wounds; care for skin irritations; nail care; help with shampooing or bathing; support through reading the Bible Lesson; support in caring for sick children, or for newborns and their families. A benefit of calling the Service is immediacy to the response to your need. You're not put on a waiting list. You don't have to get in the car and go somewhere. The care comes to you and you receive the special bonus of a metaphysical thought and approach. We can also provide on loan, for no charge: crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, shower seats, canes, portable

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commodes, bed rails, and items for bed care.

Some people may hesitate to call for help because they are embarrassed, the house isn't clean, they think they can't afford it, or they fear it will inhibit their healing. Not one of these reasons is valid. Christian Science nursing is a spiritual buttress — established in the Manual as a support to healing. It is a “staff” for us to lean on in our journey from sense to Soul. As a valid aid in Christian Science, it cannot diminish or impoverish anyone who turns to it for comfort and support.

In St. John's account of Jesus passing by a man who had been born blind his disciples asked who had sinned, thus resulting in this man's blindness. Aren't we all tempted to think that way when we have a challenge — especially if it seems to be a long-standing or repetitive challenge? We may ask ourselves: “What have I done wrong to bring this suffering or situation down on me?” In effect, asking who or what is the sinner and the sin. In doing this, then we may also be tempted to believe that others will ask the same question about us if we admit our problem to them. But Christian Science nurses are not judgmental of anyone's state of thinking or living conditions.

You know Jesus' response to his disciples' question.

“Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.” (Jn. 9:1-3) And that's all it's ever about. It's not about assigning blame or searching for a human cause. Every difficult, or painful, or frightening situation in our human experience can be shaken, sifted and turned upside-down until we see the face of God in place of the error, and we ‘glorify Him in our body’. (I Cor. 6:20) Sometimes that takes a lot of work and there's nothing wrong with asking for a little help with the seeming “heavy lifting”.

Hymn #124 in the Christian Science Hymnal says you can drop your burden at His feet and bear a song away; but if there's a need, you can begin by dropping the burden at the feet of the practitioner and the Christian Science nurse and we can all bear a song away together — a song of comfort, healing, and glory to God.

**To reach a visiting Christian Science nurse,
please call 603-848-7755.**