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“...where heart meets heart...”

We are happy to share with you a summary of the reports presented at the Annual Meeting of the Christian Science Visiting Nurse Service of New Hampshire which was held on Sunday, April 27, 2014 in the Sunday School building of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Concord, NH.

The meeting was opened by Diane Johnston, Chairperson of the Christian Science Visiting Nurse Service Board, with the singing of Hymn 341. This was followed by readings by Alice Shepherd from the Bible and from the writings of Mary Baker Eddy.

Diane then introduced the visiting Christian Science nurses, Pat Cameron and Lelia Smith and our on-call nurse, Sally Carruth, as well as the Board of Directors, Don Alusic, Kathy Wallace, Alice Shepherd, Shirley Wilson, Carolyn Keith, and George Reed, the Director Emeritus, who is always available to assist with any need. Art LeBlanc also served on the Board including for most of the current year. She thanked these dedicated workers for selflessly supporting the service through their metaphysical and organizational efforts, and their continual striving to provide a strong spiritual basis for the Service

The following is a summary of the Board Report given by Diane:

At the 2013 Annual Meeting, Bernice Doane reminded us, in her talk, that “Mrs. Eddy’s loving instruction inspires us to strive to embrace Heaven’s signet of Love, to spiritualize our thoughts, our motives, and our endeavors.”

Each year the Board chooses a metaphysical theme to guide our work. The metaphysical theme for last year was “...let us work more earnestly in His vineyard, ... making our words golden rays in the sunlight of our deeds ...” *Christian Healing* by Mary Baker Eddy, p. 19: 16-26. The new year’s theme is from *Miscellaneous Writings* by Mary Baker Eddy, p. 207: 2, “...where heart meets heart reciprocally blest, drink with me the living waters of the spirit of my life-purpose to impress humanity with the genuine recognition of practical, operative Christian Science.”

This year the Board has continued to work on our website and brochure to make sure that they reflect the changes that have occurred in the service and that they clearly communicate the same message. Please remember to visit our site at www.csvisitingnurseservicenah.org where



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OUR MISSION

To provide and promote Christian Science visiting nurse care, embracing an individual's reliance on Christian Science for healing.

you can find out how to contact our nurses, answer questions that you may have regarding the service, read our inspiring newsletters, click on other helpful links to Christian Science websites, and donate to the service through our easy PayPal donation button.

Also this year the Board has begun to reach out to Christian Science churches throughout New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine, asking that they appoint liaisons to get the word out about the service. If your church is in need of a liaison, please consider volunteering.

Christian Science Nurses always work earnestly and tirelessly in His vineyard. This service has been available to the field in NH, and the bordering areas of Maine, Vermont, and Massachusetts 24/7 with one nurse for many years. This year the Board made a decision to hire a second nurse. These nurses work together to schedule days on and off so that there will be no lapse in available times to reach a Christian Science nurse when needed. This schedule will allow Pat Cameron, our Christian Science nurse who has worked tirelessly for so many years, to have some well-deserved time off. As of April 1st we're grateful to announce that another visiting Christian Science nurse, Leila Smith, has been added to our service. Both of these dedicated nurses are here to help and bless those who call upon them for help.

Last year we told you that we were look-

ing to expand our service but that this would require the expansion of funds. We have expanded the service though we continue to seek funding and are confident the need will be met. Our expenses continue to exceed our income causing us to use our investments to cover these costs. We continually pray to know that the infinite nature of our Father-Mother God will meet our needs abundantly.



Leila Smith and Pat Cameron

Important Notice

Starting on October 1, 2014 our Christian Science nursing fees will increase modestly and our travel fee policy will change slightly. Please see our website for full details on our fees, related policies, how to reach a Christian Science nurse and other information relating to the Service.

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There are many ways that you can contribute to our work. You can support us metaphysically by prayerfully addressing *Manual Article VIII, Section 31, Christian Science Nurse* in the *Manual of The Mother Church* by Mary Baker Eddy. If you are interested in joining our Board, please contact one of the members of the Board or your church liaison. Board appointments are usually for a three year term. Financial contributions can be made through the mail or on-line through our website. <http://www.csvisitingnurseservicenah.org>

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Don Alusic gave his report highlighting the year's fiscal activity, which included hiring a second nurse and the need for continued financial support. He also expressed gratitude for the many people supporting our service from financial advising, accounting, newsletter preparation and other perspectives. He left us with the inspiring reminder of the Biblical story about the flow of oil for the woman and her sons to meet their present debts, and future needs.

Panel Discussion

The highlight of our Annual Meeting included a panel discussion by five *Journal-*



Diane Johnston, Linda Kohler, Pat Cameron, Lelia Smith, Sally Carruth, Kerry Reed

listed Christian Science nurses who each have approximately 30 years experience in their field. They shared their collective and individual insights about what it means to be a Christian Science nurse and how they approach their work. The theme of the discussion was based upon the parable of the Good Samaritan and each nurse shared wonderful insights about the lessons in nursing provided by this parable. It became clear that it is important that

all of us, not just the nurses, be the best possible "Good Samaritans" and let this role be shown as a model of how Christian Scientists do indeed care for each other. We look forward to including greater detail of this inspiring discussion in our next newsletter.

The meeting closed with the singing of Hymn 374 followed by the repetition of the 4th Tenet.

Expression of Gratitude

For some years I have enjoyed the gentle services of the Christian Science Visiting Nurse Service of New Hampshire. The Christian Science nurse has come to help regularly with a simple personal need, one which could be accomplished by services readily available – and provided at a lower cost – by my town. (My expenses are a bit higher than they might be because I live outside of NH and pay for the mileage between the border and my home.) Why, then, has this more expensive service been my choice?

To me, cost is singularly insignificant as a measure of benefits gained, when compared to the profound sense of spiritual companionship which the visits provide. Certainly the skillful care for the human need brings a welcome sense of relief and comfort. But the benefits to that "inner man" are so much more profound!

*I have only to ask myself: "Would my town's services diminish fear and bring me more confidence, more expectation of good, stronger hope? Would I see more clearly the 'nearest right under the circumstances'**? Would I feel this sense of companionship on an upward spiritual path, shining new light on familiar ground?"*

These visits allow us to chat – while the care is being

given – as friends who walk together on a spiritual journey. Advice is neither sought nor given, but there is sharing – sharing of spiritual insights, of addressing human concerns, of metaphysical "wonderings". We share our human experiences in the light of our mutual spiritual seeking and shaped by my questions and ponderings. The fresh light, the steadying, the reassurance which the Christian Science nurse reflects back to me from her own spiritual discoveries are what make the experience so valuable.

*The nurse's visits are a "companioning with the angels"*** which yield great blessings. They seem to me to provide an answer when the heart prays: "Make me to understand the way of Thy precepts: so shall I talk of Thy wondrous works," (Ps. 119:27)*

I go on into my day enriched and strengthened; with renewed resolve and with enlarged gratitude for this special treasure of our Christian Science Movement.

*Misc. 288:14

**see Sc&H 581:4



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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*

