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telephone and email consultations have been extended and care ideas shared – all in concert and reverence for Mary Baker Eddy’s *Church Manual* by-law for Christian Science nursing, Article VIII, Section 31, p. 49:7.

Carolyn then introduced the speaker, Douglas Keith, a Christian Science Practitioner from Gloucester, MA, who gave an inspiring talk, titled: “Luke: The Gospel of Hospitality and Christian Science Nursing.” Excerpts from this talk will be given in our next newsletter later in the fall.

The meeting closed with the singing of hymn 65.

*Please note that we have changed our name
to Christian Science Nurse Service,
effective October 1, 2016.*

Since the beginning of May when Amanda DeNicholas left the post of Christian Science Nurse for New Hampshire, we are so grateful to Kerry Reed and other Christian Science nurses at Tallwood House who have been filling in for the Service, insuring continued coverage of Christian Science nursing to Christian Scientists in their homes.

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NEWSLETTER**



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DEAR FRIENDS,
We’re happy to share with you a report of the April 24 Annual Meeting of the Christian Science Nurse Service of New Hampshire.

The meeting was held in the Sunday School building of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Concord, NH. It began at 2 p.m. with a welcome from the Board Chairman, Carolyn Keith and the singing of hymn 128 from the *Christian Science Hymnal*, after which Diane Johnston read from the Bible, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, and from *Prose Works*, also by Mrs. Eddy. Silent Prayer was followed by the audible repetition of the Lord’s Prayer. Carolyn then introduced the Board members – Don Alusic, Allan Dermott, Diane Johnston, Alice Shepherd, Kathy Wallace, Shirley Wilson, and George Reed, Emeritus Board member. She also introduced the Christian Science nurses, Amanda De Nicholas, and Pat Cameron and gave a special tribute to Pat for her 15 years of unselfed and invaluable service.

The following reports were then given:

Excerpts from the Report of the Board of Directors by Carolyn Keith, Board Chairman

“God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work...”

This wonderful promise that we’re given in II Corinthians has been our theme for the past year and we’re grateful that this promise has been fulfilled in many ways for this Christian Science Nurse Service.

The most significant change that took place during the past year is the resignation of our dearly loved, long-time Christian Science nurse, Pat Cameron. We can’t begin to enumerate the ways that Pat’s ministry has blessed New Hampshire and its bordering states. During most of her tenure, Pat was the only Christian Science nurse for the Service. That meant being ready to answer calls every day of the week, all year long. How do we thank her for that?

Carolyn then welcomed Amanda De Nicholas, from Missouri, who served as our Christian Science nurse January through April of 2016. She also expressed gratitude to Leila Smith, a Christian Science nurse who worked for the Service early in 2015.

Kate Matteson was our speaker at last year’s annual meeting. She shared valuable insights as

OUR MISSION

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

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

well as a significant healing she experienced while being supported by Christian Science nursing. Kate's talk, "Signs Following" can be found in our 2015 fall newsletter.

The board collectively and individually prays for and supports this activity of metaphysical and practical care through Christian Science nursing. Each month an individual board member is responsible for the metaphysical support of the nurses and their service. If there is a specific need, the board member who has the support for that month may be called upon. This activity is completely based upon following the teachings of our Master, Christ Jesus and our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy. These teachings provide a strong foundation for Christian Science nursing.

We have several liaisons for our Service in branch churches. This has been helpful in keeping the branch churches in New Hampshire up-to-date on our activities and familiar with Christian Science nursing offered to individuals in their own homes.

We're so grateful for the steady development of Tallwood House, a home for Christian Scientists, here in Concord. Tallwood House and the Service activities both are part of the undivided garment separate and distinct at this point, we have enjoyed a wonderful sense of mutual support for one another. Kerry and George Reed own Tallwood, and a non-profit board for The New Hampshire

Home for Christian Scientists, is making much progress toward the purchase of Tallwood House.

The board for The New Hampshire Home for Christian Scientists has met with our board on a few occasions this past year to keep one another apprised of progress. We continue to support one another in providing Christian Science nursing where it is needed.

Our website is active and keeps current with answers to commonly asked questions regarding our Service and Christian Science nursing, and how to contact our nurses. The talk you'll be hearing today will be posted on the website, which also includes our newsletters, helpful links to Christian Science websites, and ways that you can donate your talents and prayers. If you would like to make a financial contribution, there is an easy link to PayPal which provides the ability to make monthly contributions. Additionally, if you've had an experience or have comments which you'd like to share regarding this Service, we invite you to write about it in our blog section on the website.

Finally, each year, the board chooses a metaphysical theme to guide our work on the board. The theme for the coming year is from *Miscellaneous Writings* by Mary Baker Eddy: "Be of one mind," "in one place," and God will pour you out a blessing such as you never before received."

As we pray to be of one Mind, one purpose and one accord in serving those in need of Christian Science home nursing, we can trust that this

glorious promise is being fulfilled, that God is indeed, pouring forth His bountiful blessing.

The report of the Treasurer

given by Alice Shepherd:

Mortal mind likes to complicate things. It suggests that we need all kinds of things: money, a strong stock market, and a crystal ball, and others. As Christian Scientists we know that what we need is a clear perception and understanding of what we already have – God's infinite love. God is Love. God is All. Therefore, all that is, or can be, is Love. Our board works diligently to maintain this perspective and to see it expressed in the Service's operations.

The financial records of the Service are generally maintained on a cash basis, which means that we recognize revenue when it is received, and expenses when they are paid.

During 2015 we received revenues from our nursing activities of \$21,902.

Spending directly relating to our nursing activities totaled \$80,074.

Hence, the net loss on nursing activities was \$58,172. So nursing revenues covered 27%, or just over one-quarter of direct costs.

Fortunately we did receive \$43,217 in contributions. This figure includes a \$15,000 gift from the Randolph, Vermont Society which ceased operations and a \$20,000 grant from the Clearway Foundation.

Administrative expenses totaled \$7,514. It is worth mentioning here, I think, that all of the board of directors, and several other behind the scenes workers contribute their time and expertise at no cost to the service.

These ins and outs resulted in receipts, excluding investment earnings, being lower than net expenditures by \$22,469. This shortfall was made up by drawing funds from our investment portfolio. Speaking of which: during 2015 we received \$33,453 in dividends, we realized a net gain of \$348 on securities sold for a total of \$33,801 in investment income realized. Unfortunately we incurred an unrealized loss on

investments of \$55,937 [due to a downturn in the stock market at the end of last year]. Hence the net return on investments \$22,136, or -3.7% of the opening value of investments. We anticipate that a rebound in the markets will restore much, if not all of the unrealized loss.

In summary, receipts for the year totaled \$98,920, expenditures, and the loss on investments totaled \$143,526 for a net decrease in available funds of \$44,606.

The accounting firm Murphy, Powers and Wilson, CPAs have completed their compilation engagement relating to our financial records through 2015. They did not propose any adjustments to the figures we provided.

I would be very remiss if I concluded this report without giving a large thank you to our immediate past treasurer, Don Alusic, who served in that capacity for many years, has continued to serve as Assistant Treasurer and mentor, and does so many other things in support of the service that I cannot begin to enumerate them. Thank you Don.

The report of the Christian Science nurse

given by Amanda De Nicholas.

Thank you for welcoming me to New Hampshire. I would like to thank Pat Cameron for her dedication and attentive care of the Christian Science Visiting Nurse Service of New Hampshire. It has been a joy filled transition with Pat's support. I would also like to recognize Sally Carruth and Ellen Anderson for their on-call coverage of our service allowing for days off.

As a Christian Science nurse I find the simple guidance of purpose in a poem from A.E. Hamilton shared by Mrs. Eddy.

"Ask God to give thee skill
In Comfort's art:
that thou may'st consecrated be
And set apart
Unto a life of sympathy.
For heavy is the weight of ill

In every heart;

And comforters are needed much
Of Christlike touch."

Retrospection and Introspection,
by Mary Baker Eddy p. 95

The Christlike touch; what might be the translation of that in relation to Christian Science nursing? Our Master and Teacher, Christ Jesus illustrated the practicality of care and service to his students and followers as evidenced on the shores of the Sea of Galilee and in desert places. (John 21:9, Mark 6:42). They were sustained fully, spiritually and physically. In that spirit, the Christian Science nurse encourages balance and creativity while giving the proper care needed on a case. Mrs. Eddy tenderly reminds us that "The poor suffering heart needs its rightful nutriment, such as peace, patience in tribulation, and a priceless sense of the dear Father's lovingkindness." (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 365:31).

This past year our Christian Science nurse service has continued to be a presence in the field assisting those relying on Christian Science treatment. We have provided Christian Science nursing care and services in many capacities such as: nourishment needs, mobility assistance, bandaging and wound care, bathing, nail care and supporting the continued progress of overcoming mental challenges. We have also worked with family and church members to provide ideas for continued care for loved ones. We love to follow St. Paul's direction, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Gal. 6:10.

Our service is indeed fulfilling this bidding and demonstrating fellowship among our brothers and sisters. We have travelled 17,283 miles this year, bringing that Christly touch to many areas of New Hampshire, Maine, Northern Massachusetts and Vermont. Equipment has been loaned,

We're happy to tell you that as of September 12, 2016 Paula Brensinger is the full-time Christian Science nurse for the Christian Science Nurse Service of New Hampshire.

Paula is a fourth generation Christian Scientist. She grew up in Massachusetts, and moved to New Hampshire in 1998 with her husband, Glenn, where they now live in Grantham.

In 2004 Paula found employment with a family friend, also a Christian Scientist, and enjoyed six years of steady employment with the opportunity to participate in managing and growing

his company. "This dear friend was so supportive of my growth in grace, endorsed my application for membership in The Mother Church, and introduced me to the individual who was later to become my Christian Science teacher."

When her work with that company was completed, prayer and the desire to serve God led her to the decision to become a Christian Science nurse. She took her training at Chestnut Hill Benevolent Association, and graduated in May of 2015. She remained



PAULA BRENSINGER

on the Christian Science nursing staff there until August 2016."

For five years, Paula divided her time between her New Hampshire home and Chestnut Hill BA, until she was called to serve in the New Hampshire field. Of this new opportunity, she says, "I look forward to supporting my fellow man, relying on Christian Science for healing, in the private sanctuary of home, where the pilgrim can find heaven and the stranger discovers they are the guest of God"