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TO

Loyal Christian Scientists

IN THIS AND EVERY LAND,

I LOVINGLY DEDICATE THESE PRACTICAL TEACHINGS,

INDISPENSABLE TO THE CULTURE AND ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH
CONSTITUTE THE SUCCESS OF A STUDENT,
AND DEMONSTRATE THE ETHICS
OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.
Pray thee, take care, that tak'st my book in hand,
To read it well; that is, to understand.

Ben Jonson: Epigram 1.

When I would know thee... my thought looks
Upon thy well made choice of friends and books;
Then do I love thee, and behold thy ends
In making thy friends books, and thy books friends.

Ben Jonson: Epigram 85.

If worlds were formed by matter,
And mankind from the dust;
Till time shall end more timely,
There’s nothing here to trust.

Thenceforth to evolution’s
Geology, we say,—
Nothing have we gained therefrom,
And nothing have to pray:

My world has sprung from Spirit,
In everlasting day;
Whereof, I’ve more to glory,
Wherefor, have much to pay.

Mary Baker Eddy.
PREFACE.

A CERTAIN apothegm of a Talmudical philosopher suits my sense of doing good. It reads thus:

"The noblest charity is to prevent a man from accepting charity; and the best alms are to show and to enable a man to dispense with alms."

In the early history of Christian Science, among my thousands of students few were wealthy. Now, Christian Scientists are not indigent; and their comfortable fortunes are acquired by healing mankind morally, physically, spiritually. The casel of time presents pictures — once fragmentary and faint — now rejuvenated by the touch of God's right hand. Where joy, sorrow, hope, disappointment, sigh, and smile commingled, now hope sits dove-like.

To preserve a long course of years still and uniform, amid the uniform darkness of storm and cloud and tempest, requires strength from above, — deep draughts from the fount of divine Love. Truly may it be said: There is an old age of the heart, and a youth that never grows old; a Love that is a boy, and a Psyche who is ever a girl. The fleeting freshness of youth, however, is not the ever-green of Soul; the coloring glory of
perpetual bloom; the spiritual glow and grandeur of a consecrated life wherein dwelleth peace, sacred and sincere in trial or in triumph.

The opportunity has at length offered itself for me to comply with an oft-repeated request; namely, to collect my miscellaneous writings published in the Christian Science Journal, since April 1883, and republish them in book-form, — accessible as reference, and reliable as old landmarks. Owing to the manifold demands on my time in the early pioneer days, most of these articles were originally written in haste, without due preparation. To those heretofore in print, a few articles are herein appended. To some articles are affixed data, where these are most requisite, to serve as milestones measuring the distance, — or the difference between then and now, — in the opinions of men and the progress of our Cause.

My signature has been slightly changed from my Christian name, Mary Morse Baker. Timidity in early years caused me, as an author, to assume various *noms de plume*. After my first marriage, to Colonel Glover of Charleston, South Carolina, I dropped the name of Morse to retain my maiden name, — thinking that otherwise the name would be too long.

In 1894, I received from the Daughters of the American Revolution a certificate of membership made out to Mary Baker Eddy, and thereafter adopted that form of signature, except in connection with my published works. The first edition of *Science and Health*