

MIDLAND-AT-HOME



"The splendor of this nativity of Christ reveals infinite meanings and gives manifold blessings."

"Led by a solitary star amid the darkness, the Magi of old foretold the Messiahship of Truth."

Mary Baker Eddy

Tracing the origins of The Manual of The Mother Church By-Law, Discipline: Article VIII, Guidance of Members, Sect 31, Christian Science Nurse

This topic of our guest speaker, Griffith Henninger, II, alluded that through the *Sermon on the Mount*, our Master, Christ Jesus, taught us how to live lives of love. And our Leader, Mrs. Eddy revealed the two elements that make this possible, the spiritualization of our thought and the Christianization of our daily lives.

We are very familiar with the demands for the spiritualization of our thought. Matthew 10:7-8 lists them, "*And as ye go preach, saying the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead; freely ye have received, freely give.*"

We seem less familiar with the demands for the Christianization of our daily lives listed in Matt. 23:35-40; "*For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; Naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me.*" KJ "*I'm telling you the solemn truth; Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.* *The Message Bible*

It is interesting to note that both lists include ministering to the sick. One list demands healing the sick and the other list demands caring for the sick. Nowhere in the NT is the one considered more important than the other. Both healing and caring are equally emphasized. Drawing closer to God by drawing closer to our fellow man through acts of healing and caring embodies what Christian Science nursing is all about and Mrs. Eddy worked for a solid forty years to balance and elevate caring with healing in her movement.
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Newsletter Highlights

- **Annual Meeting
Nov 12, 2016**
- **Treasurer report**
- **Inspirational talk**

GRATITUDE and THANKS are extended to all who supported the recently held Annual Meeting and luncheon including Fifth church for hosting, for those who served in set up and clean up, for the attendees sharing their interest, enthusiasm, and ideas and for all those unable to attend who also have continued to support prayerfully and metaphysically Midland's mission throughout the year including our CS nurses.



Dave Horn with speaker, Griffith Henninger II

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As early as 1870, four years after her discovery, she yearned to establish a Christian Science home for the poor. (See *The First Church of Christ Scientist and Miscellany* p. 214:16-22 n.p.) America's nursing reform began in 1874 the year Mrs. Eddy finished writing *Science and Health*. Mrs. Eddy mentioned the nurse in her third edition of *S&H* in 1881. That Christian Science practice included nursing in the nineteenth century is verified by some of Mrs. Eddy's students who were arrested for practicing medicine without a license. When asked what authority gave the right to heal through prayers, one such student stated, "My authority is the Bible, and Mrs. Eddy's work, *Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures*. In addition to praying, I will at any time stay all night with the sick, and nurse them. I have repeatedly done so since coming to Fredericton..." *TCSJ, Vol 5, Issue 4, July 1887, p.172*.

Two years later in 1889 Mrs. Eddy established her Christian Science Mission and Free Dispensary. Norman Beasley explains: *Students went into the slums of the city to serve the sick. They gave help to so many sick people the Christian Science Dispensary Association was organized on May 31*. After the mission and dispensary closings in 1894 many workers continued to heal and nurse, some opening their homes as Annie Knott verifies in a letter to Mrs. Eddy in 1896. By 1904 Mrs. Eddy was attempting to outline to Mrs. Longyear the world wide beneficence she wished to carry out. *Office of the Archivist of TMC Establishment of the CS Benevolent Association Ten Acre document mc001*

By 1907 Mrs. Eddy was planning to use all of her money to establish a "Christian Science Association of Home and Foreign Missions." *Peel, Robert, Years of Authority p. 481*. She wrote to Archibald McLellan, "My dear Trustee: I desire to commence immediately to found a Christian Science institution for the special benefit of the poor and the general good of all mankind. The founding and endowment of this institution will cost at least one million of dollars. Please come to me at your earliest opportunity, and I will give you further details" *TCSJ, Vol 25, Issue 10 January 1908 p. 634*. It wasn't until November 1908 that Mrs. Eddy renewed her efforts to broaden channels for Christian caring in her movement, by presenting the Nurse By-Law. It was adopted immediately.

Look for future
notification about the
**Midland
Website**

Thanks to board
member Greg Jarvis

Treasurer, Sandy Martinelli's handout showed the disbursements of \$33,175 in **financial aid** for Midland's fiscal year. The total income including donations was \$16,850. Total expenses for the fiscal year were \$41,412. Midland's total assets equal \$313,508. However the assets have dropped about \$25,000 from the prior year due to an increase in aid given compared to income received. She had the auditors September 2016 letter available stating our books were in order for fiscal year July 2015-June 2016. During the Q&A session the attendees agreed that Midland might let aid recipients and their families know (on the FAF application) that it would be appreciated if they would reimburse for their aid if they have funds to do so later. This way aid can continue to be given to others who need help.