

Citations used in the workshop:

# Writing for the periodicals

with the Editor and Associate Editors of *The Christian Science Journal*, *Sentinel*, and *Herald*

## Mission of the Periodicals

### Something in a Name

I have given the name to all the Christian Science periodicals. The first was *The Christian Science Journal*, designed to put on record the divine Science of Truth; the second I entitled *Sentinel*, intended to hold guard over Truth, Life, and Love; the third, *Der Herold der Christian Science*, to proclaim the universal activity and availability of Truth; the next I named *Monitor*, to spread undivided the Science that operates unspent. The object of the *Monitor* is to injure no man, but to bless all mankind.

Mary Baker Eddy —My. 353:8–19

The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.  
—Ps. 68:11

What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch. —Mark 13:37

Church Periodicals. Sect. 14. It shall be the privilege and duty of every member, who can afford it, to subscribe for the periodicals which are the organs of this Church; and it shall be the duty of the Directors to see that these periodicals are ably edited and kept abreast of the times. —Mary Baker Eddy, Man. 44:16–22

The church is the mouthpiece of Christian Science . . . —Mary Baker Eddy, My. 247:5–6 (to ,) and My. 254:27 (only, to ,)

Eternal Truth is changing the universe. —Mary Baker Eddy, SH 255:1 (only)

Dear readers, our *Journal* is designed to bring health and happiness to all households wherein it is permitted to enter, and to confer increased power to be good and to do good. —Mary Baker Eddy, Mis. 262:1–4

I know that my mission is for all the earth, not alone for my dear devoted followers in Christian Science. . . . All my efforts, all my prayers and tears are for humanity, and the spread of peace and love among mankind.

—Mary Baker Eddy, in a 1907 interview with the *New York American*

We live in an age of Love's divine adventure to be All-in-all. —Mary Baker Eddy, My. 158:9–10

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The rays of infinite Truth, when gathered into the focus of ideas, bring light instantaneously . . . . —Mary Baker Eddy, SH 504:23–24 (to 2nd ,)

Spirit, God, gathers unformed thoughts into their proper channels, and unfolds these thoughts, even as He opens the petals of a holy purpose in order that the purpose may appear. —Mary Baker Eddy, SH 506:18

I was a scribe under orders; . . . —Mary Baker Eddy, Mis. 311:26 (only, to ;)

All I have ever accomplished has been done by getting Mary out of the way and letting God be reflected. —Mary Baker Eddy as quoted in *We Knew Mary Baker Eddy*, Volume I, Expanded Ed., p. 270

If my own students cannot spare time to write to God,—when they address me I shall be apt to forward their letters to Him as our common Parent, and by way of *The Christian Science Journal*; thus fulfilling their moral obligation to furnish some reading-matter for our denominational organ. Methinks, were they to contemplate the universal charge wherewith divine Love has entrusted us, in behalf of a suffering race, they would contribute oftener to the pages of this swift vehicle of scientific thought; for it reaches a vast number of earnest readers, and seekers after Truth. —Mary Baker Eddy, Mis. 155:24–4 (to .)

## Editorial process

I was reading in Adam Dickey’s memoirs of Mary Baker Eddy; he was her secretary for a number of years, and she had a habit of editing all the time, including letters that he would be writing on her behalf. And she kept calling him back into her study and saying that she had to edit a letter over again, and add something to it, or correct something in it. And he writes that one time, after this one particular “letter had been finished, and even signed by her, she called me back again, and said, ‘Mr. Dickey, I must apologize to you for calling you so frequently, and troubling you so much, but won’t you kindly bring that letter back to me?’ ” After making her final edit, she wrote this on the top of the letter: “Remember that the so called human mind is expected to increase in wisdom until it disappears and Divine Mind is seen to be the only Mind” (*Memoirs of Mary Baker Eddy*, p. 85, © The Mary Baker Eddy Collection).

—Excerpted from Tony Lobl's interview with Barbara Vining in the the March 2017 issue of *The Christian Science Journal*, titled “Writing and editing—letting the Christ lead.”

If my system of religion and ethics is not found blessing equally all classes of people then I wait and work to demonstrate more fully what love is and what Love does for mankind. —Mary Baker Eddy to James White, Mary Baker Eddy Collection, L14362

"The oneness of form and purpose," by Barbara Cook, December 1990, *The Christian Science Journal*