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Dear Friend:

We invite you to join us in gratitude for the October 24, 2005 issue of the *Christian Science Sentinel* dedicated to the theme, "What is a Christian Science nurse?" Reading it will provide a better understanding of Christian Science nursing and the full range of services provided by our Christian Science nursing facilities.

In the introduction to this special issue, editor Steve Graham writes,

*The practical physical care these nurses provide is of immense value. But I think it's because of their commitment to living high and noble qualities that Christian Science nurses can see with spiritual sense — past fear, sickness, and hopelessness, to a place where they can shine the light of God's love for humanity. This, more than any other skill they possess, makes them the healers they are.*

This issue includes an article titled, "The Healing Mission of the Christian Science Nurse" and explanations by seven individuals on why they are committed to the nursing profession. We encourage you to read the entire issue.

We think this *Sentinel* is significant evidence that the effort within the Movement to better understand, use, and appreciate the farsighted provision our Leader made in the *Manual* bylaw for nursing is bearing fruit. The articles illustrate the renewed thought, awakening, and unfoldment about nursing for which we can all rejoice. This *Sentinel* also includes testimonies and experiences of Christian Scientists around the world as they make use of and are blessed by Christian Science nurses, nursing facilities, and visiting nurse services.

The Endowment continues to help meet the financial needs of Christian Scientists who are unable to pay for Christian Science nursing care. During the seven years of its work, the Endowment has given over \$550,000 in financial assistance to support nursing care in Southern California. Although the principal of the Endowment is now over \$1.7 million, it is not yet large enough to meet all the needs of those Christian Scientists who cannot pay for their nursing care. All of your contributions are placed into the principal of the Endowment, and all expenditures are made only from earnings on that principal. Therefore, every dollar that has been contributed to the Endowment fund will continue to generate earnings to meet current and future needs.

We continue to encourage students of Christian Science to consider becoming Christian Science nurses. We are seeing greater interest in joining the ranks of our dedicated Christian Science nurses. The Endowment has allocated funds to help overcome financial obstacles such as tuition, travel, and child care expenses incurred by those who wish to train to be a Christian Science nurse. Please contact us if you need help with the expenses of such training.

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Endowment board members continue to play central roles in the development of publications designed to help students of Christian Science understand health care issues unique to Christian Scientists. Two years ago the Endowment sponsored the preparation and distribution of a booklet titled, "Finding Health Insurance for Christian Scientists in 3 Easy Steps." Written by Lee Bedient, this publication includes the questions that should be asked of insurance agents, how health insurance fits with Medicare and MediCal, how to analyze policies, and where to obtain additional information.

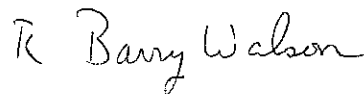
This year another publication has been developed to promote wider awareness of the care services available to Christian Scientists in Southern California; to facilitate access to them, and to foster greater understanding of related subjects such as Medicare and health insurance. Called "Resource Guide – Christian Science Nursing Care and Related Services," it will also help individuals make informed decisions about Christian Science nursing and how to pay for it. Topics addressed include the types of nursing care available, sources of financial assistance, assisted living resources, Advance Health Care Directives, and ambulance services that are attuned to the special needs of Christian Scientists. Copies of the *Resource Guide* were distributed to branch churches in early September sufficient to provide a personal copy to each member and regular attendee. Please contact the Endowment by email or phone if you have not received these publications.

We invite you to join us in promoting awareness and appreciation for Christian Science nursing, and supporting Mrs. Eddy's *Manual* provision for nursing. *Sentinel* editor Steve Graham gives personal insight into what we are providing:

*I'll never forget the Christian Science nurse who assisted me as an outpatient at a Christian Science nursing facility in Florida. She cleaned and bandaged the injured area, allowing me to concentrate on praying for the healing I received. But most important of all, she loved. And this comforting, caring love is what I remember calmed me down, took away my fear, and lifted me to feel safe and hopeful.*

We extend warm wishes for a pleasant, uplifting holiday season, and express our continuing gratitude for your generous support.

Sincerely



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