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DIVINE SCIENCE COLLEGE AND CHURCH ONE INDIVISIBLE INSTITUTION

The growth of the Divine Science College and the Divine Science Church is interesting as we trace its progress down through the years. As early as 1889, group instruction was being conducted by the three Brooks sisters, Nona, Fannie, and Alethea, and by 1896 the number of people coming for help and systematic teaching had grown so large that the sisters took downtown offices where they could better accommodate the ever expanding group.

Because of the great need for the Truth it revealed, Divine Science grew so rapidly that by 1898 the Divine Science College was incorporated, and several months later Nona L. Brooks took charge of the first church to be organized by the College. On January first, 1899, Nona Brooks preached the first sermon in the Divine Science Church in Denver.

The Church and College building was located, at this time, at Seventeenth and Clarkson Streets. In 1917, the beautiful edifice which is now the home of Divine Science was begun on the College lots at Fourteenth Ave. and Williams Street. The erection of this new home was an outstanding demonstration of the manifestation of supply. Because of the help and inspiration that they had derived from the teachings of Divine Science, many of Denver's most prominent citizens felt that this was an opportunity for them to show their gratitude for the movement, and they contributed considerable sums of money to help pay for the building. Mrs. J. S. Brown gave $10,000.00, Mrs. Goodyear $5,500.00, Mrs. Hallack $3,000.00, Mrs. Tammen $2,500.00, and so on, and all this went, along with the many smaller gifts, into the building of the present church.

In 1925, there was left only the small mortgage of $13,500.00 on the building, and in that year Mrs. Tammen sent to the College the sum of $15,000.00 and $13,500.00 of it was immediately utilized to free the building of all debt. Built by the College for the purpose of the promulgation of the authorized teachings of the College (which are now world-wide in scope), the First Divine Science Church of Denver has wielded an influence for good that has grown wider and deeper with the passing years. Many smaller centers, based upon these teachings and connected with the Mother Church in Denver, are flourishing in towns and cities all over the nation, and the Church finds itself at the head of a thriving family of churches whose eyes are turned toward Denver for leadership. This work is God's work; the institution will continue to grow, for it has its own unique contribution to make to the unfoldment of mankind.

THE PUEBLO CHURCH JOINS NEWS FAMILY

The Divine Science Church of Pueblo, under the leadership of their minister, the Reverend Max H. Ballard, is now sponsoring one section of The Divine Science News each month. The Pueblo Church has for years had many consecrated workers and has experienced an outstanding increase in membership and attendance since the Rev. Max Ballard became the minister and the teacher of the principles of Divine Science and their practical application in daily living. In addition to the Sunday services, regular classes are being conducted on week days. Those of us in the Denver Divine Science Church and College who have been associated with Rev. Ballard in our work here, can understand how the Pueblo folks appreciate him and his earnest "true to Truth" teaching. Our loss is Pueblo's gain.

This newspaper project is their own offer, and we like the spirit which prompted them to wish to become co-sponsors with the Denver center, taking this means of spreading our truth teaching to an ever-increasing reading public.

It would be of interest to all readers if each Divine Science center, wherever situated, would delegate some "live-wire" person to write up and send in their news or stories of their progressive projects which may have been brought to a successful culmination. Let us show this "interest" and helpful spirit to one another and thus truly feel ourselves to be members of one big family, though scattered here and there all over the world.

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SUNDAY EVE., DECEMBER 17th

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EDITORIAL

"The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

The story of the life of Jesus surely has a deeper meaning than just the historical events in the life of a great man who lived many centuries ago. It represents significant universal experiences through which each soul must pass in order that all of mankind will eventually reach the goal of the perfect Christ man—really the sons of God.

Each individual must sooner or later experience spiritual unfoldment starting with the realization of the possibility of the birth of the Spiritual Self within, on through a gradual growth to the final attainment of ONENESS WITH GOD.

The birth of the Christ Consciousness can come universally only as more and more individuals experience this awakening. It will come to one who is earnestly seeking the truth, consistently living true to the highest he understands, and willingly opening his heart and mind to the fact that all mankind has a common Divine origin, and thus is one universal brotherhood.

Each one who reaches the point where he gives recognition to the Christ Self will at once feel the responsibility of exemplifying love, peace, good will, and brotherhood in his own life. As the years go by and the Spiritual Self grows stronger in the hearts of increasing numbers there will be a like growth in the manifestation of outstreaming good will toward all, spreading from individuals to nations, to races, and on until all mankind will realize their spiritual brotherhood. Then indeed will the angels sing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Thus the "angels could see the end from the beginning and with angelic confidence in the working of the divine Law of Love, they celebrated the first Christ-mass, and have ever been singing it through the ages, while waiting for its sure fulfillment on Earth."

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The names of those who have recently made contributions to help defray the expense of printing and mailing "THE NEWS," are listed below. To them we extend our gratitude and blessing.—Your Editors.

Due to a lack of space the sponsors list for December has been held over until the January issue.

REALIZATION IS THE KEY

There is a big difference between what you really believe, and what you think you ought to believe, or what you want to believe.

You demonstrate what you really believe. The other ideas do not demonstrate. If, some day, you do come to believe them, they will then demonstrate, or come into effect in your life—but not before.

It is not much use saying that you know that a thing will not hurt you if you only know it intellectually. If you realize even slightly that it cannot hurt you, the case is different, but just saying in a perfunctory way that a thing cannot hurt you is not enough.

It is not enough to say that you will be all right, unless you believe it. It is not enough to say that God will take care of you, unless you realize and believe what you are saying, to at least a small degree.

The sole object of spiritual treatment is to increase your *realization* of the truth which you already accept; namely that God can and will protect you from all harm, and that fear and error have no power when you yourself do not give it to them.

Nothing shall by any means hurt you. Luke 10:19.

—Emmet Fox

MINISTER'S CORNER

In spite of the hurry and anxiety filling the world at this season of the year, there is a feeling of expectancy and joy at the thought of the good times which are to come and of satisfaction in the opportunity to share with others some of the good which life has brought to us.

Let us not dim this joy and satisfaction by letting ourselves become so overwhelmed by the demands which this season brings to us that we lose the true Christmas Spirit.

If we have been careful and wise in our planning, we shall fulfill the duties of today without a feeling of strain and struggle. God does not require the impossible of us. If today we find the tasks which we have taken upon ourselves, unselfishly perhaps; but unwisely, have become a burden, let us pause and turn to the indwelling spirit, to "the secret place of the most high" where peace and power abound. Let us stay in this quiet place until we can come forth renewed and strengthened, ready to take up each household duty as it presents itself.

When we have this realization of peace and strength, we rest calmly in the knowledge that the inner wisdom is quieting us and in the assurance that we have ample time to do the work that is ours to do.

The calm, serene spirit of the indwelling Christ enables me to do my work with joy and satisfaction.

—Nona L. Brooks

OMNIPRESENCE

God is all, both visible and invisible; one Presence, Knowledge, and Power is all. God is Spirit, Mind, First Cause, Father, the Source of all. God is the life and substance of His universe. God and God in action is all there is.

God-Presence is everywhere, therefore God is *omnipresent;* God-Power is everywhere, therefore God is *omnipotent;* God-Intelligence is everywhere, therefore God is *omniscient.* God is both transcendent and immanent, present as both the Absolute and the relative, present in the realm of the formless and in the realm of form, in the perfect realization and the partial unfoldment.

CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School family has so many "chatty" little news items that we scarcely know where to begin. Our work has been going on in its usual orderly way, but there has been play too, and sometimes, especially at Christmas, the play seems uppermost in our minds. There have been a number of class parties, "taffy pulls," "cookie bakes," and a Halloween party complete with Fun House and witches. Even the teachers' supper for October was unusually gay with everybody helping to prepare and serve it. All kinds of plans are afoot for the Christmas program, but these are too secret in nature to be published ahead of time.

There have been several changes, additions, and temporary subtractions, in our teaching personnel. Mrs. William Twieg is the new superintendent of the intermediate department. "New" is scarcely the correct adjective, for Mrs. Twieg has been a most faithful worker in the Church School for many years and is known and beloved by all. Miss Alice Moore and Mrs. Ruth Warner are each having a well earned vacation. Mrs. Ewers, a Divine Scientist of long standing, who has been out of town for several months, is the new assistant in the kindergarten department. The Church School is particularly fortunate in having her as she has had special training in children's work.

That "lonesome feeling" on the second floor has disappeared now that the Men's Forum has started again, under the able leadership of Mr. Ernest Ryan. Being a mere woman we do not know the details of the program but we are confident of its value.

We wish particularly to mention the good work being done by Mr. Philip Gray, superintendent of the Junior-Senior high school department and teacher also of the eighth grade boys. Mr. Gray's wide teaching experience in the public schools gives him a real understanding of "teen-agers."

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ORGANIZED CHURCH ACTIVITIES

ALBERT F. STOLL MASTER CUSTODIAN

Mr. Albert F. Stoll was the recipient of a very sincere compliment last summer, when Dr. Emmet Fox was overheard saying to him that this First Divine Science Church of Denver was one of the most orderly churches he had ever had the pleasure to be in.

Home folks have become so accustomed to having their church in the cleanest, most orderly condition at all times, always comfortably warm or cool, according to season, that they undoubtedly have become careless in expressing their pleasure and gratitude to the man who gives his untiring effort to make this possible. That man is our expert custodian—Mr. Albert F. Stoll.

Mr. Stoll has been associated with this church for the past fourteen years, consistently giving valuable service to both the church and the college. To have everything in and about the church spick-and-span necessitates that Mr. Stoll begin his day's work before 6:30 a. m. Lawns must be watered, mowed, and trimmed before the sun becomes too hot during summer months; the stoker must receive early attention, if the building is to be comfortably ready for Church School or morning classes on wintry days.

Our church lawn is a thing of beauty from earliest spring until late fall. It is not only a pride and joy to Mr. Stoll himself, but to every attendant at church, every passer-by, and to the entire neighborhood. It *always* appears as having *just* been cut and trimmed. Our church sidewalks are always the first in the neighborhood to be cleared of snow in stormy weather.

Mr. Stoll, a native of Denver, was formerly a member of the Stoll Manufacturing Company. He and his family have been associated with Divine Science for many years. Mr. Stoll has taken some of the college courses and expects to graduate in time. Every Sunday finds him with a boutonniere in his buttonhole, serving as an efficient usher at church services. His wife, Belle F. Stoll, was a teacher in the church school for several years and is a graduate of the college as well as an earnest church worker.

Their two sons, Albert F. Jr. (known as Fred), and Robert R. (Bob) have had all their religious training in the Divine Science Church School, Church, and College. They too have both served their turns as teachers in the school. Fred is now living in San Diego, employed by the Consolidated Airlines Company, while Bob has very lately returned to Denver from Seattle and is at the Boeing Modification Center here.

Mr. Stoll, your loyal service, the expression of your ideals of beauty, law and order are appreciated and we do say "thank you."

BUSINESS WOMEN'S GROUP

The November dinner meeting of the Business Women's Group was held on November 17th with Dr. Carrie F. Munz, our speaker of the evening, giving a most interesting and inspiring talk. Master Teddy Madsen, violinist, furnished the musical entertainment with Dorothy Milne, accompanist.

The members of the Group have resolved to bring to each meeting small gifts to be distributed among the patients of Fitzsimons General Hospital by our Grey Lady, Mary Martin.

A great variety and number of these were brought to the November meeting indicating it to be a very popular activity of the Group.

The December dinner meeting will be held a week early, December 15th, and guess what? A Christmas Party! Games, gifts, and lots of fun! Ladies, don't miss it! Remember the date and be sure to bring a gift for Fitzsimons.

CIRCLE OF THE BLUE CROSS

Candlelight Service and Carol Singing, Thursday, December 14, at 2 p. m.

Nona L. Brooks will speak on "What the sayings of Jesus Christ mean to us in our lives today."

Mrs. Clarence Cobb will lead the carol singing with Mrs. V. P. Fogh at the organ.

Guests are invited. Put this down as a "must" on your calendar.

At the Thanksgiving meeting, November 30, Gertrude Shea played the organ, Nora Hudson gave an inspirational lesson on "Spirit Substance," and Eva M. Downey's message will be remembered in thankfulness throughout the season.

DIVINE SCIENCE COLLEGE

THE RULE OF LAW

A SERMON

By NONA L. BROOKS

Law: "An order or relation of phenomena invariable under the given conditions." "That which is fixed or set." Put in every day language, this means that every cause has its assured results; every condition is a result of a cause.

This, we know, is true in the physical world. If a farmer wishes wheat, he plants wheat; he knows his crop will be wheat. He would be surprised indeed if his wheat sowing should bring forth turnips or gooseberries. Such a result has never been known in the farming world for Law absolutely prevails there. Today we know that Law prevails just as Universally and definitely in the mental and spiritual realms as in the physical. Our prevailing thoughts establish attitudes desirable or undesirable, and an attitude is all powerful in our lives; all powerful to produce after its kind.

Jesus recognized Law when he said: "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruits. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. By their fruits ye shall know them."

Surely this is a positive statement of the Universal Law: Like produces like. Every good thought bringeth forth good results; every wrong thought brings forth difficult conditions. Only during the past few years have we known that thought is a force. Strange that we have been so slow in discerning the power of this vital factor in our lives; but remember, nothing is forced upon us. Divine Mind leaves to us the joy of discovery. Electricity has come into our knowledge only within the last generation or two, yet it has always been about us and we have seen it scintillated in the heavens before man's very eyes through all the centuries.

Thought is a greater force than electricity; electricity deals with the outer world alone while thought deals with the beginning of things, and the unfailing law is that every thought is objectified; comes into the outer life as an action, an object, an attitude, a relationship, a success or failure, according to its kind.

We should rejoice in the universality of Law. In the immediate, apparently haphazard occurrences all about us, it is a comfort to know that these things were brought about by the wrong use of thought and can be removed by reversing the thought. And you and I can begin to do our part immediately, just where we are. This is the only way that humanity can be brought to realize its true heritage of peace, plenty, power, joy, companionship, and love.

Let us use our imagination for a moment. Let us think of every man and woman in the world, as understanding the truth of the God of themselves and of the universe of form. This knowledge would blot out all fear of lack for they would realize that they live in a God-filled universe abounding in riches beyond anything that they could conceive. They would have no fear of deceit or dishonesty or treachery in another, for they would understand his Christhood and they would know that the Law of integrity prevailed in him. They would have no fear of sickness or disease of any kind, for they would be dynamically conscious of the unity of the whole—one Substance, one Mind, one Life, one Nature in all. Moreover, this certainty of the goodness of the whole would imbue them with a radiance of love that would draw all others to them and bring them the ineffable joy of perfect companionship.

Have I overdrawn the picture? The half has not been told; all of this and more awaits the consciousness of man. I say with Paul: "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

These blessings are ours now, they belong not to the few but to all of us equally, but they come into our consciousness and experience just to the degree that we acknowledge them steadfastly in thought. This persistent acknowledgment, recognition in thought, establishes the attitude of perfect certainty of good. This is faith, all powerful faith. It moves mountains of fear and depression and casts them into the sea of oblivion where they will be borne from us never to return.

One thing was said to me a while ago that thrilled me with joy. I was teaching a class in a western city. After several weeks, one of the members of

DIVINE SCIENCE CHURCH

THINKING FROM PRINCIPLE

Positive thinking and speaking is the duty of every true Divine Scientist. Everything he thinks and says should be designed to make him more conscious of the omnipresence. The Divine Scientist emphasizes the truth and not the appearance, by thinking and speaking of the truth rather than of its opposite. All the riches of God is ours; we bring into our lives through the law of realization which comes from affirmation and action.

the class said something like this: "The greatest blessing that has come to me through this class is that it has made me see that the universe is wholly good. I have always felt that things were against me; now I know they are for me, the entire universe with its infinite power and abundance of good is for me."

This is what I wish everyone of us to realize. When we look out upon the world from this center of consciousness, thought pierces the veil of unreality which covers so much truth and beauty and sees into the heart of it all—and lo, it finds harmony, beauty, "the heaven at hand."

How is this brought about? By the very simple law of thought-training. Everyone can practice it, everyone can be faithful in the application of this Law, and to everyone who persists will come the wonderful consciousness that uplifts and blesses and heals.

I wish to be still more definite. In order to train thought to its most powerful action for good, one must have a standard to measure up to. In Divine Science, our standard is the perfect Mind of God. That Mind individualized we call the Christ-Mind in us.

The Christ-Mind is Divine Mind in action as Man—as you and me. In this light we see what marvelous beings we are in reality. Jesus acknowledged our infinite potentiality when he said: "Be ye perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect." We are far from the ideals of the Master Mind, Jesus. But the possibility of attaining is ours, and we can move toward it through an orderly unfoldment of the inner power. This orderly progression is accomplished through systematic thought-training. The outer life will naturally conform to the quality of our thinking. When the inner is lifted to the Christ standard, the objective realm will show forth the love and the power of such realization.

Sometimes one says: "You give us a high ideal; it seems impossible to attain. I am too weak to be successful in such an undertaking; I am discouraged before I begin." Such an attitude is already avowed defeat. We get nowhere with such an outlook. It is a wrong beginning; in fact it is no beginning, but immediate failure.

My answer to this negative reasoning is: It is a matter of Law. Law has no favorites, it works for everyone who uses it; it does not require brilliancy but right decision and faithful persistence in following that decision. Let each one say that I am determined to train my thought along right lines. I think but one thought at a time. I can and will make each thought true to the Christ-Mind within me. I refuse all weak thinking; I am not controlled by thought, I am the thinker and therefore the master of my mental realm. I will keep the pattern of the Christ-Mind before me and follow it. Thought by thought, moment by moment, step by step, I blot out old habits of thought and substitute, vital, dynamic, concepts. In this way, I will reconstruct my life and bring it closer to the originant idea—Christ.

Shall we review a day of practice? This will make the method of work still clearer:—I waken a few moments before getting-up-time; I stretch a bit and think, "Oh, dear me. What a day I have ahead of me! How shall I ever get through it!" Then I stop and say to myself, "I know better than to begin the day with such downward thoughts. I will reverse them immediately." So I go on in some such way as this: "Everything comes to me by Law; what comes by Law belongs to me; I will meet the duties of this day with joy, I will know that I have wisdom to make every decision for I will turn often to the guiding mind within me; I will rejoice in my ability to do well all that comes to me for the Christ-Mind which plans my day, carries out its purposes through me." I jump out of bed happy in the thought of the many opportunities of the day. All goes well for a few hours, then it may be that things not so pleasant happen. If I am in an office and my chief comes in "grouchy" and takes me to task for what is not my fault, there is temptation to be disturbed and resentful at the injustice. Or, perhaps I am a business man, and am expecting checks from customers to pay my own bills, but the mails bring me nothing but excuses for not sending the checks. I am tempted to discouragement. Again I am mistreated, grossly so. Then comes the desire to retaliate, or, anger burns within me.

No matter what it is that comes, we cannot afford to let a thought or feeling that is not Christ-like remain. On the moment, it must be changed. In this way, alone, can we move upward day by day until we come to the "light of the perfect day." This is the heaven which Jesus said was at hand and within, attainable by everyone of us.

The Pueblo Divine Science Church

The Reverend Max H. Ballard, Minister

PEACE ON EARTH

He leadeth me through pastures green,
Through earthly things that throb with life;
He leadeth me by rivers calm
And cools my thoughts of strife.
On mountain pass, through tempest night,
He leadeth me in paths of light.

Good keeper of my secret heart,
Let loose thy healing spark of love;
And with thy power now set forth,
The star of peace shines high above,
To give the world this message true:
Christmas forever, Christ in you.

—Max H. Ballard

PUEBLO CHURCH GROWTH

For many years prior to the retention of the Rev. Max H. Ballard as pastor of the church, the center was directed by the Rev. Mrs. Cora A. Lee, who still is one of the church's most active and beloved members. Coming to Pueblo in 1941, Rev. Ballard assisted with the organization of the church in January of the next year and from the original membership of 60 or 65, the church has steadily grown until today its membership is the second largest of any Divine Science church in Colorado.

Meetings and services of the church are held in the Pueblo Federated Women's clubhouse, located at Thirteenth and Grand, where 250 persons can be accommodated. During the past year, ground was purchased by the church at Fifteenth and Grand and when the war is ended a new edifice will be erected by the church, it is planned. Rev. Ballard, members of the board of trustees, and others of the church, are convinced that when the church has its own building, an even more phenomenal growth of the church will be noted.

Since the resumption this fall of the meetings of the Pueblo Divine Science church, twelve newcomers have become members, Mrs. P. F. Murphy, secretary, announced the last Sunday in October. Welcomed to membership were Mrs. Kathleen Dietz, Mrs. Lura Darnell, Mrs. Leenora Berry, Walter P. Traver, Mrs. Marlow Hawkins, Miss Ida Hartzog, Mrs. Eva G. Power, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Sloan, Mrs. Gladys Knudesen, Miss Juanita Knudesen and Mrs. Mary Steinbeck.

COLLEGE CLASSES

College classes instructed by The Rev. Max H. Ballard this fall are larger than in previous years, with an especially fine increase in the enrollment of students in the Fundamentals group.

Rev. Ballard holds bible class on Wednesday nights and teaches Fundamentals on Thursday nights in the parsonage, 1418 N. Main. The courses in spiritual psychology and high religious education will be started when the second semester starts. It is Rev. Ballard's hope that he will have a graduation class in the spring, a number of students having completed all but one of the required courses last year and having announced plans for finishing their study during the coming second semester.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Pueblo Divine Science Women's Association held its November meeting at the home of Mrs. W. E. Swearingen, with the Rev. Mrs. Cora A. Lee and Mrs. E. J. Wilson as assisting hostesses. The devotional was given by Mrs. W. S. Bellman and Mrs. Fred Bullen gave a talk on Thanksgiving.

The Association meets regularly the first Thursday in each month and the next gathering will be on Dec. 7, but it has not yet been announced where the meeting will be held.

More than $200 was raised for the Pueblo Divine Science church building fund when the Women's Association held a rummage sale in October. Another sale later in the year, or next spring, may be conducted by the women, who were highly complimented by the church board for their first contribution.

Members of the Pueblo Divine Science Women's Association and others of the church are preparing Christmas boxes to send to the boys' home in California, where the Rev. Max Ballard's father is superintendent. The elder Ballard, who was named superintendent only a few months ago, wrote his son that no one remembered the boys last year. Candy, games and many things that make boys happy will be contained in the boxes which the women of the church will pack, Mrs. Dwight D. Phelps is president of the association and has prepared lists of the things which will be acceptable.

ANNUAL DINNER

More than 100 members and friends of the Pueblo Divine Science church were in attendance when the annual dinner was held in the church the evening of November 3. Mrs. Elizabeth Walmsley and Mrs. P. F. Murphy were in charge. The Rev. Max H. Ballard was toastmaster and the Rev. Mrs. Cora A. Lee gave the prayer of blessing. Each member took a covered dish to the dinner and the church furnished the meat, coffee and refreshments. The tables were decorated with yellow and white chrysanthemums and the front of the room was ornamented with fall leaves.

Following the dinner, all enjoyed community singing, and a musical program was provided by Mrs. Norman E. Nordby and Sgt. Roy Cooper, accompanied by Mrs. Murphy at the piano. Joe Bullen, former president of the church board, gave a talk on Divine Science as a science of business; Mrs. Norma Clark talked on Divine Science as a science of youth; David W. Harris, new president of the church, spoke on Divine Science as a science of every man, and Mrs. Walmsley on Divine Science as a science of supply. Following the program, games arranged by Mrs. Victor Chapman, were played.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The board of the Pueblo Divine Science church was re-elected when the annual membership meeting was held following the Sunday services, Oct. 8. At the first meeting of the directors, later in the month, David W. Harris, who had been serving as treasurer, was named president. Joseph E. Greer was elected vice-president, Mrs. Elizabeth Walmsley was elected treasurer and Mrs. P. F. Murphy was re-elected secretary.

Other members of the board are Harold Spath, Dwight D. Phelps and Joseph A. Bullen, who served as president during the past year.

The Rev. Max H. Ballard, who was brought to Pueblo four years ago to become pastor of the Pueblo Divine Science church, was given a new contract when the directors held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Walmsley in October.

The directors expressed their appreciation during their discussion of the renewal of his contract.

LETTERS

(The editorial staff appreciates the letters written by the readers. This is the only way we have of knowing that the Divine Science News is fulfilling your needs, and bringing you satisfaction.)

Mrs. Katherine Fisbeck of Cincinnati, Ohio, writes:

"Each month I eagerly look forward to my copy of The Divine Science News. It is a joy and inspiration to me as I go over each article. Since meeting many of you during my short visit to the Divine Science College, the News will have added meaning, and I know will bring added blessings. I know that the Father will continue to bless all your readers through the rich consciousness you so lovingly are sharing with them."

Our friend Nuver Koumyan, of New York, expressed her congratulations to The News after reading the report of the progress made during the first year of our existence by writing:

"I felt proud of you when I saw your report card with an excellent mark on it. I knew you could do it! Good luck to you and a better success for the next year.

Remember, 'You can be as vast as the Universe, yet you can be as small as a speck of dust.' Always try to be great.

I am sending a little cash as a birthday present. God bless you."

And from Mrs. Thos. H. Gibbs comes this message:

"The News contains nuggets of golden grains of Truth that help so in every day living. I would not be without it.

May God bless you in sending out this little newspaper of Truth."

Dear Fellowship Friends:

In just a few words I want to express my appreciation of this latest development in the Fellowship movement—the definite Prayer Hour.

I am most glad to cooperate.

May the faith of each of us increase and our daily works give noticeable evidence!

Faithfully yours,
N. L. P.
Harrison, N. Y.

Dear Friends:

Words are inadequate to convey to you the deeper meaning of life I am receiving through the study of these lessons. Each day I have a place and time to go through the lessons. I put them in a folder and they are always there waiting and ready to give as much as I am ready to receive.

Some time ago I was reading an article by Browne Landone, in which he said that if one were feeling people did not love them, not to try to draw love to you, but to tune into life. Then comes your Lesson 5, asking, "What could be more reasonable than to see all life as the expression of one Universal Life, everywhere present at all times?"

M. E. F.,
Rochester, N. Y.

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

TYPICAL FELLOWSHIP STUDENT VISITS DENVER COLLEGE

Mr. Ray Smith of Tonkawa, Oklahoma, visited in Denver on November 15, 16 and 17, and made the visit serve double duty. He attended the 59th Reunion of Rocky Mountain Consistory of Scottish Rite Masonry and two lectures on Divine Science, one on Wednesday evening by Dr. Gregg and one on Thursday noon by Dr. Brooks.

Ray Smith could easily be considered a typical example of a Divine Scientist who goes to church by mail. One hundred miles from the nearest Divine Science Church, he receives his weekly sermon through the Divine Science College Fellowship and joins the hundreds of others like him all over the nation in the daily group meditations of this Church Invisible. "If you could only see with what anticipation I watch the mail box on the day my new lesson is due!" Mr. Smith told us. "Divine Science appeals to me because of its breadth of vision and the scope of its tolerance which includes all and excludes none. Many of my friends in Tonkawa are catching my enthusiasm and are writing in to find out more about this wonderful Truth that is such a help in every department of life. One of my friends, especially, likes the lessons so well that he always appears in my office the day the lessons arrive, and he always requests that I read them aloud to him." With a smile and a beckoning gesture, Mr. Smith invited us to see what he had in his coat pocket: there was the current issue of the Divine Science Monthly. "It goes with me wherever I go," he said.

MAJOR HARSH VISITS DENVER

Forrest R. Harsh, Major A. A. F., the son of Mrs. Rosamond Harsh, is back in the United States, temporarily, after twenty-seven months with the A. A. F. in the South Pacific.

Major Harsh is having a well deserved rest in Ohio, before taking up his future work in more advanced flying missions.

Major Harsh is having a well-de- star on his wings for five years of flying. He has taken part in three major campaigns, represented by three golden stars on his service ribbons, and wears the Distinguished Flying Cross.

On one mission he was attacked by eight zeros and was successful in shooting down five of them. Thus he became an ace and earned the "D.F.C." at the same time.

With the modesty of most of our fine service men he says: "I didn't do it, they all did it."

ONE DIVINE SCIENTIST HAS NO SPARE TIME

There are many ways of letting your light shine, a truth of which Mrs. Mary Martin is a good example. From Monday morning until Saturday noon she is the presiding spirit of the outer office of the College, caring for the spiritual and material needs of Divine Scientists from near and far. But on the stroke of twelve, like Cinderella, she is transformed. A Grey Lady appears, exquisitely starched, with floating veil. Her arms are laden with flowers, cookies, books, games, and with the results of many commissions, such as bags of popcorn, peanuts for the squirrels, perhaps an engagement ring. This is Mary Martin, and yet the same. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons she is again providing for the spiritual and material needs of others, only this time it is the boys who have come back from Service to renew health and strength in Fitzsimmons Hospital. They watch for her with eager eyes as she comes into their ward, hungry for her encouragement, her gay jokes, her quiet understanding.

There are indeed many ways of letting the light shine, and Mary Martin has chosen one of the best.

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May the Light of Happiness and Peace Glow in Your Home at Christmastide And Lead You through a Glad New Year

Many of you may have enjoyed these beautiful expressions of Christmas, as printed last year in the newspapers by the Denver Dry Goods Company, in lieu of the usual commercial advertising. We were graciously given permission to re-print them in The News.

The Best Things In Life Spell
C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S

Children—with their eager enthusiasm

Home—with its heartening welcome

Religion—with its spiritual solace

Idealism—with its faithful belief in goodness

Sentiment—with its sweet lasting memories

Thoughtfulness—with its friendly cheer

Merriment—with its sparkling gladness

Affection—with its tender devotion

Selflessness—with its rewarding satisfaction

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Christmas is what we're fighting for.
Christmas is your faith in all that is good in the world.
Christmas is the selfless spirit of doing for others.
Christmas is laughter and friendship and the spreading of cheer,
And it is the guileless wonder of childhood.
Christmas is the sweet joy of families united.
It is the tender knowledge that you're *loved* by someone,
And that *you* have someone to love.

Christmas is believing in prayer and the Power that answers it—
Plus the right to sing of your belief in the way of your choice.
Christmas is all the things free men fight for.
Let us *Keep It Shining* for all the world.

GRANDMOTHER AT CHRISTMAS

By GAYLE KING KEABLES

Open my eyes that I may see
The riches Thou hast given to me.
All the familiar things I know:
The tinseled tree with lights aglow,
Upon the floor the parcels spread,
My youngest grandchild's curly head,
The fire that warms our humble room,
My Christmas-cactus just in bloom,
The blue of the rug, the cream of the wall,
My daughter standing slim and tall,
And through this window on my right,
Crisp, sharp stars in the frosty night,
The family table with simple fare,
And all my dear ones gathered there.
Help me never to take for granted
This moment divine, this place enchanted.
Help me to see with the inner eye
This pageant of beauty passing by.

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Whoever was begotten by pure love,
And came desired and welcome into life,
Is of Immaculate Conception. He,
Whose heart is full of tenderness and truth,
Who loves mankind more than he loves himself,
And cannot find room in his heart for hate
May be another Christ. We all may be
The Saviours of the world, if we believe
In the Divinity which dwells in us,
And worship it, and nail our grosser selves,
Our tempers, greeds, and our unworthy aims,
Upon the cross. Who giveth love to all,
Pays kindness for unkindness, smiles for frowns,
And lends new courage to each fainting heart,
And strengthens hope, and scatters joy abroad,
He, too, is a Redeemer, Son of God.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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May Hope, with shining feet, walk on before thee,
And Friendship hold thy hand in lonely ways;
May Peace, who dries all tears, watch ever near thee,
And Love, through all the years, shine on thy days.
—From an old Christmas card.