

SHARON HOUSE CORPORATION ANNUAL MEETING
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Scarborough
Saturday, April 30th, 2011 - 1:00 pm

All good...His wisdom planned

Christian Science Hymnal, Hymn 216

Welcome & Hymn # 216

Spiritual Inspiration

2010 – 2011 Board of Directors' Report

Treasurer's Report, including Appointment of Auditors

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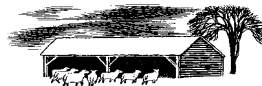
Election of the Board of Directors for 2011 - 2012

Question and Answer period

Announcements

Hymn # 350

Benediction



Church Manual of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

By Mary Baker Eddy: 49:7-16

Christian Science Nurse. SECT. 31. A member of The Mother Church who represents himself or herself as a Christian Science nurse shall be one who has a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice, who thoroughly understands the practical wisdom necessary in a sick room, and who can take proper care of the sick.

The cards of such persons may be inserted in The Christian Science Journal under rules established by the publishers.

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Spiritual Inspiration

The Bible (King James Version)

- (1) Job 37:14 stand
- (2) Ps 145:9 his
- (3) Ps 145:10 (to ;),11
- (4) II Tim 2:19 the (to 1st ,)
- (5) Isa 14:24
- (6) Isa 59:1
- (7) Phil 2:13
- (8) Ps 27:11 (to 3rd ,)
- (9) Job 28:7,23
- (10) Isa 58:11
- (11) Luke 12:32 it

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

- (1) 454:5-9
- (2) 506:18
- (3) 490:6-8 Christian
- (4) 326:20-21
- (5) 17:1-3,12-15

Miscellaneous Writings 1883 – 1896 by Mary Baker Eddy

The People's Idea of God by Mary Baker Eddy

The First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany by Mary Baker Eddy

- (1) Mis 359:29
- (2) Mis 51:15-16
- (3) Mis 135:3-7
- (4) Mis 152:30-2
- (5) Mis 66:16
- (6) Peo 1:2 (only)
- (7) My 152:20-24
- (8) Mis 288:13
- (9) Mis 204:23-30
- (10) My 187:6-11

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Board of Directors Report
Stephanie Bonnell, Chairman

Why does it matter whether or not Sharon House survives?

As you know, because of a lack of funds, Sharon House was forced to stop admitting patients, curtail its training program, and lay off its nursing staff late last year. Because additional funds were not forthcoming, as required by law, the lay-offs became permanent in January 2011.

It has become very clear that the field in Canada does not fully comprehend the value of Sharon House. Much of our wider field has not had any first hand contact with Sharon House, has probably not required Christian Science nursing care, or known anyone who has. It is understandable, then, that many Christian Scientists may never have considered the significance of Sharon House and the essential role it plays in our movement. Perhaps some of us here today might admit we have never thought deeply about this subject. Well, by the time we leave here today, we will all be equipped to answer the question “Why does it matter ...” with renewed understanding and confidence, and we – the members of Sharon House – can begin to work together to awaken our field out of this unnatural apathy and help them to grasp the importance of the Christian Science nursing facility to the Cause of Christian Science.

Apathy or indifference is a form of animal magnetism. Animal magnetism would entice our field “by unseen, silent arguments” (*The First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany*, page 211). When our Master was about to begin his healing ministry, the devil tried to derail him with three temptations designed to sow doubt in his mind about the legitimacy of his status as the Son of God (Matthew 4.) During these past few months, your Board of Directors, through dedicated prayer, has uncovered a similar attempt by animal magnetism to sow doubt in the mind of our field about the legitimacy of the Christian Science nursing facility. Our field is being tempted to believe that Mary Baker Eddy didn’t want Christian Science nursing facilities, or that she changed her mind about the wisdom of

establishing them, and that such facilities are not *Manual*-based. Such lies, accepted into consciousness, produce apathy. This has the effect of weakening the field's desire to support Sharon House financially. Together, we are going to refute these lies.

In your meeting package, you have a reprint of an editorial from the *Christian Science Sentinel* dated October 7, 1916. The editorial was written by the Christian Science Board of Directors, and it concerns the formation of the Christian Science Benevolent Association, or what has come to be known today as the Chestnut Hill Benevolent Association, or simply, the B.A. The Christian Science Benevolent Association was the *first* Christian Science nursing facility.

This editorial will put to rest that first lie. **Were Christian Science nursing facilities really part of Mrs. Eddy's enduring vision for her Church? They most certainly were!**

The editorial notes: "Those who were in personal touch with our Leader know that she recognized and often spoke of the need, at this period of the demonstration of Christian Science, for *properly conducted institutions* where those seeking relief through Christian Science might find such care and attention as would assist in their recovery" [italics added].

But Mrs. Eddy also had another purpose in mind for these institutions. The editorial explains that she wanted them to "include provisions for such instruction in practical methods of caring for those under treatment as is consistent with the teachings of Christian Science." Mrs. Eddy had become convinced that, in her words, "our cause demands a wider circle of means for the ends of philanthropy and charity, *and better qualifications for practical purposes*. This latter lack in students of Christian Science is a great hindrance to our cause and it must be met and mastered. *The students need to be qualified*" [italics added].

It is interesting that the by-law establishing the Christian Science nurse (*Church Manual of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.*, by Mary Baker Eddy, Article. VIII, Section 31), was adopted in 1908. Yet, Mrs. Eddy believed that the Christian Science nurse by-law was, *on its own*, insufficient: something *more* was needed to support Christian Science healing, for less than a year later she was advocating for the creation of the Christian Science nursing facility. Acting on her conviction, in July of 1909

Mrs. Eddy instructed her Board of Directors to “vote on the adoption of the following by-law, and if adopted publish it in our periodicals and in the *Church Manual*.” The by-law read:

The Mother Church shall establish and maintain a Christian Science resort for the so-called sick.

This by-law was immediately adopted, and planning for the resort commenced. A month later, Mrs. Eddy told the Board that, “if The Mother Church is not *ready* to establish and maintain a Christian Science resort for the sick, she [Mrs. Eddy] is willing to let this matter rest *for the present*.” She suggested under the circumstances that they repeal the by-law, which they did. However, the Board of Directors assures us in this editorial it had “not lost sight of its obligation to found this work for which the demand has so definitely and rapidly increased, *but has only awaited the time which seemed right for carrying out the project*” [italics added].

During the course of the founding of the B.A., Mrs. Eddy made an important decision. According to the editorial, she insisted that the first Christian Science nursing facility be founded by the Christian Science Board of Directors, and the editorial notes she made this decision *after studying the Church Manual*.

This brings us to the second lie we need to refute. **Is the Christian Science nursing facility *Manual-based*?** *You bet it is!* In fact, contrary to what some in our field have been led to believe, although the particular facility by-law Mrs. Eddy proposed was never re-enacted, the Christian Science nursing facility *is Manual-based*. The Christian Science Board of Directors, acting on Mrs. Eddy’s instruction, established the Christian Science nursing facility under Article. I, Section 8 of the *Church Manual* [see *Christian Science Sentinel* editorial February 27, 1926.] That article is titled “Trusteeships and Syndicates,” and for those who aren’t familiar with the wording, it reads:

Boards of Trustees and Syndicates may be formed by The Mother Church, subject to the approval of the Pastor Emeritus.

This is the *Manual* authority for *all* Christian Science nursing facilities operating today.

Why is it important for our field to know that facilities are *Manual*-based? Because the carnal mind is desperately trying to move the Christian Science nursing facility out from under the *Manual* umbrella. Whatever is contained in the *Manual* is divinely empowered and protected. Mrs. Eddy recognized this when she said, "Of this I am sure, that each Rule and By-law in this *Manual* will increase the spirituality of him who obeys it, invigorate his capacity to heal the sick, to comfort such as mourn, and to awaken the sinner" (*The First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany*, page 230:10.) Is it not then clear why the carnal mind would be working so hard to separate the Christian Science nursing facility from the *Manual*? Outside the *Manual's* protection, it can be more easily attacked and destroyed!

Those who challenge the legitimacy of facilities need to recognize what Mrs. Eddy clearly understood: *that the Christian Science nurse by-law requires the support of the Christian Science nursing facility to realize its full potential.* To her, it was an imperative that such facilities be formed, and what a blessing to have one such facility – a legacy of that inspired vision – right here in Toronto!

Throughout the years, The Mother Church has repeatedly argued through the periodicals that these facilities deserve the *sustained* financial and prayerful support of *every* Christian Scientist. Bruce Fletcher, Manager of the Benevolent Association, told a General Activities Meeting of The Mother Church in 1934, "The continued fulfillment of our beloved Leader's vision for a 'resort for the so-called sick' depends upon the willingness of Christian Scientists to work for the success of the Benevolent Association We need the support of all Christian Scientists" [*Christian Science Sentinel*, June 30, 1934]. In 1973, the *Journal's* Church in Action section noted that the first two Christian Science nursing facilities had "established the rightness of institutional nursing care for Christian Scientists" [*Christian Science Journal*, September 1973]. Three years later, the Christian Science Board of Directors wrote: "The seed which [Mrs. Eddy] sowed in 1906 has since grown and borne fruit in the form of thirty-six accredited care facilities for Christian Scientists here and abroad, all deserving of the support they receive from the Field" [*Christian Science Sentinel*, May 1, 1976]. And at that time, our own Sharon House was one of those accredited facilities!

It should be clear to us, that when we fail to provide that sustained support, we dishonour our Leader's vision.

But some in our field have been swayed by **the serpentine suggestion that a facility is really unnecessary – that Christian Science nursing can survive and prosper just as effectively *without* institutional support.** Let's look at the facts.

You heard earlier that Mrs. Eddy was intent on having the Christian Science nursing facility improve the qualifications of Christian Science nurses. The lack of better qualified nurses she called a “great hindrance to our cause.” Now the suggestion has been made that improving the qualifications of our nurses can be done just as effectively through mentoring by independent Christian Science nurses.

But what is the evidence? In eastern Canada, in the past five years, *three* Christian Science nurses have become *Journal*-listed through their work at Sharon House, including an independent nurse from outside the province who attributes her commitment to a more public practice to her work at Sharon House. During that same period, none have become *Christian Science Journal*-listed as the result of being mentored by an independent nurse. And of those nurses who began their ministry at Sharon House and then moved to an area without a nearby Christian Science nursing facility, none have become *Journal*-listed, even when an independent *Journal*-listed nurse was located nearby to mentor. In addition, four individuals have recently come into Christian Science nursing through working at Sharon House. We know of none who have done so as a result of being mentored by an independent nurse. This shows the vital role Sharon House plays in recruiting and empowering those seeking *Journal* listing. Here in Canada, Sharon House is a *much* needed vehicle for promoting and safeguarding the ministry of Christian Science nursing.

There is another argument used by animal magnetism to undermine Sharon House, and that is **the lie that the corporate structure gets in the way of Christian Science nursing.** “If only we could do away with this impediment,” the serpent urges, “Christian Science nursing could flourish.” *Nothing could be further from the truth.* In order to refute this lie, we need to understand the importance of the corporate structure, and how it blesses Christian Science nursing.

In 1965, the founders of Sharon House had the wisdom and foresight to establish it as a corporation under the laws of Ontario. A corporation is an entity created under law, governed by a board of directors acting in

compliance with that law, and having a perpetual existence independent from its members.

The corporation is a legal means by which *the idea can exist separate from the individual*. In other words, when Sharon House, the idea, was incorporated, it assumed a life of its own, independent of the founders. This corporate form of existence is a *protection* to the idea: it is no longer subject to the vagaries and limitations of personality.

We all know that Mrs. Eddy was very alert to the dangers of founding her Church on the quicksand of personality. Instead, she vested authority in a board of directors operating within the legal framework of the Church *Manual*. She further endorsed the corporate structure when she gave her directors the authority to form boards of trustees or syndicates that would in turn be subject to the laws of their respective jurisdictions. Mrs. Eddy valued the strengths of the corporate model. She herself was an astute businesswoman, and she chose for her Church a form of organization that would best promote its mission and ensure its perpetuity. She understood that the corporate structure ensures governance by principle, not personality, and is designed to endure.

As a charitable corporation, Sharon House is actually a specific expression of the “structure of Truth and Love.” This phrase “structure of Truth and Love” is used in the Glossary of *Science and Health* to define “Church”. And we know that it was through the Church *Manual*, Article I, Section 8, that Christian Science nursing facilities were first established. Mrs. Eddy took great pains to ensure that Christian Science nursing facilities were located *in thought* under the protection of the *Manual*: she actually took steps to *prevent* a benefactor from establishing the first Christian Science nursing facility *outside* the protection of the *Manual* [see *Christian Science Sentinel* editorial October 7, 1916]. Sharon House, then, is a part of Church, and manifests the structure of Truth and Love.

What does “structure” do? What role does it play? *It is the purpose of structure to give shape to, to support, to strengthen, to protect.*

Sharon House has a physical structure, of course. Its physical structure was designed specifically to facilitate (or support) Christian Science nursing. But Sharon House also has a *legal* structure, or framework, within which Christian Science nursing takes place, called the charitable corporation.

Like the physical structure, which is designed to shelter and support the activity within its walls, the legal framework is also designed to shelter and support the activity within its jurisdiction. Now some may mistakenly believe that this legal framework has a constraining effect, and is something to be avoided or *evaded* whenever possible. But that is the argument of the serpent. Our legal framework is actually the manifestation on earth of the structure of Truth and Love!

For example:

- As a charitable corporation, we are required by law to have an annual financial audit. The purpose of this requirement is to ensure that honesty and integrity characterize the financial operations of Sharon House. The audit, then, manifests the structure of Truth.
- We are also required by law to have regular fire drills and inspections. Because these requirements are designed to safeguard our patients and staff from harm, they manifest the structure of Love.
- The directors are required by law to exercise oversight, which enables the Board to ensure the highest standard of nursing care for its patients and to manage risk, thereby protecting Sharon House from harm. Oversight reflects the structure of Love, for “divine Love corrects and governs man” [*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, page 6].

Structure is a requirement for progress. Picture a plant: without any structure, it could not support itself, and thus could not grow and develop. It is our corporate structure that enables Christian Science nursing to grow and develop. Our corporate structure also provides the framework for working together to achieve a specific purpose. And this corporate structure constitutes our public face: Christian Science nursing appearing to humanity in a form that it can understand.

There are those who believe that Sharon House should be downgraded to a "rent a room" arrangement where independent nurses can bring their patients to nurse. Where is the structure to ensure standards in this model? Is this really our Leader's vision? Does it have the capability to ensure, in her own

words "better qualifications for practical purposes"? Is this idea truly supporting Christian Science nursing and Christian Science healing? Where is the oversight for the patients, nurses and the organization. Is this a properly conducted institution? The Mother Church is strongly encouraging all facilities to become accredited for just this very reason. *Accreditation requires structure.* To operate in a safe and protected environment, to be insurable, to protect our members from liability, we need processes, procedures, oversight – *accountability!* *We need the corporate structure.*

Mrs. Eddy tells us animal magnetism fosters suspicious distrust where honor is due, and a belief in safety where there is most danger. We need to work metaphysically to dispel this mistaken distrust of the corporate structure and the belief that there is safety in *un-incorporating*.

The truth is, Sharon House Corporation, *under* the protection of the *Manual*, *resting upon and proceeding from* divine Principle, *upheld* by the structure of Truth and Love, effectively enfolds, nurtures, and safeguards the Christian Science nursing activity.

By now it must be clear that Sharon House is a divinely-inspired idea. Spiritual ideas, by nature, are infinite – forever unfolding. There is no reversal or retrograde step in divine unfoldment. “God expresses in man” – in each one of us – “the infinite idea, forever developing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from a boundless basis” [*Science and Health*, page 258.]

So, where are we at this point in the unfoldment of this spiritual idea called Sharon House? How do we move forward?

After much consecrated prayer, the Board has developed a strategic plan comprising four phases:

- **Promotion of Christian Science nursing**
- **Visiting Nursing Services to the field**
- **Training and Recruiting**
- **24/7 Facility Nursing**

The first phase, Promotion of Christian Science nursing, is arguably the most critical. We have talked about the lack of awareness in our field

regarding the importance of Christian Science nursing to our movement and the misconceptions surrounding the Christian Science nursing facility. Recent articles in the *Christian Science Journal* have repeatedly called attention to the subtle (and not-so-subtle) attempts of animal magnetism to undermine the progress of our movement. This is but one more example of that. Our work together here today – reversing animal magnetism’s lies – is our opening volley in this battle to dispel the ignorance surrounding Christian Science nursing.

And the Promotion phase will continue to address those mental impositions. The Board will be calling on your church to host a Sharon House presentation for your members and adherents in the near future. We will be producing information brochures based on our *Case for Support* booklet to inform and educate our fellow Christian Scientists, and we are looking into the possibility of developing promotional videos for the internet.

But the Promotion phase also needs the active participation of every Sharon House member! Your continued financial support at this stage will determine how quickly we can proceed. We also ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your current monthly contribution.

And – we have an important homework assignment *for you!*

- Please consider promoting Christian Science nursing by giving a testimony in your church about insights or experiences involving Christian Science nursing or a Christian Science nursing facility.
- Talk with your fellow church members about the *Ten Reasons to Support Sharon House*. It may surprise you how many church members are *not* sustaining members of Sharon House. Encourage them to join: you will find membership application cards along with the *Ten Reasons* in your package. Sharon House cannot obtain access to personal contact information for church members, unless they voluntarily provide it, so your role in encouraging them to join is key. It may help to remember that it is divinely *natural* for Christian Scientists to be interested in and want to support *Manual*-based activities that forward the growth of our movement.

The Promotion phase is extremely important, and we will be seeking out those in our field who have the desire and ability to assist us in this work,

including those Christian Science nurses who understand Mrs. Eddy's vision for the Christian Science nursing facility, and its *Manual* basis.

Phase Two, offering **Visiting Nursing Services** to the field, will begin just as soon as we have sufficient funds to hire a *Christian Science Journal*-listed Christian Science nurse to oversee a Visiting Nursing team.

Phase Three, Recruitment and Training, is, as you will recall, an essential component of our Leader's vision for the Christian Science nursing facility. Sharon House offered its first official Christian Science Nursing Arts Course - Level I to two students last fall. We are pleased to announce that training at Sharon House will resume just as soon as we have a new group of interested individuals. This phase can begin concurrently with Phase Two, as we have the opportunity to apply for a grant to pay for an instructor.

Phase Four, a resumption of **24/7 facility nursing**, which is our ultimate goal, will happen once we have the necessary financial commitment from the field. Initially, this could be done on a case-by case basis, and would depend on the availability of qualified Christian Science nurses.

Peter will be filling you in on the financial situation in the next report. But you might wonder how we are going to get to our goal considering the current circumstances. A Christian Scientist who teaches business strategy offers this wise counsel:

In order to develop a strategy, you need a fixed starting point for decision-making and action. *And that starting point is the perfect outcome.* In business, we usually refer to that as "vision." In real simple terms, you need to know what you want to be when you grow up in order to develop a strategy for getting there.

The Bible cautions, "Where there is no vision the people perish" [*Proverbs* 29:18]. The members of this Board – Peter Vaughan, Kathy Shuff, Doreen Leigh, Lise Marchessault, and Stephanie Bonnell – stand for a vision: the vision Mary Baker Eddy had for the Christian Science nursing facility. And we have the strategy. Together with your prayerful and practical support, we will realize it. Thank you!

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Treasurer's Report

Thank you Madame President.

Dear friends,

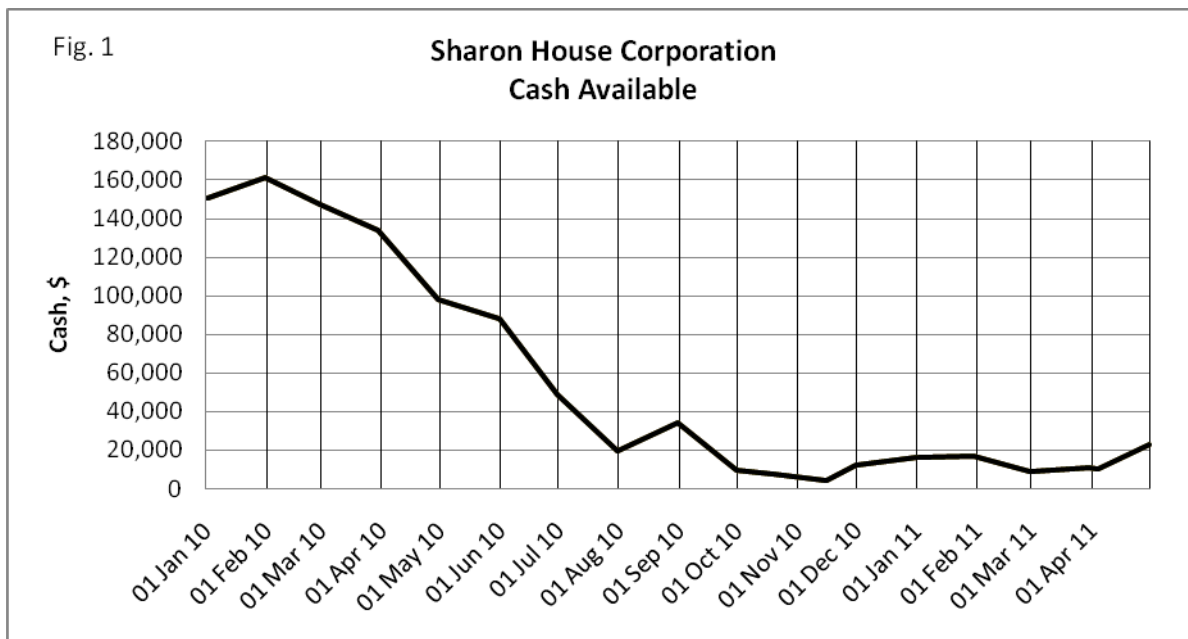
The audited financial statement for the 2010 fiscal year is in the information package that you were given today. Excerpted from that report are these key pieces of financial information.

2010 financials:

- Cash available at year-end was \$40,094 (bank account plus general investments).
- The Endowment Fund value was at \$442,901.
- Total revenue for 2010 was \$367,673 (including investment adjustment to fair market value).
- Total expenses were \$547,163.
- The shortfall was \$179,490 (Expense-Revenue), which explains why funds were depleted.

This shortfall represents the continuation of a trend that has existed over many years at Sharon House. Historically, donations and periodic cash influxes have been repeatedly consumed until an emergency was declared and a new influx of cash arrived. The membership has been consistently informed of the status through AGM reports, mailings and newsletters. I stood at the AGM two years ago and reported that we no longer had any reserve funds to fall back upon, and again last year, that we had funds on hand to cover about two month's operation expenses.

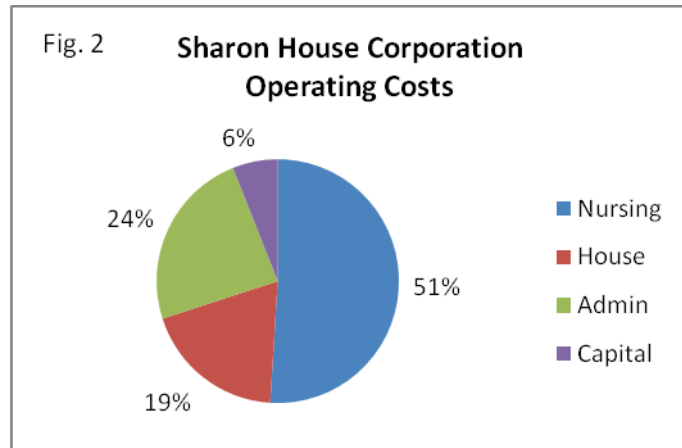
During the course of 2010 our available funds decreased to the point where the upcoming payrolls could not be met. While we had been oh-so-close to this state on occasions during the previous two years, this time there was no escaping the lack of funds. The graph in Fig. 1 shows the amount of cash available on a month by month basis from Jan 1, 2010 until now. Because of this situation the employees were laid off over the period of mid-October to mid-November.



Two employees were retained on a minimum part-time basis in order to maintain the house and carry out required office activity. The temporary layoffs needed to be either ended or declared permanent after thirteen weeks and in mid-January, while we still could not afford to reinstate employees and pay salaries, we could afford to meet the mandated costs of permanent layoff. That step was reluctantly completed on January 17. Our letter to members on January 31, 2011 reported on this information.

Since then, we have continued to receive donations that are just meeting our necessary expenses. The obvious questions that donors and potential donors now ask are, “Should I still contribute to Sharon House? What do contributions currently pay for?” Because of these concerns, we have developed a list of “Ten Reasons to Support Sharon House.” A copy of this list has been included in your meeting package. Our expenses at this moment are those associated with maintaining the house and grounds, and paying for utilities, taxes and insurances as well as other costs associated with running a corporation. It needs to be remembered that, first and foremost among the corporate “objects” describing the scope of Sharon House activity is “TO ... maintain and operate in Ontario a house or houses for the care of those relying on Christian Science for healing.”

Simply maintaining the Sharon House building and the corporate entity without any Christian Science nurses or provision of services, costs from \$250,000 to 300,000 dollars per year. With a full 24/7 facility operation, the typical costs are distributed as shown in Fig. 2.



The Endowment Fund was established in 2008 in order to generate income that would support the operations of Sharon House by supplementing donations and income from services. It was explained in detail at that time that the function of the fund is to provide investment income on a lasting basis to support the operation of the house. As the fund value grows over time its income will combine with income from patient services, membership fees and a steady flow of donations to eliminate the need for desperate appeals for rescue. The Fund is slowly appreciating in value and its income is already being utilized as intended to supplement other incomes.

Sometimes we are asked why we don't cash out the Endowment Fund and reopen Sharon House. There are several excellent reasons for not doing so. First, to do so would defeat the very purpose of creating the Fund. It, along with the Sustaining Donor Campaign, constitutes the vision that is vital to the long term financial stability of Sharon House. Second, the current principle in the Fund, if we were able to access it, would last only about nine months. Then we would again have no money, but also no Endowment Fund as a source of money. Third, the Endowment Fund was wisely set up so that it is protected from abuse. The capital can only be encroached upon with the approval of a majority of the Directors and with a 2/3 majority of members voting on the issue. Aside from all that, any donation that is given specifically for the Fund may not be withdrawn without the written consent of the donor. It is noteworthy that the majority of donations that have gone into the Fund were specifically directed there by the donors.

Another subject on which questions arise is the matter of benevolence. It used to be that the daily rates for Christian Science nursing at Sharon House were such that few could easily afford them and thus few bills were paid. The fees were covered instead by benevolence until nearly all of the cash reserves were depleted. Several years ago the fees were substantially reduced so that they would be more affordable. This revised form of built-in benevolence has been so successful that almost all bills have been paid and we have been much further ahead in regards to receiving fees for service and the depletion of funds was slowed down accordingly.

Sharon House is a vital part of the Canadian Christian Science community in that its sole purpose can be distilled into supporting Christian Science healing through its support of Christian Science nursing. Our January 31st letter described four phases of a plan for restoring our corporation to useful activity. As a charity, and receiving no funding from governments or other sources outside of the Christian Science movement, we depend almost entirely on the generosity of our donors to enable us to carry out those development phases and to resume the fulfilment of our mission.

Stephanie reported that the perception that Mrs. Eddy changed her mind about the endorsement of facilities and their legitimacy is false. This falsity has been replaced with the truth that she did indeed see the great need for facilities and saw to it that they were protected by the Church Manual.

We want to thank, first, our major donors including the C.R. Vint Foundation and The Christian Science Trust in Canada. And thank you all for your continued love of and support for Sharon House and all that it stands for.

Peter Vaughan, Treasurer

Madam chairman,

- I move the acceptance of the Treasurer's report including the Audited financial reports.
- I also move that the firm of Withey Addison be appointed as auditors for the 2011 fiscal year and that the Board of Directors be authorized to fix the auditors' remuneration.

Sharon House Mission Statement

Purpose

To support Christian Science nursing and its availability
to those relying on Christian Science for healing

Motive

To show the practicality and power of God's love

Responsibility

To act for the good of our field, the Christian Science movement and all mankind

Desired Outcomes

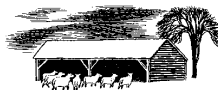
That those in our field who need and want Christian Science nursing care receive it
That those in our field who wish to undertake the ministry of Christian Science nursing be enabled
That the highest possible standards of nursing care be maintained
That the ministry of Christian Science nursing be understood, respected, and accommodated

Functions

To collect, manage and distribute funds in support of Christian Science nursing
 To co-ordinate care resources and activities
To employ individuals as necessary to undertake and support nursing activity
 To provide facilities and/or aid in accessing them
To provide information on Christian Science nursing and other appropriate resources
 To provide or facilitate instruction in Christian Science nursing

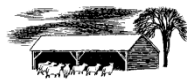
Commitments

To rely on prayer to solve individual and collective problems
To operate in accord with the teaching of Christian Science and relevant legislation
 To respect and promote the dignity and rights of patient, family and nurse
 To maintain a supportive and progressive work environment
To contribute to the professional development of the Christian Science nurse
 To promote Christian love and mutual aid
 among all engaged in the practice of Christian Science healing and nursing



TEN REASONS TO SUPPORT SHARON HOUSE

- ❖ The existence of this beautiful Christian Science care facility assures our family members, friends, colleagues, and community that Christian Scientists provide proper care to those needing nursing care while working out a physical problem through prayer.
- ❖ The purpose of Sharon House is “to support Christian Science nursing and its availability to those relying on Christian Science for healing.” It shows the practicality and power of God’s love.
- ❖ Sharon House’s purpose is directly linked to the provision for the Christian Science nurse in *Church Manual of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.*, by Mary Baker Eddy, Article. VIII, Section. 31 (page 49).
- ❖ Our support shows we cherish Christian healing, the “babe” Mary Baker Eddy refers to in her *Miscellaneous Writings, 1883-1896* (page 370:12).
- ❖ Sharon House is one of just two legally recognized Christian Science care facilities in Canada. It serves all of Eastern Canada.
- ❖ A modest membership fee ensures that you are invited to attend the Sharon House Annual General Meeting and any special members' meetings. You will receive mailings throughout the year to keep you up to date on the most recent developments.
- ❖ The financial support of those who have gone before us and their dedication to an idea has given Christian Scientists in Canada this beautiful facility. Our financial support is evidence of gratitude for this legacy.
- ❖ Sharon House is one of many Christian Science care facilities world-wide providing care by trained, experienced Christian Science nurses in a gracious, homelike, healing atmosphere, - all supported by the Christian Science communities they serve.
- ❖ Sharon House has recently been authorized to provide visiting Christian Science nursing in patients’ homes and also to provide training for Christian Science nurses in Canada.
- ❖ Incorporated under the *Ontario Corporations Act* and as a Registered Canadian Charity, Sharon House is properly structured for assurance of accountability.



Campaign objective: to secure 370 monthly gifts from donors at the levels shown adding up to a cumulative monthly total of \$46,000. Contributions at each level are currently needed to attain this goal.

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\$ Per Month	\$\$ Per Year	No. of Gifts needed at this level	Cumulative Monthly Total
2,000	24,000	5	10,000
1,000	12,000	10	20,000
500	6,000	10	25,000
250	3,000	20	30,000
125	1,500	25	33,125
100	1,200	50	38,125
50	600	100	43,125
25	300	100	45,625
10	120	25	45,875
5	60	25	46,000
Total gifts =		370	

Editorial

The Christian Science Benevolent Association

It is our pleasure and privilege to announce to the field that preliminary steps have just been taken toward the formation of a new and important department of the organized work of Christian Science, to be known as The Christian Science Benevolent Association. We present herewith a statement of the aims and purposes of this new activity, together with a brief history of its development from the time of its inception by Mrs. Eddy to the present.

Those who were in personal touch with our Leader know that she recognized and often spoke of the need, at this period of the demonstration of Christian Science, for properly conducted institutions where those seeking relief through Christian Science might find such care and attention as would assist in their recovery. In about the year 1905 Mrs. Eddy consulted with Mrs. Mary Beecher Longyear of Brookline, Massachusetts, in regard to the founding by Mrs. Longyear of an institution which Mrs. Eddy proposed should be called a "sanatorium," and which should include provisions for such instruction in practical methods of caring for those under treatment as is consistent with the teachings of Christian Science.

In a letter to Mrs. Longyear under date of Jan. 15, 1905, Mrs. Eddy wrote:—

"God is moving on the face of the waters of your thoughts and His creations will appear.

"I propose that the institution you found be called Sanatorium . . . that it be a resort for invalids without homes or relatives available in time of need; where they can go and recruit.

"Our cause demands a wider circle of means for the ends of philanthropy and charity, and better qualifications for practical purposes. This latter lack in students of Christian Science is a great hindrance to our cause and it must be met and mastered. The students need to be qualified so that under the fire of mortal mind they can stand, and 'having done all, to stand' (St. Paul)."

During the ensuing year Mrs. Longyear kept in communication with our Leader in regard to her desires, and plans for the founding of an institution gradually took definite form. However, on Jan. 21, 1906, Mrs. Eddy wrote to Mrs. Longyear as follows:—

"Since reading your letters, pondering the subject of an institute or sanatorium, and studying our Manual, I see it is not best for you to take the initiative in the matter. It properly belongs to The Christian Science Board of Directors to do that, for thereby we shall avoid much confusion in the future. So please drop the matter."

During the next three and a half years Mrs. Eddy frequently spoke of the needs of our cause in this direction, and on July 27, 1909, she sent the following letter to this Board:—

"Box G, Brookline, Mass., July 27, 1909.

"The Christian Science Board of Directors,

"Beloved Brethren:—

"Please vote on the adoption of the following by-law, and if adopted publish it in our periodicals and in the Church Manual.

Mary Baker Eddy.

"BY-LAW

"The Mother Church shall establish and maintain a Christian Science resort for the so-called sick."

The proposed by-law was at once adopted and plans for the establishment of the "resort" were considered. After further correspondence with Mrs. Eddy, however, she advised this Board through her secretary, on Aug. 11, 1909, that "if The Mother Church is not ready to establish and maintain a Christian Science resort for the sick, she [Mrs. Eddy] is willing to let this matter rest for the present and suggests that you vote on the repeal of the by-law providing for the same."

The by-law was at once repealed. Although temporarily delayed, this Board has not lost sight of its obligation to found this work for which the demand has so definitely and rapidly increased, but has only awaited the time which seemed right for carrying out the project.

A short time ago Mrs. Longyear offered to make a gift of a valuable tract of over twenty acres of land, beautifully situated in the suburb of Brookline, as a site for the first Christian Science home or sanatorium to be established and conducted by The Mother Church. Our appreciation of this generous offer was immediately expressed, and Mrs. Longyear was notified that the gift would be accepted. The project will be developed as rapidly as possible. Plans for buildings will be started at once, and it is hoped that the actual work of construction will commence not later than the early spring. Such announcements as are necessary will be made from time to time through our periodicals.

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