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Research & Reference Services provides access to original materials that document the life of Mary Baker Eddy and the church she founded. The collections are central to the Library's mission and include letters, manuscripts, organizational records, photographs, artifacts, books, periodicals, audiovisuals, and other materials available for in-depth research.

Our staff welcomes your questions about Mary Baker Eddy and the history of the Christian Science movement. Depending on the question, a response may be given immediately; in other instances, additional time may be required. Due to the heavy volume of inquiries, it may take up to six weeks to respond to a question. There is no charge for this service beyond copy costs, if applicable.

### ***The Research Room***

The Research Room is open for the public to access the Library's collections. You may obtain an access badge to this area at the first floor reception desk.

Once visitors arrive on the fourth floor, staff is available to help. They provide visitors with a copy of the Research Room guidelines and give a thorough orientation to the Research Room; the electronic database; the extensive collections of reminiscences about Mary Baker Eddy; and other files and publications related to Eddy and the history of the Christian Science movement.

The staff is happy to discuss visitors' projects and help them locate information. Visitors can print out electronic documents or request copies of paper documents.

An appointment is not required to visit the Research Room; however, it is recommended that visitors make contact in advance when wishing to do in-depth research. This will allow time for staff to locate materials on the subject. Portions of the collections, including manuscripts, photographs, art, and artifacts, have been digitally scanned and are available and searchable on Library computers. Finding aids for several of these collections are available online and in the Library.