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Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures MILESTONES

1875: FIRST EDITION

Publisher: Christian Scientist Publishing Company, Boston

Printer: W. F. Brown & Co., Printers, Bromfield Street, Boston

Page count: 456

Contents: Preface; “Natural Science”; “Imposition and Demonstration”; “Spirit and Matter”; “Creation”; “Prayer and Atonement”; “Marriage”; “Physiology”; “Healing the Sick.”

General Information:

- This was published before Mary Baker Eddy’s last marriage, and the author’s name was given as Mary Baker Glover.
- The chapter entitled “Imposition and Demonstration” comprised largely what is now “Christian Science versus Spiritualism” although parts of the chapter were later included in “Atonement and Eucharist.”
- In this edition and the next edition the word “Substance” was used as a synonym for God.
- Pages 230-282 in the chapter “Creation” became “Genesis,” a part of “Key to the Scriptures,” in the 16th edition.
- The Lord’s Prayer and the author’s spiritual interpretation first appeared; the author edited the spiritual interpretation in at least fifteen editions.
- Final end sheets included an “Errata” list.
- In the first edition, Eddy stated her preference that God be rendered in the feminine gender (“Creation,” 238, first edition).
- This edition and the next two editions bear the title *Science and Health*; the “Key to the Scriptures” comes later.
- The author relates in her book *Retrospection and Introspection* (37-38), a publishing delay of some months. As she completed the pages on animal magnetism (368-383, first edition), the printer resumed his work.

1878: SECOND EDITION

Year Published: 1878

Publisher: Dr. Asa G. Eddy, No. 8 Broad Street, Lynn

Printer: Rand, Avery & Co., Boston

Page count: 167

Contents: “Introductory”; “Imposition and Demonstration”; “Physiology”; “Mesmerism”; “Metaphysics”; “Reply to a Clergyman.”

General Information:

- This edition is known as the “Ark Edition” because its cover design included an illustration of an ark.
- The last three chapters were new. “Metaphysics” formed the basis for the Christian Science platform that appears on pages 330-340 of the current edition. The chapter “Reply to a Clergyman” became the foundation of the chapter “Some Objections Answered.”
- Eddy originally intended the second edition to be “a book over five hundred pages” that would give “a fuller synopsis of our metaphysical system.” The printer’s proofs were so filled with typographical errors that Eddy could only salvage 167 pages and so had to publish a shorter version of her textbook. She labeled it “Vol. II” because she wanted the public to consider it in conjunction with the first edition published three years earlier.

1881: THIRD EDITION

Publisher: Dr. Asa G. Eddy, No. 8 Broad Street, Lynn

Printer: University Press: John Wilson and Son, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Page count: Volume 1, 270; Volume 2, 214

Contents: Volume 1: “To the Public”; Preface; “Science of Being”; “Footsteps of Truth”; “Physiology”; “Recapitulation”; “Healing the Sick.” Volume 2: “Demonology”; “Imposition and Demonstration”; “Creation”; “Marriage”; “Prayer and Atonement”; “Platform of Christian Scientists”; “Reply to a Clergyman.”

General Information:

- This edition was the first two-volume edition, and the first edition to display the Cross and Crown seal. The design of the seal changed in 1908, but retained the scriptural passage from Matthew 10:8 (Revised Version).
- “The Science of Man” (from which Eddy taught her classes), took its place in the textbook under the title of “Recapitulation.”
- In the third through the fifteenth editions, Eddy refers to Spirit, or God, in the feminine gender as She and Her in the chapter “Creation.”

1883: SIXTH EDITION

Publisher: The Author, 569 Columbus Avenue, Boston

Printer: University Press: John Wilson and Son, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Page count: Volume 1, 270; Volume 2, 206

Content: *Science and Health*: Volume 1: “Science of Being”; “Footsteps of Truth;” “Physiology”; “Recapitulation”; “Healing the Sick.” Volume 2: “Imposition and Demonstration”; “Creation”; “Marriage”; “Prayer and Atonement”; “Platform of Christian Scientists”; “Reply to a Clergyman”; “Demonology.” *Key to the Scriptures*.

General Information:

- In this edition, *Key to the Scriptures* was added, but contained only a glossary. A number of these definitions date from Eddy’s original Bible notes begun during the autumn of 1866 and extending through the year 1869.

1886: SIXTEENTH EDITION

Publisher: The Author, 571 Columbus Avenue, Boston

Printer: University Press: John Wilson and Son, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Page count: 552 and a 38 page index

Contents: *Science and Health*: Preface; “Science of Being”; “Footsteps of Truth”; “Creation”; ”Marriage”; “Physiology”; “Animal Magnetism”; “Wayside Hints (*Supplementary*)”; “Imposition and Demonstration”; “Healing and Teaching”; “Platform of Christian Scientists”; “Reply to a Critic”; “Recapitulation.” *Key to the Scriptures*: “Genesis”; “Prayer and Atonement”; “The Apocalypse”; “Glossary.”

General Information:

- In this edition, *Science and Health* was put back into one volume.
- *Key to the Scriptures* was enlarged with the addition of “Genesis” (moved from its earlier position in “Creation”), “Prayer and Atonement,” and “The Apocalypse.”
- In this volume, one of three sentences later approved by Eddy for placing on the walls of Christian Science church edifices first appeared: “Divine Love always has met, and always will meet, every human need.”
- The index, prepared by the Reverend James Henry Wiggin, appeared for the first time and was considered a major improvement, for there was no concordance at that time. The index remained until the 226th edition.

1891: FIFTIETH EDITION

Publisher: The Author and Proprietor, Boston

Printer: University Press, John Wilson and Son, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Page count: 578 and a 73-page index

Contents: *Science and Health*: Preface; “Science, Theology, Medicine”; “Physiology”; “Footsteps of Truth”; “Creation”; “Science of Being”; “Christian Science and Spiritualism”; “Marriage”; “Animal Magnetism”; “Some Objections Answered”; “Prayer”; “Atonement and Eucharist”; “Christian Science Practice”; “Teaching Christian Science”; “Recapitulation.” *Key to the Scriptures*: “Genesis”; “Apocalypse”; “Glossary.”

General Information:

- In this edition marginal headings were introduced and the book came more to resemble the current edition. Because of an assistant’s advice, the headings were placed imbedded within the text rather than being placed where the marginal notes usually go — in the margin.
- “Prayer and Atonement” was removed from *Key to the Scriptures* and was divided into two chapters.
- New chapter titles were “Science, Theology, Medicine”; “Christian Science and Spiritualism”; “Christian Science Practice”; and “Teaching Christian Science.”
- “Reply to a Clergyman” was edited, and retitled “Some Objections Answered.”
- Another significant change: the author replaced the literary quotations that had headed chapters with Biblical passages. The one exception was Chapter 5, “Science of Being,” which included a quote from Martin Luther that had formerly headed Chapter 10, “Platform of Christian Scientists,” in the 1886 edition. This Luther quote has remained at the head of “Science of Being” ever since.
- Three years after the 50th edition was published, the Church tenets made their appearance in “Recapitulation” (81st edition, 1894). These tenets date from the formation of the Church of Christ (Scientist) in 1879.

1902: TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH EDITION

Publisher: Joseph Armstrong, 95 Falmouth Street, Boston

Printer: University Press, John Wilson and Son, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Page count: 700

Contents: *Science and Health*: Preface; “Prayer”; “Atonement and Eucharist”; “Marriage”; “Christian Science and Spiritualism”; “Animal Magnetism”; “Science, Theology, Medicine”; “Physiology”; “Footsteps of Truth”; “Creation”; “Science of Being”; “Some Objections Answered”; “Christian Science Practice”; “Teaching Christian Science”; “Recapitulation.” *Key to the Scriptures*: “Genesis”; “The Apocalypse”; “Glossary.” “Fruitage.”

General Information:

- This edition included a new chapter entitled “Fruitage.”
- Line numbering was introduced and the index was dropped in anticipation of a complete concordance which was published one year later.
- The chapters assumed today’s order.
- The author reviewed and rewrote some of the marginal headings.

1907 EDITION

Publisher: Joseph Armstrong, 250 Huntington Avenue, Boston

Printer: University Press, John Wilson and Son, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Page count: 700

Contents: *Science and Health*: Preface; “Prayer”; “Atonement and Eucharist”; “Marriage”; “Christian Science and Spiritualism”; “Animal Magnetism”; “Science, Theology, Medicine”; “Physiology”; “Footsteps of Truth”; “Creation”; “Science of Being”; “Some Objections Answered”; “Christian Science Practice”; “Teaching Christian Science”; “Recapitulation.” *Key to the Scriptures*: “Genesis”; “The Apocalypse”; “Glossary.” “Fruitage.”

General Information:

- This edition included some major changes and additions. Perhaps the most striking example was the removal of all but one of the testimonies in “Fruitage.” These were replaced with more recent testimonies by those who had been healed by reading the book.
- Eddy also made a number of smaller edits, including numerous changes to “Recapitulation.”

ADDITIONAL MILESTONES

- Two major changes in chapter titles appeared later, in 1910. “Christian Science **and** Spiritualism” became “Christian Science **versus** Spiritualism,” and the chapter entitled “Animal Magnetism” was changed to “Animal Magnetism **Unmasked.**”
- It was also late in 1910 that Eddy requested that her picture be removed as the frontispiece.