

## Programs

### *2011 Exhibit: Finding Peace*

Join us in April 2011 for the opening of the Library's new exhibit: "Finding Peace."

"Finding Peace" showcases the words and actions of peacemakers with Mary Baker Eddy prominent among them. Using events from the life of Mary Baker Eddy and the history of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, along with other examples, visitors will learn about the qualities of peacemakers—forgiveness, kindness, understanding, and reflection.

The exhibit is designed to lead visitors through a thoughtful exploration of each quality. Quotations appear in sizes large and small—some so small that visitors will use magnifying glasses to "find" peace physically as well as spiritually!

"Forgiveness" highlights a beautiful wicker chair given to Eddy by inmates of the New Hampshire State Prison in thanks for her writings. This section also tells the

story of national calls for peace after the loss of the *USS Maine* in Havana Harbor in 1898.

"Kindness" tells the incredible story of Christian Science relief efforts during the World Wars. Visitors will be able to see photographs and objects related to relief efforts and view a video about Christian Scientists—chaplains and civilians—finding peace in time of war.

"Understanding" discusses the optimism of the World's Parliament of Religions, held at the Chicago World's Fair of 1893, and shows the complexity of finding the right path to peace. Visitors will also learn about the very personal story of one Christian Scientist who was able to overcome his own prejudices at the time of the Russo-Japanese War, thanks to the words of Mary Baker Eddy.

Finally, "Reflection" encourages visitors to consider how their own everyday actions and decisions can promote peace by showing how journals and diaries can help individuals reflect back on their thoughts and actions. This section is a central theme of the exhibit: everyone, no matter their background, creed, or status, can find and make peace.

If you haven't yet found your way to the exhibit blog, you can follow along with the exhibit team's progress at Behind the Scenes: Blogging a New Exhibit at [mbelibrary.org/blog](http://mbelibrary.org/blog) in 2011.



L: Wicker chair made by New Hampshire State Prison inmates. R: A close look at Finding Peace.

## Mission Statement

*"The Mary Baker Eddy Library provides public access and context to original materials and educational experiences about Mary Baker Eddy's life, ideas, and achievements, including her Church. The Library promotes exploration and scholarship through its collections, exhibits, and programs."*



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## Past Programs



### *"Caring for Christmas"*

The Library reprised its holiday program from last year, updating its original script about how Christmas changed culturally in Mary Baker Eddy's time. Blending song, history, humor, and excerpts from the writings of Mary Baker Eddy, narrators and singers revealed how balancing the secular and spiritual at Christmastime was as much an issue in the nineteenth century as it is today.

### *First Night 2011*

A record 745 visitors came to the Library for First Night 2011. A steady stream of families, students, and others explored the Mapparium® and exhibits on Mary Baker Eddy, participated in arts based activities, and enjoyed a strong lineup of performances, including the thrilling sounds and spectacle of taiko Japanese drumming by Odaiko New England.





## Upcoming Programs

### *First Saturday*

Following the successful launch of our informal and educational First Saturday programming, Lending and Reference Services would like to announce these upcoming events!

**April 2** - Join Reference Librarian Ann Kardos as she concludes the book discussion on *Wide as the Waters: The Story of the English Bible and the Revolution It Inspired* by Benson Bobrick. There will be two sessions: an in person session at 11 a.m. and a conference call at 2 p.m. DST.

**May 7** - We will present a historical research workshop highlighting reference and archival resources that focus on Christian Scientists from the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. There will be opportunities to join us in person or online via Google Chat.

**June 4 to 6** - If you're in town for the Annual Meeting of The Mother Church, or just in the neighborhood, there will be walk-in collection orientations led by Lending and Reference Services and Research Room staff.

For more information and updates regarding First Saturday programming, contact Lending and Reference Services at 617-450-7325 or please visit us at [mbelibrary.org/first-saturday](http://mbelibrary.org/first-saturday)

### *April School Vacation Program*

During April 2011 school vacation week (April 19 – 22) The Mary Baker Eddy Library will again be hosting free activities for youth 17 and under.

The “Finding Peace” children’s program will highlight the theme of our new lobby exhibit and educate kids and their families about dealing with conflict and creating peace in their own lives and the world.

Visitors will learn about the causes of conflict, methods of conflict resolution, and ways to avoid conflict. In addition to these ongoing activities, the Library will be hosting two workshop performances for school-age children by ImprovBoston. During these workshops, improvisational actors will discuss and demonstrate the issue of bullying with youths. Join us in finding, making, and keeping peace!

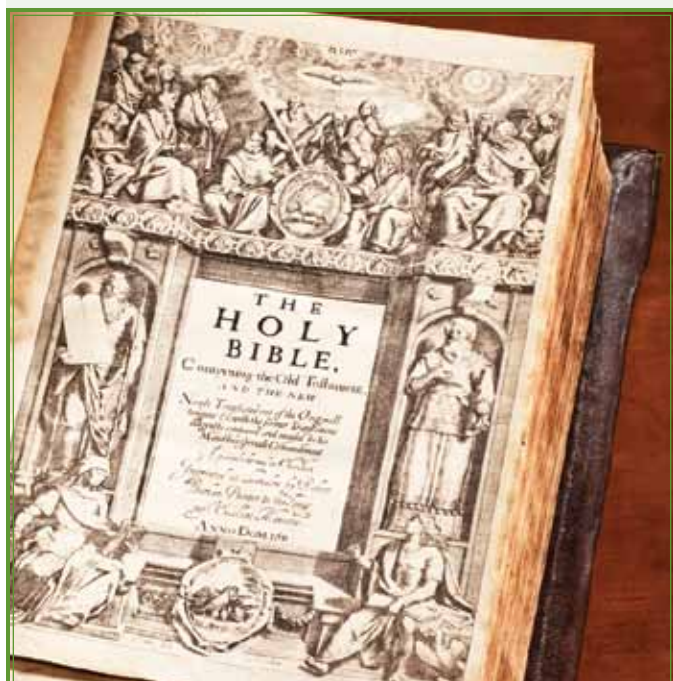
## Exhibits

### *400th Anniversary of the King James Bible*

The Mary Baker Eddy Library is celebrating the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible with a rare, first edition 1611 Bible on display from its collection!

It all began in 1603, when King James I of England (James VI of Scotland) had only just ascended the throne. There were many disagreements between the Church of England and the Puritans in England, especially about the Bible translation that each group liked to use and consult—the monarchy and Church approved of the Bishops’ Bible, while the Puritans preferred the banned Geneva Bible.

In 1604, the Hampton Court Conference was convened by the King in response to requests from the Puritans for Church reform. The idea for the King James Bible came right out of this conference, when the King decided that a new Bible translation would be undertaken. *continued >*



Shown here, the Library’s own 1611 edition. “The Bible is the learned man’s masterpiece, the ignorant man’s dictionary, the wise man’s directory.”—Mary Baker Eddy

Six companies of men were formed to work on the new Bible. Those six companies were comprised of some of the most learned Englishmen of the day. It took them seven years to translate the Old and New Testaments and Apocrypha. Despite the fact that it is commonly called the "Authorized Version," it has never been found that King James officially authorized it.

The King James Bible was the dominant English translation from about 1700 until 1950, when other translations began to become popular.

In addition to these displays, Lending and Reference Services has several books and other resources about the King James Bible and the history of the Bible in English. Feel free to stop by to talk to the reference librarians, check out materials to learn more about the subject, or submit your questions to [reference@mbelibrary.org](mailto:reference@mbelibrary.org)

The Library's very own creative transcription of the King James Bible!



### *KJV in the Making*

Find out firsthand what a monumental task completing the Bible was in 1611—contribute a couple of lines to help the Library reach its goal of transcribing the entire King James Bible by the end of this year!

## Exhibits

### *Object of the Month*

Take a look at the "Object of the Month" on our Web site. Each month we showcase an object, letter, document, photograph, book, or textile from the Library's collections. In addition to the objects listed below, learn about horses, shell cameos, and many other interesting items.



#### **January 2011 *The Christian Science Banner***

Learn about this beautiful painting that hung in Mary Baker Eddy's homes.



#### **February 2011 *Lincoln Memorial***

Mary Baker Eddy admired Abraham Lincoln and donated money to build his birthplace memorial in Kentucky.



#### **March 2011 *Science and Health***

This copy of *Science and Health* was a gift to Susan B. Anthony from Laura Lathrop.

Go to [mbelibrary.org/object](http://mbelibrary.org/object) to see more about these latest items and to view past selections.

## Noteworthy

### *Women's History Month*

March is Women's History Month, and this year's theme is "Our History is Our Strength!" The Mary Baker Eddy Library is a very special place for those interested in women's history.

Every day, the staff works to illuminate the extraordinary life of Mary Baker Eddy. We have not only Eddy's own manuscripts and periodicals, but also items that have ties to Eddy or other early workers in the Christian Science movement.

The Library's collections often give us many surprises, and this Women's History Month gave us a unique opportunity to learn more about one of our books, a copy of *Science and Health* that was owned by Susan B. Anthony (see page 4). Anthony was a champion of American civil rights and women's suffrage. How did she get this *Science and Health* and were there any ties between Eddy and Anthony? Find out more at our Object of the Month page online at [mbelibrary.org/object](http://mbelibrary.org/object)

### *The King's Speech and Christian Science Ties?*

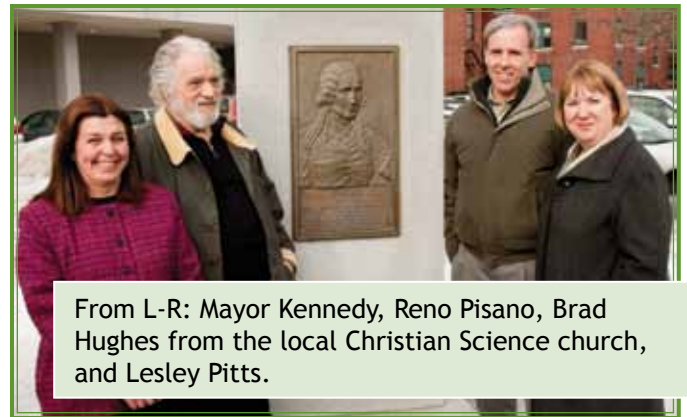
Recently the Research Room has received questions regarding Lionel Logue, who served as speech consultant to King George VI of England during the 1920s and 30s. These questions have come about because of the release and critical acclaim of the film *The King's Speech*. This film, which won the highest awards in the movie industry, tells the story of Logue's work with the King in helping him overcome his speech impediment. A number of patrons have contacted us to ask whether Logue was a follower of Christian Science. Quite a few online sources state emphatically that he was a Christian Scientist. However, membership records from that time period, kept in the archives of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, do not include any mention of Logue. While we discovered a 1940 letter from the Committee on Publication for the state of Vermont asking if the King had been healed through Christian Science, The Mother Church replied that these rumors had no foundation. No further documentation that Logue or the Royal Family had Christian Science ties has been found. We will update you if any firm evidence is discovered.

### *Monument Rededication*

On Monday, February 7, 2011, the Mayor of Lynn, Massachusetts, held a rededication ceremony for the city's Mary Baker Eddy monument in honor of the 145th anniversary of Eddy's critical injury and healing.

Mayor Judith Flanagan Kennedy, Lesley Pitts, President of The Mary Baker Eddy Library, and sculptor Reno Pisano spoke to a crowd of over 20 people.

Mayor Kennedy began with a story about how her neighbor had commented on Eddy's monument in February and had recommended that Eddy be recognized as a daughter of Lynn. The Mayor grew curious about where the monument was and took a lunchtime walk through downtown Lynn to find it on the corner of Market and Oxford streets. She soon



From L-R: Mayor Kennedy, Reno Pisano, Brad Hughes from the local Christian Science church, and Lesley Pitts.

decided to organize a rededication ceremony in order to honor a woman she felt should not be forgotten.

Pitts described Mary Baker Eddy as "...a woman who combined aptitudes and roles that rarely go together; she was a visionary and an executive; she engaged in deep reflection and was a person of action; she was a healer and a commander-in-chief...she had an awareness of the uniqueness of her own life.... One century has passed, and The Mary Baker Eddy Library and other institutions and individuals have begun the work of making known the detail of that life."

Reno Pisano, the artist who created the monument, discussed how he had been inspired by Eddy's story years earlier. He chose to produce a resemblance of her that he felt would best represent Eddy around the time that she discovered Christian Science.

Pisano has made two other bronze plaques depicting Eddy that are on display. One is at The Mary Baker Eddy Library and the other at the Frank J. Ludovico Sculpture Trail in Seneca Falls, New York.



## Research Room

### *Tales from the Archives*

#### George Higgins Moses

George Higgins Moses (1869-1944) first came to Concord, New Hampshire in 1889 as the private secretary of the then-Governor of the state, David Goodwell. He was a bright and energetic young man, and while serving as Goodwell's secretary, Moses caught the attention of Senator William E. Chandler.

Chandler was also owner of the *Concord Evening Monitor*, and Moses joined the paper as a cub reporter in 1892. Within two years, he had moved up to managing editor.



Envelopes from Eddy's incoming and outgoing correspondence.

Mary Baker Eddy first met Moses in March 1896. He had written to his childhood friend (later one of Eddy's students), Carol Norton, asking for an introduction. He wanted to write an article about Eddy for the *Granite Monthly*, a magazine Moses also published at the time. Eddy later wrote to Norton in thanks, saying "Mr. Moses pleased me at my first interview with him. He is talented, scholarly, modest, and a born editor." [L02373] Norton was pleased that they had gotten along well, writing back to Eddy that "you quite won his heart in your interview." [IC32a] Eddy and Moses began a correspondence that covered hundreds of letters over the next fourteen years. Their friendship was one of mutual respect and affection, though

Moses never showed a strong interest in Christian Science and Eddy was 48 years Moses's senior.

In May 1896, Moses wrote to Eddy, lamenting that he could not get to her Pleasant View home to visit her; he was "not one of the numerous army of wheelmen" who could ride their bicycles around town after their offices closed. [IC85a] He was tied to downtown Concord through a lack of transportation.

Eddy wrote back the next day, enclosing with her letter a small gift of money meant for Moses to purchase a bicycle. Perhaps because he was a newspaper editor, she hastened to add "This small gift is in no way associated with any purpose but my pleasure in giving it to a young man whose aim is high." [L13154]

His reply is characteristic of his effusive personality: "I am grateful for your gift and I beg you to accept my warmest thanks; but I appreciate still more gratefully the friendship and confidence which you have bestowed upon me and which I rank among the proudest badges I could have won by any achievements of my professions." [IC85a]

Moses's biographers often state that Eddy served as a literary and publishing adviser to Moses, but their own words clearly show that the relationship benefited both. Moses was a devoted friend and worked hard to make sure that Eddy's writings were published frequently and correctly in the *Monitor*. He wrote to her saying that though he could not consider himself a "field officer in her army" like his friend Carol, he begged her leave to serve as a "war correspondent" instead. [IC85a]

In the spring of 1898, Moses began to first harbor hopes that he might purchase the *Monitor* from William Chandler. He must have communicated those hopes to Eddy, for Calvin Frye wrote to Moses on her behalf on June 9, 1898: "Also she says she hopes you will accept Senator Chandler's proposition, and she will accommodate you financially. This of course is confidential." [L13778] Moses was ecstatic, and replied the next day: "I cannot permit myself to delay...an expression of appreciation for what your kind message of yesterday afternoon implies. I cannot conceive myself to have done anything to deserve so great kindness at your hands; and I am, accordingly, unable properly to express the gratitude which I feel. Your keen perceptions, however, will suffice to supply the hiatus in my halting words and to find a 'Thank

You' the full expression of a grateful heart." [IC85a]

Moses purchased the *Concord Monitor* in the summer of 1898 with the help of Eddy's loan of \$5,000.

Throughout the financial negotiations, he kept in contact with Eddy and kept her informed of all the times he had heard Christian Science spoken of in praise.

Soon after he purchased the *Monitor*, Moses had another proposition for Eddy. His friend Allan Robinson (editor of the *Concord Patriot*, another newspaper in town) had the idea of making a series of souvenir spoons featuring images of Mary Baker Eddy and Pleasant View. The venture would provide a much-needed profitable enterprise for Robinson and Moses. (Search "Souvenir Spoons in the Library Collections").

In November 1898, Eddy wrote to Moses inviting him to attend her last class at Christian Science Hall as an observer, and he was delighted to accept. She also continued to send him articles to publish, and when he ran into financial difficulties, adjusted the interest on his loan so that he would have less to pay each year. He also made inquiries for her about land bordering Pleasant View, and used his influence to advise against several proposed bills in the New Hampshire legislature restricting or regulating the practice of Christian Science. Their letters are filled with affectionate turns of phrases, and Eddy frequently ended her letters asking how Moses was.

Their friendship was not without its difficulties. Moses was frequently out of town on business, and when his absences resulted in mistakes in Eddy's published *Monitor* articles, she chastised him. He was also stretched thin trying to pay off his debts from the purchase of the *Monitor* and other business ventures, and came near to defaulting on his loan from Eddy several times. Their correspondence always shows a

great deal of friendship, but also frank negotiations and occasional frustration. In 1906, he made the last payment on his loan, saying "I shall always consider myself under great obligation to you for your kindness and consideration and shall always hold it a pleasant duty to assist you wherever I am able to do so." [IC85b]

Correspondence between Eddy and Moses slowed after 1906, possibly because of the difficulties of the Next Friends suit, or because Moses's star continued to rise. In 1909, he was appointed as United States Minister to Greece and Montenegro, and in 1918 he was elected to the United States Senate. He was one of New Hampshire's longest serving Senators. He remained in that role until 1933, when he failed to win reelection as an ardent supporter of Herbert Hoover. He retired to New Hampshire where he continued as a writer and editor, and passed away in 1944.

Moses never forgot his friendship with Mary Baker Eddy. In 1928, he responded to an attack on Eddy



Souvenir spoons in the Library collections.

by saying: "I can only say that if they had lived in Concord when she did and had known her as I knew her, they would not question her sincerity of conviction, her honesty, or her ability to express her views in clear, straightforward English of her own." [The Christian Science Monitor, 12/21/1944]

<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>FINDING PEACE EXHIBIT</b> — <i>main lobby</i> Join us in finding peace through a new and innovative exhibit. Visitors are invited to examine quotations from Mary Baker Eddy and other great thinkers, objects from the collection, and four selected characteristics of a peacemaker. Explore the exhibit's development as well as new and interactive content online.
<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>KING JAMES BIBLE EXHIBIT</b> — <i>second floor</i> To celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, our own rare 1611 edition will be on display throughout 2011. The book will be turned to a new section each month with corresponding images available online.
<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>KJV IN THE MAKING</b> — <i>second floor</i> Find out firsthand what a monumental task completing the Bible was in 1611—contribute a few lines to help the Library reach its goal of transcribing the entire King James Version by the end of this year!
<b>April 2</b> 11 a.m. <i>in person</i> & 2 p.m. <i>conference call</i>	<b>FIRST SATURDAY - APRIL</b> — <i>second floor</i> Book discussion on the second half of <i>Wide as the Waters: The Story of the English Bible and the Revolution It Inspired</i> by Benson Bobrick. To participate remotely via conference call, RSVP for a call-in number on our Web site.
<b>April 19-22</b> 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	<b>FREE SCHOOL VACATION WEEK PROGRAM</b> Various activities and two unique, interactive workshop performances by ImprovBoston will educate kids and their families about dealing with conflict and creating peace in their own lives and the world. Free for youth 17 and under.
<b>May 7</b> 11 a.m. <i>in person</i> & 2 p.m. <i>Google Chat</i>	<b>FIRST SATURDAY - MAY</b> — <i>second &amp; fourth floors</i> Historical research workshop highlighting reference and archival resources that focus on Christian Scientists from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. To participate remotely via Google Chat, RSVP on our Web site.
<b>June 4-6</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEETING WEEKEND</b> Gallery talks, Lending and Reference Services and Research Room open, in-house collections orientations. Times TBD; please check our Web site for updates.

## What's New

For more information about these listings, please go to [mbelibrary.org/whats-new](http://mbelibrary.org/whats-new). Our latest online feature makes it easier than ever to keep up with everything happening at the Library.

"New at the Library" is a single page that brings together our latest online news: research, blog posts, streaming videos, and new exhibits. There are also links to our regularly updated features, such as the Object of the Month, staff selections, and shortcuts to our online resources.

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