THE MARY BAKER EDDY COLLECTION

An Historic Trove
With every visit to The Mary Baker Eddy Library, researchers and the general public gain access to historical treasures. Such a volume of documentation by and about a nineteenth century woman is rare and provides striking context to Mary Baker Eddy’s life and publications, including Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, her primary work. Our collections opened to the public in 2002, and include:

- Eddy’s contacts with historical figures in political, literary, and theological circles in Boston and beyond, such as Susan B. Anthony, Bronson Alcott, and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- Journals and scrapbooks that document Eddy’s daily life
- Records documenting the history of Christian Science activities around the globe
- The history of The Christian Science Monitor, an international daily newspaper
- Thousands of photographs and objects

Along with primary source materials, the Library’s Research & Reference Services provides access to a vast collection of books, pamphlets, and other published information on Eddy and Christian Science.

Technology and The Mary Baker Eddy Papers
While state-of-the-art technologies are used to preserve and manage the archival collections, the Library is also committed to making materials available to a global audience. Scholars, church members, and other interested visitors have come to Boston to access the thousands of letters and other historical manuscripts that tell the story of the Christian Science movement. Now, with the Mary Baker Eddy Papers, the Library is making available more and more of these documents online, including Eddy’s sermons, and documents from the 1870s and 1880s. Explore these selections at mbepapers.org.

Blogs
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Fellowships
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