



The Mary Baker Eddy Library

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Original Edifice "Mrs. Eddy's Room" books
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Collection Description

Collection #: 1939.01

Collection Title: The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Original Edifice "Mrs. Eddy's Room" books

Creator: The First Church of Christ, Scientist

Date: 1886-1907

Extent: 1.5 __LF

Provenance: The books were transferred from Mrs. Eddy's Room in The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston Original Edifice to the Archives on February 6, 1939.

Access: The collection is open and available for research during research room hours.

Restrictions: The collection is subject to applicable copyright laws.

Language: Materials are in English.

Historical Note

"Mrs. Eddy's Room" – originally referred to as "Mother's Room" until 1903 when the Church Manual By-Law "The Title of Mother Changed" (now Article XXII, Section 1) was adopted – was a furnished apartment in The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Original Edifice created solely for the use of Mary Baker Eddy. The room was dedicated the same day as the Original Edifice, January 6, 1895. Eddy, not in attendance for the dedication, visited the Original Edifice and spent the night in the room on April 1-2 and May 25-26, 1895, and January 4-5, 1896 (Maurine Campbell Reminiscence, 1918 and "The Mother's Visit," The Christian Science Journal, May 1895). In 1908, the room closed to all visitors at Eddy's request (L01001) following the adoption of the Church Manual By-Law, "Mrs. Eddy's Room," Article XXII, Section 17. Since then, the room has remained closed and over time its contents were removed.

Fundraising for "Mrs. Eddy's Room" began as the idea of Maurine Campbell, a student of Christian Science who worked at The Christian Science Publishing Society. In October 1890, Campbell started the Young People's Fund to raise money for a church building. A few days later, she started a Children's Fund for a room in the church for Mary Baker Eddy. Beginning with twelve Sunday School children, funds were raised for the room. Later referred to as "Busy Bees," the children's numbers grew, as did their efforts, until fundraising ceased on dedication day.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of twenty five books and three bookmarks placed in "Mrs. Eddy's Room" in The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Original Edifice. The room was furnished with many items including a bookcase containing Eddy's writings bound in white Levant (Charles H. Welch to The Christian Science Board of Directors, 8 August 1934, Subject File, TFCCS-Edifices-Original-Mother's Room-General). Which books were present in the room at the time of dedication is unclear; however, all the books in the collection are original to the room. Some of the books postdate the dedication of the room but all the books predate the closing of the room including the 1907 Science and Health (1939.01.15A) and Christian Science Versus Pantheism (1939.01.21A) published in 1898. The Bible (1939.01.24), also bound in white Levant, and the 91st edition of Science and Health (1939.01.14), "elegantly bound in white Levant, with white Morocco and white watered silk fly-leaf, and Oxford India paper, --also a gift of a Scientist," were most likely present at the time of the room's dedication ("The pulpit of the Mother Church will be adorned with a...," Journal, January 1895).

The collection includes three bookmarks. The silk satin ribbon bookmark (1939.01.24B) with excerpts from the poem "The Meeting" by John Greenleaf Whittier was given by two girls from Kansas for use in the

Bible in "Mother's Room" ("A Sweet Souvenir," Journal, June 1895, May 1895. Note: The two little girls from Kansas may have been Anna M. Young and her sister. Subject File, TFCCS-Edifices, Original-Mother's Room-Busy Bees-Information re: Artifacts and Contributors).

The collection consists of no series and the books are catalogued at the item level. The collection is arranged by item numbers which were not assigned in any specific order. The bookmarks are assigned item numbers that reflect from which book they were found.

Items:

1939.01.01 *SELECTIONS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT*

Bound in Levant white leather with gilding on page edges. Stamped in gold on front: MOTHER. ON THE SPINE: Selections from the Old Testament. Title page reads: SELECTIONS/FROM THE/OLD TESTAMENT. ___authorized version___ COMPILED BY/REV. MARY BAKER G. EDDY/AUTHOR OF/SCIENCE AND HEALTH/WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES. ___CONCORD, N.H./,1896. Selections comprised of parts of Genesis, Exodus, Isaiah, and Malachi.



1939.01.02 *BOOK OF PSALMS*

Book of Psalms with white Levant leather binding with gilding on page edges. Stamped in front: BOOK OF/PSALMS. Title page: THE/BOOK OF PSALMS:/TRANSLATED OUT OF/The Original Hebrew;/AND WITH THE FORMER/TRANSLATIONS DILIGENTLY COMPARED AND REVISED./NEW YORK:/AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY./INSTITUTED IN THE YEAR/MDCCCMDCCCXVII/(1889).



1939.01.03 *ST. MATTHEW AND ST. MARK*

St. Matthew and St. Mark with white Levant leather binding with gilding on page edges. Stamped in gold on front: St. Matthew and St. Mark. Title page: THE/NEW TESTAMENT/OF OUR/LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST:/TRANSLATED OUT OF/THE ORIGINAL GREEK;/AND WITH THE FORMER/TRANSLATIONS DILIGENTLY COMPARED AND REVISED/NEW YORK: AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY,/INSTITUTED IN THE YEAR MDCCCXVI/1891.



1939.01.04 *ST. LUKE/ST. JOHN*

St. Luke St. John with white Levant leather binding with gilding on page edges. Stamped on front in gold: St. Luke St. John. No title page.



1939.01.05 *CRUDEN'S CONCORDANCE*

Concordance with white Levant leather binding with gilding on page edges. Stamped on spine: CRUDEN'S/CONCORDANCE. Title page: The Student's Edition/A/Complete Concordance/to the/Old and New Testament:/or a/Dictionary and ALphabetical Index to the Bible.../By Alexander Cruden, M.A./with a memoir/ by William Youngman./[horseshoe and wings] London:/Frederick Warne and Co./and New York. 1896.



1939.01.06 *CHRIST AND CHRISTMAS*

Hardcover book with green cloth binding. Title on cover in gold: CHRIST AND CHRISTMAS BY Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, with star in ULC and Cross and Crown in LRC. On back cover centered: Cross and Crown embossed. Title page: CHRIST AND CHRISTMAS,/A POEM,/BY/Reverend Mary Baker Eddy/AUTHOR OF/"Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures,"/AND OTHER WORKS./385 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts,/1893.



1939.01.07 *CHRIST AND CHRISTMAS*

Christ and Christmas with white limp leather binding with gilt edged pages. Title on cover in gold: CHRIST AND CHRISTMAS/BY/Rev. Mary Baker Eddy. Title page: CHRIST AND CHRISTMAS,/A POEM,/BY/Reverend Mary Baker G. Eddy/AUTHOR OF/"Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures,"/AND OTHER WORKS./Fourth Edition, Revised./Pleasant View, Concord, New Hampshire./1898.



Items:

1939.01.08 *MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS 1883-1896*

Miscellaneous Writings with white Levant leather binding with gilding on page edges. Stamped on front: CROSS AND CROWN SEAL. STAMPED ON SPINE: MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS 1883-1896. Smith portrait of Mary Baker G. Eddy on frontispiece. Title page: MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS./1883-1896/BY/MARY BAKER G. EDDY/AUTHOR OF "SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES"/TWENTIETH EDITION/BOSTON:/PUBLISHED BY JOSEPH ARMSTRONG, C.S.D./95 Falmouth Street/1897.



1939.01.09 *SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES.*

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures with white Levant leather binding with gilding on page edges. Stamped on spine: SCIENCE/AND/ HEALTH/WITH KEY TO THE/SCRIPTURES/MARY BAKER EDDY. Title page: SCIENCE AND HEALTH/WITH/KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES/BY/MARY BAKER G. EDDY,/PRESIDENT OF MASSACHUSETTS METAPHYSICAL COLLEGE./One hundred and twenty-fifth Edition./BOSTON:/PUBLISHED BY JOSEPH ARMSTRONG, C.S.D./95 FALMOUTH STREET./1897.



1939.01.10 *CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERIES*

Bound in limp leather white binding gold edged pages. Stamped on front in gold: CHRISTIAN SCIENCE/SERIES _ Mary Baker G. Eddy _ Cross and Crown seal centered on front. Title page: Christian Science /[seal]/SERIES./Published semi-monthly by Christian Science Publishing Society./Entered at Boston P.O. as Second Class Matter./Vol. I Boston May 1, 1889. No. 1., etc. No. 2, No.3, No. 4, No.5; Vol II. No. 10; Vol. I No. 17.



1939.01.11 *PULPIT AND PRESS*

Pulpit and Press bound with limp leather white binding with gild edges. Stamped on front in gold: PULPIT AND PRESS/___/MARY BAKER EDDY/[centered] Cross and Crown insignia. Title page: PULPIT AND PRESS/BY/REVEREND MARY BAKER EDDY/DISCOVERER AND FOUNDER OF/CHRISTIAN SCIENCE./Fourth Edition/[logo graphic]/CONCORD, N.H./1895.



1939.01.12 *POND AND PURPOSE*

Pond and Purpose with white Levant leather binding with gold page edges. Stamped in gold on front: POND AND PURPOSE/___/MARY BAKER G. EDDY/[centered] Cross and Crown seal. Title page (green cover pamphlet): Pond and Purpose/by/REV. MARY BAKER G. EDDY/AUTHOR OF/SCIENCE AND HEALTH./___/CONCORD N.H./1892./___/Copyrighted 1892 by Mary Baker G. Eddy.



1939.01.13 *SCIENCE AND HEALTH*

Science and Health with limp leather white binding with gilt edges. Stamped on front in gold: [centered] Cross and Crown seal. Stamped on spine in gold: SCIENCE/ AND/HEALTH/WITH KEY TO THE/SCRIPTURES./MARY B.G. EDDY. Title page: Science and Health/With/KEY to THE SCRIPTURES/BY/MARY BAKER G. EDDY/President of Massachusetts Metaphysical College/AND/Pastor Emeritus of The First Church of Christ, Scientist,/Boston, Mass./Two Hundred and Seventy-eighth Thousand/BOSTON, U.S.A./Published by Joseph Armstrong/95 Falmouth Street/1903.



1939.01.14 *SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES*

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures with white Levant leather binding, with gilding on page edges. Stamped on spine: SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES/MARY B.G. EDDY. Stamped on cover: Cross and Crown seal. Title Page: Science and Health/with/Key to the Scriptures./by/Mary Baker G. Eddy/PRESIDENT OF MASSACHUSETTS METAPHYSICAL COLLEGE/Ninety-first Edition/Boston:/Published by E.J. Foster Eddy, M.D., C.S.D./62 Boylston Street./1894.



Items:

1939.01.15A *SCIENCE AND HEALTH*

Science and Health with limp leather white binding and gild edges with a white grosgrain ribbon bookmark (1939.01.15B) attached to the book. Stamped on front: [centered] Cross and Crown insignia. Stamped on spine: SCIENCE/AND/HEALTH/WITH KEY TO THE/SCRIPTURES./MARY B.G. EDDY. Title page: Science and Health/With/KEY to THE SCRIPTURES/BY/MARY BAKER G. EDDY/President of Massachusetts Metaphysical College/and/Pastor Emeritus of The First Church of Christ, Scientist,/Boston, Mass./BOSTON, U.S.A./Published by Allison V. Stewart/250 Huntington Avenue/1907.



1939.01.15B *BOOKMARK*

White grosgrain ribbon bookmark comprised of three 3/16 in. ribbons attach by a gold half-oval fitting engraved in script "Love." Attached to the end of each ribbon is a quarter-dollar gold coin: one is 3/8 in. octagonal with an Indian head and date 1882 on front side, on obverse side it has a wreath with 1/4 dollar CAL; one is 3/8 in. hexagonal with a female head with eight stars around it on front side, on obverse side is 1[over]4 dollar 1899; one is 3/8 in. round with a female head surrounded by thirteen stars and at bottom "G" on front, on obverse side is a wreath 1/4 dollar 1867.



1939.01.16 *CHURCH MANUAL*

Church Manual with white Levant leather binding, with gilding on page edges. Stamped in gold on the front: CHURCH MANUAL [Cross and Crown Seal] FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST. Title page: Church Manual/of/The First Church of Christ,/Scientist,/in/Boston, Massachusetts/ Third Edition./1895/CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PUBLISHING SOCIETY,/95 Falmouth Street, Boston.



1939.01.17 *RETROSPECTION AND INTROSPECTION*

Retrospection and Introspection with white Levant leather binding with gilding on page edges. Stamped in gold on the front: RETROSPECTION AND INTROSPECTION [Cross and Crown Seal]. Title page: Retrospection/and/Introspection./BY/MARY BAKER G. EDDY./Author of/"SCIENCE AND HEALTH."/EIGHTH THOUSAND./BOSTON, MASS./Published by E.J. FOSTER EDDY, M.D., C.S.D./62 BOYLSTON STREET./1893.



1939.01.18 *RUDIMENTAL DIVINE SCIENCE*

Rudimental Divine Science with white Levant leather binding and gilding on page edges. Stamped in gold on the front: RUDIMENTAL/DIVINE SCIENCE/___/MARY BAKER G. EDDY/[Cross & Crown Seal]. Title page: RUDIMENTAL/DIVINE SCIENCE./BY/MARY BAKER G. EDDY./Author of Science and Health./__Tenth Edition,/Revised./PUBLISHED BY/E.J. FOSTER EDDY, M.D., C.S.D./62 BOYLSTON STREET,/BOSTON.



1939.01.19 *UNITY OF GOOD*

Unity of Good with white Levant leather binding and gilding on page edges. Stamped in gold on the front: UNITY OF GOOD/___/MARY BAKER G. EDDY/[Cross & Crown Seal]. Title page:UNITY OF GOOD/BY/MARY BAKER G. EDDY,/Author of "Science and Health"/Thirteenth Edition,/ /BOSTON:/PUBLISHED BY E.J. FOSTER EDDY, M.D., C.S.D./62 BOYLSTON STREET,/1895.



1939.01.20 *NO AND YES*

No and Yes with white Levant leather binding and gilding on page edges. Stamped in gold on the front: NO AND YES/___/MARY BAKER G. EDDY/[Cross & Crown Seal]. Title page: NO AND YES/BY/MARY BAKER G. EDDY,/AUTHOR OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH/THIRTEENTH EDITION. /BOSTON:/PUBLISHED BY E.J. FOSTER EDDY, M.D., C.S.D./62 BOYLSTON STREET,/1895.



Items:

1939.01.21 A **CHRISTIAN SCIENCE VERSUS PANTHEISM**

Christian Science versus Pantheism with white Levant leather binding with gilding on page edges. Stamped in gold on the front: CHRISTIAN SCIENCE/VERSUS /PANTHEISM /MARY BAKER G. EDDY. Title page: CHRISTIAN SCIENCE/VERSUS /PANTHEISM. /BY/MARY BAKER G. EDDY,/Pastor Emeritus of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston./-Sixth Thousand.-/CONCORD, N.H./The Rumford Pres./1898.



1939.01.21 B **BOOKMARK**

White grosgrain ribbon bookmark with a picture of The Mother Church Original Edifice drawn in black ink. Fringed ends. Removed from 1939.01.21 A, between pages 4 & 5.



1939.01.22 **CHRISTIAN HEALING**

Christian Healing with white Levant leather binding with gilding on page edges. Stamped in gold on the front: CHRISTIAN HEALING/___ /MARY BAKER G. EDDY [Cross & Crown Seal]. Title page: CHRISTIAN HEALING./BY/MARY BAKER G. EDDY,/Pastor of the "Church of Christ" Scientists./A LECTURE DELIVERED AT BOSTON/SIXTH EDITION/CAMBRIDGE:/JOHN WILSON AND SON./University Press./1894



1939.01.23 **THE PEOPLE'S IDEA OF GOD**

The People's Idea of God with white Levant leather binding and gilding on page edges. Stamped in gold on the front: THE PEOPLES/IDEA OF GOD/___ /MARY BAKER G. EDDY [Cross & Crown Seal]. Title page: THE/PEOPLES IDEA OF GOD:/ITS EFFECT ON/HEALTH AND CHRISTIANITY./BY/MARY BAKER G. EDDY,/PASTOR OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,SCIENTIST./FIFTH EDITION/CAMBRIDGE:/JOHN WILSON AND SON./University Press./1893.



1939.01.24 A **HOLY BIBLE**

Bible with white Levant leather binding, yapped binding and gilding on page edges. Stamped in gold on the spine: HOLYL BIBLE. Title page: THE/HOLY BIBLE,/CONTAINING THE/OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS:/etc./OXFORD:/PRINTED AT THE UNIVERSITY PRESS./LONDON: HENRY FROWDE,/OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS WAREHOUSE, AMEN CORNER./New York: 33, East 17th Street.



1939.01.24 B **BOOKMARK**

Silk satin ribbon bookmark with a poem by John Greenleaf Whittier printed on it. Hemmed ends.



1939.01.25 **SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES**

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures with white Levant leather binding with gilding on page edges. Stamped in gold on the spine: SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES. Stamped on front cover:[Cross & Crown Seal]. Title page: SCIENCE AND HEALTH/WITH/KEY to THE SCRIPTURES./BY/MARY BAKER G. EDDY/President of Massachusetts Metaphysical College/AND/Pastor Emeritus of The First CHURCH of Christ, Scientist/Boston Mass./Two Hundred and Forty-fifth Thousand/BOSTON, U.S.A./Published by Joseph Armstrong/95 Falmouth Street/1902

