



The Mary Baker Eddy Library

Emilie B. Hulin Papers, 1893-1926, n.d.

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Collection Description

Collection #: LSC012

Collection Title: Emilie B. Hulin Papers

Creator: Hulin, Emilie B.

Date: 1893-1926, n.d.

Extent: 0.25 __LF

Provenance: Gifts, 1931.

Access: The collection is open and available to the public during research room hours.

Restrictions: The collection is subject to applicable copyright laws.

Language: Materials are in English.

Biographical Note

Emilie B. Hulin (d. 1931) was a Christian Science practitioner and teacher of Christian Science based in Brooklyn, New York.

In a 1906 letter to Mary Baker Eddy (published in the April 14, 1906 *Christian Science Sentinel*), Hulin said she “had been healed and interested in Christian Science” nearly two years before meeting Eddy in 1888. In May 1887 Hulin studied Christian Science with Pamela J. Leonard, C.S.B., of Brooklyn.

Hulin’s reminiscence, “Notes About Mary Baker Eddy,” indicates that she was present as a “delegate” on June 13, 1888, when Eddy spoke at “a meeting of students and delegates from [Christian Science] Branch Churches” in Chicago. At the end of this meeting, Hulin met Eddy—an event she considered the “turning point” of her life. She was present the following day, when Eddy spoke on “Science and the Senses” at the Central Music Hall in Chicago. In her reminiscence, Hulin described witnessing Eddy’s prominent public healing of an invalid woman in that audience.

In November 1888 Hulin took classes with Eddy and received the degree of C.S.D. (Doctor of Christian Science). She became an authorized teacher of Christian Science in September 1892 and a First Member of The Mother Church (The First Church of Christ, Scientist) the following year.

In addition to her work as a practitioner and teacher, Hulin worked for Eddy both in an official capacity and on a personal level, serving her when called throughout the rest of Eddy’s life. She served on a committee involved with the 1894 construction of the Original Mother Church building and was responsible in particular for its stained glass windows.

In the course of her time as a Christian Scientist, Hulin filled a number of church offices. She was First Reader of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Brooklyn, New York, and was unanimously elected Vice-President of the Board of Education for the Mother Church in 1923. Among her various teaching responsibilities, Hulin instructed a Normal Class on Christian Science in December 1925. Shortly before her death on April 26, 1931, she completed her reminiscences of Eddy, in which she passionately expressed gratitude not just for Eddy’s work in her lifetime but for the future as well.

Scope and Content Note

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The papers consist largely of correspondence (mainly from others to Hulin). There is one letter from Hulin to the Christian Science Board of Directors. Additional materials include a Tenets and Rules pamphlet, some handwritten notes (including the text of a song), and one of Hulin's notebooks with her notes on Christian Science.

The General Papers folder contains correspondence on varied topics. Included are a 1923 letter from the Christian Science Board of Directors appointing Hulin as Vice-President of the Board of Education for The Mother Church; personal letters from friends of Hulin's (including Emma Easton Newman and Carlotta Mabury); and a request from Bertha Herd Merwin to be Hulin's student.

Materials in the December 1925 Normal Class folder predominantly include correspondence, as well as some related materials. The majority of the correspondence is from students of Hulin's December 1925 Normal Class to Hulin. These letters from students all include expressions of gratitude to Hulin; many students detailed the continuing importance of the Normal Class in their lives. Many also wrote of their desire or plans to teach their own classes as a result of Hulin's instruction.

The materials in the collection date from 1893–1926, with the bulk dating from late 1925 to early 1926. Materials are largely loose paper, and the majority are handwritten. One printed and bound (staples removed) booklet and one bound notebook are included.

In addition to the materials in this collection, other materials of Hulin's exist in different Library collections, including the Reminiscence File; The Mary Baker Eddy Outgoing Correspondence; a book Eddy inscribed to Hulin in the Mary Baker Eddy Autographed & Inscribed Books (L18442); and two items in the Art and Artifact collections.

The two artifacts are assigned catalog numbers. They are likely samples related to Eddy's request that Hulin assist with obtaining a new coiffure for Eddy. 1984.37.237.1 a lock of grey hair; 1984.37.237.2 a lock of white hair.

Box 1, General Papers, December 1925 Normal Class, and Notebook, 1893-1926, n.d.

<i>Item:</i>	<i>Date:</i>	<i>Creator:</i>	<i>Recipient (if applicable):</i>
LSC012.NB01 Notebook Small handwritten notebook	n.d.	Hulin, Emilie B.	

Folder 1, General Papers, 1893-1926, n.d.

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01 Church Tenets and Rules Printed booklet, handwritten note; Hulin's personal copy of Church Tenets and Rules	1893/07/08		
02 Typescript letter and envelope; Letter appointing her Vice-President of the Board of Education	1923/06/04	Warren, Lucia C.	Hulin, Emilie B.
03 Handwritten letter and envelope; Expressing happiness over her role as teacher at last BoE class and possibility of going east to visit next summer	1926/01/19	Newman, Emma Easton	Hulin, Emilie B.
04 Typescript letter and envelope; Expressing gratitude over meeting her the past fall, her closeness to Eddy, and her teaching.	1926/01/30	Mabury, Carlotta	Hulin, Emilie B.
05 Handwritten letter and envelope; Requesting to be a student of Hulin's, thanks to the aid of a former student of hers, Jack Cohn.	1926/08/10	Merwin, Bertha Herd	Hulin, Emilie B.
06 Envelope	01/24		Hulin, Emilie B.
07 Handwritten letter; Discussing wanting to see Hulin, Christian Science ideas, Mary Baker Eddy, teaching C.S.	n.d.	"sister Carolina"	Hulin, Emilie B.
08 Handwritten song	n.d.		

Folder 2, December 1925 Normal Class, 1925-1926, n.d.

Item:	Date:	Creator:	Recipient (if applicable):
01	1925/12/02	Bovet, Mary E.	Hulin, Emilie B.
Handwritten letter; Expressing her thanks over the content of the class so far			
02	1925/12/20	Avery, Minnie S.	Hulin, Emilie B.
Handwritten letter and envelope; Letter of thanks			
03	1926/01/19	Schooley, Jennie Baird	Hulin, Emilie B.
Handwritten letter and envelope; Letter of thanks			
04	1926/01/27	Trulock, Joe J.	Hulin, Emilie B.
Handwritten letter and envelope; Letter of thanks			
05	1926/01/29	Briggs, Grace M.	Hulin, Emilie B.
Typescript letter and envelope; Letter of thanks			
06	1926/02/18	Studley, Helen E.	Hulin, Emilie B.
Handwritten letter and envelope; Letter of thanks			
07	1926/03/05	Harsch, Paul A.	Hulin, Emilie B.
Typescript letter and envelope; Letter of thanks, discussion of last trip to Boston, and mention of own class he will be teaching.			
08	1926/03/13	Yould, Fred	Hulin, Emilie B.
Typescript letter and envelope; Thanking her for her own letter, and discusses the continuing thoughts he has of the Normal Class			
09	1926/03/30	Shepard, William V.K.	Hulin, Emilie B.
Handwritten letter and envelope; Thanking her for her own letter, and discusses the continuing thoughts he has of the Normal Class; mentions own teaching he will be doing soon.			
10	1926/03/31	Edes, Archibald W.	Hulin, Emilie B.
Typescript letter and envelope; Thanking her for Easter card, remembering the Normal Class, and mentioning his own plans for teaching.			

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11	1926/03/31	McCoun, Lester B.	Hulin, Emilie B.
Typescript letter and envelope; Thanking her for Easter card, remembering the Normal Class, and mentioning his own plans for teaching.			
12	1926/04/12	Sirrine, Ella J.	Hulin, Emilie B.
Handwritten letter and envelope; Thanking her for Easter card and again for her teaching. Mentions thinking of teaching herself.			
13	1926/04/13	Snedaker, Georgia W.	Hulin, Emilie B.
Handwritten letter and envelope; Thanking her for Easter card.			
14	1926/04/21	Inglesby, Mary B.	Hulin, Emilie B.
Handwritten letter and envelope; Thanking her for Easter card. Discussing recent personal experiences and relating them to Normal Class. Mentions preparing to teach her own class.			
15	1926/05/10	Dewsbury, Agnes A.	Hulin, Emilie B.
Handwritten letter and envelope; Thanking her for Easter letter and the Normal Class. Mentions own class she will be teaching soon.			
16	1926/05/15	Elliott, Annie Mary	Hulin, Emilie B.
Typescript letter and envelope; Thanking her for Easter card and again for her teaching.			
17	1926/05/20	Jandron, Francis Lyster	Hulin, Emilie B.
Handwritten letter and envelope; Thanking her for Easter card and again for her teaching. Mentions own class he recently taught.			
18	1926/06/17	Briggs, Grace M.	Hulin, Emilie B.
Typescript letter and envelope; Thanking her for Easter card and again for her teaching. Mentions positively other members of the class.			
19	1926/06/17	Rastert, Louise K.	Hulin, Emilie B.
Handwritten letter and envelope; Thanking her for meeting with her during visit to Mother Church.			
20	1926/08/18	Burkhart, Theodore	Hulin, Emilie B.
Typescript letter and envelope; Discussing his first experience teaching a class, and thanking her again for the Normal Class.			

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