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NEWS AND EVENTS

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## FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

### *Matching Grant for Education of Christian Science Nurses*

We're delighted to announce a wonderful fundraising campaign for Christian Science nurse education. Clearway Foundation in California has offered a matching grant up to \$7,500 for contributions to Morning Light received before September 10. Please consider participating in this matching grant.

## REPORT from DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING

### *Karrell Dowling*

Morning Light Lodge feels very secluded from the immediate neighborhood and the surrounding activity—it seems far removed from metro Atlanta. The Lodge serves as a quiet place for prayer. Jesus said, “When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and, when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.” Morning Light Lodge can be that closet. When Mary Baker Eddy quotes this Biblical passage in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* (pages 14-15), she writes, “The closet typifies the sanctuary of Spirit, the door of which shuts out sinful sense but lets in Truth, Life, and Love. Closed to error, it is open to Truth, and *vice versa*.” And then she adds “We must close the lips and silence the material senses. In the quiet sanctuary of earnest longings, we must deny sin and plead God’s allness.”

So the standard for the Lodge—that peaceful place of refuge and protection—is to create an atmosphere which is conducive to prayer. Individuals who come to Morning Light Lodge for Christian Science nursing care have comfortable and orderly surroundings, thoughtfully prepared meals, and fellow Christian Scientists who care for their immediate needs with the expectation of healing. This quiet, peaceful environment enables our guests to set aside their busy lives and “shut out sinful sense but let in Truth, Life, and Love.” Doing this often results in a change of thought for them as they truly feel the love of their Father-Mother-God. Every step of progress is reason to rejoice and acknowledge the presence of the healing Christ.

Guests’ stays at the Lodge can vary from one day to several weeks. When it seems appropriate for one to leave the Lodge, the Visiting Christian Science Nursing Service can provide assistance in this transition.

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**The mission of Morning Light Foundation is to provide excellence in Christian Science nursing.**



## REPORT of the TREASURER

*Karin Smith, Secretary-Treasurer*

Morning Light Foundation had a challenging year in 2008 much like the rest of the country. Morning Light's total net assets decreased by approximately 25%, from \$1.7 million to \$1.3 million, primarily due to investment losses.

Morning Light complies with generally accepted accounting principles, which require separately reporting the activity in each of our three funds: Operating, Benevolence, and Endowment. The Operating Fund is used for the day-to-day operating expenses of Morning Light. The Benevolence Fund helps to pay for Visiting Nurse and Lodge expenses of guests unable to meet the full cost of nursing services. The Endowment Fund is a permanently restricted fund, which will grow untouched for at least 14 years, until Morning Light is fully endowed. At that point, Morning Light's daily operating expenses will be paid from the investment income earned from principal.

From the outset, we have known that nursing revenues would not cover all operating expenses. In order to provide Christian Science nursing care to all individuals relying on God for Christian Science healing, we depend on the generosity of contributors, grants from foundations, and investment income to supplement our service fees. We, as Christian Scientists, are not impressed with the mental suggestions of loss and lack. Good is infinite and God supplies limitless abundance as He works out His purpose for Morning Light. ☀

## REPORT from DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING *(continued from page 1)*

Of course, you do not have to be a Lodge guest before receiving in-home care. The Visiting Christian Science Nursing Service can respond to an immediate need or make regular visits of an hour or two in order to enable someone to continue living at home. As with the Lodge, each in-home case is unique and care is provided to meet each specific need.

Sometimes needs can be handled with a phone call. If you have questions about your own care or if you are providing care for another, please feel free to call us. We will be happy to talk with you.

Morning Light is helping to support the babe of Christian healing in numerous ways and is available to assist you. We are as close as your phone. ☀

### Testimony of Healing

Last year, I became very ill. I called a Christian Science practitioner who gave me loving help each day. It seemed wisdom to ask for Christian Science nursing help from Morning Light as I was unable to prepare meals.

I stayed at Morning Light Lodge for about ten days, making steady progress. The atmosphere of Love divine was truly evident. My dear ones visited me, including two of my nieces who were alarmed that I had not called a doctor. They were so very impressed with the loving care I was receiving. From the Lodge, I went to stay with a son for awhile. Then I felt I could manage on my own, and my sons helped me to get settled in my apartment. All during this time, I continued to progress and was then able to dismiss the practitioner and do the metaphysical work for myself.

I live in a retirement home. There is much talk about doctors, and physical ailments—and residents continue to ask me how I am doing, knowing that I had received no medical help. Impressed that I had chosen no medication, several have asked me about Christian Science. In return, I have answered their questions, have shared a *Science and Health* with one and taken her to a testimony meeting, and have given another a *Sentinel* which included the time and location of our church services. And yet another resident asked me if I would pray for her. I was happy to say "Yes, of course."

I am happy I am able to continue church work and attend our services regularly. I am very grateful to my practitioner, to Morning Light and its dedicated nurses, who are so "cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith, — receptive to Truth and Love" (*Science and Health* page 395).

Ann Tufts-Church



## **ANNUAL MEETING ADDRESS: *Nursing Throughout the Bible - Mainstay of Healing*** *Madelon Maupin Miles, C.S.*

### **Introduction**

Christian Science nursing is a needed, healing ministry that our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, wisely provided through her *Manual By-law*, Article 8, Section 31: “*A member of The Mother Church who represents himself or herself as a Christian Science nurse shall be one who has a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice, who thoroughly understands the practical wisdom necessary in a sickroom, and who can take proper care of the sick.*”

Perhaps we don’t give much thought to this healing work until we, or a family member, suddenly needs the services of a Christian Science nurse. Perhaps we come to a facility like Morning Light, or we ask for the help of a visiting nurse who comes to our home. Either way, we’re deeply grateful for the inspiration, calm and practical care brought to what are often challenging situations. With the nurses working side by side with the practitioner on the case, we know healing can result.

### **Nursing’s spiritual foundation**

Today I’d like to make the Biblical case for how nursing is at the core of divine Love’s transformation of the human need, at the intersection where the human and divine meet and healing results. It all has to do with the word ‘practical’ in the By-law quoted above: “the practical wisdom necessary in a sickroom.” This aspect of practicality, grounded in the qualification the By-law states: “one who has a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice,” is what distinguishes nursing from the purely spiritual approach of prayer. You might say nursing puts legs on prayer, as the situation demands.

It is this aspect of the **practicality** of nursing that comes blazing through in any number of Bible stories and passages. Nursing is evidenced as God’s love seen in a way we can understand and in a way that meets the human need. This means that while we may not be a professional Christian Science nurse ourselves, we can apply the principle of nursing to the many situations in our lives that demand Love’s practical, transforming power.

The last section of that By-law states: “who can take proper care of the sick.” What about those sick over their economic situation, their job, a church situation, a school challenge, national and global politics, or the environment? Can we, through applying the practicality of nursing’s spiritual qualities of responsiveness, affection and alertness, positively impact the ‘sick’ in every facet of our lives? The

Bible would answer a resounding ‘yes’, providing Scriptural evidence that that is exactly what God expects of Her children listening for direction and guidance on how to serve our fellow man.

### **The relevance of Luke’s Gospel**

Luke’s Gospel proclaims God’s universal love, extending the Christian message beyond just the Old Testament’s children of Israel, to ALL who are receptive to the message of salvation brought by Christ Jesus. Mrs. Eddy writes: “The cross is the central emblem of history” (p. 238, S&H). With its two axes, the cross symbolizes both man’s relationship to God with the *vertical* axis, and one’s relationship to his fellow man with the *horizontal* axis. To Luke, the way we demonstrate our followership of God (the vertical dimension) is through our fellowship with our neighbor, (the horizontal one), particularly those in need.

This horizontal dimension is what Christian Science nursing demands and why its *Manual By-law* provision extends beyond those who are professionally engaged in nursing, to the nursing qualities of tenderness and care each of us can bring to a whole spectrum of needs we may see with our neighbors.

### **Definitions**

It’s helpful to start with definitions – even for words we think we know. In addition to the more familiar sense of the verb: “to nurse” (to tend or minister to in sickness), there is this definition: *to look after carefully so as to promote growth, development; to foster; cherish.* This is synonymous with the definition of a Christian who, in following Christ Jesus’ example, aspires toward fostering and cherishing the spiritual growth of all who cross our path. Such efforts help us stay alert to also meeting the practical needs of our neighbors, when possible, which reinforces Luke’s message that it is through one’s love for our fellow man that we demonstrate our love for God.

There is also this definition for the noun form for nurse: *any fostering agency or influence.* We could ask ourselves, in our role as “nurse” in daily encounters with others: is the influence I have on others a fostering one? Do I foster kinship and kindness or brusqueness and carelessness? Like the Bible’s Good Samaritan, am I alert to the practical needs of those who cross my path? Do I embody Love’s “tender mercies” that address the practical needs of family members, relatives, fellow workers, neighbors? Could I look for opportunities to nurse – to foster a loving influence – in daily encounters with the grocery checker, the toll

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booth taker, the fellow student, the church member not always easy to work with?

**The Biblical Basis for Influence**

This definition of a “fostering influence” is founded on the deepest Biblical truth, what Mrs. Eddy described as “the signs of Immanuel, or ‘God with us,’ – a divine influence ever present in human consciousness.” You’ll recall that that statement placed early in her textbook – the Preface to *Science and Health*, p. 12 – refers to Luke’s Gospel, chapter 4. The setting is the launch of Jesus’ Galilean ministry and his first appearance in the Synagogue in Nazareth following the wilderness temptations. Think of the holy state of thought having been alone for 40 days and nights, working through the worst that the devil (or mortal mind) could throw at him. Christ Jesus emerged victorious and went to the Synagogue where he was invited, as a visiting Rabbi, to read from the Hebrew Scriptures. Of the 39 books he could have selected, he picked Isaiah 61:1-2 that prophetically describes the Christly influence his life would embody over the next three years – a ministry that changed human history and each of our lives.

As the *New Revised Standard Version* translates it:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.

How about this for a definition of the nursing work *we* are to daily practice as we too entertain the Christ, Truth, in consciousness? Breaking down the statement, we might say it is:

1. Bringing good news to our fellow man poor in the understanding of their natural spiritual perfection, or their reason for hope, or why joy is their nature, not just an aspiration.
2. Proclaiming their freedom from whatever would try to hold them captive to a material definition of identity, to any sense of lack of companionship or resources.
3. Knowing how Christ, Truth will recover their sight to any blindness to their natural worth, perfect health, satisfying relationships, full employment.
4. Bearing witness to their freedom from economic, emotional or physical oppression, including claims of heredity, dysfunction, stress.

**Testimony of Healing**

*This letter was received by Morning Light and was read by Patricia Stewart at Annual Meeting:*

Happy Spring to my dear friends at Morning Light. So much love and gratitude to you for the Truth you reflected and all your loving care.

Your strong stand for demonstrating Life here and now stirred my thought to rise from choosing Morning Light as my launching pad to the life hereafter to seeing that the higher demonstration was to take a stand for the power of healing truth of Christian Science here and now.

When I arrived at Morning Light, I was unable to walk. My healing at Morning Light was a step of progress which came gradually. When I returned home, I walked from my car to my favorite chair in my living room.

Aren't we grateful that our dear Leader, Mary Baker Eddy had the foresight to provide for Christian Science nursing in the *Church Manual*? I am grateful for the role each one of you played in awakening my thought. Thank you!!!

*Patricia Stewart added:*

When I accompanied this individual home, I had the opportunity to carry forward the Christian Science nursing care begun at the Lodge. The author of the letter was especially grateful to be able to walk into her house when she arrived as she had to be carried out when she left for the Lodge. There was continuing progress after her return which culminated in being able to drive herself to church again.

5. Approaching each day by proclaiming that this year, this month, this hour is the year of the Lord, the year of abundance, the year of health, the year of joy and fulfillment, the year of the full use of our spiritual talents in appropriate employment, the year of resolution of any lingering challenge.

Isn't this the work of nursing each of us can practice in this larger sense?

**Example from 2 Kings**

Let's look at a Biblical example in 2 Kings, chapter 5 that embodies this daily approach to nursing grounded in spiritual inspiration and the practical meeting of the human need: the story of Naaman a leper, his young female household servant, and the prophet Elisha.

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The setting is the middle of the 9<sup>th</sup> century BC (about 850), where there is a warring relationship between Israel and the Kingdom of Aram – an important nation in southern Syria, which flourished between the 11th and 8th centuries B.C.E. and had its capital at Damascus, the current capital of the modern state of Syria.

Naaman was Commander in Chief of the nation's armies, having not only enjoyed battlefield success but the King's trust – a kind of General MacArthur of the ancient world. Key to the story is a young woman who was one of the many spoils of war. The text says in 2 Kings 5: 3, "And the Syrians had gone out by companies." 'Companies' is a polite way of translating the Hebrew for 'marauding bands'. We can only imagine what she, like so many young girls and women, might have endured before arriving as a household slave to the General's wife. While the story doesn't give detail of her background, history has recorded the frequency of the exploitation of women in such conditions. That's important only to appreciate the spiritual distance she must have traveled to play such a healing role.

But the text *does* reveal the quality of her thought: concern for her master, which must have arisen out of forgiveness for whatever wrongs had been done her; unselfed love to think of more than herself; and above all, a deep faith and conviction that someone in her defeated country understood and loved God enough to be able to help and heal her master. Perhaps this 'little maid' had seen firsthand some of the works of Elisha, or at the least, had heard of the healing provided others.

The modern equivalent of her unselfish act of referring her leprous master to Elisha would be someone slighted or wronged by a neighbor who had been unfair without cause, perhaps gossiping in a damaging way. How easy to be resentful in such a scenario. Then you learn that the critical neighbor is quite ill, hospitalized. Working through resentment by practicing forgiving care and love for another, you make a hospital visit, pointing them to the healing Christ, Truth that results in their complete freedom.

The little maid embodies the description of nursing we all can practice: she entertains that Christ consciousness that cannot co-exist with any personal sense filled with hatred, resentment or anger. (As a wise CS healer used to say: such feelings may be humanly justifiable but divinely inadmissible.) Next the slave girl takes the *practical* step to do something to meet the human need: in this case telling her mistress (Naaman's wife) about Elisha's healing ministry. Naaman goes to Israel and we know the rest of

the story: his health is restored following his obedience to Elisha's command to bathe seven times in the Jordan. What isn't as well known is that an important relationship developed – because of this experience – between Elisha and the King of Aram that resulted in increasing peace between the two countries. All of this came from the nursing qualities practiced by a household slave girl.

The definition of "Elias" in the glossary of *Science and Health* has special application to both this story and Christian Science nursing in general. "Spiritual evidence opposed to material sense; Christian Science, with which can be discerned the spiritual fact of whatever the material senses behold; the basis of immortality." (p. 585) "Elias truly shall first come and restore all things."

Isn't this the description of the spiritual roles and responsibilities of a nurse, or any of us who practice nursing to whatever in our lives needs such tender care? We are truly called to restore the material picture with spiritual evidence. That spiritual seeing is like a laser, cutting through the false evidence that tries to see a sick mortal, sick body, sick economy, sick relationship. Doesn't every aspect of our personal and professional lives require such spiritual seeing, the nursing qualities embedded in this story and so many others throughout the Scriptures?

I experienced first hand the restoration of health as described in the definition of Elias and learned more of Love's direct nursing care several years ago with what I later learned was a claim of blood poisoning. A work situation had occurred where people seemed unfairly dismissed from their executive jobs because of a disagreement with senior leadership. I was resentful, but even more challenging, seriously disheartened and sad. If people I so greatly admired had made such a critical mistake, then maybe God wasn't truly in charge after all. After several rough days, my prayers for healing were answered when a practitioner reminded me of the correlative passage read each Sunday from I John 3: "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." The claim wasn't blood poisoning but hopelessness.

This Christly message transformed consciousness from fear and despair to a spiritually grounded sense of hope based on God's omnipotent governance. The restoration of hope had an immediate cleansing effect as wounds opened and within moments a pool of the poisonous liquid drained from the arm. Within hours the openings closed and that was the astounding end of the challenge.



This tender guardianship of divine Love, this divine nursing care, brought healing to the body but more, a profound shift in consciousness. I well remember the awe of seeing Love at work in such a practical way. Within weeks an additional practical need was met as I was effortlessly lifted out of that organization for a truly fulfilling professional activity that lasted the next ten years.

**Paul’s example**

Finally, there is special reference to nursing in Paul’s letters that is a further Biblical example of the practice of nursing in this larger way – by each of us whether a professional nurse or not.

As background, Paul’s seven letters to the churches he nurtured into existence are the earliest Christian documents, preceding the Gospels by a generation. Of the seven, I Thessalonians is the first. How instructive, then, to note that in this first great document of Christianity, a key metaphor Paul chooses to illustrate how he works with the fledgling converts is nursing. The setting is that Paul recounts his interactions with the Thessalonians, stressing his integrity while proclaiming the gospel among them, and his ongoing concern for them after he had moved on. It’s a letter of both admonition and encouragement.

Thessalonica was the capital of the Roman province Macedonia and a Greek city with little Jewish population, so Paul’s audience are Gentiles who have had a long devotion to the cult of the Roman emperor. Paul’s purpose in writing is to strengthen the congregation by reminding them of his initial proclaiming of Christ’s kingdom, and to encourage them to be firm in persecution for their Christian beliefs.

The *King James Version* reads:

*You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. **But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children.***

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Here is the same passage in a modern paraphrase from *The Message*, by Eugene Peterson, a text that often captures the essence of the King James translation but in more current vernacular:

*God tested us thoroughly to make sure we were qualified to be trusted with this Message. Be assured that when we speak to you we’re not after crowd approval—only God approval. Since we’ve been put through that battery of tests, you’re guaranteed that both we and the Message are free of error, mixed motives, or hidden agendas. We never used words to butter you up. No one knows that better than you. And God knows we never used words as a smoke screen to take advantage of you. Even though we had some standing as Christ’s apostles, we never threw our weight around or tried to come across as important, with you or anyone else. We weren’t aloof with you. We took you just as you were. We were never patronizing, never condescending, but we cared for you the way a mother cares for her children. We loved you dearly. Not content to just pass on the Message, we wanted to give you our hearts. And we did.*

Christian Science nursing demands nothing less from us: that we give our hearts – in gentleness, tenderness and practical care – to those around us to demonstrate that coincidence of divine Love meeting the human need. Then we’re daily living the *Manual* By-law for nursing our Leader so lovingly provides. ☀️

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# EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

## *A Message from the Morning Light Board of Directors*

The Christian Science nurses and members of the executive board of Morning Light Foundation appreciate your partnership in our grand adventure in the ministry of Christian healing. As we wrote in our letter to you in January: This year [we] are focusing on this statement from *Miscellaneous Writings 1883-1896* by Mary Baker Eddy, “In different ages the divine idea assumes different forms, according to humanity’s needs. In this age it assumes, more intelligently than ever before, the form of Christian healing. This is the babe we are to cherish.”(370:12-15) Whether we’re dealing with a specific nursing case, finances or new wallpaper for the Lodge, we are committed to seeing every task through the lens of Christian healing. If something does not have a supportive connection with our healing work, we take it off our agenda.

Two challenges we are facing are direct impositions on Christian Science healing practice. The first is the underutilization of our facility and the Christian Science nursing service. While there is a consistent demand for our services, at times it could be greater. We feel that we can be more useful than we have been lately. There are probably several factors contributing to this slowdown; one of which appears to be Christian Scientists choosing to use medical treatment and convalescent facilities. This happens for many reasons including family pressure, the ready availability of health insurance coverage for medical facilities, or the misconception that Morning Light is unaffordable, which is not true. We respect individuals’ rights to decide what is best for them. Consequently it is up to those of us here today, the founders and supporters of Morning Light to appreciate and demonstrate the effectiveness of Christian Science in healing physical, mental, and age-related beliefs about illness. We are committed to proving how effectively it heals.

Mary Baker Eddy wrote: “Healing the sick and the sinner with Truth demonstrates what we affirm of Christian Science, and nothing can substitute this demonstration. I recommend that each member of this Church shall strive to demonstrate by his or her practice, that Christian Science heals the sick quickly and wholly, thus proving this Science to be all that we claim for it.” (*Church Manual*, 92:4)

The second challenge is a decline in investment value and income. With so many feeling the squeeze, we are not alone. The false claim is that Christian healing is a captive of the economy – that Christian Science practice depends on investments to support it. It should be seen the other way around: investments and the economy are supported by the light that comes through the Comforter. We are beginning to see our investments recoup some of the losses, and we are grateful. Still, we think it is important to understand and prove that this babe of Christian healing is thriving and robust and is not held hostage to world beliefs about the economy.

We humbly ask you to join with us in beginning or continuing specific *daily* prayer in support of Christian healing as it is practiced by Christian Science practitioners and nurses, and particularly for the role Morning Light is playing in this ministry.

## PERSPECTIVES on CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING

### *Florence Roberts, Christian Science Nurse*

I love the ministry of Christian Science nursing, and I am grateful for the opportunities that Morning Light gives me to practice being the expression of Divine Love. Mrs. Eddy said, “Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need” (*Science and Health* page 494). What is needed to do this work, then, is to humbly listen, obey what Love imparts, and pray for divine guidance in all activities. A primary focus is to free one’s thought from the false claims one encounters, and to maintain in thought the truth of God’s perfect child. I try to think, know, and live love at all times so that when the call comes, I am in a frame of mind that enables me to express compassion, kindness, gentleness, and cheerfulness.

Morning Light is more than a beautiful house. It is a state of consciousness - a consciousness of God’s love, peace, joy, beauty, and compassion. This means we take Morning Light with us wherever we go. On one occasion, there was a need for Morning Light to provide care in another state. I spent my

travel time in prayer knowing that the perfect child of God would be apparent when I arrived at my destination. I also kept knowing that whatever the need was, it had already been met. Upon arrival, I was grateful I could see a healthy young lady who was surprised that I couldn’t see anything wrong with her.

The patient communicated daily with her practitioner, and I listened to God for what I needed to do. She worked with the truths that came to her to replace the false beliefs that had seemed so real. She gained insight to love, to feel loved, and to be grateful for all that God has already given her. I worked to keep my thought uplifted, provided comfort, and offered encouragement. Within two days the situation had improved enough for her to feel she could go back to work the next day. She had gained renewed strength along with the understanding to help her see herself correctly and feel God’s Love right where she was. This experience proved that when our consciousness is steadfastly filled with the allness of God, we can feel His love anywhere. Divine Love brought Morning Light to this home. ☀

# PERSPECTIVES on CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING

*Joy Miller, Christian Science Nurse*

A common misconception about Christian Science nursing is that it's a step aside from the treatment given by the Christian Science practitioner. It can't be!

Christian Science nursing is practical care that is in line with Christian Science treatment! Although the symptoms of disease may seem very real to the patient they must not appear real to the Christian Science nurse, and that's who you want to stand with you to see through the challenge without consenting to it in any way. Divine Love knows what you need, and the Christian Science nurse must be a clear transparency so that she knows as well what the need is, even if it is unspoken, and how to address it in a very individual case-by-case way.

Nursing at Morning Light Lodge takes many forms, so here is an example. It was important in this case to be perceptive about the guest's unvoiced needs. In order to support the guest's demonstration of proper mobility, rest, and nourishment, it was necessary to be receptive to God and be clear minded. I noticed her need to rest in between and during activities, so I began to think about the next activity in advance, and introduced the idea of a comfort aid. She thought she might like that idea and later was very grateful for it.

Considering nourishment, I thought baked custard might be appetizing, so I made it. She said that she hadn't eaten custard since her mother made it for her when she was a child, and she was really looking forward to it. Keep in mind this was someone who didn't want to eat or even hear about food. She heartily ate the custard; this marked the beginning of a turn around wherein her appetite increased substantially. I was very grateful for that inspiration!

I know that it is my spiritual sense and inspiration coming from God that leads me to the proper care for each guest. It is the divine authority that I accept for my practice of Christian Science nursing. 🌞



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