



The Mary Baker Eddy Library

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Original Edifice, Mrs. Eddy's Room books,
1886-1907

a finding aid

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Collection Description

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

Collection Number: LSC016

Creator: The First Church of Christ, Scientist

Date: 1886-1907

Extent: 2 LF

Language: Materials are in English.

Acquisition Information

Transferred from Mrs. Eddy's Room in The First Church of Christ Scientist, Original Edifice, to the church archives on February 6, 1939.

Access

This collection is open and available for research during regular Research Room hours and by appointment. Access to physical items is restricted.

Restrictions

The collection is subject to applicable copyright laws.

Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Mrs. Eddy's Room was 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. This was a furnished accomodation and study/reception room in The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Original Edifice, created solely for Mary Baker Eddy's use. The room was dedicated January 6, 1895, the same day as the Original Edifice. Not in attendance for the dedication, Eddy visited the Original Edifice and spent nights in the room on April 1 and 2, 1895; May 25 and 26, 1895; and January 4 and 1896.

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, she started the Young People's Fund, to raise money for a church building. A few days later, she started a children's fund to create a room in the church for Eddy. In April 1891, a letter from Campbell to all Christian Science children was printed in The Christian Science Journal. She asked them, "...will it not be lovely for your offerings to build and furnish Mother's Room?"

Twelve Sunday School children began raising funds. Later referred to as "Busy Bees," they grew in number, as did their efforts, until fundraising ceased on the dedication day, when the room first opened to the public. The room also reflected the children's offerings in its outside mosaic, which originally bore the name "Mother's Room/The Children's Offering." In 1904 it was changed to say "Rev. Mary B. Eddy's Room/The Children's Offering."

The Children's Fund also assisted in furnishing the room with many items, including a bookcase containing Eddy's writings, bound in white Levant. Bookmarks were also gifted for use with the books.

In 1908 the room closed to all visitors at Eddy's request (L01001), following the adoption of the By-Law "Mrs. Eddy's Room," Article XXII, Section 17. Since then the room has remained closed. Over time its contents have been removed, including 28 books and three bookmarks that were transferred to the Archives.

Sources:

- Maurine Campbell, "The Story of the Busy Bees: An Account of Pioneer Experiences in Christian Science," 1918, Reminiscence File, Maureen Campbell.
- "The Mother's Visit," *The Christian Science Journal*, May 1895.
- Charles H. Welch to The Christian Science Board of Directors, 8 August 1934, Subject File, TFCCS-Edifices-Original-Mother's Room-General
- Subject File, TFCCS-Edifices, Original-Mother's Room-Busy Bees-Information re: Artifacts and Contributors.
- "A Sweet Souvenir," *Journal*, June 1895.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of 25 books and three bookmarks placed in Mrs. Eddy's Room in The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Original Edifice. It is unclear which books were present in the room at the time of dedication; however, all the books in the collection are original to the room.

Some of the books postdate the room's dedication, but all of them predate its closing, including the 1907 edition of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* (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) were most likely present at the time of the room's dedication and described in the *Journal*, January 1895, "elegantly bound in white Levant, with white Morocco and white watered silk fly-leaf, and Oxford India paper, – also a gift of a Scientist"

The collection includes three bookmarks. Two girls from Kansas gave the silk satin ribbon bookmark (1939.01.24B) for use in the Bible, with excerpts from John Greenleaf Whittier's poem "The Meeting". The girls may have been Anna M. Young and her sister.

The collection consists of no series. Books are catalogued at the item level. The collection is arranged by item numbers not assigned in any specific order. Bookmarks are assigned item numbers, indicating the books from which they were found.

Numbering of the items is inconsistent. Although all the books and bookmarks are original to the room, numbering occurred at different times.

Item Listing:



Item No.: 1939.01.01
Title: *Selections From The Old Testament*
Date: 1896

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.



Item No.: 1939.01.02
Title: *Book of Psalms*
Date: 1889

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 MDCCCLXXXVI [1889].



Item No.: 1939.01.03
Title: *St. Mathew and St. Mark*
Date: 1891

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 MDCCCXVL, 1891.



Item No.: 1939.01.04
Title: *St. Luke/St. John*
Date:

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.



Item No.: 1939.01.05
Title: *Cruden's Concordance*
Date: 1896

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.



Item No.: 1939.01.06
Title: *Christ and Christmas*
Date: 1893

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.



Item No.: 1939.01.07
Title: *Christ and Christmas*
Date: 1898

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.



Item No.: 1939.01.08
Title: *Miscellaneous Writings, 1883–1896*
Date: 1897

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.



Item No.: 1939.01.09
Title: *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*
Date: 1897

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.



Item No.: 1939.01.10
Title: *Christian Science Series*
Date: 1889

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.



Item No.: 1939.01.11
Title: *Pulpit and Press*
Date: 1895

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.



Item No.: 1939.01.12
Title: *Pond and Purpose*
Date: 1892

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.



Item No.: 1939.01.13

Title: *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*

Date: 1903

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures 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 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.



Item No.: 1939.01.14

Title: *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*

Date: 1894

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.



Item No.: 1939.01.15A

Title: *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*

Date: 1907

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures with limp leather white binding and gilt 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 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.



Item No.: 1939.01.15B

Title: [bookmark]

Date:

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.



Item No.: 1939.01.16
Title: *Church Manual*
Date:

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.



Item No.: 1939.01.17
Title: *Retrospection and Introspection*
Date: 1893

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*. Eight Thousand, Boston, Mass.: Published by E.J. Foster Eddy, M.D., C.S.D. 62 Boylston Street. 1893.



Item No.: 1939.01.18
Title: *Rudimental Divine Science*
Date:

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.



Item No.: 1939.01.19
Title: *Unity of Good*
Date: 1895

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.



Item No.: 1939.01.20
Title: *No and Yes*
Date: 1895

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.



Item No.: 1939.01.21 A
Title: *Christian Science Versus Pantheism*
Date: 1898

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.



Item No.: 1939.01.21 B
Title: [bookmark]
Date:

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.



Item No.: 1939.01.22
Title: *Christian Healing*
Date: 1894

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.



Item No.: 1939.01.23
Title: *The People's Idea of God*
Date: 1893

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: Its Effect on Health and Christianity*, 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.



Item No.: 1939.01.24 A
Title: *Holy Bible*
Date:

Bible with white Levant leather binding, yapped binding and gilding on page edges. Stamped in gold on the spine: Holy 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, Amen Corner. New York: 33, East 17th Street.



Item No.: 1939.01.24 B

Title: [bookmark]

Date:

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



Item No.: 1939.01.25

Title: *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*

Date: 1902

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.
