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Dear Friends,

We begin with words of gratitude for the progress we see occurring in the Christian Science movement regarding our central interest: Christian Science nursing care as provided for in The Manual of The Mother Church (Article VIII, Section 31). The changes that are occurring may seem so natural and perhaps subtle that they easily could be missed, but in our view are truly significant and should be noted.

Nine years ago the Endowment was established to support Christian Science nursing care in Southern California. As the terms of the last four of the original Directors expired this year, our thoughts naturally turned to the changes and progress we have seen during these nine years. What strikes us most is how the Field's awareness of and appreciation for Christian Science nursing care has strengthened, and the progressive ways nursing care is being organized and supported in this area and throughout the Field. Let us elaborate with some specifics.

At the Annual Meeting this year, a session focused on nursing. In our collective memory, that was a first. Members of The Mother Church throughout the world were given an inspiring and informative account of the role nursing is playing in Christian Science healing. In addition, last year an entire Sentinel was devoted to nursing - another first, as far as we know. We are also seeing an increasing number of testimonies in our periodicals that document and give gratitude for the vital role Christian Science nurses and nursing facilities play in healings.

Here in Southern California, our nursing facilities and the visiting nurse services are actively engaging in the lives of Christian Scientists in ways not done before. Those who want to know more in detail about these developments can contact the visiting nurse services and the nursing care facilities to learn more of the changes and the services provided. The recently published booklet, Resource Guide-Christian Science Nursing Care and Related Services in Southern California, is now widely circulated to the Field, giving valuable information about the various ways we all can access nursing care. Another valuable booklet, Finding Health Insurance for Christian Scientists in Three Easy Steps, has been developed to give Christian Scientists guidance on government and private health insurance coverage. If you don't have either of these booklets, let us know and we will get them to you.

In the nine years since it began, the Endowment has grown in substance - from the original \$1.1 million to today's \$1.85 million, and in service - a total of \$641,908 given in financial aid for nursing, and \$94,280 given so far this year.

These are a few of the signs we take as a clear indication that the idea of nursing is unfolding in thought with vitality and strength. We at the Endowment are grateful to be sharing in the blessings.

As you may know, the Endowment is devoted solely to supporting the Manual-based activities of Christian Science nurses. In a time when medical thought is increasingly dominant and government and private health insurance are not always accommodating to the needs of Christian Scientists, we are working to ensure that no Christian Scientist who wishes to receive Christian Science nursing care instead of medical nursing care is denied that opportunity because of inability to afford it.

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All the Endowment earnings go for this purpose, and to help financially Christian Science nurses in training. In accord with our charter, we have spent none of the Endowment principal or its earnings on administration expenses or non-nursing activities.

We are extremely grateful for the contributions the Endowment has received from the Field and most of all for the skillful, well-trained nurses who selflessly, professionally and prayerfully are daily, hourly providing their needed services to our fellow Christian Scientists.

Finally, we want to report some forward steps the Endowment has made this last year.

- We are now able to process contributions given by credit card, and some donors are using this service to give a regular monthly contribution.
- For the first time, we have a contribution envelope that we send out to individuals, churches, and associations on request.
- New officers have been elected and new Board members have been added due to the expiring terms of the last four members of the original Board. Our gratitude is great for the excellence of their service and contribution to the Movement, and to each for continuing service in an advisory capacity.

The Endowment Board thanks all of you who are reading this letter for your interest and support. You can further help our work by sharing information about Christian Science nursing. Nursing needs the awareness and appreciation of the entire Field. Together, we can help this happen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Fitz-Randolph". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, prominent initial "S".

Scott Fitz-Randolph
President