

The Monitor's daily religious article

A mother returns to school

Not long ago, I returned to college after a lengthy absence. The challenge seemed great, as I had been a homemaker and mother for many years. Yet I made excellent grades, found new friends, and had a most interesting and productive time. I was able to do as well as I did because of Christian Science and my application at every opportunity of the truths it teaches.

This Science gives great assurance during the pilgrim times in one's experience. It explains the inseparability of God and man. As the child trusts its mother in a new situation, we too can mentally place our hand in God's and move ahead confidently. And this is just what I had to do with my college venture.

I found I was able to master fear through prayer. Inspired with spiritual perception gained from my study of the Bible and *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, I found a deeper love for others than I had felt before. The professor, the young students around me, myself — I could see us all as in reality God's children, each one of us His immortal representative. And I found that as the year progressed, generation gaps that had threatened me with isolation completely closed. We all helped each other whenever possible.

In facing up to exams and paper deadlines, I held to the fact that God is Mind, the only real source of intelligence, and that man is constantly at one with Mind. The ideas for papers always came when I turned fully to God first for inspiration — that is, when I prayed to know more clearly what the divine facts of creation are. In fact, I began eventually to realize that the good results at school were directly related to the truths I was applying daily. The more I understood of God and practiced what I learned, the better everything went.

Christ Jesus faced a life of outward turmoil with a deep knowledge of God. He knew his Father was his strength. He declared, "I and my Father are one."* And he proved through healing that God's goodness was all that had real power.

Like Jesus, we can know the ever-presence of God — of good. The Christliness Jesus demonstrated is ours to express, whether we are students, homemakers, workers. Concerns over new challenges will dissolve as we see these challenges as opportunities to prove more of God's reality.

Mrs. Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, reminds us, "The devotion of thought to an honest achievement makes the achievement possible."** One's devotion to a worthy task, when one's purpose is to prove God's eternal dominion over all creation, necessarily brings an honest adventure to a successful conclusion.

*John 10:30; ***Science and Health*, p. 199.