

# MRS. M. B. G. EDDY IN GOOD HEALTH.

Aged Founder of Christian Science Not  
Victim of Wasting  
Disease.

## DENIAL OF STATEMENTS.

MANY AFFIDAVITS PUBLISHED REFUTING  
STORY.

(Concord Evening Monitor, October 29, 1906.)

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Mrs. Eddy's mind is not only unimpaired, but she exhibits the same clearness, strength, alertness and vigor which have so long distinguished her.—General Frank S. Streeter.

Mrs. Eddy has no cancer, or any chronic or organic or functional disease.—Calvin A. Frye.

Mrs. Eddy herself has driven in her carriage daily, with the exception of one day in the early spring, when the roads were so bad that she did not go out.—Lewis C. Strang.

I have seen Mrs. Eddy's carriage on State street almost daily. The occupant has always been Mrs. Eddy herself.—Hermann S. Hering.

I most emphatically say that Mrs. Eddy is in every way capable of conducting her business affairs.—Fred N. Ladd, treasurer Loan & Trust Savings Bank.

I can state from personal knowledge that it is Mrs. Eddy, and no other person, whom I see riding in her carriage.—Josiah E. Fernald, president National State Capital Bank.

The New York World of October 25 covered two pages with a sensational article, absolutely devoid of truth, concerning Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy. The publication was received in this city, where its falsity and absurdity were immediately manifest, with indignation, and the following statements in refutation and contradiction of it were given to the press:

### Mayor Makes Statement.

"I have known Mrs. Eddy by sight for many years. I have seen her in her carriage many times, and within the last season Mrs. Eddy has passed up Pleasant and down Green street daily and I know that the sole occupant of the carriage has been Mrs. Eddy. I had never met Mrs. Eddy face to face at her residence at Pleasant View until today.

"Mrs. Eddy received me this afternoon in company with General Frank S. Streeter, who has been an attorney of Mrs. Eddy's for several years. "As I had heard so much concerning the precarious condition of Mrs. Eddy's health, I feared that there might be some foundation for such reports, but the fact was entirely different. I spoke to Mrs. Eddy and I listened for nearly half an hour to her conversation. She is keen of intellect and strong in memory. She is a surprising illustration of longevity; bright eyes, emphatic expression and an alertness rarely to be encountered in a person so venerable.

"CHARLES R. CORNING.

"Mayor of Concord, N. H.

"Sunday, October 28, 1906."

"I have been counselor for Mrs. Eddy at various times during the last twelve or fifteen years and have known her well. I think the last time I saw her at home before today was in June of last year. I have frequently met her while driving down town.

"My attention was called to the article in the New York World of this morning and I was asked by my friends to call upon her and be able to speak with reference to her health.

"The charge that Mrs. Eddy has been physically incapacitated and unable to leave her room for all or a considerable part of three years, and that some one, said to be Mrs. Leonard, was impersonating Mrs. Eddy in her carriage, was already from personal observation known by me to be false.

### Call on Mrs. Eddy.

"Mayor Charles R. Corning drove out with me to Pleasant View about 4 o'clock this afternoon. I sent a note to Mrs. Eddy that we were permitted to call on her, and the request was almost immediately granted. She arose and most cordially greeted the mayor and myself, exhibiting no appearance of weariness, but a physical activity not ordinarily to be found in persons many years younger. The conversation covered a variety of subjects. She spoke briefly without bitterness of the false statements being circulated with reference to her health, and even death, and said that she was in the hands of an infinite God, in whom she had perfect trust, and that he would care for her.

"Reference was made to business transactions of some time ago, about which her memory was exact and accurate. She referred to many details of her daily work and her correspondence and study. She also inquired for a personal friend to whom she had recently sent a valuable present and expressed her warm affection. After a very interesting half hour's talk with Mrs. Eddy we returned.

"I can emphatically say that Mrs. Eddy, in spite of her advanced years, is a remarkably well preserved woman. Her health and appearance is

substantially the same as when I last talked with her, something over a year ago. Her mind is not only unimpaired, but she exhibits the same clearness, strength, alertness and vigor which have so long distinguished her.

"FRANK S. STREETER.

"Concord, N. H., Sunday, October 28, 1906."

### Housekeeper Takes Oath.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., Oct. 29, 1906.—The sensational report published in the New York World of Sunday, October 28, 1906, to the effect that Mrs. Eddy is physically and mentally incapacitated, that "for many months she has not left her room," that she does not drive daily, and that she is impersonated in her carriage by Mrs. Pamela J. Leonard or by anybody else, is unqualifiedly false.

My position in Mrs. Eddy's household is simply that of a paid employee. She conducts her own affairs, financial and otherwise, today as she always has, and the statement that Mrs. Eddy is dominated or controlled by any sort of a "cabinet" or combination is positively false—absolutely so to any one who is acquainted with Mrs. Eddy's extraordinary ability as an executive.

Mrs. Eddy, as she herself wrote to the Boston Herald on October 19, 1906, is in her usual good health. She is not slowly dying from cancer, nor has she a cancer or any chronic or organic or functional disease. She has never been visited by a cancer specialist, nor do I or anybody else provide "old school" surgeons and physicians, dentists and the entire range of pharmacopoeia for attendance upon Mrs. Eddy as is stated by the World.

Had the reporters of the World really desired to learn whether Mrs. Leonard impersonated Mrs. Eddy on Mrs. Eddy's drive, it would have been a very simple matter for these reporters to have called at Pleasant View, while Mrs. Eddy was driving, and asked for Mrs. Leonard. Had they taken this ready way of verification, they would have had no trouble in seeing Mrs. Leonard herself and talking with her.

When the reporters of the New York World called to see Mrs. Eddy personally, what she spoke of as "stimulants" was not in the room at all. There was no galvanic battery nor any stimulants or medicines in the room or in the house. There was simply a small table on which was a silver ice pitcher, a silver mug and a small finger bowl that Mrs. Eddy uses. There was a wood box in the room, but nothing else except Mrs. Eddy's own literary material, books and papers. Mrs. Eddy has never to my knowledge while I have lived with her, need stimulants of any kind, nor to my knowledge have there ever been any in the house. My service covers a period of twenty-four continuous years.

CALVIN A. FRYE.

October 29, 1906.

State of New Hampshire, Merrimack, ss.

Personally appeared before me Calvin A. Frye, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above statement made and signed by him is true.

JOSIAH E. FERNALD,

Notary Public.

### No Batteries in House.

I have been in the house of Mrs. Eddy off and on for the last eight years. Since the 19th day of February, 1906, when last I came to Mrs. Eddy's house, I have not been out of sight of it. I have access to all parts of the house, and go about it, and know absolutely that there are no stimulants anywhere in the house.

The statement that I have impersonated Mrs. Eddy and ridden in her car-

riage in her place is entirely false, for I have never stepped inside of her carriage and have never even looked inside of it.

There has not been in Mrs. Eddy's room, nor anywhere in the house, and is not now any sort of galvanic battery. At the time Mr. Hennessey claimed to identify me as being down town, I was at home at Pleasant View. Had he taken the pains to have come out here to Pleasant View, I would have gladly seen him.

I deny most emphatically that Mrs. Eddy has any such disease as cancer or that she has any other disease. As I am and have been in daily contact with Mrs. Eddy, seeing her many times each day, I am in a position to know as to what I am stating. And she has not pined of the hand. The story that a physician from Boston is attending her is without foundation, as there is no physician from anywhere attending Mrs. Eddy, nor has there been while I have been in her home.

MRS. PAMELIA J. LEONARD.

State of New Hampshire, Merrimack, ss.

October 29, 1906.

Personally appeared before me Mrs. Pamela J. Leonard, who being duly sworn deposes and says that the above statement made and signed by her is true.

JOSIAH E. FERNALD,

Notary Public.

### Rides Daily in Her Carriage.

I came to Pleasant View on the 29th of January, 1906, and since the middle of March, 1906, one of my duties has been to hand Mrs. Eddy into her carriage daily and adjust the carriage robes about her. Since the middle of March she has not failed but one day personally to go on her drive. She did not go one day on account of the roads breaking up in the early spring.

I have been in the house with Mrs. Leonard day after day while Mrs. Eddy was on her drive, and know that Mrs. Leonard has never in any way, shape or manner impersonated nor attempted to impersonate Mrs. Eddy.

While I have been at Pleasant View, neither Mrs. Eddy nor anyone in the house has used any form of stimulant or remedy of a material medica nature. There is no galvanic battery in Mrs. Eddy's room, in the house or about the premises, nor has there ever been while I have been here. Mrs. Eddy herself has never used stimulants while I have been here, and she has never used any sort of an electric battery.

There is no truth in any claim that physicians have been in attendance here of that any specialist of any sort has been called from Boston or elsewhere. Mrs. Eddy is in usual good health for a woman of her years. She has, as far as my knowledge is concerned (and I have seen her daily, almost hourly during the daytime while I have been at Pleasant View) no chronic, organic nor functional disease of any sort. Mrs. Eddy is active, about the house more or less daily, goes up and down stairs at least once a day when she goes to her drive and generally more—usually twice a day. She usually goes down stairs in the afternoon.

I was present at the interview with the N. Y. World reporters, Messrs. Slaght and Lithchild and Professor Kent. Professor Kent stood between Mrs. Eddy and myself, so that it would have been impossible for me to have reached my arm about Mrs. Eddy to support her as alleged by the article in the N. Y. World.

LEWIS C. STRANG.

State of New Hampshire, Merrimack, ss.

Personally appeared before me Lewis C. Strang who being duly sworn deposes and says that the above statement made and signed by him is true.

JOSIAH E. FERNALD,

Notary Public.

### Is Active and Alert.

"Having seen and talked to Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy today, I am prepared to label as false the sensational reports in today's New York World concerning Mrs. Eddy's state of health. "I found that Mrs. Eddy was the same active, healthy and mentally alert woman she has always been reported. She moves about with perfect freedom and no sign of suffering or physical disability.

I was present today when she received and conversed with Mayor Charles R. Corning and General Frank S. Streeter, the latter having known Mrs. Eddy throughout the past 15 years. General Streeter and Mayor Corning expressed themselves much impressed with the activity and apparent health of Mrs. Eddy.

"While in Mrs. Eddy's home I made inquiry as to the basis of the report that a galvanic battery was in evidence and was used to prepare her for the ordeal of meeting her inquisitors. I was shown a silver water pitcher which stood on a side table with a goblet and a silver bowl for waste water. Outside of these articles the room is occupied by ordinary furniture and with nothing to indicate a galvanic battery. It was assured that the room was precisely as it had been during the visit of the World reporters and that the water pitcher and other silver pieces which go with it furnished the only foundation upon which to establish the canard.

"This instance, I learn, is illustrative of the grounds for all the other allegations respecting Mrs. Eddy's health, wealth and income.

"As the Christian Science committee on publication for the state of New York, desire particularly that the facts be presented to the people of New York state, I have gained the truth regarding these questions first hand, and my investigation here in Concord, and Mrs. Eddy's home has revealed a state of affairs which leaves nothing upon which the World story can stand.

"Every mayor of Concord back as far as 1897 has been interviewed today and each has positively denied ever having acted "as unofficial treasurer" or having received money or jewels alleged to have been left with them for Mrs. Eddy. The story that Mrs. Eddy received money from those who have visited Concord in years past is without foundation.

"H. CORNELL WILSON."

Concord, N. H., Oct. 28, 1906.

### Is Not Helpless.

"In reference to conversation had with me last evening in regard to statements made to me Oct. 13 by two rep-

resentatives of the New York World, will say that they stated that they were representatives of the New York Herald, and hearing persistent reports that Mrs. Eddy was dead, and had long been so, they had come to Boston to ascertain whether they could find any one who could state with certainty that Mrs. Eddy was alive; that they had visited every town and hamlet between Boston and Concord and could not find any one who had ever seen Mrs. Eddy; that they had been unable to find any woman or child in Concord who had ever seen Mrs. Eddy to know her, except as I personally stated to them; that I had an interview with her in the early part of the summer; that they understood, if Mrs. Eddy were alive, she was so feeble and helpless that she was unable to have any control over the affairs; I made reply to this statement, that if they ever had the honor of meeting Mrs. Eddy, they would at once ascertain that these statements were false; they also stated that they had seen papers showing assignments of all of Mrs. Eddy's property to Calvin A. Frye, her secretary. They said they did not find any one in Concord who believed that Mrs. Eddy was alive. They said that if they did not have an interview with her that they should feel at liberty to print such information as they had received.

"Of course, I denied all of these statements and said that they were false and also stated that my mother had played with Mrs. Eddy as a child and had been associated with her and had been near her for more than forty years, but they were determined not to believe any reasonable statements. "Perhaps it would be well to state that I am not a member of a Christian Science church, but feel it my duty to contradict such false rumors. I have had the honor of being in the presence of Mrs. Eddy several times a year, and most emphatically say that she is in every way capable of conducting her business affairs."

"FRED N. LADD."

"Treasurer Loan & Trust Savings Bank."

### Occupies Own Carriage.

"I am informed there is a report in circulation, coming from persons outside of Concord, that the person whom I meet every few days driving and to whom I am always pleased to bow, is not the Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, but some other person.

"Now, I have known Mrs. Eddy for a number of years, and have had business relations with her since she came to Concord and made her home at Pleasant View, which relations extend up to the present time. I have also visited her in her home, so that I can state from personal knowledge that it is Mrs. Eddy, and no other person, whom I see riding in her carriage. I will also state that she stands high in this community. I do not find those who speak evil of her in this, her home city, and believe those who come here with evil reports come with malicious intentions.

"I am not a follower of the Christian Science faith, but make this statement as a citizen of Concord who wishes to see things that are true, the things that are honest and the things that are just, prevail.

"J. E. FERNALD."

"President National State Capital Bank."

### Writes Own Letters.

"I have had the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Eddy for more than ten years, and I have had frequent occasion to correspond with her and to meet her with reference to matters of public importance in this community. These relations with her still continue, and within a very short time I have received from her long letters written from beginning to end in her own handwriting, which from long acquaintance is perfectly familiar to me, and that she is indubitably alive, both physically and mentally, is well attested by these communications.

"Moreover, I see Mrs. Eddy driving in her carriage through our streets almost every day, and I have within a very few days met her carriage and spoken to her as she drove past. That the occupant of the carriage was Mrs. Eddy in propria persona is accurate testimony which I am very glad to give, and had any of the newspaper representatives to whom you allude taken the trouble to call upon me during their stay in Concord I would freely have told them as I now write you.

"While it would be futile to assert that Mrs. Eddy is wholly without criticism or opponents in Concord, it is entirely within the bounds of accuracy to say that by the vast majority of all our people, and most emphatically by those who by their position in the community are most entitled to represent that intangible spirit which we call public opinion, she is regarded easily as our foremost citizen. Her numerous good works, her constant and consistent charities here, her keen interest in all that makes for the betterment of the community, and her blameless, laborious and useful life among us, all contribute to make her beloved and respected by the people of Concord, and we all hope that she may live long in her present full possession of physical, mental and spiritual power to continue her good work among us.

"GEORGE H. MOSES."

"Editor Evening Monitor."

### Statements Made Freely.

The foregoing statements are freely made in refutation of the allegations of the Sunday World's article, which asserts that Mrs. Eddy is near to death from cancer; that for more than three years she has been unable to leave her home; that she is impersonated in her carriage by a Mrs. Leonard, her companion; that she cannot manage her business affairs; that she has transferred her property to others; and that her gifts and charities are mythical.

It will be noted that the statements made by Concord people in refutation of these assertions are not from Christian Scientists, but from Congregationalists, Unitarians, Universalists and Baptists; and from persons who, by reason of their opportunities to know what takes place in Concord may be relied upon to state facts.

The gist of the World's sensation, however, is summed up in the assertion that Mrs. Eddy is physically broken down and that it is not she but Mrs. Leonard who drives in the Pleasant View carriage through Concord's streets every day. This ought to be easily susceptible of proof if it is true. Mrs. Leonard is readily accessible at Pleasant View and it would be an easy matter for anybody to call there any day when the carriage is making its round, to ask for Mrs. Leonard and thus to ascertain whether she was impersonating Mrs. Eddy during the daily drive.

This simple test, however, the World omitted to make.

It was made today, however, and at the time when Mrs. Eddy, in her carriage on Main street, was being seen by hundreds. Mrs. Leonard received callers at Pleasant View.

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