

# Committee on Christian Science Work in Los Angeles County Institutions

“...I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.” (Matt.25:36)

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## FRUITAGE TO READ AT A WEDNESDAY EVENING MEETING:

On Page 243 of *Twelve Years with Mary Baker Eddy* (AMPLIFIED), Irving Tomlinson writes of Mrs. Eddy: “Her interest in prison work never flagged.” And, “Frequently Mrs. Eddy received letters from various parts of the Field telling of the good accomplished in the prisons through Christian Science services. So interested was she in having this work made known that she often sent such letters to the Concord Church to be read at the Wednesday evening meeting, and then had them forwarded to the Christian Science periodicals for publication.”

It is in this spirit that we're sending our own examples and asking that they be read at a Wednesday testimony meeting or otherwise shared with your membership.

Many individuals have mentioned that these testimonies have been very helpful to them after having heard them at a testimony meeting. They don't all need to be read on the same evening. We are enlarging the type and using both sides of the page so as to make it easier to read.

We would appreciate it if the speaker (from the floor) identifies that the fruitage is coming from the work of our Committee, **The Committee on Christian Science Work in Los Angeles County Institutions**, and not just prison work in general. This gives people an appreciation of the work that this Committee is doing. Thus: One of our Chaplains reports....

→ One chaplain writes: Mary Baker Eddy writes in *Science and Health* p.475:1-2(2<sup>nd</sup>.) “To Truth there is no error.” And on page 188:19-20 “The only power of evil is to destroy itself. It can never destroy one iota of good.” The activities of the Chaplains of the CS Institutional Committee strive to demonstrate these truths as they interact with those in the facilities. In high security areas, where the men and women are completely isolated from others except for a limited time each day, inmates are eager to read Christian Science literature. In a sense, it fills their day with songs of peace, joy, hope and an expectancy of good.

Several individuals this month as well as over the last several months have experienced significant transformation of thought, attitude and behavior. These proofs of God's presence and power and healing are recognized by the officers. Some individuals have specifically mentioned that fears, worries, anxieties and frustrations have disappeared.

It is especially gratifying to hear and know that Truth is being acknowledged and proved by individuals in the different facilities and is being a blessing to all upon whom thought rests.

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→ This fruitage report covers the last few days in October and all of November. The Christian Science volunteer workers who assist me in the County Jails have shared Christian Science literature with over a thousand men and women each month, as well as offering prayer for the men and women who request it. The workers log the names of inmates who wish to talk with the chaplain, as well as those who wish to be on the monthly mailing list. Those individuals who wish to talk with me meet together in informal large or small groups in a Sunday School type gathering where Christian Science is shared, reading Bible verses and statements from Science and Health, answering questions and giving examples of healing and practical proofs of God's care and guidance. Some individuals prefer a one-on-one meeting. During the month of November, many articles were shared with the focus on Thanksgiving. Expressions of gratitude for Christian Science throughout the month were heard from the men and women and specific experiences were shared including peace and calmness in modules, a desire to live CS right in the institution, overcoming fear, going to court with an assurance of God's ever present care and guidance, being set free from taking drugs provided by the jail for sleep, anxiety and other ailments, relationships restored with family and friends, better relationships with staff and officers as well as others in the same dorm or module. There is a more friendly and kind attitude toward others living in the same module or dorm, a greater appreciation and gratitude for Christian Science and a deeper desire to understand God and man as His image and likeness.

No fruitage report would be complete without expressing gratitude for the unselfish love of so many unseen individuals: the literature committee, the faithful reps who serve this committee from the individual churches in LA County, the Sec/Trea. of the Committee and those who attend the monthly fruitage meetings as interested and supportive members of CS churches as well as those who are studying CS.

Thank you so much for daily acknowledging the truth that man is God's great heir, His image and likeness, forever loved, needed, valued, cared for, whole, perfect and good.

Note: to find out more about this work or to join our monthly fruitage meetings, please go to [prayerthatheals.org/institutions](http://prayerthatheals.org/institutions) or email [cs\\_la\\_ci@yahoo.com](mailto:cs_la_ci@yahoo.com)