

Dearest Marion,

How grateful I am to have your address for this past Association in my hand because it surely gave me the strength and confidence to come to a recent healing. Thank you for your encouraging and inspiring Association theme that with obedience meets all human needs.

When I received the Association Address I was at once anxious to devour the words of your message. I wanted to let you know with gratuitous remarks that I had recently received the address. It took me a bit to rid the randomness of my life, since daily routines changed with Peter's retirement, but your beginning statement about giving "persistent effort and "improvement of moments" was the linchpin that got me realigned and rolling. Thank you for that inspiring spiritual motivation.

As I studied, the message of having no doubt, no resistance, no choice but to succeed in demonstrating, proving and healing put the foundation that would in the coming weeks be the rock I would stand on. At that time though I was just rejoicing in the affirmations of being in unity with my divine source, feeling divine Love's embrace and guidance. Days after my first reading and note taking, came the opportunity to use and prove what I was learning. I delved deeper to gain a fuller understanding as a pain in my lower abdomen side moved deeper. The stronger the pain tried to dominate me the more spiritual dominion I claimed. As you stated on page 7 in your address, my real need was to seek the kingdom of God, to be always conscious of good, to recognize and welcome the Christ in my thoughts. And farther on... to feel "the POWER of the word, bring healing'." I took my stand and "let the reign of divine Truth, Life and Love be established in me".

I was drawn to the discussion you made about the word never. It caught my attention at the first reading but stood out as an important point for a healing. "NEVER SAY NEVER. In every instance you'd be taking the side of the very effect you don't want imposing on your experience!" This statement seemed to sum up my life of accepting excuses and the pain in my side was the manifestation of accepting never-land. And also: "A lie, is a lie, is a lie...and no matter how many times or ways it suggests itself...it can't find a place to house itself (I added... to lodge itself.) So I 'stood porter at the door of (my) thought' ... so that only harmony was in control.

I'm thankful for your points about cause and effect on page 19 helping me hold to the truth that "only what God knows about the real man is reflected". I repeated often this sentence: "...your success in experiencing healing is absolutely unobstructed by man-made laws or medical beliefs" And in the Bible lesson that week were more affirming truths of no obstructions or stoppage.

While Peter and compassionate friends encouraged me to seek medical diagnosis and treatment, I continued to know the Truth as the Monitor writer did (page 29) who's faith in God's supremacy was his medicine. But even though "As Christian Scientists, we understand God needs no assistance to heal..." (page 32) I needed to rid Peter of his

fears. After days of study and deliberation I agreed to have a medical exam to prove that perfection would be found. I'm grateful for the demonstration of Mary Baker Eddy's two cardinal points in proving to both of us "the allness of Soul, Spirit and the nothingness of matter."

Thank you again for your supportive prayers and for the spiritual intuition that continually guides and brings freedom. I'm already anticipating the rewards and growth I will gain in attending next year's association. I'm very much am looking forward to hearing the Speakers and Readers enlightening additions that I missed by not being present this year. And it will be with much joy that I will as well reconnect with my classmates.

I wish you much happiness and success as you continue to watch and work in the Christian Science healing and sharing practice.

Much love,
LeeAnne