

June 30th, 1917.

Mr. Charles E. Jarvis,
Board of Directors, Mother Church,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from you of June 19th. I am very sorry for the delay, but I had left New York and the letter followed me around to several places.

My understanding when I joined the Mother Church some years ago was that I joined Principle, not an edifice, or even a Board of Directors, and nothing can separate us from Principle.

My knowledge of Christian Science has been one of helpfulness and unity, not separation. The thought rampant in the world today is one of separation, and your letter would indicate that that thought was working in the Christian Science movement.

I have also understood that Christian Science taught that we must not accept gossip as fact, and yet it would appear that someone had gossiped in informing the Board of Directors that I had severed from the religion of Christian Science.

I quite agree that the "fairest course" to myself and the organization would be to formally withdraw from the Mother Church, and had I seriously considered doing so I would naturally have taken this step.

It seems to me that some reason for your letter ought to be given, as I understand the Manual provides for this on pages 51 and 52, also Matt. 18: 15-18.

I am signing your form of resignation, and leave it to the Board of Directors to decide whether they wish my name deleted from the list of members of the Mother Church. I am assured in my own mind that neither the decision of the Directors of the Mother Church nor the gossip of informants can separate me from the Truth as taught in "Science and Health."

Faithfully,