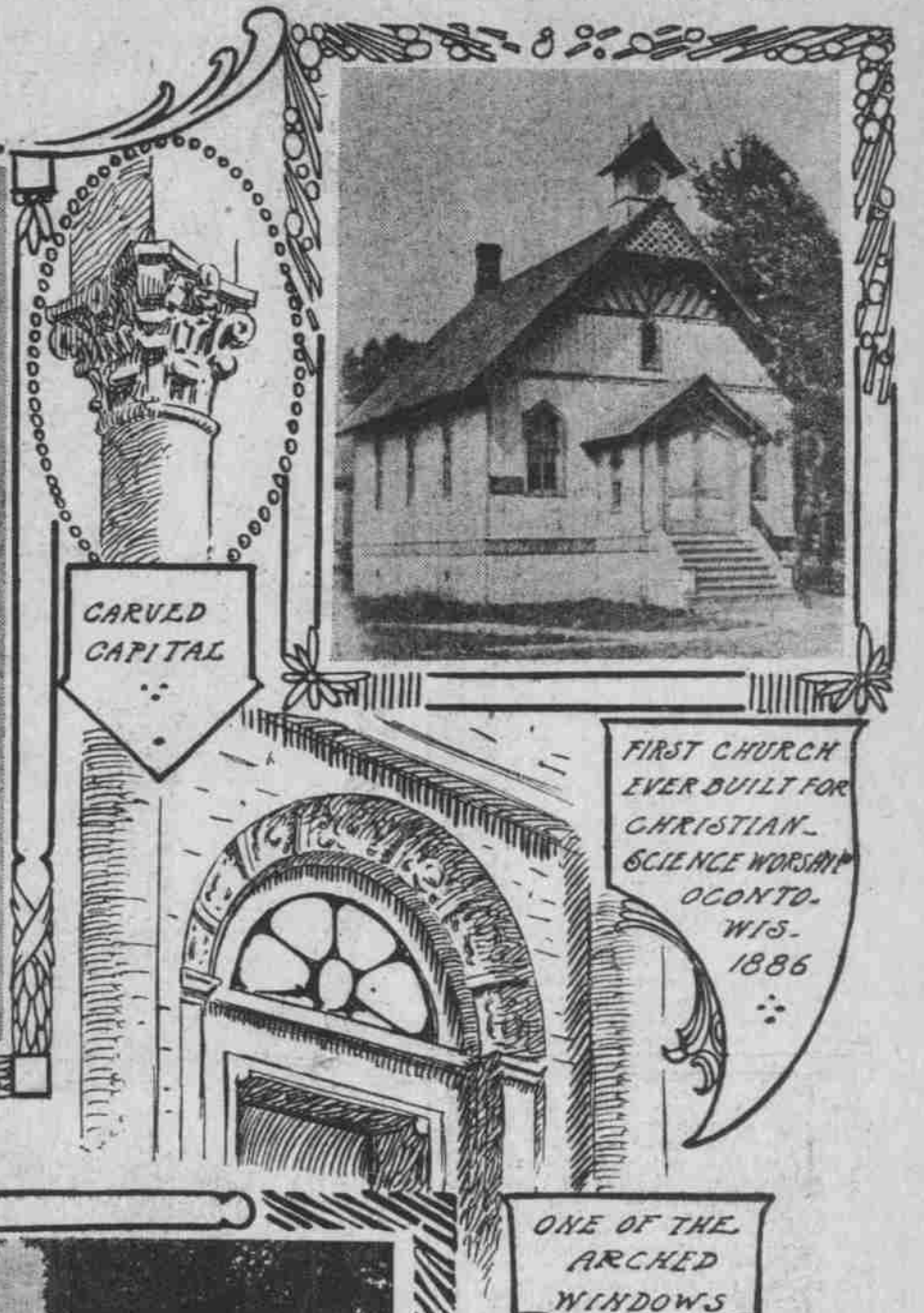


MAJESTIC CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CATHEDRAL IN BOSTON

Magnificent Structure costing \$2,000,000. to be dedicated today.



NEW \$2,000,000. CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST CHURCH-BOSTON.



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FIRST CHURCH EVER BUILT FOR CHRISTIAN SCIENCE WORSHIP OCONTO, WIS. 1886

ONE OF THE ARCHED WINDOWS

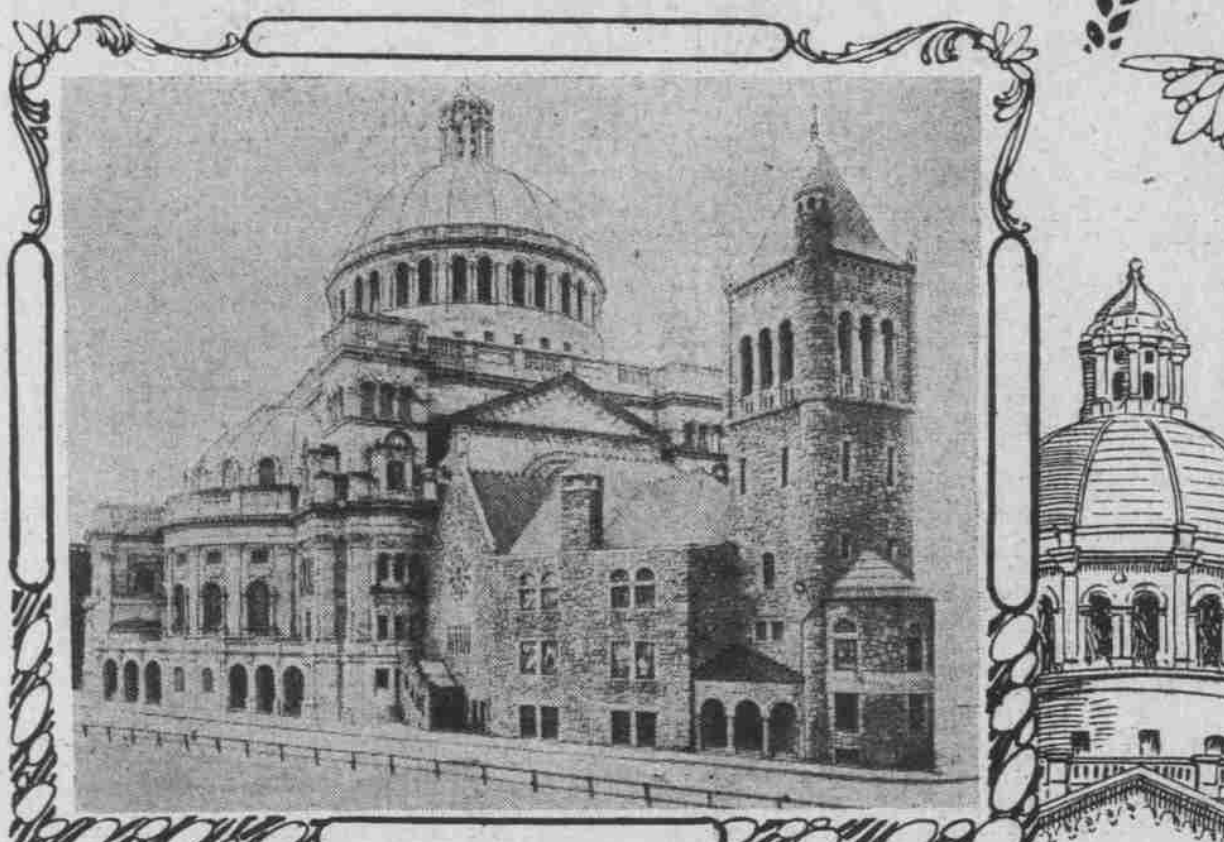
The dedication today of a magnificent new addition to the Mother Church of the Christian Science denomination, in Boston, is an event of the highest significance in the history of this religious body. The interest of all Christian Scientists is centered on Boston, and thousands from all parts of the world, including Portland, are thronging the historic old city. The regular communion of the Christian Science Church always brings a multitude of its adherents to Boston, but the dedication of the new structure this year has made the attendance unusually large.

Built as the result of a spontaneous recognition of Mrs. Eddy's life work and of the imperative demands of the marvelous growth of the movement, expressing the liberality of thousands of Christian Scientists, and embodying the best in architectural design and modern construction, this new building is logically the central figure of this year's gathering. Although Christian Scientists say that they lay the greater stress upon the spiritual awakening which has inspired the generous liberality expressed.

Facts About the New Church.

The church is one of the largest, if not the largest, in the United States, its seating capacity being 902. Its style of architecture is Italian renaissance. The pews and other interior woodwork finishes are of mahogany. The walls are Concord granite and Bedford stone with beautiful decorative carvings. The inside finish is a soft gray to harmonize with the Bedford stone columns supporting the dome. The height of the building to the top of the lantern is 224 feet, just one foot higher than Bunker Hill Monument. The dome is 82 feet in diameter and is covered with terra cotta to match the Bedford stone. The building presents a stately, dignified and impressive appearance and it is already recognized as one of the landmarks of Boston.

The first floor contains the various offices, a large foyer, Sunday-school room, cloak-rooms, etc. There are 11 exits and seven staircases. The cost of the building is something less than \$2,000,000. The



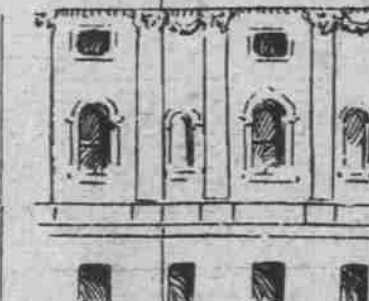
OLD CHURCH AND THE NEW, AS SEEN FROM THE CORNER OF THE FLAT IRON BLOCK

new chimes consist of 11 bells made by the Meneely Bell Company, of Troy, N. Y. The largest bell, which is C sharp, weighs 4000 pounds. The smallest bell weighs 400 pounds. The organ is necessarily one of the largest in the world. It is strictly up to date and contains all modern appliances.

Christian Science was discovered by Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy in 1826. Re-

ferred thereto in her book entitled "Retrospection and Introspection," she declares: "During 26 years prior to my discovery I had been trying to trace all physical effects to a mental cause; and in the latter part of 1826 I gained the scientific certainty that all causation was Mind, and every effect a mental phenomenon." It should be noted that in this statement Mrs. Eddy capitalizes the word Mind thus making it synonymous with deity and thus designating the divine Mind as the only cause or creator. It follows, in her philosophy, that the universe is in reality spiritual though it does not so appear to our present immature apprehension. Christian Science thus bases its entire modus operandi upon the proposition that God is the only real Mind. In Christian Science it is maintained that through the realization of the supremacy of the divine Mind healing is effected even as light dispels the darkness, on the basis that light is real, while darkness is unreal and therefore cannot remain in its presence. This is that in Christian Science healing there is no pretense of human force.

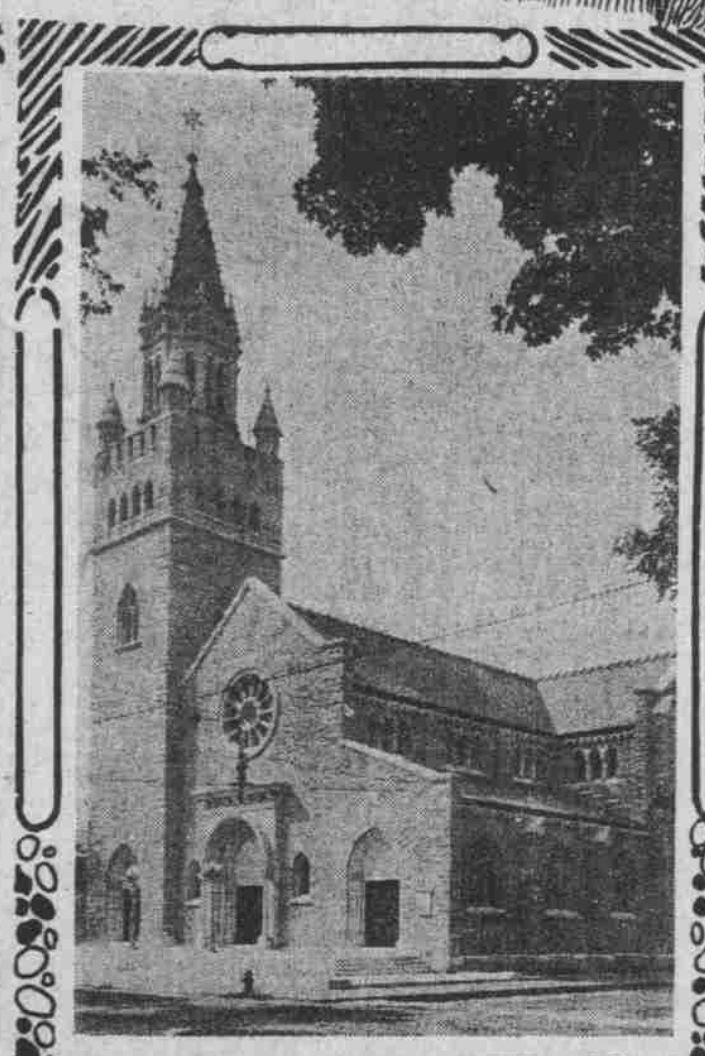
History declares that from early childhood Mrs. Eddy had been spiritually inclined and that even in her youthful days she was interested in deep religious subjects and philosophic study. One who knew her well in her girlhood has referred to her gift of expression as very marked, and that she often conversed with her pastor upon subjects which were too deep for him to follow. Her superior ability, her breadth and independence of thought, and her spiritual-mindedness, were all prophetic of that



DOMES OF THE CATHEDRAL 224 FEET HIGH



BUNKER HILL MONUMENT 223 FEET HIGH



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST-CONCORD, N.H. - MRS. EDDY'S HOME CHURCH-COMPLETED 1904

Included. Scarcely a village or town can be found which has not a band of Christian Scientists, and hardly an individual who has not some friends or relative that has been a beneficiary of it.

A building like the one just completed in Boston as a central place of meeting for the annual gatherings of the organization and which has been built by contributions from Christian Scientists in all parts of the world, evidences a genuine interest in their own movement which has probably been paralleled by no religious denomination in the history of the world. It would appear as though the Christian Scientists believe they are getting the worth of their money or they would not continue such unusual liberality year after year. A Christian Scientist said to the writer: "When I was a member of another denomination I contributed less than 5 per cent of the amount which I now give, and did that somewhat grudgingly. The change in my attitude has been altogether due to the prospective results of my giving in the Christian Science Church. I find such an unusual abundance of fruitage that I am glad to make the larger and more fitting return." It is evident that even in religious matters one likes to get the worth of his money.

The dedicatory exercises today will be attended by visitors from all parts of the United States and Canada, from Great Britain, Australia, Sweden, Denmark, France, Germany, Switzerland, the Hawaiian Islands, South America and other foreign countries. It is said that they will not come simply to see the church edifice or for the exclusive purpose of being present at the dedicatory service, but largely to show their interest in the movement, their respect for its leader and to further their understanding of Christian Science.

The Sunday service of the Christian Science Church consists of opening and closing exercises similar to those of other denominations. The distinguishing feature is the lesson-sermon which Mrs. Eddy has instituted in the place of the clerical address. The lesson-sermon is a compilation of Scriptural passages interspersed with correlative selections from the Christian Science text-book, Science and Health, with key to the Scriptures, by Mrs. Eddy.

Today is the date of the annual communion service and in addition to the usual service and the dedicatory address there will be added the characteristic communion service of the Christian Science Church which consists of a silent service during which the entire congregation kneels in self-examination and communion with God. This part of the service closes with the repetition of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

An interesting and distinctive service in the Christian Science Church is the Wednesday evening meeting, which is devoted exclusively to testimonies and experiences descriptive of the benefits received from Christian Science. These meetings at the Mother Church of the denomination in Boston are said to be as a rule, of more than average interest because Boston, being the headquarters of the denomination, is frequently visited by Christian Scientists from all parts of the United States, Canada and other countries.

One hundred and forty-five church edifices have already been erected by the Christian Scientists. These, as a whole,

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GROWTH OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.						
Year	No. of chartered churches	Other organized churches	Total church services	No. of reading rooms	No. or recognized practitioners	Total membership
1876	0	0	0	0	0	0
1877	1	0	1	1	1	26
1878	1	0	1	1	1	36
1879	1	0	1	1	1	45
1880	1	0	1	1	1	59
1881	1	0	1	1	1	77
1882	1	0	1	1	1	103
1883	1	0	1	1	1	134
1884	1	0	1	1	1	177
1885	1	0	1	1	1	238
1886	1	0	1	1	1	328
1887	1	0	1	1	1	450
1888	1	0	1	1	1	600
1889	1	0	1	1	1	812
1890	1	0	1	1	1	1099
1891	1	0	1	1	1	1499
1892	1	0	1	1	1	2000
1893	1	0	1	1	1	2639
1894	1	0	1	1	1	3459
1895	1	0	1	1	1	4539
1896	1	0	1	1	1	6039
1897	1	0	1	1	1	8139
1898	1	0	1	1	1	10939
1899	1	0	1	1	1	14539
1900	1	0	1	1	1	19139
1901	1	0	1	1	1	25139
1902	1	0	1	1	1	32139
1903	1	0	1	1	1	40139
1904	1	0	1	1	1	49139
1905	1	0	1	1	1	59139
1906	1	0	1	1	1	70139

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TODAY.	
Number of chartered churches	657
Other organized societies	27
Total number church services	92
Church edifices erected	145
Reading-rooms maintained	145
Christian Science practitioners	3,159
Members of the Mother Church in Boston	579
Total listed membership of the denomination	25,369
Copies of "Science and Health" sold	72,000
Estimated number of adherents	330,000
1868—Christian Science discovered by Mrs. Mary Baker Glover.	
1870—"Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," published by Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy.	
1872—First Christian Science association formed.	
1873—First church of 17, Church of Christ, Scientist, formed.	
1881—Mrs. Eddy ordained as pastor of the First Church of Christ, Scientist.	
1883—Christian Science Journal established.	
1888—National Christian Science Association formed.	
1886—First church edifice of the Christian Scientists erected at Oconto, Wis.	
1894—First Christian Science Church erected in Boston at cost of \$250,000.	
1895—The Bible and Science and Health ordained as pastors of the churches, and other preaching abolished.	
1898—Official board of lecturership established.	
1901—Sum of \$2,000,000 pledged for new church auditorium in Boston.	
1906—Denomination encircles the world.	