

Sunday June 7 3:00 p.m.

"Hating Our Life In This World"

see John 12:24-25

Keith Nealy, C.S. of San Francisco

First Church of Christ, Scientist 1814 B Street Hayward, CA

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Dear Friends,

There is a continuing need at Fern Lodge for financial support. What does this call for help mean?

In the realm of divine Love, the Psalmist tells us that we "shall not want." This Truth unquestionably binds supply and demand into one perfect, unfolding idea. It embraces us all in the joy and harmony of its fulfillment. We see the need and the call for help as an opportunity for those at Fern Lodge to witness Love's rich out-pouring. All of us every-where cherish our individual ability to express that Love.

We have precious proofs that provision for meeting human needs is rooted in the marvellous heart of divine Science. These proofs include several healings experienced by our patients, and we include some testimonies in this **Focus**. The continuing donations we receive prove that many in our community acknowledge and support the work Fern Lodge is doing. We have seen our nurisng staff improve the spiritual quality of the care we provide. And we are glad to see that some progressive ideas which we practice at Fern Lodge are being applied by Christian Science nurses across the country.

We rejoice that the healing element of pure Christianity, fed by Love, is fully realized.

On behalf of all at Fern Lodge --

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Keith Nealy, C.S.

Have you read these words of our Master in John's gospel "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal?" Does this council cause you to wonder about the nature of "life in this world?" Why does loving this life lead to losing it? What in this life are we to hate if we would attain the promise of life eternal? These are hard questions, but the answers to them are of vital importance today just as they were in Jesus' time.

Keith Nealy, a Journal-listed practitioner from San Francisco, will speak about "hating our life in this world" at the Fern Lodge Annual Meeting on June 7th at 3 in the afternoon. Mr. Nealy has had several articles and testimonies published in our periodicals, and he will share insights he has gained from his study and his practice. He will also draw from his close association with Christian Science nursing--his wife, Anne, is a Journal-listed Christian Science nurse.

Please join us at First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hayward for a rich afternoon. The church is at 1814 B Street, and there is ample parking. ◊

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or you to better understand the work of Christian Science nurses and Fern Lodge, we will include in our newsletters some of the inspiration and insight which guide our nursing work each day. These sharings will not be theoretical musings, but the actual substance of our work as we understand it. We sincerely hope you will catch the spirit of Fern Lodge. We also trust you will grasp the vital nature of our healing mission and our need for your support.

We must act from the basis of the omniscience, omnipotence and omnipresence of God. Healing does not take place because of us of what we think or do. It is the activity of the Christ, the truth in everyone, which heals, or reveals wholeness.

As nurses we do something to or for someone else, but "someone else" is not "someone else" to God. The one who appears to be a patient is now the son of God. In belief the dreamer and the dream are one, and in belief the practitioner and nurse are part of the dream. When we rise above the dream to true, spiritual consciousness we will no longer see the patient as a patient, but we will see perfect man - the likeness of perfect God. The less we think we have a "patient" the more success we will have in nursing and in healing. To God there is only divine Mind expressing itself, unfolding its own perfect idea. There is no patient to the I AM THAT I AM. ◊

Good News

ne person was brought here and was unable to walk, speak or care for herself. Within a very short time she was making rapid progress, and less than 3 months later she walked unassisted into the local Christian Science church, radiant and healthy.

Another person was found on the floor in her home and taken to the emergency room of a local hospital. This lady worked with her practitioner to tell the hospital staff that she wanted Christian Science care, and she asked to be brought to Fern Lodge. Healing progress was evident almost immediately, and she returned home after a short period.

- here have been many other healings and evidence of spiritual growth experienced at Fern Lodge. Some of the present guests have volunteered the following statements:
- "I was pleasantly surprised when I arrived at Fern Lodge. My accommodations are very nice. The outings have meant a great deal to me. I enjoy the food too. I feel very much at home and love the country surrounding. It is a fulfillment of something that I've always wanted. I love the cat!" "All the activities mean so much when you're not working."
- "The nicest time of my life has been spent here."
- "The thing that impressed me the most was the loving feeling from all of the people here."
- "Fern Lodge has a fine motive and expression. There are many fine, beautiful things here and it certainly deserves credit."
- "It's exquisite, perfect, always active. The right idea is always coming forth."
- "I have a definite feeling of security and comfort."
- "Encouragement is the first order of the day. We see all of the qualities and attributes of God expressed on every hand, and especially cheerfulness and joy being expressed everywhere."
- "There isn't enough I can say! I am overjoyed with the love that is shown and the care that is given to everybody here."
- "I just love it here. We're surrounded by happy, loving people. The nature is so beautiful. It's a little bit of paradise." ◊

Statement of Purpose for Fern Lodge

Fern Lodge is a place where we promise that, should you come here, we will bear witness with you to your present perfection as God's own child. We are a nursing home for Christian Scientists. Our purpose is to provide an atmosphere supportive of spiritual growth and healing, together with the skilled care of Christian Science nurses. Guests and staff are expected to pray daily for increased spiritual understanding, knowing that this prayer will result in greater freedom and harmony.

P.S. The plans for the proposed extension at Fern Lodge continue to unfold. Peter Harmon, the architect, has just finished revising the plans to include changes requested by the local Fire Department. The drawings are now being reviewed by the State Fire Marshall's office, and we expect to hear from them in June. We will inform you of our progress and our need for your support as soon as we have any news.

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