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MARY BAKER EDDY, DISCOVERER AND FOUNDER OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
RESIDENT OF CONCORD

Mary Baker Eddy, who discovered and founded Christian Science, was born near Concord, in Bow, in 1821. Many years later, in 1889, she returned to live in Concord as the well-known leader of a religious movement that was spreading from Boston around the world.

Mrs. Eddy's outspoken affection and praise for New Hampshire and its citizens was a prominent characteristic of her life. A beautiful full length portrait of her hangs in a conspicuous place in the State House.

Her nineteen years in Concord were devoted to establishing Christian Science on a more permanent and universal basis. The almost ceaseless demands on her time in Boston had prompted the now celebrated religious leader to move to Concord so that she could give more attention to study and prayer.

Here, in Concord, Mrs. Eddy completed final revision of the Christian Science textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, and formulated in large part the rules and By-Laws in the Church Manual, which governs The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts and its branches throughout the world.

The first building of the local church was established in 1887 on the corner of State and School Streets. The present beautiful edifice-constructed of Concord granite- was built in 1904.

This church has an interesting place in the history of Christian Science. Its pink marble plaque over the main entrance indicates that the church was "A Gift from Mary Baker G. Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science to First Church of Christ, Scientist, Concord, New Hampshire."

Dedication of a new Sunday School building adjacent to the church was announced by the Board of Trustees of the church in July, 1965. This building is in keeping with the church vote to "build a new Sunday School which would be in keeping with the church edifice."

The building was made possible through the generous contributions of the church membership, Sunday School pupils, friends from far and near, and from The Trustees Under the Will of Mary Baker Eddy.

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