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In 1906 Mrs. Eddy wrote a letter to her neighbors, “The good folk of Concord,” praising the city, for among other things, “...its humane institutions...and well conducted jail and state prisons...if indeed such must remain with us a little longer...speak for themselves. by David Coughtry, put out by the NY state Institutional Committee:

Frequently Mrs. Eddy received letters from various parts of the field telling of the good accomplished in the prisons through Christian Science services. She was so interested in having the work made known that she often sent letters to the Concord church to be read at Wednesday evening meetings and then had them forwarded to the Christian Science periodicals for publication.

We are currently working with The Mother Church regarding bulk subscriptions to the Bible Lesson. It is still a work in progress and we will notify you when we have a better idea as to how it will work.

As many of you know, the Advisory Board sent a letter to all of the Christian Science churches in the state and asked them to consider adopting an institutional facility in their area. There are 27 institutions in the state of Washington and 8 institutions being visited and 12 receiving literature. Because of the number of institutions not being served we saw this as an opportunity for churches to begin the process by prayerfully

supporting a specific institution with the expectation that they would be guided as to the possibility of more steps that could be taken to serve those in that institution whether it be through the Christian Science Monitor, Church services or some other form of contact.

One of our church members is corresponding with an inmate who is in another state.

I have served at the King County Jail for around five years. It has been obvious that there has been a change in the church services and the harmony of the services since First Church Seattle adopted the jail. Whereas there seemed to be many disruptions with the women's services in particular I noticed a considerable change. Much more calm and peaceful services and where it seemed that many of the women would come for a social time, that seemed to stop and we had fewer women but those who attended seemed much more interested in the service and fewer disruptions. I have to attribute it to the prayers of the church. We were fortunate that our readers always announced from the desk on Sunday and Wednesday the church services and reminded the church that they had agreed to pray for this institution. Our prayers are effective.

So please, if your church has not adopted an institution, please consider it! The Advisory Board is here to guide you.

We would like to invite you all to take ten minutes a day to give treatment for our institutions. Try it sometime. It's amazing how much praying one can do in ten minutes!

We are grateful for our church reps and those who are serving our institutions. It's such good work and in my experience there has been nothing but a sincere sense of gratitude.

Remember to visit our website www.CSCIWA.org. Where you can keep up with what is happening in our work, and you can find fruitage and a link to "light in prison" videos from the California institutional work and their fruitage—very inspiring!