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My dear friend:

At the last Wednesday evening meeting of our Christian Science Church here, someone got up and testified that there were five daily prayers for Christian Scientist to use for protection—the Lords Prayer [sic], with its spiritual interpretation as given in our text book; the Daily prayer, on page 41 of the Church Manual; A Rule for Motive and Acts; Alertness to Duty, on page 42 of the Manual, which is a daily prayer against aggressive mental suggestion; and the Scientific Statement of Being, on page 468 of Science and Health, with key to the Scriptures.

The Lords Prayer and the Scientific Statement of Being are not mentioned as daily prayers, perhaps because we should use them many times during the day. Personally, I always begin with the definition of God, of Christ, and of Man. Most likely you use all these, daily, but I can see no harm in talking about it.

The two roll pictures that you sent me, I consider the two greatest art treasures that have come to me, because of their entrancing beauty, their established authenticity, the great reputation of the artists, the age of the pictures, and their practically perfect condition. It may be that I will be generous enough to give them to the museum -up to now it has now come to me to do it. I can't begin to tell you how grateful I am to you for sending them to me.

At the time of the Commencement here, June 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Potter and I got out of the University vault the last treasures you sent me, -the jade, the crystal, the rose quarts, the apple-green porcelaine [sic] and the two peachblow vases- for the public to enjoy during the graduating festivities.

Already you have pricked up your ears at the mention of the peachblow. To my utter amazement I lifted them out of one of the little barrels. There they were in perfect condition, safely stored away all this time in the University vault, and not one of us knew it. Of course, I greatly rejoice over this discovery and I also realize that you will have a good laugh at my expense -So be it! Of course, I supposed I had opened every one of those barrels and boxes and how I could have passed that one by, and how we could all passed it by, is beyand [sic] my understanding. Anyway, it is now, not only safely housed as it was before in the Administration vault, but also in our hearts as two of the children of the museum.

Now I am going to tell you something that will take you back to the time of the first recognition of your public service.

I was in New York expecting to be in the East for the Summer, when I received an invitation from President Hall to return to the University to receive an honorary degree of Master of Arts in Public Service to be conferred during the Commencement exercises. Of course I came. The loving expression of gratitude gave me great joy.

Who was the first friend to extend a helping hand to this stranger, when my work began? My gratitude to you, was within my heart and consciousness on that Commencement Day!

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