Dear Friends,

I’m sure you are familiar with the story of the ten virgins from The Bible. I’ve been thinking about it recently in regard to inspiration. We know that inspiration comes from God, which means it is unlimited and we have a divine right to it. Why, then, does it seem so elusive? While the virgins were waiting with their lamps I’m sure it felt like the bridegroom would never arrive. It was late, they were tired, and it probably seemed reasonable to put off getting oil for their lamps. Maybe they had had a long day of traveling, weren’t feeling well and up to walking, or got caught up in other preparations. Like the five virgins who missed their opportunity, I too have found that I have been making excuses rather than making room in my life for inspiration. Although it is constantly coming to us, receiving inspiration is not a passive activity. Are we putting in the effort to clear thought and establish ourselves as spiritual each day?

When I think of Christian Science nurses, I see them as the five prepared virgins. But with one important difference: they each carry an extra jar of oil to share. Their inspiration overflows, bringing a calming and joyful sense to their nursing duties. Under their excellent care, patients feel respected and encouraged to rely on prayer for healing. The mission of the Christian Science Nursing Care Endowment Board is to provide peace of mind regarding financial ability to pursue this specific source of care. Your financial support also allows us to provide financial assistance for nurses training to help ensure that we have qualified nurses to provide the necessary care.

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Sincerely,

The Christian Science Nursing Care Endowment Board