



Daycroft

The Daycroft School Foundation, Inc.

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What is Daycroft?

The Daycroft School Foundation promotes education based on moral and spiritual principles. In addition to making grants to organizations serving Christian Science youth, Daycroft spearheads initiatives that support and advance spiritually-based education.

Daycroft's Activities

- Campership funds for all 6 CS camps.
- Support for *DiscoveryBound's* National Leadership Conference
- Backing for new youth initiatives
- Scholarships and other support for CS-based schools
- Collaboration with other organizations
- Alumni activities



Thank you to the generous Daycroft School alumni who recently donated funds to purchase eight computers, a printer, and internet access for Dream Education Centre in Nairobi, Kenya!

Dream Education Centre is part of a worldwide community of schools whose education is based on the teachings of Christian Science. Dream serves some of the most vulnerable children in the world. Seventy students from the nearby Waithatka slums have found a loving refuge at the school. Dream has many challenges: poor facilities, inadequate educational materials, and families who cannot afford the full tuition. But the children are so pure, so receptive to the truth, and so eager to learn that staff members are dedicated to keeping the school open, often without receiving their full pay.



Dream students gather around the school's first laptop computer. More computers will be arriving for the start of the new school year in January.

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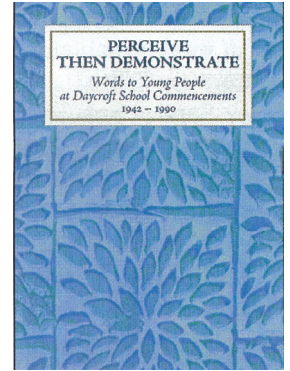
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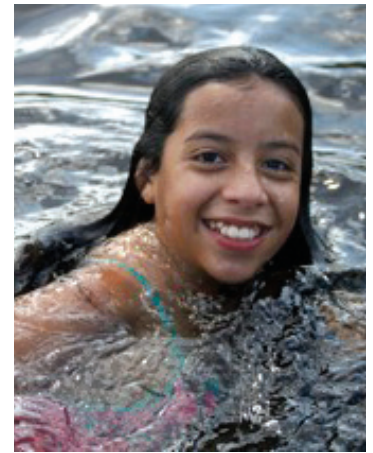
Inspirational talks available through Daycroft

Perceive Then Demonstrate is a compilation of over 50 talks by notable speakers given at Daycroft School commencements from 1942 until 1990. Even though these talks were delivered a number of years ago, they provide timeless insights and inspiration for today. As Daycroft's gift to you, we are reprinting the 1972 talk by Erwin C. Canham, "Our Social Responsibilities." We will be happy to send a copy to anyone who requests it. Please see page 3 for more details.



"Camp is the best!"

Campers and parents all seem to agree: There's no place like camp for fun, friendship, skill-building, character development, and spiritual growth! Each one of the six summer camps for Christian Scientists provides a safe, happy, wholesome environment for kids to be themselves and to grow in all sorts of ways. Here is a sample of what kids and parents have shared with Daycroft.



From campers:

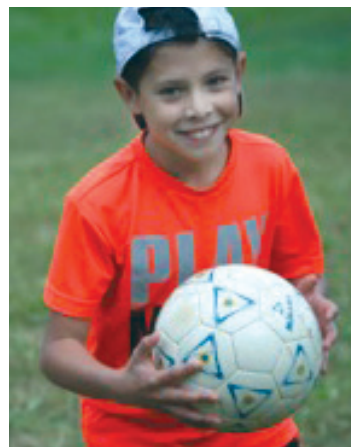
"I am so honored and grateful to camp for the role models and once-in-a-lifetime opportunities they provide. I will never forget the lessons I learned this summer about leadership, integrity, and brotherly love."

"I learned how to be a peacemaker and that will help me with my brothers."

"This summer I learned how to push myself past my comfort zone and to not doubt myself in what I am doing. Also I learned more about how to trust in God. I know He has me in the exact right place at the right time."

From parents:

"Each year my son returns home a stronger young man and a more proficient Christian Scientist. He has tools that he is able to use all year long. Camp is a renewal of Christian Science understanding, friendships, skills, and energy."



"As in the past, our children returned home from camp with funny, heart-warming stories. However, the letters sent home during camp were the kind of letters that tell us that they are becoming good, strong thinkers, unselfish and caring of others."

"The work you are doing is a pebble in the water of the world, and the good is going out in circles wider and wider from camp. Your work is valuable, effective, and deeply appreciated."

Available CD's

Daycroft has CD's of several talks given at Daycroft School or Daycroft conferences for educators.



Lona Ingwerson, CS, spoke at Daycroft School four times, and we're fortunate to have recordings of those four compelling talks. One of Lona's talks, a discussion of the Ten Commandments, is also available in written form in *Perceive Then Demonstrate*. Please check our web site for other CD titles and speakers.

Transcripts of Cobbey Crisler Bible Talks

Transcripts of Cobbey Crisler's Bible talks are now available from the Crisler Library, based in Oxford, England. Visit <http://www.crislerlibrary.co.uk> or email Janet Crisler directly at janetcrisler7@gmail.com.

Erwin Canham Talk

Erwin Canham served *The Christian Science Monitor* for 49 years and was its chief news executive for almost three decades. At his passing, *The New York Times* noted that, "It was under Mr. Canham's leadership that the church-sponsored paper attained its reputation for thoughtful, analytical coverage." *The Times* went on to say, "Mr. Canham's career was an unusual combination of two deep interests: religious concern and a nose for news. A lifelong Christian Scientist, he taught a Sunday school class of college students at the Mother Church, near his office."

Mr. Canham addressed the Daycroft class of 1972, when the nation was in the midst of a presidential election and the Vietnam War. He emphasized the need for independent thinking and the duty of Christian Scientists to defend themselves against aggressive mental suggestion. His talk is as relevant today as it was almost 45 years ago.

Below are Mr. Canham's opening comments:

Our Social Responsibilities

by Erwin C. Canham

I should like to talk to you today about the social responsibilities of a Christian Scientist – our duty to the total community, both local and global. Much of what I say, of course, could apply to the social responsibilities of any spiritually minded person. There are some overtones that relate particularly to us, but we are not a people apart, living on a spiritual island. We are, and should see ourselves as being, in the mainstream of today's challenges, in the thick of the battle. You are graduating from school and moving a stage nearer full participation in civil affairs at a most exciting and urgent period. You are fortunate people to emerge into society at this moment in history.

We live in a testing time. It is a time of breathtaking promise and of appalling danger. We must help humanity to surmount dangers, help society into a better day for all mankind.

We have been explicitly ordered by Mary Baker Eddy to accept these responsibilities. In *Science and Health* she says, "...those who discern Christian Science will hold crime in check, they will aid in the ejection of error. They will maintain law and order, and cheerfully await the certainty of ultimate perfection" (p.97).

How are we doing in the fulfillment of this tremendous mandate? Not very well, I should candidly say, except that most of us manage to stay cheerful. There are two levels at which I would like to examine our duty to "hold crime in check, aid in the ejection of error, maintain law and order," etc. One is the local and national level; the other is at the international level of war and peace...

If you would like a copy of Erwin Canham's entire commencement address, please call or email the Daycroft office, and we will be happy to send you it to you, either electronically or by regular email.

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A brief history of Daycroft

From 1928 to 1991, Daycroft School educated thousands of students who attended the Christian Science Sunday School. The school began modestly, with its founder, Sara Pyle Smart, teaching four young children in a tent in her backyard. Before long, the school had its first building and continued to grow as a boarding school, first in Stamford and then in Greenwich, Connecticut. Along with a full college preparatory curriculum, Daycroft provided a family-like atmosphere, where individuality was honored and each student was encouraged and expected to contribute in ways that made the community a better place for everyone.

Due to changing circumstances, Daycroft graduated its last class in 1991. Almost immediately the Trustees began making grants to other organizations serving Christian Science youth. Soon Daycroft's name was officially changed to The Daycroft School Foundation. As the Foundation celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, it continues to serve the purpose and the vision of the school by promoting education in a Christian Science environment, where children and young people are loved, supported and encouraged to be their best selves.

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