



NEWSLETTER

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2007-YEAR OF THE CCCHS VOLUNTEER

Literally thousands of organizations across Canada, large and small, yield their valuable benefits through the contributions of volunteers. Indeed, one of the evidences of a privileged society is its ability to engage in altruistic service. Freely offered, with no further reward than the satisfaction of accomplishing an identified good, the efforts of the volunteer make the difference!

The historical society, in its entirety, is an association of volunteers. Its members and those who would promote its objectives—"to gather and preserve historical materials pertaining to the Restoration Movement in Canada...to organize the collection for the ease of use...(and) to encourage and promote the study of this history"—are needed to serve as volunteers!

Volunteers are needed to...

- (1) Assist in managing the CCCHS web page
- (2) Engage in scanning documents, books, periodical, etc., into the electronic data base
- (3) Conduct taped interviews with persons having insights into our past, contributing to our collection of "oral histories"
- (4) Research public documents, e.g. newspapers, periodicals, etc., for collaborative information of aspects of our past in specific times and places
- (5) Actively seek out historical items to be added to the collection, e.g. church records, personal items, institutional records, etc.
- (6) Aid in processing and managing the collection
- (7) Help produce and distribute the CCCHS Newsletter
- (8) Develop "histories" of congregations, persons, event, developments, etc.

These and similar undertakings by committed volunteers will give life to our motto, "Preserving our past for the future." We have keen aspirations for future advance. Caring for our past lends insight and inspiration to our strivings for tomorrow.

Your volunteering is encouraged and will be greatly appreciated. Consider the above. Consider your interests and opportunities, and volunteer today.

Direct your proposal to...

CCCHS1@gmail.com, or address CCCHS, 120 Moccasin Dr., Waterloo, ON N2L 4C3, or phone 519-885-3702, with your proposal.

2007 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, August 25, 2007

To be held at the meeting house of
FENWICK

CHURCH OF CHRIST
765 Welland Ave., Fenwick
FEATURING:

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jerry Rushford
Restoration in the Maritimes and in
the Niagara District and Frontier

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Several interesting books have been presented to the historical society of late, books valuable in themselves and made more valuable by the citations found within.

Bob Hibbard, CCCHS member from Hamilton, Ontario contributed four books that were originally in the library of S. M. Jones.

Of particular note is a copy of James Beaty Jr's *Paying the Pastor, Un-scriptural and Traditional* (1885). In the mid-1880s in Ontario a growing number of congregations were seeking the services of "located" preachers. Some were comfortable with such becoming their supported "pastors." Beaty, who shared in the editing and publication of the *Bible Index* during its life, 1873-1893, took strong exception to this position.

Beaty's book was first published in the spring of 1883 under the title, *Paying the Pastor, Unscriptural and Papistical*. The *Christian Worker* (Vol 2, No 7, May 1883, 3) gave notice of this work, reporting 79 pages, to which was appended a 24 page tract, "The Scriptural Plan for Spreading the Gospel."

The combined works were republished in 1885 with the revised title, the publisher, T. Fisher Unwin, 26 Paternoster Square, London, England. The copy that has entered the CCCHS collection is a hard cover book of 206 pages. The "Scriptural Plan..." appears as Part II, and Part III in one chapter presents "The Order of Worship and Edification in a Congregation of God." This publication includes a preface, apparently by the author, dated September 1884, London, implying that Beaty had traveled to England in that year and arranged for the formal publication of his work.

Of considerable interest is the hand-written note in the front of the book, "Mr. Sims M. Jones of Nashville, Tenn. With the Christian Compliments of the writer [signed] James Beaty, Toronto 17-5-98."

The Christian Messenger (Vol 2, No 11, June 1, 1898, 6) reports that S. M. Jones, Nashville, was in a meeting with the Brunswick Ave. congregation in Toronto in May of 1898 ("four additions"). Contact between Jones, the young preacher, and Beaty, the aged editor, took place. Jones was able to return to Tennessee with an autographed copy of Beaty's book in his possession!

James Beaty, age 68, suffered an "apoplectic" stroke in February 1899 and passed away on March 15. His passing was widely noted at the time by the Toronto community for Beaty had served as mayor for the years 1879 and 1880 and had been elected twice as a member of parliament (for West Toronto) in 1880 and 1882. His was a leading voice among the conservatives in Ontario churches. The briefest of mentions was given of his passing in *The Christian Messenger* (Vol 3, No 6, Mar 21, 1879, 5).

S. M. Jones returned to Ontario in 1899 to conduct a meeting for the two-year old congregation in St. Catharines beginning Nov. 2. The report by *The Christian Messenger* notes about 30 members and one addition in the meeting up to Nov. 23 (Vol 4, No 1, 1900, 2).

In 1900 Jones was again present in Ontario, attending a "June Meeting" for churches in the Niagara District where his former teacher E. A. Elam (at Nashville Bible School, where Elam would serve as president, 1906-1913) was the featured speaker (*Christian Leader*, XIV, June 26, 1900, 8; quoted by Earl Irvin West, *Search for the Ancient Order* (Vol III), 98).

In 1902, Jones returned to the province to establish the Beamsville Bible School.

The second book from the Jones library was edited by Emma Page, *The Life and Work of Charlotte Fanning*, published in Nashville in 1907 by the McQuiddy Printing Company. "S. M. Jones, Beamsville, Ont., March 26-07" appears in the front in Jones' handwriting. That Jones would gain access to this work in the year of its publication indicates his continuing awareness of developments in Nashville and, no doubt, his interest in the history of the church in the area of his previous life—his family connections were in Franklin, Tennessee. Charlotte (nee Fall) Fanning (1809-1896) was the wife of Tolbert Fanning (1810-1874), famed preacher and educator in Tennessee. The contents of this work are, in the main, articles written by Charlotte Fanning over a 50 year span. Also included are notes and photos of the schools this couple founded and served: Elm Crag, Franklin College, Minerva College (for girls), Hope Institute, and finally Fanning Orphan School. This work gives a valuable backdrop to the efforts of Tolbert Fanning as well as identifying the broad influences of this godly woman. The book provides a perspective for values that motivated Jones in his leadership of the Canadian school.

The third book provided by Bob Hibbard is: J. W. Shepherd, ed., *Queries and Answers by David Lipscomb, Editor of the Gospel Advocate*, published in Nashville by the McQuiddy Printing Company in 1910. In Jones' handwriting both in the front and inside the back cover are, "Beamsville Bible School, 1910." This book was added to the library of the school the year it was published! Overwriting Jones' note are the initials, "E.M.J." and on the second page, "Ella Mae Jones," the signature of Jones' second wife (nee Johnson) of S. M. Jones (following the passing of his first wife, Ida (nee Culp) Jones, whose family, the Culps, included significant and longstanding mem-

bers of the Lakeshore and Beamsville congregations).

The fourth work from the Jones' library was edited by A. B. Lipscomb, *Christian Treasures: An Exposition of Vital Themes by Earnest and Forceful Writers* (Vol II), published in Nashville by the McQuiddy Publishing House, 1916. The small book is a compendium of practical suggestions for mission work, evangelism in city and country, worship in song, and the home, written originally for the *Gospel Advocate* by various men such as C. C. Klingman, Claud F. Witty, M. C. Kurfees, E. A. Elam, R. H. Boll, etc. No indication of ownership appears, but on the inside back cover in the handwriting of S. M. Jones is written: "Sermons at Cross Plains, Tenn., Sept. 15, '18," and followed by a list of the ten topics that he developed in the meeting. One conjures up the picture of Jones visiting the *Gospel Advocate* in Nashville and purchasing this work. While doing evangelistic work elsewhere following the closing of the Bible School in Beamsville in 1916, Jones continued to make his home in Beamsville until his death in 1934.

Two books from the former GLBC collection have also been received, and these from the library of C. G. McPhee.

The first is a 1904 work edited by J. A. Lord, *On the Lord's Day: A Manual for the Regular Observances of the New Testament Ordinances* (Vol I), published by The Standard Publishing Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. McPhee's note appears in the front: "C. G. McPhee, West Gore, Jan. 1st, 1915." This would be in the middle of his last year as a student at the Maritime and Literary College at West Gore, Nova Scotia, and prior to his proceeding to Nashville Bible College where he graduated in 1917, "the first foreign student to graduate from [the newly named] David Lipscomb College." One cannot help but be interested about books that a "preacher-boy" might buy while a student!

The second book is identified with the signature, "Charles G. McPhee" only. It is a work edited by W. T. Moore, *The New Living Pulpit of the Christian Church: A Series of Discourses, Doctrinal and Practical, by Representative Men Among the Disciples of Christ*, St. Louis, Christian Board of Publication, 1918. The biographies, photos, and sermons of twenty-eight preachers are included, along with a 35 page introduction

in which Moore traces a history of preaching in the Restoration Movement. By the time of the book's publication, McPhee is in the middle of his first work as a preacher with the church in Carman, Manitoba. We cannot know for certain whether McPhee purchased this work shortly after its publication (the Publishers' Preface is dated Oct. 1, 1918) and had the benefit of its contents to aid him in his ministry in Manitoba. The CCCHS collection does include thirteen full-length hand-written sermons from McPhee, dated from Dec. 18, 1918 through April 4, 1920. Comparisons between the titles of McPhee's sermons with the articles included in the book (seven of which in the Table of Contents are "ticked" by some reader) reveal no direct linkage between them. A more careful analysis of both the articles and McPhee's sermons might detect some influence.

Other books of value recently added to our collection are listed:

From Margaret Whitelaw, Toronto: by W. H. Trout, *The Trout Family History*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1916.

From Elgin Emptage, Meaford: *Debate on Baptism: Embracing Modes and Subjects*, between Elder J. A. Harding (Disciple), of Kentucky, and Rev. T. L. Wilkinson (Methodist) of Brantford, Ont. Held in Meaford, Ont., Commencing December 15th, 1884, and Continuing for Six Consecutive Days, Toronto, William Briggs, 1886.

George A. Klingman, *Church History for Busy People*, Cincinnati: Christian Leader Corporation, 1928.

Ashley S. Johnson, *The Great Controversy*, Revised and brought to 1939 by M. D. Baumer, Cincinnati: F. L. Rowe, Publisher, 1940.

- Geoffrey Ellis

RESTORATION WRITINGS

Recent articles on Canadian Restorationist themes have been noted and are recommended to our readership.

Shelley Jacobs, librarian, Western Christian College, has a paper published in the latest issue of the *Restoration Quarterly*: "Pacifism in Churches of Christ in Western Canada During World War II and the Influences of Nashville Bible School" (Vol. 49/4, Fourth Quarter 2006, 211-231). In her study,

Shelley roots the mid-20th century, Western Canada advocacy of pacifism in the influences of David Lipscomb, the Nashville Bible School and Ontario developments at the turn of the century. In a detailed coverage that is exciting in its scope, her research includes interviews, periodicals, and publications that demonstrate both the richness of the historical sources available and the positive results that their careful tracing can produce. The net effect of Shelley's paper is to be reminded of how seriously our forebears pursued principle and how determined they were to live by their resulting convictions.

Shelley Jacobs is also co-author with Carolyn McMillan of an article published in the December issue of the *Gospel Herald*: "The Path Beaten Hard" (Vol. 71, No. 12, Dec. 2006, 3). The article gives brief biographical sketches of both writers, which reflect their personal connection with the past that is attracting their interest. The article offers the welcome news that it is their intention to submit a bi-monthly series of articles to the *Herald* on "Western Canadian pioneers in their faith." We look forward to these articles. Their initiative also encourages others to pursue similar undertakings!

A third article, also appears in the December issue of the *Gospel Herald*: "Definitive (!) —Descriptive (?)" by Geoffrey Ellis (p. 2). This article traces the influences of David Oliphant Jr, editor of periodicals from the mid-1840s to the mid-1860s, through his writings that were also published in the *American Christian Review*, Cincinnati, OH, upon the ACR editor, Benjamin Franklin. Franklin, a leader in the American Restoration Movement, moved from being in favour of such enterprises as the American Christian Missionary Society to opposing them. This position came to define Churches of Christ in their conviction of the sufficiency of the local congregation to accomplish the work that God mandates. But, Ellis asks, does this defining principle find a corresponding practice among contemporary Restorationist communities?

2007 MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

2007 CCCHS membership fees, covering Sept. 1, 2006 through Aug. 31, 2007 are now being received. Annual fees are \$25.00 (for both voting and associate memberships).

Direct your payment to treasurer, Eugene Perry, 4904 King St., Beamsville, ON L0R 1B6.

Would you like to become a member? Contact any member of the CCCHS board of directors for information.

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2004 – The Restoration Churches in Toronto	\$5.00
2005 – Restoration in the Georgian Bay, 1853-1895	\$6.00
2005 – Pioneer Churches of the Georgian Bay – CD	\$5.00
2006 – Restoration in Hamilton, Ontario, 1821-2001	\$8.00
2006 – Roy Merritt Remembers – CD or audio tape	\$5.00

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