

FULL!

The Fenwick meeting house was full. The program was full, with a full list of papers prepared for the August 25th annual meeting of the Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society. Evidence of enthusiasm for our past as we move to the future was full. Dr. Jerry Rushford, professor of Church History, and director of church affairs at Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA, in the featured address, "The Oldest Church in Great Britain," filled our interest with his stirring one hour address that featured a spontaneous movement to restore the church of the New Testament in ---, England.

Registration and a brief business meeting launched the day at 10:00 a.m. with the first presentation given by Edwin Broadus. His carefully researched, "Daniel Wiers in the Maelstrom of the Early Restoration Movement On the Niagara Frontier," revealed surprising discoveries that are detailed elsewhere in the Newsletter. Don Hipwell, on behalf of a team of researchers, presented the history of the Fenwick Church of Christ. Collaborating with Myrna Perry, Don Hipwell, Len Kimber, and Ross Gilbert assembled the story of a congregation that has faithfully served for more than a century, "The Fenwick Church of Christ: Past to Present."

Breaking for lunch, the gathering enjoyed good weather and a "picnic on the grounds." The afternoon began with Dr. Rushford's moving account. Then the meeting paused to recognize the outstanding efforts of Myrna Perry, chosen by the CCCHS as the "2007 Historian of the Year."

The last hour was taken up with an illustrated history of the Restoration in the Maritimes by George Mansfield and the history of the church in Welland by Harold Brogan. George's presentation came from a longstanding interest in Maritime Restoration history and is a work in progress. The completed story will be available soon for interested students of that region. Harold traced the several efforts to develop viable congregations in the city of Welland, beginning in....

Interesting displays were available for those attending. Of interest were: indexes of the David Oliphant Jr publications and of the *Bible Student* researched by Myrna Perry, a beautifully prepared pictorial history of the 12th and Carolina St. Church of Christ Vancouver, BC, a brief paper with photos and a 1910 hymn book by J. Madison Wright collected by Myrna Perry, as well as pictures and artifacts that illustrated the history of the Fenwick Church of Christ.

Papers prepared specially for the occasion, and available to the gathering at the cost of production, included the Wiers research, the Fenwick church history, "The Churches of Christ in St. Catharines—From the Periodicals" prepared by Myrna Perry, and "Restoration in the Niagara District & the Niagara Frontier: Excerpts from the Periodicals" researched by Geoffrey Ellis (see details below).

Bruce Robinson was on hand to record the sessions, and tapes and CDs are thus available for the several presentations.

The day was full, with full hearts and minds full of what has been, and moving on to what might be!

MYRNA PERRY: HISTORIAN OF THE YEAR

Myrna Perry was recognized at the annual meeting for her contributions to Canadian Restoration history and awarded the CCCHS “Historian of the Year” citation for 2007. Following her retirement from David Lipscomb University where she served for a number of years as librarian with specialty in cataloguing, Myrna presently resides in Beamsville, ON. Since her return to Canada, Myrna has been involved in a number of historical research projects. She has indexed the publications of David Oliphant Jr that stretch from 1845 to 1869. As well, she has indexed the *Bible Student*, a publication edited for the most part by H. M. Evans, and continuing from 1904 through 1913. In preparation for recent CCCHS annual meetings she has made a number of important contributions: the preparation for publication of her brother, Eugene Perry’s 2003, “Periodical Publishing in the Restoration Movement in Canada from 1833”; gathering excerpts from the *Bible Student* and the *Christian Monthly Review* (1919-1933) reporting on the churches in Hamilton (2006); excerpts from the *Gospel Messenger* (1895-1896), the *Bible Student*, the *Christian Monthly Review*, and the *Gospel Herald*, (1943-1999) regarding the Fenwick Church of Christ (2007); and a major share of the preparation of “Churches of Christ in St. Catharines: From the Periodicals” (2007) covering “Early References in the Periodicals,” excerpts from the *Bible Student*, the *Christian Monthly Review*, and the *Gospel Herald* (1951-1999). Myrna has also compiled a listing of restoration materials available in various Canadian university libraries. She is frequently contacted by those interested in some aspect of Canadian Restoration history with requests for assistance.

Myrna is co-author with Donald L. Combe of *James Stewart, the Elder: United Empire Loyalist of Rainham and Niagara*, released this year. She is a member of the Mayflower Society and has done extensive work on the York family of her paternal connection. She is also a member of the historical society of the Niagara Region.

Myrna graduated from the Beamsville High School in 1953, from David Lipscomb College with her B.S. degree in 1956, and from Peabody College in 1959 with a degree in Library Science. She has served as librarian in St. Catharines, Ottawa, Freed-Hardeman University, as well as David Lipscomb University, ...

Myrna has been a member of the CCCHS since its founding in 1999 and has consistently provided valuable volunteer service and counsel. The historical society has benefited greatly from her contributions and is honoured to recognize her service with the 2007 Historian of the Year award.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS – REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 11/10/07

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Franklin, Sketch and Writings
Franklin, Book of Gems
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King, Sermons
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McGarvey, Lands of the Bible
McGarvey, Jesus and Jonah

Milligan, Scheme of Redemption

Otey, Living Sermons

Sweeney, Sermons

Sommer, Sermons

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Dixon, Saving Faith & Other Sermons

Hardeman, Tabernacle Sermons, Vol. III, IV

Janes, A Trip Abroad

Porter, I Remember

Stroop, Restoration Ideas of Church Organization

Debates

Neal/Wallace (1000 year reign) 2nd copy*

Scherling/Bailey (Conscience)

Stark/Warlich (Instruments)*

2. Books Donated by Steve Courson

See above, books with asterisk*

Campbell, The Christian Baptist

Also April 1921 issue of the Christian Monthly Review

3. Books Donated by Bob Hibbard (from S. M. Jones' library)

De Bet, Elder True Recalled

Franklin College

Srygley, Biographies and Sermons

Baden/Kelley Debate (Mormonism)

Clarks Commentary, Vol III, Job-Song of Solomon

4. Book Purchased

J. Madison Wright, Scriptural Songs for Home, School, and Church, 1915

5. Miscellaneous (donor identified):

Myrna Perry:

“My Paternal Religious Heritage”

Jordan Church Building, Copy of photo

J. Madison Wright Family, photo

Notes on J. Madison Wright

Ralph Perry (booklets)

Morris Bailey, The Bible is God's Word

J. C. Bailey, What Think Ye of Christ

J. C. Bailey, Can a Christian Sin So as to be Lost?

Tom and Wilma Moore (computer generated photos)

Beamsville Bible School, 1909-10, 1911-12, 1913, ?

Bruce and Elaine Robinson

W. F. Cox, Radio Sermons, 1943

Merv Eaton

Notes on the beginnings of the Heathcote Church of Christ
 Marg Sandiford
 Butchart, History of Disciples in Canada from 1830 (Fern White estate)
 Waterloo Church of Christ 1978 Campaign and VBS (photos)
 Donald Perry
 Homecoming of the Thessalon Church of Christ
 Larry Hoff & John Dale
 Remembering Years Gone By: Memories of the 12th & Carolina Church of Christ,
 Vancouver, BC
 Eugene Perry
 Gospel Herald, Vol 1, No 1, March 1936 (photocopy, Gestetner generated
 paper)
 Ed Broadus
 Photocopy of the Christian Palladium, 1832.
 Papers (from 2007 Christian Scholars Conference)
 Claude Cox, “‘All Aboard!’ The Importance of the Railroads for the Growth of
 the Campbell-Stone Movement in the 19th Century” (in Ontario)
 Monroe Hawley, “Summit Church, Lighthouse of Truth” (in Michigan)
 Thomas Olbricht, “Benjamin Taylor (1786-1848) a Jones/Smith Preacher in
 Antebellum Michigan”
 Geoffrey Ellis, “Conjoined and Contrasted: Restoration in Michigan and Ontario”

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☐ Perry, Eugene C. <i>Periodical Publishing in the Restoration Movement in Canada from 1822</i> (2002)	\$2.00
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☐ Ellis, Geoffrey H., ed. <i>Restoration in the Georgian Bay, 1853-1895: Items from the Periodicals</i> (2005)	\$6.00
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☐ Perry, Myrna, et. al. <i>The Fenwick Church of Christ: Past to Present</i> (2007)	\$5.00
☐ Perry, Myrna, et. al. <i>Churches of Christ in St. Catharines: From the Periodicals</i> (2007)	\$12.00
☐ Broadus, Edwin. <i>Daniel Wiers in the Maelstrom of the Early Restoration Movement on the Niagara Frontier</i> (2007)	\$4.00

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