



NEWSLETTER

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FAITH AND WORKS

"Just the facts, please!" The role of the historical society is, it is believed, the gathering of the archival data that identifies the progress of the Restoration Movement in Canada. The interpretation of this material belongs to individuals who might access this data. This is not to imply that those who serve the activities of the society do so free of their personal biases and theological positions. And in the broad picture, the achievements of the society will work to confirm the advancements inherent within the Movement. Nevertheless, this division of duty, collection and preservation—society, study and interpretation—interested individuals, would seem to be both reasonable and appropriate.

The above, however, is not to suggest that historical society ought to continue in as theologically sterile mode as possible! For example, the following reflection supplies its stimulant for all connected with the society.

In the last quarter century what has been dubbed "the new perspective on Paul" has been gaining ground in Evangelical circles. In short, the perspective identifies Paul's foundational interest in "covenant and law" as central to his teaching. Rather than a sharp contrast between faith and works as traditionally attributed to Paul's teaching, it is held by "new perspective" proponents that to become a Christian is to enter into the new covenant that calls for an appropriate response. Grace brings one into the covenant and obedience keeps one there. Grace justifies and grace sanctifies, i.e. supports the development of the holy life.

What is exciting about this development is that, in a broad brush comparison, this position is the one to which the Restoration Movement came to early on in its pursuit of restoring New Testament Christianity. Its

favorite phrase, "Trust and obey, for there is no other way..." echo these values.

Faith and works are two sides of a single coin. In their highest application, saving faith stirs the saved to work in ways that honour and please the Lord and fulfill his purposes.

2009 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, August 15, 2009

To be held on the campus of

GREAT LAKES CHRISTIAN
HIGH SCHOOL
4875 King Street
Beamsville, ON

Theme:

**"Early Efforts in Christian
Education in Canada"**

Featuring

Donald Perry
"NASHVILLE ROOTS"

Papers: Carman Bible School
Beamsville Bible School
Maritime Bible & Literary College

*"Fellowship, discussions, exhibits,
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This logical duo is a dynamic that plays out its sequence on many levels of human activity as well as the spiritual, e.g. the evangelist, the entrepreneur, the explorer, the engaged, and even the enthusiastic historian.

For the latter, faith is involved in several ways: The historian of the Restoration Movement traces the faith of the generations who went before, both their faith as fervency and faith as conviction. His activity keeps faith with preceding generations by preserving artifacts of their works. And, finally, his persistence demonstrates his faith in the usefulness of the artifacts of yesterday for the historians of tomorrow. This multi-faceted faith leads to useful work: searching, saving, researching, interpreting, and writing.

Faith and work, the recipe for heavenly and earthly pursuits!

ANNUAL MEETING: MEASURING THE MEANING

A two-decade, heart-wrenching separation of the "glorious cause" had climaxed at the turn of the century (1906 was the official marker in the U.S.), and those who termed themselves "loyals" moved to regroup. The major colleges had aligned themselves with the "progressives," e.g. Bethany, Hiram, Butler, College of the Bible (KY), etc. The Nashville Bible School (1891) became the model and often the well-spring of a number of Bible schools formed by the former group to serve its young people and to advance its cause: e.g. Carman Bible School (1897, Carman, MB), Potter Bible College (1901, Bowling Green, KY), Beamsville Bible School (1903, Beamsville, ON), Western Bible and Literary College (1905, Odessa, MO), Abilene Christian College (1906, Abilene, TX), Maritime Bible and Literary College (1909, West Gore, NS), Harper College (1915, Harper, KS), and others.

The anti-clerical emphasis of David Lipscomb, co-founder of NBS influenced these latter schools to be general educational efforts in which, as well, the Bible would be studied daily; they would not be viewed as preacher-training centers. However, a number of subsequent preacher-leaders received their training and inspiration at these institutions. NBS's co-founder James A. Harding's firm belief in providence also had its influence with considerable dependence upon faith shaping their fiscal policies.

In Canada in the early years of the century (20th), a coterie of young preachers took up the challenge of securing and advancing the cause according to their conservative convictions. Their various educational experiences supplied an important foundation for their efforts: e.g. W. F. Cox, S. M. Jones, Charles Petch, and G. Madison Wright (NBS), O. H. Tallman (BBS, PBC), O. E. Tallman (CBS, PBC), C. G. McPhee (MBLC, NBS), and others.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society (Sat., Aug. 15, campus of Great Lakes Christian High School) will be devoted to tracing the influence of these schools on the spread of the cause throughout the Dominion. Three Canadian schools will be the focus of our attention: Carman Bible School, Beamsville Bible School, and the Maritime Bible and Literary College, with papers submitted by Shelley Jacobs, Edwin Broadus, and Geoffrey Ellis respectively. The influence of the Nashville Bible School on these institutions and the Canadian cause in general will be examined by Donald Perry in the featured presentation, "Nashville Roots." It is hoped that those attending will contribute insights, facts, and memorabilia to expand upon our understanding of this important phase of our history.

CCCHS members are encouraged to be present and to bring friends! Registration begins at 10:00 a.m., and the activities of the day will conclude at 3:00 p.m. Bring sack lunches for the midday refreshment.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Biographies:

- Dugald Sinclair

Books:

- Memories of Thomas Henry

Brief Church Histories:

- Newmarket Christian Church, 1874
- Congregational Christian Churches in Canada
- Meaford, 1876-1987
- Jordan, 1832-1952
- Omagh: "A Restoration Miniature"
- Brush Run Church
- Nova Scotia Restoration

- Erin Village, 1873-1982
- Bible Christian Church, Uxbridge
- Durham
- Pickering
- West Lorne
- Ridgetown
- Cane Ridge
- West Gore, 1832-1992
- Aylmer, 1885-1975
- Rodney, 1875-1975
- Disciples of Christ, a Mini History

Letters:

- Foy E. Wallace Jr
- Joe Cannon
- O. H. Tallman Jr

Miscellaneous:

- List of preachers, Churches of Christ, 1935, 1938
- S. M. Jones, Marriage Registry, 1903-1933
- New York State Church Directory, 1984
- Western Canada Churches of Christ Directory, 1987
- Dave McMillan, Restoration Tours, 1988-1993
- Bibliographies: Restoration Movement
- Mormonism: Miscellaneous
- Daniel Sommer, "Canadian Meetings"
- Barrie Church of Christ, 1961-1966
- Toronto Church of Christ, 1st bulletin, 1985
- O. E. (Ozro Ellis) Tallman Remembered (tape)
- O. E. Tallman (obituary, by C. G. McPhee)
- O. E. Tallman, sermon notes
- O. E. Tallman, preaching records, 1905, 1906
- O. H. Tallman Jr (sermon): Worthy of God?
- Warlick/Phillips Debate, The Sunday School Question
- C. G. McPhee (sermon): Apostasy
- Beaty Family, Genealogy and History
- Theses, concerning the Disciples of Christ, Churches of Christ, Christian Church

Newspaper clippings:

- Glasite church building, Edinburgh
- Shuter St. building razed
- Meaford VBS, 1958

Papers:

- Henry McKerlie, The "Narrow Way" in War
- Warren Lewis, The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts
- Bruce R. Curd, Cornelius and Holy Spirit Baptism
- H. A. Rogers (tract), The Holy Spirit

- E. G. Sewell (sermon), Church Organization
- D. Newell Williams, Ministry Among the Disciples: Past, Present, Future
- Eleanor Robinson, Tales of Yesterday
- Perry E. Gresham, The Broncho that would not be Broken

Periodicals:

- The Bible Student, Vol. 9, No. 12, Dec. 1912
- The Key Evangelist, Vol. 1, No 1, 1980
- Christian Monthly Review, Vol. 14, No. 11, Nov. 1929; Vol. 16, No. 12, 1931

Photographs:

- Mapleton Disciples of Christ building
- Beamsville Bible School, 1909-10, 1911-12, 1912-13
- W. F. Cox
- River John community
- Owen Sound church

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 - ☐ *Christian Quarterly* (1916, 1917), *Christian Monthly Review* (1919-1922)**
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