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MOVING FORWARD

The past is patient. It isn't going anywhere. It is hopeful that its records and evidences will be uncovered, considered, and to a reasonable degree understood and remembered. Somewhere, a silent cheer goes up when some significant advance on remembering is made. That is the present emotion as the current Newsletter goes to press. There is progress to report!

First, efforts to gather together all extant issues of *The Christian Gleaner* and *The Gospel Indicator* have been successful and arrangements are currently being made for their microfilming. As a result, microfilm copies will become available for less than \$60.00. Don Haymes, librarian of the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana, has taken the lead in gathering together these issues. With the collaboration of the CTS, Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia historian, Michael Christie (co-author of *The Early Years of Barrington's Free Baptists*, 2007), and Ed Broadus who developed the introductions for these two publications, CCCHS is producing a microfilm record of the earliest and most rare of Canadian Disciples periodicals, *The Christian Gleaner* and *The Gospel Vindicator*. The film should be ready in the early months of 2010. Don Haymes observes, "It will for the first time allow students and scholars everywhere to study closely the obscure origins of our movement in Nova Scotia and Ontario. These are essential primary sources for our history." Excerpts from Edwin Broadus' introductions to these periodicals are included below.

Second, a significant portion of Eugene Perry's periodical collection has been presented to the CCCHS and awaits final processing within the society's holdings. Myrna Perry did the preliminary sorting and identifying of these periodicals as well as a number of miscellaneous items, e.g. the "Announcements" of the early years of

Beamsville Bible School, etc. Eugene Perry's research for his major contribution, *A History of Religious Periodicals in the Restoration Movement in Canada* (1970 thesis, published 2003), resulted in the location and preservation of a number of copies of periodicals—as early as 1839 (*The Christian*) through to the present—including issues from some twenty-one different publications. Perry's untiring and diligent work for over two decades in preparing his valuable history secured the preservation

2010 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, August 14, 2010

To be held on the

Tintern Church of Christ
4359 Spring Creek Rd.
Vineland, ON

Program:

"A Virtual Tour of Restoration Sites in Southwestern Ontario"

From Aldborough to Lobo,
With Edmund Sheppard and
Dugald Sinclair,
And including other sites
And personalities, travel through
This land in another time.

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of papers that no doubt would have been lost. A listing of the periodical portion of this contribution is given below.

Third, a wide variety of items have been added to the society's collection in recent months. The acquisition listing of the collection is now approaching 1,000, and items awaiting processing will take us well beyond that level. As well, some of the significant acquisitions are noted below.

MEETING ELECTS WAYFORD SMITH AND HONOURS EILEEN DALE

The 10th annual meeting of the Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society was held at Great Lakes Christian High School, Beamsville, ON, on Saturday, August 15, 2009. The program featured "Early Efforts in Christian Education in Canada." Three papers were presented: "The Carman Bible School" by Shelley Jacobs, "The Beamsville Bible School" by Edwin Broadus, and "The Maritime Bible and Literary College" by Geoffrey Ellis. A brief business meeting was conducted at which Donald Perry was cited for his service as a member of the board of directors of the society for the past six years. (CCCHS by-laws require a member to withdraw from the board for at least one year after six years of service.) The members of the society present elected by acclamation Wayford Smith of Beamsville, ON to complete the five-person board of directors. Eileen Dale, Waterloo, ON was honoured as "Historian of the Year," in recognition of her faithful service over the years in processing the society's archival collection.

MEET WAYFORD SMITH

Wayford Smith was born and raised in Oklahoma. In his early years he was employed by Phillips Petroleum Co., Borger, TX, 1956-64. He served the Gateway Church of Christ (Borger) as a deacon, 1958-64, and then attended Sunset School of Preaching, Lubbock TX, 1964-1966, graduating in 1966. Together Wayford and Bill Bunting worked to establish the St. Thomas, ON Church of Christ in 1966, and worked as fulltime minister with this church from 1966-1980. Ministries followed at Shamrock, TX, 1980-1988, Meaford, ON, 1988-1993, and Collingwood, ON, 1993-

2000. He retired in 2000 and is a member of the Tintern Church of Christ, Vineland, ON where he has served as an elder from 2003 to the present. Wayford married Wilma Atchley in Borger TX in 1952. Wayford and Wilma have three children, Linda Smith, Beamsville, ON, Lita Blevins, Sand Sp[rings], OK, and Sandra Lansdell, Troy, MI.

INTRODUCTIONS BY EDWIN BROADUS

The Christian Gleaner

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Volume 1 (1833), Volumes 2-4 (1836-1838)

Edited by Lewis Johnston and possibly others.

In April 1833 the editor of the *Millennial Harbinger* wrote, "We . . . had the pleasure, the other day, of receiving the first number of the *Christian Gleaner*, a periodical, issued in Halifax, N. S. devoted to the cause of reformation. The work is neatly executed—an octavo of 64 pages—four numbers to the volume—at six shillings sterling for one volume. The first number contains liberal extracts from the periodicals in this country, dedicated to reformation" (192).

This periodical is believed to be the first one circulated with a connection with the Stone-Campbell Movement in what is now Canada. It was first published in 1833 and, after a hiatus of three years, from 1836-1838. The editor for the initial year, if not for subsequent ones, was Lewis Johnston, a physician in Halifax who became a Baptist and who eventually became a Disciple. On August 6, 1835 Johnston wrote William Jones, editor of the *British Millennial Harbinger*, telling him something about the Halifax church that had lately accepted some of the distinctive teachings of Alexander Campbell. In his letter, he said that because of "the importance and value" of much of what Campbell had written that he "undertook, at some loss . . . to compile a volume mostly with extracts from Mr. Campbell's writings, entitled 'The Christian Gleaner.' A copy of which I herewith send you" (368).

Lewis Johnston (c.1783-1867) was one of the first two deacons of the Second Baptist Church (also known as Granville Street Baptist Church) in Halifax, founded in 1827. He had once been an Anglican, but along

with several others had left that church and had become a Baptist...By August 1829 sentiment in the Second Baptist Church was sharply divided. The great majority of the members were open to restoration ideas, but Dr. Johnston's brother, J. W., owned the building and evicted the dissidents. The latter retained the Second Baptist name even though they were forced to meet elsewhere...Meanwhile, William Wentworth Ashley, a Freewill Baptist who had adopted restoration principles, learned about Dr. Johnston. A letter that Ashley wrote Campbell August 25, 1832 appeared in the November *Millennial Harbinger*, in which he said, "In the spring I wrote to Dr. L. Johnston, of Halifax, and sent my copy of your writings. I have lately received an answer from him – they have had the desired effect upon his mind, and he is very anxious to obtain more information on all divine things" (570-571). Publication of the first issues of *The Christian Gleaner* followed in less than a year.

In 1833, the church wrote a letter to the Nova Scotia Baptist Association, making its views known and urging the association to recognize that all creeds are injurious to churches, that churches should follow the practices of churches in New Testament times, that the Lord's Supper should be observed weekly, and that when the pastoral office is empty, one of the members should function as an elder. Similar letters were sent in 1834 and 1835, and then after the church failed to report for three consecutive years, it was dropped from the Baptist Association. Meanwhile, in December 1835, Lewis Johnston, Richard Creed, and John Slayter (1800-1848) were selected as elders...After elders were installed, publication of *The Gleaner* resumed for three years. The editor is not identified, but seventeen years later, James Sillars at River John, Nova Scotia attributed the journal to the Halifax church and said, "This periodical was ably conducted, gleaned from all within its reach, but especially from the 'Christian Baptist.' After three years exertion the brethren at Halifax gave up publishing, having sunk a good deal of money."

The Gospel Vindicator
Cobourg, Upper Canada
Volumes 1-2 (June, 1837- August, 1838)

Edited by Joseph Ash, John Ford, Murdoch McDonnell, and William Jeckell

By the 1830s the publications of Barton W. Stone and Alexander Campbell were circulating in Upper Canada, and during that decade Disciples of Christ formed several churches in the province. Two of these were in Cobourg and Port Hope, on the north shore of Lake Ontario, east of Toronto. The Cobourg church was planted by Joseph Ash, formerly a member of the Christian Connexion, and John Ford, an immigrant from Dungannon, Ireland. In Ireland Ford was a disciple of Alexander Carson, a former Presbyterian minister who left that church and accepted immersion as scriptural baptism. Ash, a native of the Cobourg area, was brought up as an Anglican but was converted by the Christian Connexion when he was a young man. Soon afterward he began reading Stone's *Christian Messenger* and Campbell's *Christian Baptist* and *Millennial Harbinger*, which led him to leave the Connexion. He and Ford largely agreed in their religious views, and by 1836 they began meeting for worship in a schoolroom in Cobourg. About fifteen people attended the first Sunday, and after some were baptized and attendance grew to about forty, they organized as a church with Ash and Ford as elders. Soon their message spread to Port Hope, a few miles west of Cobourg, where they baptized Robert Wade and William Jeckell, who were business partners who operated a nursery called Hamilton Gardens. Another convert was Murdoch McDonnell, who had been educated for the Presbyterian ministry in Scotland but who, after coming to Canada, conducted a school in Port Hope and edited the local weekly, *The Gazette and U. C. Independent Examiner*. All three men became charter members of the Port Hope Disciples church, formed by early 1837.

Ash's own experience convinced him of the value of Christian journalism. Two or three years earlier, Daniel Wiers, who had planted a Disciples church on the Niagara peninsula, near Beamsville in 1832, came to Cobourg to see Ash and proposed beginning a paper, with the objective, in part, of reaching members of the Christian Connexion. Nothing came of these plans, but by 1837 Ash, Ford, Jeckell, and McDonnell determined to launch their own paper, *The Gospel Vindicator*, in Cobourg.

Alexander Campbell published a notice of the new paper in the *Millennial Harbinger* (August 1837, 373-374), in which he described it as containing 16 pages octavo and costing one dollar per year. He quoted at length from the paper's Introduction to show its design and then added his own approval: "In England and in the Canadas we rejoice to see new periodicals devoted to the dissemination of the grand redeeming principles of the present reformation."

The paper continued about a year. There were plans to publish it a second year, for the August 1838 issue, which turned out to be the last, announced that the editorial committee had "prevailed on Brother E. S. Hubbell, who is well acquainted with the principles of the Reformation, to conduct the editorial department. Brother Joseph Ash, of the Cobourg Congregation, and Brethren William Jeckell & Murdoch McDonnell of the Port Hope Congregation, will nevertheless be a committee whose sign manual to every article will be necessary to ensure its being inserted." Hubbell, a man of considerable charm and ability, had come to the area a short time earlier and had been engaged to preach for the Cobourg and Port Hope congregations. Presumably while he was doing this he was asked to also edit the *Vindicator*.

Publication of the paper ended abruptly in 1838. Years later Ash said "times were troublesome" and "the printer moved east, and we gave it up." Some have supposed, with reason, that Ash was referring to the unsettled political situation in Upper Canada because of the abortive Mackenzie Rebellion in 1837. But there was also trouble closer to home because of differences with Hubbell, who soon began preaching views that upset many of those who heard him. Consequently, as Ash told Alexander Campbell two years later, the church "paid him up and sent him away." (Ash elsewhere described Hubbell's views as similar to those of Dr. John Thomas who later left the Disciples and founded the Christadelphians.) Even before problems with Hubbell came to a head, they may have had something to do with Ford leaving the committee before Hubbell was announced as the new editor, and they possibly explain the committee's unusual decision to sign off on any article that was published in the paper.

LISTING OF PERIODICALS IN THE CCCHS' PERRY COLLECTION

Apostolic Review: Vol. 57 (1914), no. 3-4, 7, 10, 21, 23, 25, 29, 31, 49; vol. 58 (1915), no. 4, 8; vol. 59 (1916), no. 49; vol. 62 (1919), no. 29-30, 32, 44; vol. 64 (1921), no. 18.

Bible Index: Vol. 1 (1873), no. 4; vol. 2 (1874), no. 3, 6, 8, 12; vol. 3 (1875, bound), no. 1-12; vol. 4 (1876), no. 3, 5, 7, 10, 12 (portion).

Bible Index, 2nd series: Vol. 1 (1877), no. 1-4, 6, 8, 10, 11-12; vol. 3 (1879), 1-12; vol. 8 (1880), no. 85-89 (bound), 96.

Christian Sentinel: Vol. 1 (1880), no. 1-7 (bound), 9-12 (bound)

Bible Index and Christian Sentinel: Vol. 1 (1881), no. 5; vol. 2 (1882), no. 1, 4, 5, 6.

Bible Index: Vol. 11 (1883), no. 121; vol. 12 (1884), no. 135, 137-139, 141-142; vol. 13 (1885), no. 146, 150, 154; vol. 14 (1886), no. 157-158; vol. 15 (1887), no. 175, 176, 180; vol. 16 (1888), no. 186; vol. 17 (1889), no. 196, 204; vol. 18 (1890), no. 205, 213, 215; vol. 19 (1891), no. 217, 225, 226, 227; vol. 21 (1893), no. 241-252 (bound).

Bible School Advocate: Vol. 2 (1909), no. 5.

Bible School Times: Vol. 1 (1906), no. 3-4.

British Harbinger: Vol. 21 (1868), Nov.

Canadian Christian: Jan. 1950-Dec. 1951 (bound); Jan. 1952-Dec. 1953 (bound)

Canadian Helper: Vol. 1 (1908), no. 1, 3-4, 10, 11-12; vol. 2 (1909), no. 1; vol. 3 (1910), no. 4-8, 10, 11; vol. 4 (1912), 1-9, 12; vol. 5 (1912), no. 1-2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11-12; vol. 6 (1913), no. 1-2, 7-10, 11; vol. 7 (1914), no. 1-5, 10-12.

The Christian: Vol. 2 (1885), no. 12, vol. 3 (Nov. 1885-1886), no. 12, 1, 4-6.

Christian Companion: 1915, no. 21-22; 26; 1916, no. 6, 12, 26.

Christian Leader: Vol. 16 (1902), no. 52; vol. 30 (1916), no. 31-32; vol. 31 (1917), no. 3, 8, 10-11, 13, 21-22; vol. 63 (1949), no. 16.

Christian Messenger: Vol. 3 (1899), no. 14; vol. 5 (1901), no. 14; vol. 6 (1902), no. 9, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18-20, 22; vol. 7 (1903), no. 2-3, 5; vol. 8 (1904), no. 5, 6, 12, 19-24; vol. 9 (1905), no. 12-14, 17-19, 21-23; vol. 10 (1906), no. 2-4, 6, 8, 20-21; vol. 11 (1907), no. 3, 6. Vol. 1 (1943), no. 1-2; vol. 2 (1944), no. 1-4.

Gleaner: Vol. 2 (1914), no. 1-3; no. 5-6.

Gospel Messenger: 1894, no. 2-10; 1895, no. 8-12; 1896, no. 1-3, 5-6.

Christian Quarterly (Magazine): Vol. 1 (1916), no. 1; vol. 2 (1917), no. 4.
Christian Monthly Review: Vol. 4 (1919), no. 2-12; vol. 5 (1920), 1-12; vol. 6 (1921), 1-12 (bound); vol. 7 (1922), no. 1-12; vol. 8 (1923), no. 1-12 (bound); vol. 9 (1924), no. 1-12 (bound); vol. 10 (1925), no. 1-12; vol. 11 (1926), no. 1-2; vol. 12 (1927), no. 4-6, 8/9-12; vol. 13 (1928), no. 1-2, 3, 4-12; vol. 14 (1929), no. 1-12; vol. 15 (1930), no. 1, 3, 4, 8, 10-11; vol. 16 (1931), no. 5-12; vol. 17-18 (1932-1933), (bound)

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

The following is a sample of items recently added to the CCCHS collection:

- Four VHS tapes of the 1988 Vision Canada seminar, Waterloo, ON.
- Announcements of new church buildings, e.g. Ottawa (1960), and Niagara Falls (1962), Tintern (1989).
- "Histories (47) of Prairie Churches of Christ," Leadership Rally '89, Regina Church of Christ.
- H. A. Roger's Punnichy, SK report contained in the March 13, 1919 *Gospel Advocate*.
- Wilfred Orr's published radio sermons, "Preach the Word," including 29 sermons preached over station CHAB in 1947/1948.
- Joe Cannon's lessons, "Living with the Holy Spirit."
- Eleven programs of the Bible lectures conducted at Great Lakes Christian College, 1972-2001.
- Copy of Henry McKerlie's booklet, "God's Answer."
- Maplewood (Toronto) Church of Christ, Sunday School teachers' business meeting minutes, 1908-1918. As well, the congregation's marriage registry, 1944-1960 (16 weddings recorded).
- Copies of the *Sunbeam*, published by David King (England), 1883 (1) and 1886 (5).
- Raymond Crumbliss' 1941 report on Omagh Bible School, contained in the Nov. 27, *Gospel Advocate*, p. 1149.
- Photos of the Erin Centre Disciples of Christ stone church building ruins (south of Hillsburgh, ON, built in 1860, removed in the mid-1980s).

- Copies of two theses by Stewart G. Lewis, former president of Maritime Christian College: "The Scotch Baptist Influence on the Christian Churches of the Maritimes" (1984), "Christian Higher Education in the Christian Churches of the Maritimes: Past, Present, and Future" (1986).
- 1912-1913 "Calendar," Maritime Bible and Literary College, West Gore, NS.
- List of preachers who had served the Meaford Church of Christ during the period, 1887-1987.
- Short History of the Bathurst St. Church of Christ, 1818-1941, presented in an article in the *Gospel Advocate*, Aug. 20, 1941 (author unknown).

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 - *The Oldest Church of Christ in the British Isles*, by Jerry Rushford
 - *Restoration in the Maritimes*, by George Mansfield, and *The Church in Welland*, by Harold Bruggen
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 - *Christian Quarterly* (1916, 1917), *Christian Monthly Review* (1919-1922)**
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