

NEWSLETTER

Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society
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“TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE THE HISTORICAL STUDY OF...”

One of the three objectives of the Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society is “To encourage and promote the historical study of Restorationist churches in Canada.”

Since the beginning of discussions in 1997 that resulted in the CCCHS’s formal organization in 1999, the activities of the historical society have stimulated interest in the historical past of Churches of Christ in Canada and prompted efforts in research and writing.

As 2011 draws to a close and with it twelve years of society activity behind us, it is appropriate that we pause and reflect on the accumulated results of the efforts by a number of interested students of our past—gauging our progress in this goal.

First, the major papers presented at the society’s annual meeting are remembered.

2000 – “Marks of the Free Church,” Everett Ferguson (Everton).

2001 – “The Church at Omagh: A Restoration Miniature,” Steve May (Omagh).

2002 – “Why didn’t Elder Donald McLaren’s Baptist Church have communion when Elder William Trout came to visit?” Claude Cox (Meaford).

2003 – “Periodical Publishing in the Restoration Movement in Canada, from 1833,” Eugene Perry (Tintern).

2004 – “The Restoration Churches in Toronto,” Geoffrey Ellis (Strathmore Blvd., Toronto).

2005 – “Pioneer Churches of the Georgian Bay,” Ron Knight (Owen Sound).

2006 – “Roy Merritt Remembers [Fennell’s Beginnings],” Roy Merritt (Fennell Ave., Hamilton).

2007 – “The Oldest Church in the British Isles,” Jerry Rushford (Fenwick).

Movement in Ontario,” Edwin Broadus (Newmarket).

2009 – “Early Efforts in Christian Education in Canada”: “The Carman Bible School,” Shelley Jacobs; “The Beamsville Bible School,” Edwin Broadus; “The Maritime Bible and Literary College,” Geoffrey Ellis; “The Canadians at Nashville Bible School,” Donald Perry (Beamsville).

2010 – “Dugald Sinclair: Seven Decades of Unstinting Service,” Edwin Broadus; “A Virtual Tour of Restoration Sites in Southwestern Ontario,” Geoffrey Ellis (Tintern).

2011 – “The Plea of the Restoration,” George Mansfield; “Nineteenth Century Ontario Disciples History: The Oshawa District and the George Barclay Family,” Edwin Broadus; “The Disciples of Christ of Bowmanville,” Geoffrey Ellis (Oshawa).

Other papers and searches can also be identified, many of which are now part of the CCCHS collection, that have resulted because of or in part of a response to the society’s initiative.

CCCHS ANNUAL MEETING 2012

DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

LOCATION: MEAFORD, ONT.

PROGRAM AND GUEST

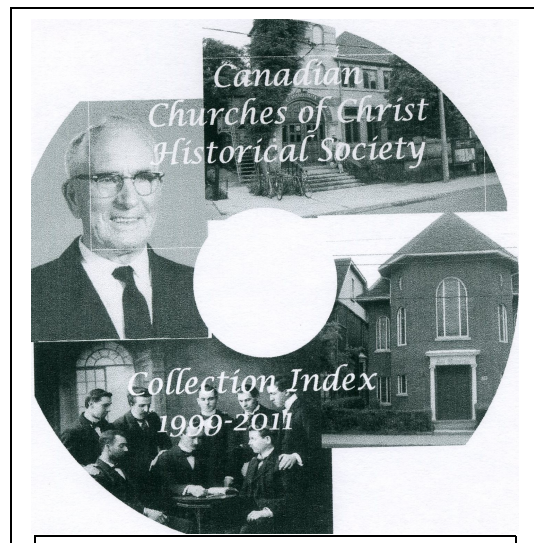
SPEAKER: TO BE ANNOUNCED

Reflecting the wealth of Canadian Restoration historical information now resting in the CCCHS archives, and the stimulus that the society has been to Restoration studies, two contributors in particular are identified whose fruitful efforts

typify the response to the society's mission: Myrna Perry and Edwin Broadus.

Myrna received her B.Sc. at David Lipscomb College in 1956, and served the St. Catharines library, 1956-57. She then attended George Peabody College for Teachers at Vanderbilt University, receiving her MA in Library Science in 1959. She returned to Canada where she served a library in Ottawa, 1959-61. She then returned to the U.S. where she served as librarian at Freed-Hardeman University, 1961-68 and then catalogue librarian at David Lipscomb University until her retirement in 2000. During this period she was involved with other Christian University librarians in "The Christian College Librarians' Index to Selected Religious Periodicals" project, a valuable ongoing effort to index both archived and current Restoration periodicals. Since her retirement to Canada she has been an active member of the CCCHS and a frequent contributor to its collection. She assisted her brother, Eugene Perry, in the publication of his work, *A History of Religious Periodicals in the Restoration Movement in Canada*. She compiled a listing of the location of Canadian Restoration materials held by various university libraries across the country. She has indexed (Author, Name, Title) the periodicals of editor David Oliphant Jr.: "The Witness of Truth," "The Christian Mirror," "The Christian Banner," "Banner of Faith," and "Message of Good-Will to Men," (1845-1865), the "Bible Indicator" edited by C. Joseph Lister (September 1869), and "The Bible Student" (1904-1913) edited by H. M. Evans. She presented these results of her labour to her brother, Eugene, in recognition of his efforts to both preserve and detail these publications. In turn, Eugene has presented the hard copies of these indexes to the CCCHS, and Myrna has made available electronic copies to the CCCHS collection. Myrna assisted her brother, Donald Perry in preparing his paper, "The Canadians at Nashville Bible School" (2009) and supplied the biographies of these students as well as NBS student lists for the years 1896-97 through 1917-18 for the CCCHS website (ccchs.ca). Myrna has also researched and made available in CD form to the society the obituaries published in the *Gospel Herald* (1936-2010), including over two thousand obituaries. She has also collected a listing of the photographs published in the *Gospel*

Herald for the same period, also in CD format. As well, Myrna has submitted the following papers to historical society: "Churches of Christ in St. Catharines" (2007), "The Fenwick Church of Christ, 'Past and Present'" (2007), "Hamilton Churches, Excerpts from the *Gospel Herald*, 1946-1999" (2008), "Newmarket Church of Christ, Excerpts from the *Gospel Herald*, 1963-1999" (2008), "Stouffville, Pine Orchard, and Orangeville, Ontario Congregations" (2008), and "Work Among the First Nations People" (2008). Myrna is currently researching the early years of the churches in Haldimand County.



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Edwin Broadus received his B.A. in Greek from Abilene Christian College in 1952 and his M.A. in History from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee in 1975 where he wrote his thesis on "Cooperation Controversies in Restoration Movement Churches in Wisconsin." He came to Ontario in 1975 to teach in the Bible department of Great Lakes Christian College. Subsequently, he served as dean of the Bible College and then president of GLCC (1984-1990). An avid member of the CCCHS, Edwin has made a number of contributions to the

society. These include the papers: "Daniel Wiers in the Maelstrom of the Early Restoration Movement in the Niagara Frontier (with Addendum)" (2007/2008), "The Influence of the Christian Connection on the Restoration Movement in Ontario" (2008), "The Beamsville Bible School" (2009), "Dugald Sinclair: Seven Decades of Unstinting Service" (2010), and "Nineteenth Century Ontario Disciples History: The Oshawa District and the George Barclay Family" (2011). Edwin's major contribution to Canadian Restoration studies, *How the Disciples Came Together in Early Ontario* (2009), published by the Gospel Herald Foundation, found its initial motivation in the context of the Restoration studies that were exciting many in Ontario. Edwin is currently researching Ontario Restoration history for the middle third of the 19th century. These contributions along with a number of other papers by various interested students of Canadian Restoration history give evidence that the historical society is achieving its goal: "To encourage and promote the historical study of..."

THE EUGENE PERRY COLLECTION

Of major interest and concern in 1997 when the early discussions of a possible future historical society were being held was the preservation of the valuable collection of Restoration materials amassed by Eugene Perry. Eugene was a founding member of the CCCHS, and served on the society's board as treasurer for a number of years. Eugene, inspired by his mother, Grace Stewart Perry's devotion for preserving the various periodicals that came to her home, made the decision to write his Master's thesis for Pepperdine University in 1949 on "The History of Publications in the Restoration Movement in Canada." In the following two decades Eugene collected, read, and wrote, and completed his important project; he received his degree in 1971. (The thesis was published as a book by the Gospel Herald Foundation in 2003.) In the fall of 2011 the final portions of Eugene's collection were transferred to the Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society. Thus a major objective of the society has been achieved. To celebrate this accomplishment and to give an indication of the extent of the

Eugene's contribution to the CCCHS, the following list is presented.

(* , partial contents).
 Apostolic Review, Vol. 57-59, 62, 64, 1914-1921*
 Banner of the Faith, 1862*
 Bible Indicator, 1869*
 Bible Index, 1874-1880, 1883-1893*
 Bible Index and Christian Sentinel, 1881-1882*
 Bible School Advocate, 1909*
 Bible School Times, 1906*
 British Harbinger, 1868*
 Canadian Christian, 1950-1953*
 Canadian Christian Harbinger, 1975-1980*
 Canadian Disciple, 1997-2001
 Canadian Disciple of Christ, 1990
 Canadian Helper, 1908-1915*
 The Christian, 1839-1841
 Christian Monthly Review, 1919-1933
 Christian Banner, 1853, 1855, 1856*
 Christian Messenger, 1944
 Christian Sentinel, 1880
 Christian Quarterly, 1916, 1917*
 The Gleaner, 1914
 Gospel Herald, 1936-2010
 Gospel Tract Monthly, 1907*
 Little Missioner, 1937-1938*
 Living Stones, 1966-1971*
 The Messenger (RCC), 1948, 1949
 Missionary Messenger, 1930, 1932*
 Mission News, 1930-1932*
 Oriental Christian 1931, 1933-1935, 1937*
 Prairie Proclaimer, 1955-1960, 1965-1970*
 Revival (Br.), ?
 Saskatoon Star, 1953-1956
 Sister Triangle, 1993-2007*
 Slavic Evangelism, 1983, 1984*
 Star, 1956-1960
 Truth in Love (Br.), ?
 The Visitor, 1936-1937*
 Western Christian Messenger (WCC), 1952, 1998.
 Witness of Truth, 1845-1847*
 World Vision, 1936*
 Bound:
 Bible Student, 1904-1913
 Canadian Christian, 1950-1951, 1952-1953
 CD:
 Canadian Helper, 1908-1915
 The Christian 1883-1900
 Christian Quarterly, 1916, 1917
 Christian Monthly Review, 1919-1933
 Microfiche:
 Witness of Truth, 1846, 1848
 Microfilm
 The Christian, 1836

Witness of Truth, 1845-1850
 Christian Mirror, 1851
 Christian Banner, 1852-1853
 Banner of the Faith, 1861-1863
 Message of Good-Will, 1864-1865
 Bible Index, 1874-1885, 1886-1893
 Bible Student, 1904-1913

Indexes:

Witness of Truth
 Christian Mirror
 Christian Banner
 Banner of the Faith
 Message of Good-Will
 Bible Student

Miscellaneous:

D. A. Sommer, *The Church of Christ* (1913, owned by L. E. Huntsman, 1921)
 Directories of Churches of Christ: NY State, 1984; Eastern Canada, 1979-1980; Pine Orchard, 1990
 Ed Bryant, Articles published in the GH, 1964-1995, Index
 Grace Perry correspondence, 5 files
 History of Ice Lake Church of Christ
 History of the St. Catharines Church of Christ
 June Meeting Flyers, 1904, 1960, 1964 1966, 1971
 L. E. Huntsman 1891 pocket diary
 Louis Pauls' Preaching Records
 St. Catharines Church of Christ, 1936-1949,
 Excerpts from the Gospel Herald
 Thesis: "A History of Religious Periodicals In The Restoration Movement in Canada" (1971)

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The Disciples of Christ of Bowmanville (DVD), by Geoffrey Ellis

Gospel Herald Obituaries, 1936-2010, by Myrna Perry

The Oliphant Journals, 1845-1865, Indexes, by Myrna Perry

The Bible Student, 1904-1913, Indexes, Gospel Herald Index of Photos, 1936-2010, by Myrna Perry

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The Present Board of Directors

The following capable men are shouldering the responsibly for directing the affairs and events of the Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society:

Bob Hibbard. Bob was born in Sarnia, ON and received his education at Western Christian, GLCC and Harding University. He is married to Beth (Smart) Hibbard. The Hibbards were blessed with two children, Becky and Bobby. Bob preached in Arkansas and Ontario and now works with the North Hamilton Church of Christ. He may be reached at: 260 Birchcliffe Cres. Hamilton, ON. L8T 4L2; 905-385-0465; bethhibbard@yahoo.com
 Bob is the current Historian for the board.

Elgin Whitfield. Elgin and Melanie live near Uxbridge, ON and serve the Pine Orchard Church of Christ. Elgin works as a Sales Manager at Schell Home Hardware in Stouffville. Melanie is a long-time school teacher. Elgin is a graduate of both GLCC and GLBC. They have 5 children: Kendra, Sadie, Nathan, Melinde, Landon as well as 2 grandchildren.

Elgin may be reached at: 14300 7 Conc, Uxbridge, ON; L2P 1R2. 705-228-8155; elginwhitfield@xplornet.com
 Elgin is the Vice Chairman of the board.

Wayford Smith: Wayford was born in Erick, Oklahoma and presently lives in Beamsville, ON while serving as an elder at the Tintern Church of Christ. Wayford is married to Wilma (Atchley) and their children are Linda Smith, Beamsville, ON, Lita Blevins, Okla., Sandra Lansdell, Michigan.

Wayford has been a farmer, worked for a chemical company, served Christ as a deacon, is a graduate of Sunset School of Preaching and has preached in the U.S. and several places in Ontario.

Wayford may be reached at 4465 Michael Ave Beamsville, ON L0R 1B5; 905-563-5109; wayma@sympatico.ca

He serves as CCCHS board Secretary.

Les Cramp. Les and his wife Joan have two children and four grandchildren. He is retired from a 25 year career in Human

Resources Management in both private and public sectors. Les has been preaching most Sundays for approximately 45 years and for 14 years full time. The Cramps have served the Lord at Griersville, Vandaleur, Ice Lake and Meaford congregations and are presently in their second term serving the Collingwood congregation. They enjoyed working with youth and assisted Strawberry Point Christian camp for approximately 25 years.

Les can be reached at: 19 Ivan St. Meaford, ON N4L 1C8; (519) 538-5184;

lcramp@brucetelecom.com

Les serves the board as Financial Officer.

George Mansfield George is a graduate of the SSOP in Texas, has preached for over 40 years in N.S. and Ontario. One of his loves is Bible and Church History. He spends time each week entertaining senior citizens with song and guitar. This also affords him opportunity to preach at these homes. He is presently ministering with the Grimsby Church of Christ and is in his 19th year with a 10 year intermission.

George and Pat have four children and ten grand kids. The Mansfields live at: 5000 King St., Beamsville, Box 1179, L0R 1B0; 289-566-8963; cell: 905-401-3482; church: 905-945-3058

george4now@gmail.com

George serves CCCHS as board Chairman.

1 Annual General Meeting - August 20, 2011

The CCCHS was blessed to be able to meet in the church building of the Oshawa Church of Christ. While there we were waited on and treated like royalty. We are so thankful for their show of Christian hospitality. After the reading of the minutes from the last AGM, we moved to the business at hand:

1) Board members serve in terms of three years. Both Eugene Perry and David Ellis have now served for two terms and, according to our by-laws, must withdraw from the board for at least one year. Christ Blackwell, after serving on the board for one year, has moved to Western Canada.

2) Nominations for new blood to serve on the board began resulting in Les Cramp, Bob Hibbard and Elgin Whitfield being nominated and accepting the responsibility. Present board members are now: Elgin Whitfield, Les Cramp, Wayford Smith, Bob Hibbard and George Mansfield.

3) Eugene Perry, the Financial Officer, read the financial information and gave an update on membership. The balance in our account as of June 30, 2011 was \$1,612.82. There are now 96 names on our membership list. However, only 30 have made annual payment of membership dues for 2010-2011.

4) Geoffrey Ellis reported on materials currently in our collection. We have nearly 1500 items which are cared for and cataloged by Geoff with the help of Eileen Dale. Geoff explained that our webpage is being updated to make it more useful and helpful.

5) Suggestions for the 2012 Annual Meeting were, as to place- Bramalea and, as to theme: Early Beginnings In Ontario.

6) In our new business it was called to our attention and agreed upon by all that we need an improved system of keep records of and communicating with corporation members. Marg Hibbard has graciously agreed to work on a data-base is we will provide her with the necessary information.

7) Ron Knight presented an update on the proposed use of the old Meaford Fire Hall for safe storage of our collection of materials. A suggestion was brought forward that we meet in that Meaford Fire Hall for the next Annual Meeting.

With the business portion behind us, we plunged into what is truly the business of the Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society- that of attempting to resurrect the actions, attitudes and outcomes of God's dedicated men and women of past times.

- 1) Edwin Broadus, in his usual and expected thorough manner, presented a research paper entitled: ***"Nineteenth Century Ontario Disciples History: the Oshawa District And The George Barclay Family."*** This was made even more exciting when we recalled that we were sitting over the very soil that some of the great restorationists walked.
- 2) Geoffrey Ellis did a masterful job in his paper entitled ***"The Disciples of Christ In Bowmanville."*** This was enhanced by his use of power point for visual learning.
- 3) George Mansfield spoke on ***"THE PLEA OF THE RESTORATION,"***

pointing out that there was purpose to all that went on in our past; God's truth must be the standard for everything in our lives, therefore we must abandon the creeds and dogmas of men and plead for a return to the Bible.

The day was a good one. While we would wish for more attendees, the number was fitting considering the distance most had to travel. The board is thankful for all who showed interest by being present.

2012 MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE. 2011 CCCHS membership fees, covering Sept. 1, 2011 through Aug. 31, 2012 are now being received. Annual fees are \$25.00 (for both voting and associate memberships). Direct your payment to treasurer, Les Cramp, 19 Ivan St., Meaford, ON, N4L 1C8. 519-538-5184. lcramp@brucetelecom.com.

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

Voting members of the Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society are invited to submit nominations to the board of directors for the 2012-2013 year. The by-law requirement is as follows:

“Any three (3) Active Members may nominate any other duly qualified person for election to the Board of Directors. Such nominations must be in writing, signed by the nominators and must be accompanied by the written consent of the nominee to act as a Director if elected. Nominations must be sent to the secretary at least 30 days in advance of the meeting. Each nominator may nominate one candidate only.” (IV.3.1) Mail to Wayford Smith, secretary, 4465 Michael Ave., Beamsville, ON L0R 1B5. 1-905-563-5109. wayma@sympatico.ca

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