

NEWSLETTER

Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society
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“COMING HOME!”

One of the favourable conditions that factored into the decision in 1999 to move ahead with the establishment of the Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society was the prospect of a suitable archival setting for its collection. A leading university in southern Ontario had ambitions to become the archival center for religion in Canada. The CCCHS collection would be welcome! Six years later, in 2005, word was received that, with a change in administrative direction, the expansion of facilities would not take place and that there would not be room for our collection. Thus our hope for a central, accessible, secure, controlled, and permanent setting for our collection was dashed.

From then until recently, an ongoing effort has been made to find a suitable “home” for the society’s valuable and growing collection. In the meantime storage and processing has been handled at the society’s official location, 120 Moccasin Drive, Waterloo, Ontario.

Finding a location that affords the above conditions has been a top priority for the society’s board, but experience has demonstrated how difficult that goal was.

Then to the rescue came Ron Knight, CCCHS vice-chairman of the board, 2005-2010. Ron and his family are developing plans to create a museum to house the eclectic collection of Ron’s grandfather, Stanley Knight. The stately Meaford fire hall was purchased for this purpose. Room for the CCCHS collection was graciously offered. Security, climate control, and significant location are featured in this arrangement. The Meaford Church of Christ is in its 165th year. Some of the most important events in our Restoration history have occurred in this town. Meaford’s influence has spread over all of Canada. No

“...TO MEAFORD WE WILL, TO MEAFORD WE WILL GO...”

By George Mansfield

Even though we are in the business of seeking the “old paths,” there always seem to be “new” things happening which call for a forward look. Speaking of which, let me call your attention to our exciting plans. In June our plan is to move the CCCHS archives from the home of Geoff Ellis in Waterloo,

2012 ANNUAL MEETING of the

*Canadian Churches of Christ
Historical Society*

Saturday, August 18, 2012

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

To be held at the
Meaford Fire Hall
26 Nelson Street E
Meaford, Ontario

Featuring:

EUGENE C. PERRY

“Reminiscences”

Meeting where the Restoration
Movement is in its 165th year!
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where he so graciously worked with and gave safe housing to all the materials we have assembled and processed for general use, to Meaford. Ron Knight has made us an offer we find hard to refuse. The historic Meaford Fire Hall is now ready to receive and keep safe and sound our valuables. Proper shelving, correct moisture and temperature control allow us to take advantage of this wonderful gesture. It is anticipated that interested volunteers in the Meaford area will serve in caring for and providing access to our collection of papers, books, audio-visual materials, and digitized materials. No spot in Canada is more central to our Restoration past than Meaford, and we are pleased that our collection will find a permanent home there.

We thank Ron Knight for his forward thinking and usual generosity.

Then on August 18, the thirteenth annual meeting of the Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society will be conducted at the Fire Hall in Meaford. On this occasion we will formally open the CCCHS collection in its new location. We sincerely hope that you will make the trip to one of Ontario's most scenic sites and share this significant day with us.

Speakers for the day will include:

Eugene Perry of Beamsville, Ontario.

Eugene will present his "Reminiscences" in the style of Joseph Ash. Brother Perry has lived a long time as a faithful saint and devotee of Restoration Movement history. This should prove to be very interesting to the rest of us. Eugene, reaching his 90th birthday in July, was a charter member of the CCCHS, and his collection of periodicals and other materials form the heart of the society's collection. As a preacher, educator, missionary, and long-time editor of the *Gospel Herald*, Eugene is well positioned to provide us with a valuable overview of our movement.

Geoffrey Ellis of Waterloo, Ontario.

Geoff, who is always on the cutting edge of Restoration Movement happenings, has assembled a booklet that, in his own words, *"is pretty neutral in terms of standard history with theories, evaluations, emphases, etc. But its attraction is that everyone can become a historian in reading and analyzing the 65 years of reports and comments."* The booklet, "The Disciples of Meaford, 1848-1914, Reports from the Periodicals," collects the reports and comments of various church

leaders, preachers, etc., regarding activities with the Meaford Church of Christ from the fourteen periodicals that cover the period. Geoff will introduce this work to the gathering. Copies will be available for those interested.

Meeting Schedule

10:00 a.m. – business meeting*

11:00 a.m. – Eugene Perry

12:00 noon – Lunch break**

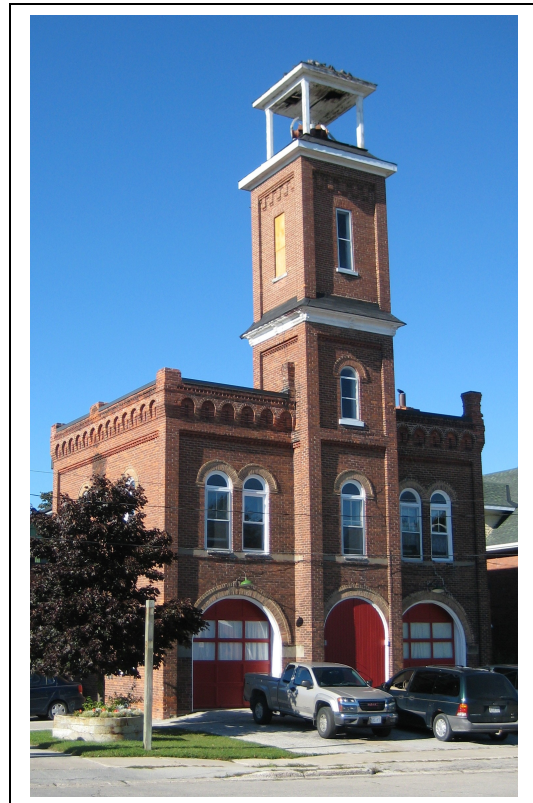
1:00 p.m. – Geoffrey Ellis

2:00 p.m. – Official opening of the Meaford home of the CCCHS collection.

3:00 p.m. Closing remarks

*At this meeting we will make a concerted effort to introduce a new form by which we can gather ALL the information that will make a future data base a reality.

** Bring along a sack lunch. Refreshments will be provided throughout the day.



THE MEAFORD FIREHALL, 1887

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Added to the **Eugene Perry Collection**:

- *The Christian Messenger*, 1943-44, published by Strathmore Blvd. CofC.
- *The Christian Messenger* (periodical), 1899-1907.
- Elsie MacDougall Obituary, 1987.
- Fern Ave., Toronto CofC Directory, 1961.
- Tintern CofC Directory, 1964.
- Velma Forman, Lae, PNG Mission Report, 1994-1998 (partial).
- Miscellaneous church bulletins, boxes A, B, C, D, E.
- Joe Cannon Missionary Journeys, 1995, 1996.
- Ralph Perry, Nigeria WBS Report, 1995.
- Javier Cuarezma Mission Report, 1996.
- Fern Ave. CofC Bulletins, 1966.
- Fern Ave. CofC Silver Jubilee, 1910-1935.
- "Saskatoon Star," Saskatoon CofC Bulletins, 1953-55.
- "The Star," by Alvin Jennings, 1956-1960.
- Gospel Herald Readers' Survey, 1991, conducted by Ron Pauls.
- *Encouragement Magazine*, 1911, edited by Don Carlos Janes.
- *The Ecclesiastical Observer*, 1871, 1873, edited by David King.
- "History of the Winger Church, 1844-1966."
- Reuben Butchart, "Old Everton" (1941).
- Reuben Butchart, "A Primer of Disciple History in Canada" (1942).
- Lillian Torkelson, "A Vision Splendid."
- Radville Christian College Announcements, 1950-51, 1951-52.
- Maritime Bible and Literary College Calendar, 1912-13.
- Mount Zion Bible School Announcement, 1966.
- Carman Summer Bible School Announcement.
- Carman CofC History, 1888-1960.
- Beamsville Bible School Calendars, ten calendars between 1902-1916.
- "Atlantic Ripples," Halifax CofC Bulletins, 1983-88.
- "Maplewood Messenger, Maplewood CofC, Toronto, Bulletins 1962-65.
- Central Toronto CofC Bulletins, 1986-87.
- *Gospel Messenger*, 1894-1896 (originals and copies).
- L. E. Huntsman, Tract: "Baptism of the Holy Spirit."
- L. E. Keffer, "Review of Sermon by C. G. McPhee" (1946).
- Meaford "Prayer Meeting Topics" for 1911.
- *Canadian Christian Harbinger*, 1977-1980.
- Bracebridge/Gravenhurst CofC Reports 1985-86.

- "Gospel Gazette," Fenwick CofC Bulletins, 1988-89.
- "Bramalea Banner," Bramalea CofC Bulletins 1986-89.
- "Seasons," Waterloo CofC Bulletins, 1985-87.
- West Hamilton CofC Bulletins, 1988-89.

CDs and DVDs:

- "The Disciples of Christ of Bowmanville" (DVD).
- "The Georgian Bay Churches of Christ" (CD).
- American Restoration Periodicals (Campbell, Stone, Scott) (CD).
- "The CCCHS Collection Index, 1999-2012" (CD).
- *The Canadian Helper*, 1908-1914 (CD).
- Canadian Periodicals of the Restoration Movement, 1848-1922, by Lane Scruggs (CD).
- Vision Canada 2007, Theme: "Obligated, Eager, and Not Ashamed" (CD).

Miscellaneous:

- Granville Street Baptist Church, Halifax, NS church records (copy), 1828-1837.
- Western Christian College Memorial Silver Coin, 1945-1975.
- *The Hemlock Herald*, 1930-34, Chronicles of Camp Acadie, Nova Scotia.
- Charles Robertson, Pioneer Days on the Manitoulin.
- Clinton and Delma Brazle Memoirs.
- St. Catharines CofC, Excerpts from the *Bible Student*, 1904-1913.
- J. L. Hines correspondence re 1917 in Canada.
- "The Restoration Movement in Canada," class notes and sources, Jim Pennington, WCC.
- "The Reporter," St. Thomas CofC monthly reports, 1967-77.
- "A Message," St. Thomas CofC Bulletins, 1974-81.
- Joe Cannon, *The Heart of the Missionary*.

Obituaries

- Maxine Timmerman
- Ralph Cox
- Roy D. Merritt

2012 MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE.

2012 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 member-ships). Direct your payment to Financial Officer, Eugene Perry 4904 King St., Beamsville, Ontario L0R 1B6 905-563-8377
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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.
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To be released at the 2012 CCCHS Annual Meeting, August 18

"REMINISCENCES"

By Eugene C. Perry

"THE DISCIPLES OF MEAFORD, 1848-1914: REPORTS FROM THE PERIODICALS"

By Geoffrey Ellis

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