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PROMINENT PHILANTHROPISTS PASS ON

Brotherhood Acknowledges Contributions of
T. W. Phillips, Jr., Oreon E. Scott

Two prominent laymen of the Disciples of Christ, both widely known for their philanthropic activity in the brotherhood, died this month. Thomas Wharton Phillips, Jr., 81-year-old oil and gas distributor and former congressman, passed away January 2 at his home, Phillips Hall, near Butler, Pennsylvania. Oreon Earle Scott, 85, St. Louis real estate man and official of many agencies and institutions of the Disciples of Christ, died January 10.

During their lifetimes, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Scott not only made many substantial contributions to brotherhood institutions and organizations, but they were active in serving on various boards and committees. Both men had long been interested in the affairs of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Mr. Scott was the first life member of the Society. Mr. Phillips had been a patron member of the Society for the past several years.

T. W. Phillips, Jr.

Mr. Phillips was a son of Thomas W. Phillips (1835-1912), prominent layman, author and philanthropist, who is being memorialized by the new Historical Society building under construction in Nashville. While illness prevented Mr. Phillips from active participation in developing plans for the Memorial building during the past year, he was kept aware of developments, and he maintained a keen interest in the building progress. Prime mover of the Memorial building project has been Mr. Phillips' brother, Mr. B. D. Phillips, Butler, Pennsylvania, who, with other members of the Phillips family, is underwriting the cost of the Society project.

T. W. Phillips, Jr., entered the oil and gas business founded during the Civil War period by his father after graduating from Yale in 1897. He headed the T. W. Phillips Oil and Gas Company, Butler, Pennsylvania, for 44 years.

Mr. Phillips continued his father's interest in, and support of, brotherhood educational institutions, including Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma, Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia, Johnson Bible College, Kimberlin Heights, Tennessee, and many others. He was a member of the Bethany Board of...
Trustees at the time of his death. He also contributed generously to the National City Christian Church, Washington, D. C.

He carried on his father's tradition as a writer. He was the author of several pamphlets and tracts concerning the place of the Disciples of Christ as a New Testament movement. An avid letter-writer, he carried on a voluminous correspondence with many brotherhood leaders, as well as others in business, education and government.

Mr. Phillips served two terms in Congress during the Prohibition Era, 1923-27. He was known as a bitter foe of prohibition, speaking often and even employing a country-wide newspaper advertising campaign in his battle.

Funeral services for Mr. Phillips were held at Phillips Hall, Wednesday, January 5, by the Reverend N. Quentin Grey, pastor of the North Street Church of Christ, where Mr. Phillips was an active member.

Oreon E. Scott graduated from Bethany College in 1892. He settled in St. Louis in 1896 and, with his late brother, established the real estate firm of Oreon E. & R. G. Scott. Until his death, Mr. Scott remained active in the business.

But business was not Mr. Scott's primary interest, especially during the past two decades. He was active as a director or trustee of a number of brotherhood agencies and institutions, including the Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis; Drake University, Des Moines; Texas Christian University, Fort Worth; Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia; Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Missouri; Pension Fund of the Disciples of Christ, Indianapolis; Board of Church Extension, Indianapolis; and National City Christian Church, Washington, D. C.

In 1951, Mr. Scott set up the Oreon E. Scott Foundation to provide for annual awards and lectureships at several brotherhood educational institutions. The Foundation also has benefited libraries and churches, including Mr. Scott's church, Union Avenue Christian Church, St. Louis. The Oreon E. Scott Chapel at Drake University, a gift from Mr. Scott, was dedicated in 1955.

A favorite project started by Mr. Scott in recent years was the annual ministers' breakfast, sponsored by the brotherhood Pension Fund and underwritten by the Scott Foundation. Outstanding speakers have been obtained for the annual ministers' breakfast meeting held at the time of the International Convention assemblies.

Funeral services for Mr. Scott were held Thursday, January 12, at Union Avenue Christian Church, St. Louis, Dr. G. Curtis Jones, Minister.

Tribute

The passing from the scene of these two active exponents of the cause of the Disciples of Christ has given occasion for many to review the period during which they lived, a period marked not only by growth in numbers but of maturity of purpose for the brotherhood.

Many are conscious of the legacy left by these two Disciples stalwarts. It is a tradition of unselfish service and devotion, of generous sharing and stewardship, of time, talent and resources. They leave behind this tradition to do honor to their memory, and to continue to serve as a reminder of the rich heritage that is ours as dedicated disciples of Christ in the fellowship of His church.
IN MEMORIAM: THOMAS W. PHILLIPS, JR. (1874-1956)

By N. Quentin Grey

This tribute to Thomas W. Phillips, Jr., a member of the North Street Church of Christ, Butler, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Grey is the minister, is adapted from a sermon delivered at the funeral service for Mr. Phillips. The service was held January 4, 1956, Phillips Hall, near Butler.

Mr. Grey has been minister of North Street Church of Christ since 1946; he has held pastorates in Williamsport, Taylorsville and Braddock, Pennsylvania, and in Indiana. He is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College, with the B.D. degree from Butler University, and the M.Ed. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He holds a number of positions in brotherhood life, including: member of the Board of Managers, United Christian Missionary Society; Recommendations Committee, International Convention; Board of Directors, Seay Memorial Home; and member Week of Compassion Committee.

In the 11th Chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, the Apostle reviews a brief history of the great heroes of the past. As we look at this chapter, we are awed by the great panorama of heroes that march across the stage. I want to think with you this afternoon about a great modern hero of faith.

To say that Brother T. W. Phillips, Jr. was a faithful friend and that he was loved by all who knew him is a truth that requires no confirmation. The high esteem in which he was held by all members of our congregation is a matter of common knowledge. His affable personality won for him friends on every hand. As pastor of this local congregation, I found in him one of my most ardent and loyal supporters. Never, in the years of my ministry, have I found a more ardent and loyal supporter.

His influence was also felt outside our church. Included in our audience this afternoon are many of his friends, representing government, Christian colleges, Christian agencies, civic life, the ministry, neighbors and businessmen. In addition to those who have come in person, the deluge of telegrams that were shown to me last night from men and women of all walks of life testify to his many friends. I know that your presence here is not merely a gesture of sympathy, but that it is a token of the high esteem in which he was held by you and by others.

What made him a great hero of faith? Why all these friends? What was the secret of his greatness? Those of us who have been associated with him know the answers to these questions: his living faith in Jesus Christ, his undying devotion to his church, his prophetic insight into the use of his talents, and his ingenious ability to wed his churchmanship and his statesmanship. Pragmatic in his philosophy, he came to be a counselor to many who recognized his ability to find practical answers to the great queries of life.

As I sat in the chancel of our church week after week and watched this great Christian walk down the aisle (always to take a front pew in front of the pulpit) I could see written upon his face a sense of pride that he had come to the Lord's house on the first day of the week to worship. As I observed him I could hear the Psalmist speaking, "Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house and the place where Thine honor dwelleth." Always he referred to his church with pride, not only in the presence of his pastor, but in the presence of others also. They have testified to that fact.

The secret of his greatness lies in the fact that he had a great insight into the use of the talents that the Lord had given him. The parable of the talents gives us a key word of our language, the word "talent." And upon this word is hinged a man's greatness or his smallness. The five-talented man was not great because he had five talents, but because he used his five talents. And the one talented man was not less important because of his one talent, but because he did not use the one talent that he had.

We all recognize the fact that there are fewer five-talented men in the world than one-talented men; and therefore, a minister rarely has the occasion to stand in the presence of the friends and family and think upon the use of the talents by a five-talented Christian. Brother Phillips, through his keen insight into the use of these talents, extended his influence far and wide. In this audience are representatives of Christian institutions—some, many hundreds of miles distant—that have been helped by his use of his talents.

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In this column the Executive Director, James E. McKinney, gives each month his travel observations. Here are his day-by-day experiences as he goes about his business of interpreting the work of the Society to individuals, churches, organizations and institutions.

Week of December 18, 1955—Wind-up of overtime duties in connection with organization of new congregation, DONELSON, TENNESSEE, and moving of offices to new location (temporary) at 1804 Grand Avenue, Nashville. Off to Virginia for Christmas visit with in-laws and folks, with side excursions to talk Society affairs with DCHS director A. Garnett Day, LYNCHBURG, others.

Tuesday, December 27—PITTSBURGH and BUTLER, PA., for visit and talks with members of Phillips family, Society benefactors, underwriters of new Society building.

Wednesday, December 28—PITTSBURGH for talks with architects; on to INDIANAPOLIS.

Thursday, December 29—Visiting with Ralph Neill, public relations man for International Convention office, INDIANAPOLIS. To COLUMBUS, IND., for pleasant chat with other Society supporters. Then to SEYMOUR, IND. and CINCINNATI.

Friday, December 30—Back to LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA; the rock 'n roll route.

Saturday, December 31—Returning home.

Sunday, January 1—Extracurricular preaching at DONELSON. Setting stage for new fulltime minister, Gene Hellstern, moving down from Crofton, Ky.

Week of January 2—Time out for trip to BUTLER, PA. for funeral of T. W. Phillips, Jr. Join other brotherhood representatives in paying last respects to this noted Disciple and fine friend. He was a Christian gentleman. Permit me this personal comment: I have interviewed many prominent businessmen, educational leaders, government officials, others, during pre-Society days and since becoming a brotherhood fund-raiser. Never have I been given such gracious, kind attention and sympathetic understanding as was accorded me on every occasion when I had opportunity to speak with Mr. Phillips. It was part of his nature, an innate ability to share himself with others. Through him, I came to know others of the Phillips family, who, like him, have the capacity to be kind as well as generous. I count it a high honor to have known him. Realizing his keen interest in the preservation of our brotherhood heritage, I can only regret that he did not live to see completed the magnificent new Society home which he and Mr. B. D. Phillips had envisioned as a fitting Memorial to their illustrious father. It is good to know that this project will be completed, and that the building will to some degree give tangible concern for the extension and understanding of the cause to which he gave so much of himself.

Week of January 8—Setting house in order, the house at 1804 Grand, that is—with more work on offices and some on correspondence to churches and preachers re membership support—our constant worry. Visiting Tennessee Ministers’ Institute, Bethany Hills, near NASHVILLE. Seeing Gene Hellstern off to good start on DONELSON new church project, with toastmastering chore at Vine Street church dinner. Other odds and ends in preparation for speaking engagements at Alabama-Mississippi Ministers’ Institute, HATTIESBURG, MISS., later this month, and beginning plans for West Coast expedition in February. If the money and I hold out, should be in California on Washington’s birthday. Keep your fingers crossed, and send in the membership dues.

Jim McKinney

HAVE YOU SENT YOUR CHECK FOR 1956 DUES?
**EQUIPMENT FUND NEARS $5,000**

*Peachtree Church, Atlanta, Gives $500*

Contributions to the Equipment Fund for the furnishing and equipping of the new Society headquarters building continue to be received. Almost $4,500 has been received to date for the Fund, which is being raised by a campaign to brotherhood individuals. The drive will continue through June 30, 1957.

Cash receipts of $868.00 have been listed since the last reporting in the November issue of *The Harbinger*. Included in this total is a gift of $500 from distinguished Peachtree Christian Church, Atlanta, Georgia. The minister, Dr. Robert W. Burns, is a member of the Society Board of Directors. Dr. Burns and his enterprising congregation have long been loyal supporters of the Society program. The unsolicited gift from the Peachtree congregation was designated to be used in purchasing some item of essential equipment for the Society building when completed.

Other churches, organizations and individuals are taking part in the campaign to raise $50,000 to adequately equip and furnish the Memorial Building. Society officials expect to step up promotional efforts for this Fund later in 1956 and early in 1957, when the building is scheduled for completion.

Here is a list of contributors to the Equipment Fund since the November issue of *The Harbinger*:

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The use of his talents in the service that he gave to his country. He was willing at all times to defend both his church and his nation. He would have given all that he had both materially and spiritually in the defense of both.

In the 6th chapter of the book of Hebrews, the 11th and 12th verses, the Apostle is saying, "I desire that everyone of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end; that you be not slothful, but followers of him who through faith and patience inherited the promises."

As we look upon this great life we are challenged to use our talents to the fullest. 

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Collector's Corner...

Curator Claude E. Spencer comments each month on new and unusual materials recently discovered and acquired by the Society. Bits of Disciple-lore about events, places, and people as gleaned from library holdings will be brought to the reader's attention. Library and archival wants will be discussed.

There is a big task before us during the next few years in building a collection of reference books suitable for a research library. Not only must we secure as comprehensive a collection of materials pertaining to the Disciples of Christ and related religious groups as possible, but we must also have many books and periodicals in the general reference field, especially in the area of American history.

I shall not attempt to list needed titles in this column now, but will try to give some indication of the scope of materials necessary. Each subject category will be more specifically treated in future Collector's Corners.

While we were temporarily located at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri, we had the use of the reference collection of the library there. Since our move to Nashville, we have had free access to the excellent resources of the Joint University Libraries. Sometime in 1957, we will move into our own building, and certain basic books will be needed in order for us to work efficiently in cataloging our materials and in serving the brotherhood.

In the general reference field we will want encyclopedias, dictionaries, gazetteers, atlases, biographical cyclopedias, periodical indexes, and bibliographical tools.

Regional and county histories, especially those relating to the sections of the country where the Disciples had their greatest growth and development, are needed. Books dealing with the social, cultural, and religious patterns of America will be valuable. Publications of state historical societies should be secured.

In Memoriam

We all have a great responsibility. How lowly and humble we feel, when we compare our Christianity with his. Could the same things that we have said here this afternoon be said at your funeral, or mine? Yet, God has placed in the hands of each one of us and wrapped up in our lives talents to be used in the service of His church, and in the service of our nation.

Paul, writing to the Corinthians, said "You are not your own for you were bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." This fact, Brother Phillips recognized. This, we also must recognize, if we are to be found acceptable before God. We are not our own; we are bought with a price—a high price—the giving of God's only Son. "He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him who died for them and rose again."

What talents has God put into your hands? What possibilities are wrapped up in your life? The death of this brother is symbolic, as one friend said, "not only of the passing of an individual life, but of a great age." May we take up the mantle of this great prophet, this great seer, this faithful servant of God, and strive to wear it as he did.

Let me bring these closing words to the family. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." We are assured by your Christian faith that this departed brother of ours has been safely received into the hands of his Master.

May we hear again these words of Our Lord: "He that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me, shall never die." In this is our hope; herein is our faith; and in this faith may we find comfort and strength in this hour.
THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Disciples of Christ Historical Society was established May 7, 1941, in St. Louis, Missouri, with the approval of the International Convention then in session. The organization of the new agency came as a result of the work of the Historical Commission appointed by the 1939 convention which met in Richmond, Virginia. It is the only organization among Disciples of Christ whose sole purpose is the locating, collecting, cataloging and arranging for use the historical materials of the brotherhood. The Society is custodian of International Convention and World Convention archives by official action of those conventions.

The purpose of the Society is to maintain and further interest in the religious heritage, backgrounds, origins, development, and general history of Disciples of Christ, Christian Churches, Churches of Christ, and related groups. The Society is not an opinion forming group.

From 1941 until 1946 the Society had no designated headquarters, and these years were spent largely in surveying the field, correlating the interest of various groups, and making plans. In 1946 the Society accepted the generous offer of Culver-Stockton College to set up its headquarters and archives there with the privilege of using the Henry Barton Robinson Collection as a nucleus around which the Society would build its own collection of materials.

Since April 1952, the Society's headquarters, library and archives have been in Nashville, Tennessee, located in the Joint University Library on the Vanderbilt campus. Nashville was designated as the permanent location of the Society because of the unique opportunity offered for participation in the building of an American church history center and for the subsidy granted by the Nashville Planning Committee which enabled the Society to further its expansion program. Plans are being made for the eventual erection of a building to house the rapidly growing collection of books, pamphlets, periodicals, manuscripts, and museum materials which the Society has been receiving since its formation.

The Society solicits all kinds of historical materials pertaining to the Disciples of Christ and related groups. Authors and publishers are requested to send copies of all new publications. Churches, organizations and institutions are urged to place the Society on their mailing lists to receive all printed materials.

The Society and Bethany College share joint responsibility, through the Campbell Home Committee, for the restoration, preservation, and management of the Alexander Campbell mansion at Bethany, West Virginia.

The current program of the Society is financed through the dues paid in by members. Individuals, local churches, institutions, and organizations are invited to share in the work of the Society by becoming members. Dues paid in are deductible for income tax purposes. Classifications of membership are as follows:

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Officers of the Society

William G. West, Chairman of the Board
J. Edward Moseley, Secretary

The Executive Committee is composed of the officers of the Board and J. Philip Hyatt, Dan C. Kenner and Miss Eva Jean Wrather.

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1955 ANNUAL REPORT

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The Constitutional purpose of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society is "to maintain and further interest in the religious heritage, background, origins, development, and general history of Disciples of Christ, Christian Churches, Churches of Christ, and related groups."

The Society was founded in 1941 as a cooperating agency reporting to the International Convention of Disciples of Christ. In 1946, Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Missouri, was designated Society temporary headquarters. In April, 1952, by vote of the Board of Directors, the Society was removed to Nashville, Tennessee, as a result of a proposal advanced by the Nashville Planning Committee whereby the Society would be given a $55,000 subsidy and five years of free housing in the Joint University Library building.

From 1952 to 1955, Society holdings were increased by receipt of thousands of items of Disciple historical material; services to individuals and groups were multiplied; promotional efforts for financial support were expanded, and plans were laid for the eventual erection of a permanent Society headquarters building. Society affairs were conducted by a fulltime staff of three persons, under policies set by the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

Is the Historical Society in your church budget?

Immediate support is needed from an increasing number of churches for the continued operation of the Society. Every church in the brotherhood is urged to take membership in the Society now, as a means of supporting the expanded Society program.
1955: YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT

Early in 1955, the Society announced the purchase of a most desirable site in Nashville's "University Center" area for the location of the permanent Society home. Funds for the purchase of this $30,000 site were provided by Mr. B. D. Phillips, Butler, Pennsylvania.

On February 22, 1955, the Society announced that the Phillips family of Pennsylvania would completely underwrite the construction of the proposed Society building, as a Memorial to Thomas W. Phillips (1835-1912).

In November, 1955, contracts totalling $825,000 were awarded for construction of the Phillips Memorial, and excavation was started immediately. Society supporters who visited Nashville November 29, 1955, for the Second Annual President's Dinner program were favorably impressed with the prominence of the Society site as well as with the beauty and functional efficiency of the building plans, which were published in the June, 1955, issue of The Harbinger.

Not only did 1955 bring to partial realization Society dreams for a permanent headquarters building, but the year was also marked by Society triumphs in other areas.

Work was begun on indexing and microfilming the complete files of The Christian-Evangelist, under a subsidy from the Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis, Missouri.

Receipts of materials continued to increase. Space limitations at the Society's temporary location in the Joint University Library made necessary the shifting of DCHS promotional and mailing activities to additional offices at 1804 Grand Avenue, Nashville, a residence owned since 1954 by the Society.

Support from the brotherhood, particularly from local churches, showed a marked increase in 1955. In 1952, 17 churches contributed $411.00 to the Society. In 1953, 35 churches gave $1,255.10. In 1954, this had increased to 84 churches and $3,094.30. In 1955, 156 churches gave more than $7,000 to support the Society program.

July 1, 1955, a two-year campaign was launched for $50,000 to purchase equipment and furnishings for the new Society building when completed. Initially directed to the ministry and professional leadership of the brotherhood, more than $4,500 has now been received for this Equipment Fund.

Monthly publication of The Harbinger and Discipliana continued in 1955, with the inclusion of more historical feature material in each issue. FOOTNOTES TO DISCIPLE HISTORY, Numbers 1, 2 and 3, were reprinted to supply the increasing demand for these booklets on Disciple personalities and events. Sale of the Society-published book by Dr. William Garrett West, BARTON WARREN STONE: Early American Advocate of Christian Unity, continued strong, as reviewers hailed this long overdue analysis of the contribution to ecumenical thought of one of our Disciple pioneers.

Calls for Society services increased in 1955. Not only requests for information and help for local churches preparing historical sketches, research students needing guidance, and others using the vast resources of the Society collection; but calls for staff personnel to participate in state convention programs, ministers institutes, conferences and other brotherhood gatherings.

Thus 1955 stands as the most significant year in the development of our Society. 1956 promises to bring even greater advancements for the Society program.
RESEARCH SERVICES

Individual research questions answered .............................................. 175
Thesis counselling ............................................................................... 16
Assistance to authors ........................................................................... 15
Loans of Materials:
  To individuals .................................................................................. 72
  To churches ....................................................................................... 26
  To libraries ......................................................................................... 12

Gifts and exchanges of materials .......................................................... 25
Microfilms, photostats, and photographs furnished .............................. 15

At the end of the year there was a backlog of 23 requests for information unanswered.

LIBRARY RECEIPTS

During the year 564 receipts were issued to more than 500 individuals, churches and organizations for over 12,000 pieces of material. This material came from 37 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii Territory, and 8 foreign countries.

Not included in the above figures are the more than 600 periodicals regularly received from local churches, and over 200 periodicals of regional or national scope.

Much of this material cannot be processed or cataloged until the library is moved into the new building in 1957 and additional staff is available.

PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Statistics indicative of the scope of personal contact involved in the Society's public relations program in 1955:

| States visited | 17 |
| Miles traveled | 32,700 |
| Local churches visited | 53 |
| Brotherhood meetings attended | 41 |
| State conventions | 6 |
| National conventions | 1 |
| District conventions | 1 |
| Ministers' institutes | 3 |
| Summer conferences | 2 (weeks) |
| Committee meetings | 28 |
| Addresses delivered | 81 |
| Sermons | 59 |
| Promotional speeches | 21 |
| Civic club addresses | 1 |

In addition, thousands of pieces of promotional material concerning the Society were prepared and mailed to ministers, individuals and local churches during 1955. Other promotional and educational materials were distributed at conventions, institutes, conferences and local church gatherings.

1956 Dues

Now Payable

Annual Membership Dues ................................................................. $2.00
Subscribing Membership Dues ......................................................... 5.00
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**TOTALS** 136 51 23 62 **$7,106.25**

**GENERAL FUND**

**Balance, January 1, 1955**  
$1,464.13

**Receipts:**

- **Memberships:**
  - Individual:
    - Annual: $1,148.00
    - Subscribing: 385.00
    - Participating: 25.00
    - Sustaining: 300.00
    - Life: 240.00
  - Congregational:
    - Regular: 2,460.00
    - Sustaining: 2,400.00
    - Patron: 1,000.00
  - Contributions: 1,106.25
  - Nashvile Committee: 7,183.34
  - Sales of Publications: 6.75
  - Sales of Duplicates: 359.16
  - Sales of Stone Book: 861.35
  - Receipts from President’s Dinner: 373.06
  - Transfer from Building Fund (dividends): 884.00
  - Bank loan: 1,975.00
  - Miscellaneous: 3.40

**Grand Total**  
24,457.22

**Total Disbursements:**

- Salaries (Less withholding for income tax, pensions and Soc. Sec.): $12,470.47
- Pension Fund: 1,334.75
- Withholding Tax and Social Sec.: 2,204.50
- Harbinger: 2,603.85
- Footnotes: 133.20
- Stone Book: 1,054.93
- Executive Director Travel: 1,580.95
- Curator Travel: 32.03
- Executive Committee Expense: 524.37
- Telephone Service: 328.09
- Postage and Express: 568.69
- Supplies: 398.62
- Equipment: 36.38
- Books: 37.90
- Microfilms, photocopies, etc.: 39.69
- Promotional materials: 382.79
- Payment on note, interest: 571.64
- President’s Dinner: 556.52
- Bonds and insurance: 56.75
- Legal service: 259.75
- Miscellaneous: 46.81

**Grand Total**  
$25,222.48

**Balance, December 31, 1955**  
$698.87

**Unpaid bills amounted to**  
$1,711.55
PHILLIPS MEMORIAL CORNERSTONE LAID

Brotherhood leaders and officials of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society participated Wednesday, April 25, 1956, in cornerstone-laying services for the Memorial to Thomas W. Phillips (1835-1912).

Several hundred persons, including representatives of brotherhood agencies and of educational institutions in Nashville's University Center, attended the program at 1101 Nineteenth Avenue, South, site of the new Society headquarters building now under construction. The $900,000 building is being erected with funds provided by the Phillips family of Pennsylvania as a memorial to Thomas W. Phillips, a leading Disciple author and churchman.

The Society program was presented as a part of the 1956 Tennessee State Convention of Christian Churches, which met April 24-26 at Woodmont Christian Church in Nashville.

The Chairman's Address

Principal address at the cornerstone-laying ceremony was delivered by Dr. William G. West, minister, First Christian Church, Chattanooga, and chairman of the Society board of directors. Dr. West called attention to the facilities for research study and the preservation of historical materials to be provided in the Memorial building.

"The gift of this magnificent building by the Phillips family is unparalleled in American Church history. No other denomination will have an historical building comparable to the one whose cornerstone we lay today. We, and generations of Disciples yet to come, cannot express in any adequate way our appreciation to the Phillips family for their generosity, their vision, and their devotion to our historic past and our growing future," Dr. West said.

Dr. West called the event "history-making," in that it marked an acknowledgment that the past heritage of the Disciples of Christ is worth preserving. "In a real sense, this building will become our national shrine. Here the sainted Thomas Campbell; here his vigorous and scholarly son, Alexander; here the fiery Walter Scott; and here the ecumenically-minded Stone, along with a host of second generation Disciples, though dead, will speak to us through their writings, through the researches of scholars, and memories stirred by collections in our museums.

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A BELATED EXPLANATION

Readers of THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA may speculate that the March issue of this publication was suspended, and this April number noticeably late, because of the state of Society finances.

Such speculation is well founded and deserves comment, but this is not the entire answer. True, receipts from Society members—individual and local churches—in recent months have been at a disappointing level. This is perhaps due to a mistaken belief that the Society's financial problems were eliminated with the announcement of the commitment by the Phillips family to underwrite the building costs for the new Society home.

The Society operating budget is supported from no other source than membership dues and contributions from individuals, local churches and organizations. Building funds cannot be diverted to sustain this operating budget. We must substantially increase receipts from our members, especially from local churches, if we are to continue an adequate operation. During recent months, it has become necessary to borrow money for operating expenses. This cannot continue. Your church can, and should, assist the Society in this time of need.

With this situation in mind, it is easy to understand why we suspended the March number of this periodical in favor of economy of operation, and of waiting to bring to our members the news of the laying of the cornerstone for the Memorial building.

Another reason may be given for this change in publication schedule.

In early March, Mr. Spencer, the able and dedicated Society curator and editor of this journal, became ill with a serious bronchial infection and was confined to his home for over two weeks. His condition was diagnosed as resulting partly from high blood pressure. He is now back in the office daily, on a limited schedule. He is rapidly regaining strength under strict orders not to overwork and to observe an adequate rest schedule.

The friends of the Society should know of this situation at the Society, not only in order that they may remember Mr. Spencer in their prayers, but also that they may consider the factors which brought about this condition.

For several years, indeed, since he first gave leadership to an effort to create an Historical Society for the brotherhood Mr. Spencer has assumed tremendous loads of responsibility. He has worked long hours to make this dream come true. He has given tirelessly of his time and energies.

With the work load has also gone the vastly increased burden of administering the affairs of an organization struggling for its very existence. Few people know the story of the strenuous efforts of Mr. Spencer and a handful of other dedicated individuals to bring the Historical Society into its own as a recognized brotherhood service agency. Those who do know this story can testify that the progress we have made could not have been realized without Mr. Spencer's devoted service in an underpaid and overworked position.

May your prayers for Mr. Spencer's rapid recovery be also prayers for the continuing success of this Society, to which he has literally given his full energies for so many years.

Jim McKinney
Cornerstone . . .  
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Our Christian Heritage

"History reaches into the past to gain inspiration and guidance for the present and the future. We, as Disciples, are encompassed about with a great cloud of witnesses—men who protested against doctrines which had been pushed to the extreme and who witnessed for Christian unity back in the days before the ground was ready for the seed of ecumenicity.

"We are creatures of our Christian heritage. Without history, we would divorce ourselves from the very fountain and source of our faith," he said.

Society officials Claude E. Spencer, Charles E. Crouch and Forrest F. Reed prepare to place mortar sealing the cornerstone of the Phillips Memorial building of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society during services at the building site Wednesday, April 25.

Dr. West pointed out the diversity of services to be rendered by the Historical Society when housed in the new Memorial building. He appealed for individuals and churches to give increased support to underwrite the operating budget of the Society. "We must keep faith," he said, "with those who thus far have done so much in helping us."

Articles Placed

Claude E. Spencer, Society curator, introduced representatives of brotherhood interests and educational institutions who placed articles in the cornerstone box. A number of documents and volumes, in original form or on microfilm, were placed in the box by the Society, including past issues of THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA, informational tracts, W. E. Garrison's *An American Religious Movement*, T. W. Phillips' *The Church of Christ By A Layman*, a RSV New Testament, and Thomas Campbell's *Declaration and Address*.

Herman A. Norton, dean of the Disciples Divinity House of Vanderbilt University, placed in the cornerstone box a book describing the work of the brotherhood Board of Higher Education and its member institutions, and pointed out the close tie which exists between these institutions and the Society in the constant search for truth in studying the past record of brotherhood life.

Dedication to Unity

Dr. John Keith Benton, dean of the School of Religion, Vanderbilt, placed a catalogue of the university in the box. He expressed the admiration of the Nashville educational community for the work being done by the Society, and appreciation to the donors of the building. Location of the Society in Nashville, he said, "is a magnificent reminder that culture and civilization cannot be understood apart from the history of the Christian church and of every vital movement within it."

"This is not only a University Center," Dr. Benton said, "but a Religious Center. Nothing could be more significant or appropriate than to have at the heart of this Religious Center this beautiful building, standing as a permanent symbol of the essential spirit of the Disciples Brotherhood—the dedication to Christian unity—and as a summons to ecumenical fellowship, including all Christian people."

Dr. A. Dale Fiers, president of the United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis, guest speaker at the Tennessee State Convention, placed in the cornerstone box a microfilmed copy of a summary report covering activities at home and abroad by the brotherhood board of missions and Christian education. Representing the agency which is in the line of succession from the oldest organization in brotherhood life, the American Christian Missionary Society, founded in

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1849, Dr. Fiers spoke of the need for preserving our heritage. He expressed the congratulations of the United Society on the progress made in recent years by the Historical Society in this area of vital brotherhood service.

**Brotherhood Concern**

Dr. Gaines M. Cook, executive secretary of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, Indianapolis, placed a microfilmed copy of the 1955 *Year Book* of Disciples of Christ in the cornerstone box. He referred to 1955, mid-point in the brotherhood long range program, as a time reflecting the growth of the Disciples in all phases of work. "Future generations may well mark this year as a milestone toward our maturity as a people," he said.

"In behalf of our brotherhood, I extend congratulations to the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. You have ventured in faith to preserve our heritage in days when faith and a few interested friends were all you had. Now, this building, for which we are all grateful to the Phillips family, marks your establishment in a home of your own. But more than that, it marks your transition from the concern of a few individuals to a brotherhood concern. It means, further, that the Disciples of Christ are now to have a building worthy of our cause, symbolizing our extraordinary place in the religious life of this nation.

"This means not fulfillment, but beginning—for we are a young people. It recognizes the permanence of a message which reflects a strong and growing place in the Church of Christ," Dr. Cook said.

**Officers Seal Cornerstone**

Society officers, led by Mr. Spencer and Dr. West, participated in sealing the cornerstone. Dr. Charles E. Crouch, Nashville, chairman of the Society building committee, and Forrest F. Reed, Nashville, vice-chairman of the board of directors, officially placed the mortar and declared the cornerstone to be well and truly laid.

Other members of the Society executive committee—Miss Eva Jean Wrather, Nashville, J. Edward Moseley, DCHS secretary, Indianapolis, James E. McKinney, DCHS executive director, and Dr. J. Philip Hyatt, Nashville, took part in the cornerstone-laying ceremony, along with the ministers of two Nashville churches, Dr. F. F. Drowota, Woodmont, and Dr. A. W. Braden, Vine Street. Dan C. Kenner, Memphis, president of the 1956 Tennessee convention and member of the Society executive committee, presided. Richard L. Person, Memphis, was the song director.

**Directors Attend Service**

Other Society directors attending the event included Dr. Henry E. Webb, Erwin, Tennessee, Chester P. Hensley, Missouri, Miss Mayble Epp, Indianapolis, William C. Wilson, Nashville, and Hugh M. Riley, Dallas.

Following the cornerstone-laying program, those attending were conducted on a tour of educational institutions in the University center area, including the new office building for the Tennessee Christian Missionary Society and the Disciples Divinity House, concluding with a worship service at the Upper Room Chapel, one block from the site of the new Historical Society building.

The Memorial building, which will be completed in early summer, 1957, represents the most extensive facility ever erected to house the historical collection of a religious body.
Jim's Journeys...

Rapid review of several unusual weeks, from here to there, mostly there. Beginning Sunday, January 22—TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, for delightful visit with the Bob Glens, First Christian Church; some speech-making, then...

Monday thru Wednesday, January 23-25—HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI, for hospitality, Southern style, at Alabama-Mississippi Ministers' Institute. More speech-making. Remainder of January and early February—The minutia of a promotional office, involved details that appear to be highly important at the moment; and, looking back, one wonders what the rush and shouting was all about. What did it accomplish? Receipts are still not up to expenditures.

Wednesday, February 8—Off to Texas.

Thursday, Friday and a little bit of Saturday, February 9, 10, 11—DALLAS, FORT WORTH and vicinity for local church visits, speech to nice folks at Oak Cliff Christian Church, hosted by Hugh Riley. Sightseeing and coffee breaks at T.C.U., conversations with Deans Colby Hall, A. T. DeGroot, Noel Keith, tachos with the Bob Funks and friends from the hinterlands en route back from Brownwood. Altogether, a most enjoyable period.

Saturday, February 11—Across what seemed to be most of the United States.

Sunday, February 12, thru Monday, February 20—I need several pages to do justice to this little jaunt. Southern California: land of sunshine, and, during my visit, the coldest weather enjoyed locally in four years. My most significant achievement: remaining intact in LOS ANGELES traffic. Seriously, (I don't know why I say "seriously"; if you don't realize that some of this column is written in a rather light vein, then it's all a waste of time), thanks are due to a lot of nice people for making this first visit to "the Southland" a memorable experience. For example, Mr. Walter Woods, history committee chairman, Wilshire Church; Dr. Hoke Dickinson, minister at Wilshire; Dr. Cleveland Kleihauer, DCHS director on the West Coast; many others. Trip affords opportunity to talk Society affairs at Wilshire fellowship dinner, to visit Chapman College at ORANGE, Pacific Bible Seminary at LONG BEACH, George Pepperdine College in L. A., Robert Campbell and Louis Cochran at SANTA MONICA, granddaughters of A. Campbell in L. A., and to sit in on Southern California ministers meeting. Plus chance to see local churches expanding and building to meet rapid growth of an amazing metropolis. It would be a pleasure to make this trip again.

Tuesday, February 21—DENVER, for visit with Kelly O'Neall.

Wednesday, February 22—Back to NASHVILLE, via KANSAS CITY and ST. LOUIS. Catching up on correspondence, until...

Tuesday, March 6—Off to INDIANAPOLIS for agency affairs. Via truck transportation to facilitate pickup of A. McLean desk, Pension Fund archival materials, and, incidentally, to appear before Commission on Budgets and Promotional Relationships, re Society building program and equipment fund campaign.

Thursday, March 8, thru Thursday, March 15—Touring the country, in snow, sleet, rain. Stops at RICHMOND, INDIANA, SPRINGFIELD and COLUMBUS, OHIO. Chat with Society director Dr. P. H. Welshimer, CANTON, OHIO; lodging courtesy the Beryl Kinsers, YOUNGSTOWN; conversation with Tom Pletcher, NEW CASTLE, PENNSYLVANIA; and weekend visit with the Phillips family, BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA. On thru PITTSBURGH for talk with architects; detour by way of Bethany College; then preacher visits in PARKERS-

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Collector's Corner...

Curator Claude E. Spencer comments each month on new and unusual materials recently discovered and acquired by the Society. Bits of Disciple-lore about events, places, and people as gleaned from library holdings will be brought to the reader's attention. Library and archival wants will be discussed.

In the last Collector's Corner appeared the first of a series of comments concerning the type of general reference books (in addition to Disciple items) needed to build an adequate research library for the Phillips Memorial Building. Due to lack of space, two paragraphs had to be omitted. Here they are:

For background and comparative study, the histories and doctrines of other religious groups in the United States ought to be available. Because the Disciples' main plea has been for unity, emphasis must be made in building a great collection of materials in this area, including the publications and reports of the various organizations whose purpose is the unification of the church.

And finally, there will be needed books concerning the foreign countries in which the Disciples have mission churches, since the history of individuals and groups cannot be properly studied and evaluated without a knowledge of the setting in which the group is located.

Bibliographical Tools

Catalogers and reference assistants in a historical research library cannot do efficient work without certain bibliographical tools. These are basic for our library:


Roorbach, O. A. Bibliotheca Americana, 1820-1861. 4 vols.


The Library of Congress Subject Catalog. 1950-1955. 6 vols., with continuing annual subscription.

The U. S. Catalog: Books in Print, 1899, 1902, 1912, and 1928 with supplements including annual subscription to the Cumulative Book Index.


American Imprints Inventory. The following are needed: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Chicago-Cinti-ire, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. We now have Kentucky (3), Missouri, Ohio, and Tennessee (2).


Poole's Index to Periodical Literature, 1802-1906. 7 vols.


International Index to Periodicals, 1907-1955. 13 vols., with continuing annual subscription.

Union List of Serials, 2d. ed. 1943, with supplements.
For the past few months we have had to omit this section from *The Harbinger* for lack of space. The gifts of materials from individuals, churches, and organizations have not diminished, even though we have been unable to list the givers. Some outstanding items have been received during this period, a few of which are noted below.

**A. Campbell's Paper Knife**

A unique museum piece has been secured from the Pension Fund in the form of a silver-mounted mother-of-pearl letter-opener inscribed "A. Campbell, June 1847." Officials of the Pension Fund could not trace the story of the memento. Several questions need to be answered: Where and how did Mr. Campbell get this useful item? [He was in England in June, 1847.] Did he purchase it, or was it presented to him? Where was it from the time of his death until it got to the Pension Fund office? How did it get to that place? Perhaps some of our readers can help us find the answers.

**Noblesville, Indiana, Records**

Recently received are several original record books of the First Christian Church of Noblesville, Indiana. Included was one containing:


2. "Sketch of the Origin of the Church of Christ in Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana."

3. "Record of the Acts of the Church of Christ in Noblesville, Ind." 1834. [The record is continued until December 26, 1852, and includes membership lists.]

The last entry in Part 1 is as follows:

"August the 15, 1835. Church met for business after due consideration it was agreed as we was destitute of ministrial help and but few in number that we would visit the reformed church at Noblesville at there next meeting and examine there rules and if we concieved them in gospel order that we would unite with them.

"On said examination we found the said rules such as we can get along with and it is therefore agreed that we unite with the said reformed church at Noblesville and that our brother Isaac Hurlock be orthurized to give letters or settle any business that may be necessary with the absent brethren that may not acceed to these masures."

On Saturday, October 31, 1835, the Church of Christ [Reformers] voted "That our Records be transcribed into the record book formerly used by the Baptist Church."

**Kentucky Christians**

The late Claude E. Cummins, just before his move to Florida, sent a bound file of *The Kentucky Christian*, November, 1927, to April, 1936. Included were three issues of *Christian Youth*, 1933-1934.

**Missouri Message.**

C. C. Garrigues, Kansas City, Missouri, recently sent a complete file of *The Missouri Message*, March 1926 July 1930.

**Gospel Advocate**

E. L. Jorgenson, Louisville, Kentucky, brought us bound volumes of the *Gospel Advocate* for 1886, 1916-1922.

**Jim's Journeys . . .**

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BURG, CHARLESTON and BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA. More visits in LYNCHBURG, ROANOKE, RALFORD, PULASKI and BRISTOL, VIRGINIA; KNOXVILLE and other points in East Tennessee; and home, wiser and wearier.

Next two weeks—Nothing much doing, except routine at NASHVILLE office; with exception of Sunday, March 18, visit to DAYSVILLE, KENTUCKY, and assist in Charter Day at new DONELSON Christian Church, March 25.

Sunday, April 1—Supply preacher-less church at LA CENTER, KENTUCKY.

Tuesday, Wednesday, April 3, 4—Participating in Middlers Conference, INDIANAPOLIS; and conversations re joint handling of 1958-59 Year of Emphasis by DCHS, Coun-
Dr. William G. West, Chattanooga, chairman of the board of directors of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, speaks to crowd assembled for cornerstone laying services at Phillips Memorial Building, Wednesday, April 25. Shown in background across Nineteenth Avenue from site of the new Society building are the tower and chapel of Scarritt College.

Jim’s Journeys . . .

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cil on Christian Unity and Commission on Promotion of Christian Literature. Back to NASHVILLE in time to pack another bag. Thursday, April 5, thru Wednesday, April 11—Texas State Convention, SAN ANTONIO, With interesting sidelights en route; more preacher visits and conversations with potential DCHS members.

Sunday, April 15—Supplying again, LA CENTER, KENTUCKY.

Monday, Tuesday, April 16, 17—WEST POINT, GEORGIA, for fellowship dinner speech and more talk intended to bolster sagging DCHS budget. Thanks to Hayes Webster and Mrs. W. for delightful visit in the Valley area.

Remainder of the week—Pulling strings together for Memorial building cornerstone-laying program during Tennessee State Convention, April 25. See pictures and story.

J. McK.
EDUCATORS RECEIVE DCHS CITATIONS

Robinson, Watters, Honored At Butler Alumni Dinner

Dr. William Robinson and Dr. A. C. Watters, retiring professors of Theology and Missions, respectively, at the School of Religion, Butler University, Indianapolis, were honored Tuesday, June 5, 1956, with Historical Society citations for distinguished service.

The citations and Honorary Life Memberships in the Society were presented by Miss Eva Jean Wrather, Nashville writer-historian and member of the Society executive committee, at the Annual School of Religion Alumni Dinner, held at the University Park Christian Church in Indianapolis.

Dr. William Robinson has been head of the Department of Christian Doctrine and Theology at the School of Religion since 1951. He was principal of Overdale College for twenty-seven years, for seventeen years was professor of Christian Doctrine at Selly Oak Colleges, and served as lecturer in Theology in Birmingham University for seven years. Dr. Robinson has long been recognized as one of the leading theologians of Great Britain and the Continent. He was editor of *The Christian Advocate* for eleven years. He has been a regular contributor to many other theological journals and is the author of a number of books and mono-

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graphs, including The Biblical Doctrine of the Church; Whither Theology; The Shattered Cross; The Devil and God; Essays on Christian Unity; and others.

Dr. Robinson is retiring from the School of Religion faculty to return to his native Britain, where he is expected to remain active as a writer and lecturer in the theological field.

Dr. A. C. Watters is also retiring as head of the department of Missions at the School of Religion, which position he has held since 1948, to return to his native Scotland for a brief visit before assuming the pastorate of an English-speaking church in Rhodesia later this year.

Dr. Watters served as a missionary in India for thirteen years, during which time he and Mrs. Watters were recognized by the British government for outstanding service. Dr. Watters has been active also in education in Scotland, having held many responsible positions with the Churches of Christ in Great Britain, including chairmanship of the Foreign Missionary Committee, editor of the Mission Quarterly, and member of the Home Missions Committee, the Historical Committee, and the Hymn Book Committee. He was the first general secretary of the British churches in 1937, and was a representative to the World Conference on Faith and Order in Edinburgh. He is the author of the book, History of British Churches of Christ, published in 1947.

In presenting the citations to the two outstanding Disciple educators, Miss Wrather called attention to the close tie which has existed between the English-speaking peoples in their historic efforts to evolve a free society. She drew an analogy between the philosophy of history held by Sir Winston Churchill and that of Alexander Campbell as strong exponents of the theory that history is made by the appearance of commanding figures who lend their genius to the molding of a more noble human society.

Miss Wrather defined one of the functions of the Historical Society as that of studying such great men of history in order to make history a living force in the present. She noted that the Society has occasionally granted citations of merit to those scholars whose insight and initiative have enlightened and challenged the thinking of the present day constituency of Disciples of Christ.

Recipients of Society distinguished service citations in past years have included Dr. W. E. Garrison, Dr. Edward Scribner Ames, and Dr. Colby D. Hall.

Other speakers at the School of Religion Alumni Dinner included Dr. Jesse M. Bader, New York, and Dr. Harlie L. Smith, Indianapolis. Dr. Howard Anderson, Bloomington, Indiana, served as toastmaster.

Architects Visit

Mr. R. L. Hoffman and Mr. C. A. Gaus, officials of the Pittsburgh firm of Hoffman and Crampton, architects of the Phillips Memorial building, were visitors in Nashville early in June for conferences with Hart, Freeland and Roberts, associate architects, and others, in regard to progress of construction on the new Society building.
SPENCER RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Claude E. Spencer, curator of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, by Atlantic Christian College, Sunday, June 3, 1956.

President Travis A. White conferred the LL.D. degree upon Mr. Spencer during the Fifty-Fourth Annual Commencement exercises at the College. Other recipients of honorary degrees were T. Hassell Bowen, Professor of Theology, The College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky; Samuel F. Freeman, Jr., Minister First Christian Church, Winchester, Kentucky; and Harriet Susan Parrott, North Carolina educator. Miss Parrott was the first woman so honored by Atlantic Christian.

Dr. James M. Moudy, Dean of Instruction at the College, read the citation for Mr. Spencer, accompanying the degree. The citation lauded Mr. Spencer "for his patient initiative in fostering the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, for his tireless efforts in preserving and in sharing with others the materials of our heritage, for his ability to command the confidence of persons of differing viewpoints, for his zeal in stimulating in new generations an appreciation of the past, and for his lifetime of scholarly historical attainments."

Seventy-eight Atlantic Christian students were awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts during the Commencement Program. Dr. Bowen delivered the principal address. Dr. Freeman was the baccalaureate speaker at earlier services.

Other activities during the Atlantic Christian commencement program included the dedication of the new Science Building, participated in by brotherhood figures and leading educators from institutions in the southeastern states. Dr. Chiles E. Sparks, director, Polyester Fiber Research Division, E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Wilmington, Delaware, delivered the dedicatory address.

Third Annual President's Dinner

Plans are being made for the Society's 1956 annual President's Dinner, to be held in Des Moines at the time of the forthcoming International Convention Assembly. The Dinner, honoring Dr. Stephen J. England, current president of the Society, is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2, 1956, 5:30 p.m., at Younker's Tea Room.

Arrangements for the President's Dinner, and for a meeting of the Society board of directors on Saturday, September 29, are being made through Bob Lewis of the International Convention office. It is hoped that holding the Dinner at the International Convention Assembly will provide an opportunity for several hundred persons from throughout the brotherhood to join in the Society's annual event.

Previous Dinners have been held in Nashville on December 4, 1953, and November 29, 1955, honoring Dr. W. E. Garrison and Dr. Colby D. Hall, respectively.

Indexing Conference

A progress conference on the indexing project for The Christian-Evangelist was held May 23 at Society headquarters. Present were officials of the Society and of the Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis, which is providing a subsidy to underwrite the costs of microfilming and indexing the files of over 92 years' publication of the brotherhood periodical. The project is being supervised by the Society and is expected to take three years to complete.

Attending the conference were: Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, president, Christian Board of Publication; Dr. Lin D. Cartwright, editor, The Christian-Evangelist; Roscoe M. Pierson, librarian, The College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky; Dr. Edward A. Henry, cataloger, Joint Universities Library, Nashville; Miss Eva Jean Wrather, writer-historian, Nashville; Mrs. Paul C. Mills, project indexer; and Claude E. Spencer, DCHS curator.
Jim’s Journeys ...

In this column the Executive Director, James E. McKinney, gives each month his travel observations. Here are his day-by-day experiences as he goes about his business of interpreting the work of the Society to individuals, churches, organizations and institutions.

Sunday, April 22—Supplying Eastwood Christian Church, NASHVILLE, for friend John Hibbard, on Edinburgh study jaunt.

Monday, April 23—Regular session DCHS executive committee, NASHVILLE.

Tuesday thru Thursday, April 24-26—Tennessee State Convention, Woodmont Church, NASHVILLE, highlighted by laying of cornerstone for Phillips Memorial building, large delegation of Disciples from Tennessee churches attended. Pleasure to have such fine folk as Dr. Gaines Cook, Dr. Dale Fiers, Hugh Riley, Bob Lewis, Glenn Lacy, many others, on hand for significant occasion marking construction progress on new Society headquarters. Thanks for coming.

Sunday, April 29—Supplying preacherless church, LA CENTER, KENTUCKY.

Monday, Tuesday, April 30, May 1—Discussions looking toward bringing DCHS closer into effective mainstream of brotherhood life. Visits with Spencer Austin, on tour of Disciple work in NASHVILLE.

Tuesday thru Friday, May 8-11—LOUISVILLE for North American Christian Convention. DCHS director Henry Webb, Erwin, Tennessee, other outstanding speakers, lend fine tone to preaching convention attended by several thousand Christian church members. Opportunity to emphasize extent of Society services to total brotherhood.

Saturday, May 12—NASHVILLE for purposes of clearing the desk, forwarding letters to preachers requesting consideration of much-needed church support for DCHS operating budget.

Sunday, May 13—Another pleasant visit with nice folk at LA CENTER, KENTUCKY; then back to NASHVILLE in time to catch plane for PITTSBURGH.

Monday, May 14—PITTSBURGH for talks with architects; on to SHARON, PENNSYLVANIA, for state convention.

Tuesday thru Thursday, May 15-17—Franklin Payne and Company put on inspiring, well-attended program for Pennsylvania Disciples’ conclave at new Central Christian Church, SHARON, PENNSYLVANIA. Another opportunity to spread word on DCHS services and progress. Following convention, pleasant visit with members of the Phillips family, DCHS benefactors and donors of new Society building, at BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA.

Friday, May 18—Conferences with PITTSBURGH architects and sculptor re Phillips Memorial building and Disciples pioneers obelisk.

Saturday, May 19—Catching up with correspondence, NASHVILLE.

Sunday, May 20—LA CENTER, KENTUCKY, for morning preaching, then back to NASHVILLE for several days’ effort planning DCHS promotional program designed to alleviate financial pinch.

Thursday, Friday, May 24-25—INDIANAPOLIS for session Administrative Committee, International Convention Public Relations Department. Significant progress made in outlining ways and means of achieving favorable public notice of message and work of Disciples of Christ.

Saturday, May 26—NASHVILLE, and more desk work.

Sunday, Monday, May 27-28—ST. LOUIS for all-agency conferences re future brotherhood plans for taking advantage of radio-televisio as mass communications media to tell story of the brotherhood, especially as related to Disciples’ share in program of the Broadcasting and Film Commission, National Council of Churches. Another example of continuing effort to express ourselves as a mature, responsible people.

Tuesday, May 29—NASHVILLE. More routine, including packing and picking up a couple of clean shirts.
Wednesday, May 30—Off for BIRMINGHAM and points south, to interpret DCHS to anyone willing to listen. Just when the fish are biting in Tennessee, so I am informed. Perhaps I can personally investigate, someday.

Jim McKinney

Pageants Needed
Society Director Hugh M. Riley, minister, Oak Cliff Christian Church, Dallas, Texas, has launched his newly-formed History-Public Relations Committee, chaired by Mrs. W. E. Clinton, on an ambitious project. Sunday, October 14, 1956, has been set as a "Day of Memory" in observance of the 67th anniversary of Oak Cliff. As a highlight of this event, Mrs. Clinton's committee is planning to present a pageant reviewing the progress of this great church.

Mr. Riley announced these plans to the Society with a request for copies of any such local church pageants produced by other congregations. It was embarrassing to report that, with all the thousands of bulletins, programs, historical sketches and like material produced by local churches for anniversary observances now on file in the Society library, we were unable to find even one pageant which could be used as a guide by Mrs. Clinton and her committee.

We need help! If your church has produced such a pageant, will you secure several copies, and mail them to the Society? We will forward the material to Mr. Riley, retaining copies for use in answering future requests.

Patron Membership
Patron Membership dues for 1956 in the amount of $1,000 have been received from the Irwin-Sweeney-Miller Foundation, Columbus, Indiana. For the past two years, this Foundation has maintained a Contributing Membership ($500) in the Society.

The annual Foundation contribution was increased this year because of the expanding program of the Historical Society as preparations are made to occupy the new Phillips Memorial building sometime in 1957. Society officials are encouraged by such indications of interest and support; and extend appreciation to Mr. Irwin Miller and other members of the Foundation.

Anglo-Saxony . . .
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at Overdale College. I shall never forget his hospitality and his patience in advising and in answering the many queries of a young student. Through all the years since, his books and articles have been my constant counsellors: for no living man, I'm convinced, has brought richer or more penetrating vision to bear on the mind of Alexander Campbell.

Dr. Robinson, it is, therefore, with extraordinary pleasure that I bring you this citation:

"DISCIPLES OF CHRIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY to WILLIAM ROBINSON, Theologian and teacher, author, editor, and preacher . . . .

"This citation is presented in recognition of long and distinguished service to the brotherhood of Disciples of Christ in Great Britain and America and in the larger field of the ecumenical church. Through your lectures, books, and journals, you have interpreted historic Christian thought, and stimulated a new generation of Disciples to a theological re-evaluation of their historic position and plea, in the light of modern developments toward Christian unity. The fruits of your inspired leadership and of your penetrating and scholarly inquiry will be recognized in years to come as contributions of increasing significance."

Honorary Life Members
One brief word more. We give you these citations in parting; but we want you to feel that yours is a still close and continuing relationship with the Historical Society. Therefore, Dr. Robinson and Dr. Watters, we also present to you these cards which enroll you as Honorary Life Members of the Society.

We wish you a happy voyage home. And we hope that your continuing membership in the Historical Society, which these cards signify, may signify as well the ever strengthening bonds of service and work and fraternal intercourse between the Society and our churches and peoples around the world.
Collector's Corner...

Curator Claude E. Spencer comments each month on new and unusual materials recently discovered and acquired by the Society. Bits of Disciple-lore about events, places, and people as gleaned from library holdings will be brought to the reader's attention. Library and archival wants will be discussed.

In a couple of recent issues I have been trying to indicate the size of the task ahead of the Society in developing a great research center and all the general historical, religious, and bibliographical books needed. I am going to digress from this subject this month and write about more personal affairs.

March 21, 1956, will always be a day for me to remember, because that was the day that Jim McKinney took me home from the office with an infection that put me to bed for a week. The discovery was made that I had high blood pressure and was twenty-five pounds overweight. So dieting and pills were prescribed,—with lots of rest. During most of April, I worked only a few hours a day. Even with all the rest I was getting, I still had "that tired feeling." (Sounds like an ad for a patent medicine.)

Then came another day of note: On May 8, Mrs. Spencer and I were given plane tickets with a check for expenses for a Florida vacation. This was made possible by various members of the DCHS Board of Directors and friends. A week in Florida, at Jacksonville Beach, banished "that tired feeling," and I came back ready for work again.

And what a pile of work there is to do: letters and questions to answer; the receipt of materials to acknowledge; books to catalog; Harbinger copy to prepare; and scores of details to attend to. Someday, weeks from now, I may be able to work through the litter of confusion on my desk.

The trip to Florida was the nicest thing that ever happened to me. I am utterly unable to express in the appropriate words my appreciation for this unexpected gift from my friends. I hope that my work in the future will indicate my gratitude.

Special thanks are due Jim McKinney and other members of the staff for lightening my work load in all manner of ways; to the Executive Committee for its understanding of our situation; and to Dick James of the Riverside Christian Church in Jacksonville, for making the arrangements for our stay at the Beach and for most pleasant transportation while there.

I feel fine. My weight has been down to 172 pounds for two weeks, and I expect to keep it there. No more hearty meals! My blood pressure is lower. I am working a normal day; but no overtime. For those who have known me intimately over the years, most startling is the fact that I am in bed at 10:30 every night. I am a reformed man!


Although there is more doctrinal discussion than history in the series, the pamphlet is a valuable addition to Stone materials in print and is a credit to the "Reprints of Disciple Documents," of which this is Number 3, issued by The College of the Bible.

We can supply this at 50 cents per copy, postpaid. If ordered with the four FOOT NOTES which we publish, the price will be $1.40 for the five pamphlets, (Regular price, $1.60), a savings of twenty cents.
DISCIPLES, TENNESSEE AND EDUCATION

Leaders of Disciples of Christ and related religious movements in America have been instrumental in founding and maintaining educational institutions nearly from the beginnings in the early Nineteenth Century. An incomplete list of more than four hundred schools, academies, seminaries, colleges and universities has been compiled. Many less than one hundred are in existence today.

These institutions have been well distributed geographically, several states having had fifty or more such schools. Listed below are the names of nearly fifty institutions in Tennessee. Earlier names are given in parentheses following the current or last name used. Dates of starting and stopping are indicated following the location; if unknown, a question mark is used. In some cases, "circa" with date shows the date of the only reference source.

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Broadhurst Institute, Clarksville, 1876-?
Burritt College, Spencer, 1849-1939
Carter’s Creek Academy (Beech Grove), Carter’s Creek, circa 1880’s
Compton Memorial School, Del Rio, circa 1916
Correspondence Literary College, Van, circa 1900
David Lipscomb College (Nashville Bible School), Nashville, 1891-
Disciples’ Vanderbilt Foundation, Nashville, 1927-
Edgefield Male Academy, Nashville, circa 1879
Fanning Orphan School, Nashville, 1884-1943
Fanning’s Select School for Young Ladies, Nashville, circa 1855
Forrest Hill Academy, Montgomery County, circa 1880’s
Franklin College, Nashville, 1845-1866
Freed-Hardeman College (West Tennessee Christian College; Georgia Robertson Christian College; National Teachers’ Normal and Business College), Henderson, 1885-
Hope Institute (Minerva College), Nashville, 185-?-1876
Johnson Bible College (School of the Evangelists), Kimberlin Heights, 1893-
Livingston Academy, Livingston, 1909-194-?
Lynville Academy, Lynville, 1873-?
Manchester College, Manchester, circa 1878, 1906
Melrose Institute, Trenton, circa 1874
Milligan College (Buffalo Institute), 1867-
Murfreesboro Female Institute (Haynes Institute), 1870-?
Nashville Christian Institute, Nashville, 1874-
Owen Station School, Brentwood, 1878-?
Peace College, Nashville, projected 1867
Philomath Academy, Jackson County, circa 1866
Pinewood Academy, Pinewood, circa 1899
Plebeian Institute, Clarksville, 1903-
Protestant Collegiate Institute, Memphis, 1876-?
South Harpeth Academy, Bellview, 1874-
Southern Christian College, Nashville, 1896-1898
Southern Tennessee Normal College, Essary Springs, 1889-?
Stonewall College, Cross Plains, 1877-?
Sulphur Well Academy, Henry County, circa 1850
Tennessee Christian Institute, Jonesboro, circa 1915
Tennessee Manual Labor University, Nashville, circa 1868
Union Academy, Tucker’s Cross Roads, circa 1850
Waters and Walling College, McMinnville, circa 1874

Information is needed about all these educational institutions and any others that may not be listed above. Wanted are catalogs, reports, yearbooks, publications, pictures, and miscellaneous materials.
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Total pledges unpaid: $190.00
Total cash receipts: $4,610.50
Grand total: $4,800.50

*Payments on pledges

Footnote Number Five

Publication of Number Five in the Society series, FOOTNOTES TO DISCIPLE HISTORY, is expected by late summer. The new FOOTNOTE will be entitled: Alexander Campbell as Translator of the New Testament.

It will be an historical and critical analysis of the work and principles of interpretation of Campbell by Dr. C. K. Thomas of Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma. The FOOTNOTE is an abstract of Professor Thomas' dissertation for the Th.D. degree, conferred this year by Princeton Theological Seminary.

1958-59 Plans

The 1958-59 Year of Emphasis in the brotherhood Long Range program will be shared by the Historical Society, the Council on Christian Unity, and the Commission on the Promotion of Christian Literature. Materials and program plans for the Outreach emphasis for 1958-59 will be developed jointly by the Society and the Council on Christian Unity.

Preliminary plans are already underway. J. Edward Moseley, Indianapolis, secretary of the Society board of directors, has been named to work with Robert Tobias of the Council in preparing these materials. Mr. Moseley will bring a progress report to the July meeting of the Council of Agencies at Bethany, West Virginia.
WARREN TO RETIRE AS LINCOLN FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

Dr. Louis A. Warren will retire July 1 as Director of The Lincoln National Life Foundation, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He will be succeeded by Dr. R. Gerald McMurtry, former Foundation librarian, who has been serving on the faculty at Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennessee.

Dr. Warren is a member of the board of directors of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. He has headed the Foundation, which is maintained by The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, since its establishment in 1928. He has been instrumental in accumulating what is regarded as the world's most extensive collection of information and mementos pertaining to the martyred President Abraham Lincoln. Dr. Warren is to become Director Emeritus of the Foundation.

Lincoln Scholar

A noted Lincoln author and speaker before launching the Foundation, Dr. Warren has devoted full time to the study of Mr. Lincoln for more than thirty-eight years. In 1918 he became editor of the "Larue County Herald" in Hodgenville, Kentucky, the town near where Abraham Lincoln was born. Convinced that too much of the Lincoln story was based on reminiscences and too little upon authoritative records, he began a lifetime search for documentary Lincoln material.

Later moving to Elizabethtown, Kentucky, the home of Lincoln’s parents, he continued his investigations, exploring thousands of court records relating to the Lincoln family in Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. Publication of his book, Lincoln’s Parentage and Childhood, in 1926, brought him a national reputation as the foremost authority on this subject.

Author, Speaker

Dr. Warren has engaged in extensive speaking tours which have brought him personally before more than a million people in 45 different states, in addition to vast numbers of people reached through his nearly 200 radio and television appearances. He has written numerous books, pamphlets and magazine articles about Lincoln, and for more than 27 years has produced weekly editions of "Lincoln Lore," a bulletin of little-known Lincoln information sent to more than 6,000 Lincoln students and authors.

Dr. Warren’s outstanding work in the field of Lincolniana has won him many honors. He was invited by Dr. Luther H. Evans, then Librarian of Congress, to be one of 16 special guests introduced at the historic opening of the Abraham Lincoln papers in Washington, D.C., in 1947. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature from Lincoln Memorial University in 1929. Two years ago, he was awarded a citation by his alma mater, Transylvania College, Lexington, Kentucky, for notable contributions to history.

For over twenty-five years, Dr. Warren
has been listed in *Who's Who in America* and also in *Who's Who Among American Authors*. He is a member of the Society of Midland Authors; and for several years he has served as a member of the Indiana Library and Historical Commission and the Indiana War History Commission.

Dr. McMurtry, Dr. Warren's successor, also a recognized Lincoln scholar, has been largely responsible for building at Lincoln Memorial University since 1937 what is regarded as the largest collection of literature pertaining to the Civil War period to be found in any college or university in the United States. He has been editor of the "Lincoln Herald," and has written many articles for historical journals and periodicals.

**Extensive Collection**

The Lincoln National Life Foundation houses more than 190,000 different items of Lincolniana. Included are more than 14,500 books, 8,700 of which deal exclusively with Lincoln; 18,000 autograph writings; 4,290 manuscripts; more than 10,000 pictures illustrating the Lincoln story; 564 pieces of sheet music honoring Lincoln; approximately 128,000 newspaper clippings; about 6,200 magazine articles; more than 1,300 Lincoln medals and medallions; 380 curios; 139 pieces of sculpture; and 4,000 negative and microfilm records.

The Foundation files include more than 3,000 classified subjects. Over 72,000 supplementary cross-index cards permit ready access to authoritative information on virtually any question pertaining to Lincoln. The Foundation is open to the public, and its services are available to all interested persons.

**Personal Appeals**

During the past six weeks, personal letters have been sent to more than 1,000 ministers across the brotherhood requesting consideration of financial support for the Historical Society from annual church budgets. In 1955, the Society received $7,100 from 136 churches. In 1956, this must be doubled in order to continue the present Society operation.

On July 1, 1956, the Society will enter the final year of a five-year subsidy period during which $55,000 will have been provided for Society operational expenses from a fund raised by the Nashville Planning Committee, the group which was instrumental in bringing the Society to Nashville and establishing it as a full time service agency of the brotherhood. The subsidy from July 1, 1956 through June 30, 1957, will total $5,000.

**Almost $50,000 Has Been Given to the Society By This Committee Since 1952!**

When this arrangement was made by vote of the Society board of directors on November 29, 1951, it was expected that the Society would be able to secure support for a full time budget by the end of the five-year period. It was expected also that the Society would provide a permanent building to house the vast Society collection.

The second expectation has been achieved. The Society will occupy the Phillips Memorial building in 1957.

We are not so fortunate in regard to the annual operating budget of the Society. New support must be forthcoming from local churches not now contributing to the Society to keep the Society functioning as a fulltime agency. A substantial increase in local church support is necessary in order to plan for a program to take advantage of the new building: a facility being provided at no cost to the brotherhood, through the generous interest of the Phillips family.

Society operating expenses are not cared for by any general brotherhood fund-raising effort. The Society, founded by the International Convention and a reporting agency of the Convention, is not in Unified Promotion.

If your church desires to assist in the work of the Society, contributions and membership dues should be sent directly to Society headquarters.
**What's New in Our Library...**

As a service to local churches, the Society carefully preserves all local church publications. Hundreds of churches have placed the Society on their mailing lists of periodicals, bulletins, and orders of worship, thus insuring that future generations will have access to the materials so necessary in the writing of local church history.

The following publications have been added since our last report in August:

**Alabama**
- Birmingham. First Christian Church. *The First Christian Visitor*

**California**
- Lodi. First Christian Church. *Mid-Week Reminder*
- Los Angeles. Westchester Christian Church, Youth Department. *Sound-Off*
- Ontario. First Christian Church. *The Advance*
- Porterville. First Christian Church. *The Church Messenger*
- San Diego. Pacific Beach Christian Church. *The Christian Newsletter*

**Florida**
- Jacksonville. First Christian Church. *The Echo*
- Miami. First Christian Church of North Dade. *The Visitor*

**Illinois**
- Barry. First Christian Church. *The Disciple Caller*
- Bloomington. First Christian Church. *The Christian Messenger*
- Flanagan. Christian Church. Orders of worship
- Jacksonville. Central Christian Church. *The Pastoral Helper*
- Lawrenceville. First Christian Church. *The Christian Caller*
- Lewistown. Christian Church. *The Christian Caller*
- Markham. Christ Community Church. *News Sheet*
- Mount Carmel. First Christian Church. *Our Church Visitor*
- Oakwood. Christian Church. *Newsletter*

**Indiana**
- Bloomfield. First Christian Church. *The Assistant Pastor*
- Campbellsburg. Christian Church. *The Campbellsburg Christian Visitor*
- Flora. First Christian Church. *The Mid-Week Reminder*
- Greensburg. First Christian Church. *Christian Home Visitor*
- Madison. First Christian Church. *First Christian Caller*
- Marion. First Christian Church. *The Christian Beacon*
- Salem. First Christian Church. *The Christian Caller*
- Salem. First Christian Church. Orders of Worship
- Sheridan. First Christian Church. Orders of Worship

**Iowa**
- Albia. First Christian Church. *The Christian Messenger*

**Kansas**
- Beloit. First Christian Church. *Beloit Christian Outreach*
- Kansas City. Chelsea Christian Church. *Chelsea Christian Visitor*
- Kinsley. First Christian Church. *The Christian Voice*
- Osborne. Christian Church. *The Christian*
- Ottawa. First Christian Church. *The Church Caller*

**Kentucky**
- Bowling Green. First Christian Church. *The Columns*
- Lexington. Lafayette Christian Church. Orders of Worship
Louisville. Edenside Christian Church. *The Edenside Evangel*
Maysville. First Christian Church. *The Maysville Christian*
Pikeville. First Christian Church. *The Church Window*

**Louisiana**


**Michigan**

Owosso. First Church of Christ. *The Weekly Bulletin*

**Mississippi**

Meridian. First Christian Church. *Your Church Newsletter*

**Missouri**

Charleston. First Christian Church. *The Christian*
Columbia. First Christian Church. *Christian Church Visitor*
Maryville. First Christian Church. *Christian Messenger*
Sweet Springs. Christian Church. *The Open Door*
Trenton. First Christian Church. *The Christian Messenger*

**Nebraska**

Hastings. First Christian Church. *Good News*

**North Carolina**

Washington, First Christian Church. *First Christian News*

**Ohio**

Cincinnati. Oakley-Hyde Park Christian Church. *The Letterette*

**Oklahoma**

Seminole. First Christian Church. *The Seminole Christian*

**Oregon**

Portland. Parkrose Christian Church. *Parkrose Christian*

**Pennsylvania**

Lemoyne. Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ) *The Messenger*

**Tennessee**

Johnson City. First Christian Church. *Bulletin*

**Texas**

Abilene. Second Christian Church. (Mimeographed news bulletin)
Alvin. First Christian Church. *News*
Bertram. Christian Church. *The Disciple Outlook*
Clarksville. *First Christian Church News.*
Eastland. First Christian Church. *The Eastland Evangelist*
Elgin. Central Christian Church. *The Christian Visitor*
Fort Worth. Handley-Meadowbrook Christian Church. *The Christian Caller*
Galena. Parkside Christian Church. *Parkside Christian Church News*
San Marcos. First Christian Church. *Mid-Week Reminder*
Vernon. Central Christian Church. *The Family Visitor*

**Virginia**

Lynchburg. Euclid Avenue Christian Church. *The Euclid Newsletter*
Lynchburg. Euclid Avenue Christian Church. Orders of Worship
Shenandoah. First Christian Church. *Church News*

**Washington**

Bremerton. First Christian Church. *The Newsette*
Bremerton. First Christian Church. Orders of Worship
Pasco. First Christian Church. *The Christian Caller*

**West Virginia**

Huntington. Vinson Memorial Christian Church. *Weekly Bulletin*
Huntington. Central Christian Church. Orders of Worship
Martinsburg. Winchester Avenue Christian Church. *Christian News*
From Earlier Days...

Under this heading will be found interesting and unusual quotations from brotherhood periodicals, books, and pamphlets.

Preacher Pay

This letter may be as apropos today in certain localities as it was over a hundred years ago when it was printed in The Western Reformer, November, 1849:

"Bro. Franklin:
The people have been circulating a bad report about me; and I am inclined to believe that some of the churches in Eastern Indiana believe it, and behave themselves accordingly towards me—I visited a church eleven miles from this place; and from the treatment expressed, I infer she believes the report. The report has been of great disadvantage to me—indeed I suffer greatly from it in certain sections of Eastern Indiana. I wish to have it corrected through your periodical. The report is this: 'That I will not take any recompense for my labors in the gospel ministry! that I will work for nothing and find myself.' This report is false. I wish it to be distinctly understood that I expect a decent return of temporalities for my sowing of spiritual things."

Yours truly
Samuel K. Hoshour
Cambridge City, October 16, 1849

Good Advice

Seemingly there were problems in regard to church attendance in the early days, as today. The following question was asked of the editor of The Millennial Harbinger, and answered in the May, 1836, issue:

"Brother Campbell, have you anything else you can lay before the brethren that will induce them to meet and attend to the ordinances of the Lord's house every Lord's day? If you have, it will be a gratification to me as an individual to see it, and no doubt to the brethren in general."

Wm. M. Brown (writing from New Albany, Ind. April 5, 1836

"Of all sins in the long list of omissions and commissions, the foulest and the blackest is ingratitude. Now the question is, How much of this sin will be found in those who neglect the christian assemblies and forget the death of their Redeemer, while they profess to expect eternal life through his death."

Ed. M. H.

Americanism

The Christian-Evangelist for September 14, 1905, outlined E. L. Powell's address as president of the American Christian Missionary Society at the International Missionary Convention of Christian Churches in San Francisco in 1905. An apt quotation is printed below:

"Growing out of and involved in the inherent rights of man concerning which the Declaration speaks are the principles which are elemental in Americanism, viz: Liberty, authority, democracy, and union. These constitute the gospel of Americanism, and these are the principles for which the people known as Disciples of Christ, or Christians, stand in the religious world. Our movement, in its comprehensiveness, harmonizes with the sweep and majesty of this great continent."

Evangelistic Method

Alexander Campbell gave this advice to young preachers in his Millennial Harbinger, for October, 1838:

"No vinegar, less pepper, and a very little salt, brethren in your evangelical labors. Persuasion, and a persuasive, feeling, grave, sincere, and affectionate manner, believe me, my young preaching brethren, is worth all the smart sayings, tart sayings, witty sayings, learned sayings, and dialectics which you can crowd into a two hours speech. . . . In South America and in Mexico wild horses, difficult to be caught, are shot through the mane in some ingenious way: after which, it is said, they are easily bridled. A few years since, some good evangelists seemed to think that the same theory might be applied to sinners, and that the best way to convert them was to shoot them down by hard sayings, and then persuade them. That day is now past, or fast passing away."
PRESIDENT'S DINNER OCTOBER 2

England Address to Highlight Program

The third annual President's Dinner, sponsored by Disciples of Christ Historical Society, will be held at Younkers Tea Room in Des Moines, Tuesday, October 2, 1956, at 5:30 p.m. The dinner, which 300 persons are expected to attend, will honor Dr. Stephen J. England of Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma, current president of the Society.

The dinner program will feature an address by Dr. England on the subject, "Shadows of Things to Come." The annual meeting of the Society membership will follow the Dinner.

Reservations are now being accepted at Society headquarters, at $2.00 per ticket.

Dean England

Dr. England, a member of the Phillips University faculty since 1924, has been Dean of the College of the Bible and Professor of Church History and New Testament since 1942. He received his B.A., M.A., and B.D. degrees from Phillips University in 1924, 1925 and 1926, respectively; his Masters degree in Theology from Princeton

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VANDERBILT TO OFFER

Vanderbilt University will begin to offer a program of studies leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Historical Studies, in the fall term of 1956, Dr. Philip Hyatt, head of the department of Religion in the Graduate School, has announced.

The work for this degree will be offered with the cooperation of the departments of Religion and History. Historical Studies constitutes one of the Fields of the department of Religion, the other two Fields being Biblical Studies and Theological Studies, in which the Ph.D. has been given for several years.

Students will be accepted for this degree who have the B.D. from an accredited seminary, or the M.A. in Church History or History. The principal instructors in the field in the department of Religion will be Dr. Bard Thompson, associate professor of Church History, Dr. Langdon Gilkey, professor of Theology, and Professor Herman Norton, associate professor of Church History and Dean of the Disciples Divinity House.

Some of the doctoral dissertations in this new program will be written on aspects of the history of the Disciples of Christ and related movements. The resources of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, situated in immediate proximity to Vanderbilt, will be of tremendous value for carrying out this program of studies, Hyatt said. Three students in the new program have been accepted for the academic year of 1956-57. One of them is William Orville Baker, Jr., Disciple student who holds the M.A. from George Pepperdine College and the B.D. from Phillips University.

CHESTER P. HENSLEY

Chester P. Hensley, member of the Society's board of directors since 1946, and pastor of the Louisiana, Missouri, First Christian Church, died July 1, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

The accident occurred June 30, while he was driving a group of boys from Louisiana to St. Louis for a ball game. Mr. Hensley was one of several business and professional men who had volunteered their services and the use of their cars in providing transportation to enable the boys to take advantage of free tickets provided by the St. Louis Cardinals management.

Two of the five boys in the car were reported in serious condition following the collision with a truck on Highway 79, North of Elsberry, Missouri.

A native of Illinois, Mr. Hensley was educated at Culver-Stockton College. He had been a pastor of several Missouri and Iowa churches before he became executive secretary of the Illinois Christian Missionary Society, 1947-1954. He was a leader in brotherhood and ecumenical affairs.

Mr. Hensley was a founding member of the Society, and served as vice-president 1950-1953. The first contribution to the Society from a local church came from The First Christian Church, Fort Madison, Iowa, while he was pastor there.
INDEX TO THE DISCIPLES

In a basement room at the Joint University Library building in Nashville, Tennessee, an attractive young woman is busy these days poring over dusty pages of old magazines and making notations on slips of paper.

Mrs. Agnes Mills

She is Mrs. Agnes Mills, a graduate librarian, now employed by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society under a subsidy arrangement with the Christian Board of Publication to index the files of *The Christian-Evangelist*, the oldest continuously published journal among Disciples of Christ and related groups.

Research Tool

The work in which Mrs. Mills is engaged will have profound significance for future research activity by those interested in the history of the Restoration Movement and the groups which developed under the leadership of the Nineteenth Century reformers.

Dr. Claude E. Spencer, Historical Society curator, who is supervising the indexing project, has stated that completion of the project, in approximately five years, will provide brotherhood historians, graduate students and writers with a long-needed research tool: a key to the thinking of Disciples of Christ during the 93-year publication history of *The Christian-Evangelist*.

Adding to the research possibilities revealed by the indexing of the brotherhood periodical, Dr. Spencer says, will be other advantages to be derived from a companion project also in progress under a subsidy from the Christian Board of Publication and supervised by the Historical Society. This is the task of microfilming the complete files of *The Christian-Evangelist*.

"When the total project is completed, writers and researchers will have available not only the complete volume file of the publication in easy-to-scan form, but also a selective index, which will materially speed up the search for basic source materials," says Dr. Spencer.

Joint Sponsorship

The indexing-microfilming project has long been a dream of Dr. Spencer and others interested in Disciples History. The project was launched in 1955, under the joint sponsorship of the Historical Society, which is providing supervision and work space, and the Christian Board of Publication, which is providing a financial subsidy to cover project costs.

The problem of locating a complete file of the brotherhood publication was one of the difficulties encountered in setting up the project. The Historical Society collection in Nashville included many of the issues; other numbers were on file at the Christian Board of Publication in St. Louis. Several brotherhood college and seminary libraries had sizeable collections; but a complete file could not be found at any one location.

The task of bringing together the 93 years of the periodical is still not complete; while most of the issues have now been assembled at the Society’s temporary headquarters in Nashville, a number of issues are still missing. These must be located in the near future. A list of wanted issues will be printed in the October number of *The Harbinger*, the Society magazine.
Microfilming and Indexing

Over thirty years' issues of the magazine have already been placed on microfilm. This part of the project progresses much more rapidly than the indexing, and could be concluded when the complete files are available—well before completion of the indexing.

The indexing project was started April 1, 1955, but was suspended during the summer of 1955 when it became necessary to find a qualified person to take over the job. Mrs. Mills was employed in October, 1955. She has demonstrated unusual ability in performing a task which demands accuracy, concentration, and speed.

Mrs. Mills received her B.A. degree from Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas, in 1951. She was awarded her M.A. degree in library science by George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, in 1952.

Although the first year's work on the project has been devoted primarily to experimentation and a study of needs and methods to be adopted, already more than 36,000 index cards have been marked and filed. These cover the magazine publication period 1904-1922. Dr. Spencer estimates that the final index will include more than 200,000 cards, covering the complete publication period from 1863 to date.

Selective Index

As presently projected, the index will not be a comprehensive one, but will be selective. Included will be the authors and subjects of all articles and editorials, subjects of news stories, obituaries, and information concerning local churches, institutions, organizations, personalities and events.

Mrs. Mills is currently revising certain entries in keeping with procedures recommended after a conference of Historical Society and Christian Board officials in Nashville on May 23.

General subject headings under which index cards are now being filed include such topics as: missions, temperance, church attendance, alcoholism, immortality, prohibition, Pentecost, Lord's Supper, moving pictures, Easter, et cetera. Under these general heads are filed more specific subjects, as well as alphabetical listings of individuals, institutions, organizations, events, et cetera.

Research Value

An example of the research value of the index might be found from scanning some of the cards filed under one of the main subject headings. During the period 1917 to 1921, it is interesting to note the attention aroused by the growing popularity of motion pictures. The editor of The Christian-Evangelist evidently took note of certain trends, for his columns included almost weekly reminders of the influence of this newcomer on the American scene.

In 1917, a C-E editorial commented on "Laziness and the Movies." That same year, the editor took a swing at "Sunday Evening Movies." The next year, one of the recommended study topics was, "Prayer Meeting Vs. The Movies." By 1920-1921, it was apparently obvious that the movies were here to stay, and editorial comments ranged from "Influences of the Movies" to "Right Use of the Movies." One writer, Paul Rains, injected a new idea in an article: "Censorship of Pictures."

Other examples of the rich mine of research information available from the use of the index might be seen from a study of the cards pertaining to the institutional and organizational life of the brotherhood.

In 1904, the C-E carried notices concerning the work and plans of Virginia Christian College, later Lynchburg College. Other institutions were similarly favored.

Editorial comment during the 1918-1922 period seemed to center around the merger of certain brotherhood boards into the "United Christian Missionary Society." A 1920 editorial proclaimed: "The Disciples Take a New Step in Unity and Democracy." In 1922, Lee W. Grant, son of a pioneer Missouri preacher and educator, wrote on "The Economy and Prestige of a United Society."

The Lighter Side

The work of an indexer is not all dull reading and scanning of editorial columns and weighty articles on church policy. Occasionally, Mrs. Mills can brighten the routine by glancing at the advertising columns of yesterday's brotherhood journal. The C-E, in 1909, was avidly touting the merits—in

Mrs. Mills says that the editors were sometimes personally interested in the welfare of the advertisers. One such editor used a portion of his column to highly recommend a Chicago man who specialized in fitting eyeglasses as a "good friend and member of the Christian church."

Brotherhood institutions which advertised in the columns of the C-E directed their efforts toward current problems. For example, housing for married ministerial students came in for considerable attention. Christian University, Canton, Missouri—founded in 1853; later, Culver-Stockton College—advertised in 1910: "Six elegant cottages erected last year on the university campus for the benefit of married students."

**Distinguished History**

The Christian-Evangelist has a heritage of brotherhood leadership. Volume numbers of the magazine are dated from January, 1863, with the first publication of one of its parent journals, The Gospel Echo. Editorial connections and business mergers trace the ancestry of the periodical still farther back in Disciple history.

Guiding spirit of the magazine through much of its history was J. H. Garrison, one of the editors of The Gospel Echo and Christian, in Quincy, Illinois, in 1872. This was a merger of The Gospel Echo, published in Macomb, Illinois, and The Christian, a journal published in Kansas City by G. W. Longan and associates. In 1873, Garrison and his associates renamed the magazine, The Christian, and it was this paper which in 1882 merged with another illustrious brotherhood publication, The Evangelist, to become the present brotherhood journal.

While other periodicals of the Restoration Movement were founded earlier, notably, The Gospel Advocate (1855), the C-E claims priority as the journal with the oldest continuous publication. Scholars have occasionally sought, with only partial success, to trace the magazine's heritage back to the influence of one of the Disciples' "Big Four" pioneers.

J. Edward Moseley, in the 75th anniversary number of The Christian-Evangelist, January 6, 1938, wrote: "An intriguing possibility... is that eventually evidence will be secured to prove a direct connection between this paper and The Christian Messenger, started by Barton W. Stone at George-
town, Kentucky, in November, 1826. There is sufficient evidence to show a succession of editors, but there is not proof to show actual organic merger or consolidation of certain old periodicals, predecessors of The Christian-Evangelist.”

**Distribution Plans**

The influence of this brotherhood periodical, strong with each current issue, promises to become even stronger with the completion and availability of the index and microfilms of the complete files. Final plans for the distribution of the microfilm prints and the index files have not been made, but the master file of catalog cards for the selective index will be housed with the regular Society catalog in the new Historical Society headquarters building now under construction in Nashville. This master file will be brought up to date periodically and supplementary cards added. Study is being given to the form in which the index will be made available for distribution to libraries and researchers interested in Disciple history. This will probably be compiled and photo-lithoprinted in convenient book form, and made available on a cost basis to accompany the positive microfilm prints which will be produced for research use.

It is expected that the master negative microfilm of the C-E files will be kept in the Society archives in Nashville, along with a positive print for research study. Another positive print will be available at the Christian Board of Publication in St. Louis. Other prints, either in full or by years, will be available to libraries and brotherhood institutions at modest cost. It is expected that final figures can be worked out within the near future and that microfilm orders can be taken early in 1957.

**Similar Projects**

As The Christian-Evangelist microfilming and indexing project continues, officials of the Historical Society are already laying plans for a continuation of similar projects when time, space and finances permit. There is a pressing need, Dr. Spencer believes, for other brotherhood periodicals to be brought together in complete files, to be microfilmed and indexed.

He anticipates the time when the complete files of such influential journals as The Gospel Advocate, The Christian Standard, the American Christian Review, the Millennial Harbinger, and the Christian Messenger may be conveniently available to the serious research scholar in the same manner as those of The Christian-Evangelist, when the current project is completed.

Meantime, Mrs. Mills continues her daily work of reading, scanning and making notations; routine tasks that add up to an important job: the making of an index to the Disciples.

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**President’s Dinner**

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Theological Seminary in 1928; and his Ph.D. was awarded by Yale University in 1940. Northwest Christian College conferred an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree upon Dr. England in 1948.

Dr. England, a recognized scholar in the field of Disciple history, is the author of We Disciples (1946) and The Apostolic Church (1947). He has written widely for various religious publications, and for many years was author of Bible School materials for “Front Rank” magazine.

Dean England has held numerous offices in the brotherhood, including the presidency of the Oklahoma State Convention and membership on the Commission for the Re-Study of the Disciples.

**Dinner Program**

The Annual President’s Dinner, a tribute to the retiring president of the Society for his contributions in the field of Disciple history, has become a Society tradition. Previous dinners have been held in Nashville: honoring Dr. W. E. Garrison on December 4, 1953; and on November 29, 1955, honoring Dr. Colby D. Hall.

Scheduling the 1956 Dinner at Des Moines to coincide with the International Convention Assembly will give members of the Society from throughout the brotherhood an
opportunity to attend the event. The pro-
gram will conclude prior to the start of the
Tuesday evening session of the Convention.
Following the Dinner and the President's
address, Dean England will preside at the
1956 Annual Meeting of the Society. Plans
for future projects will be discussed at this
meeting, and the membership will be given
information concerning the progress being
made by the Society.

Nominating Committee

The Report of the 1956 Nominating Com-
mittee of the Society will be received. Mr.
Roscoe M. Pierson, Librarian, Bosworth Me-
morial Library, College of the Bible, Lexing-
ton, Kentucky, is chairman of the Commit-
tee. Dr. S. F. Freeman, Jr., Winchester,
Kentucky, and Dr. Howard E. Short, Lexing-
ton, have been appointed to serve with him.
This Committee will present a nominee for
the President of the Society for 1957; and
bring a slate of seventeen persons selected
from the membership of the Society to serve
as members of the Board of Directors for
three-year terms, beginning in 1957. Under
provisions of the Society Constitution, direc-
tors whose terms are expiring may succeed
themselves.

The Committee will welcome suggestions
from the Society membership for president,
and for members of the Board of Directors
to succeed those whose terms are expiring.
The members of the present Society Board
whose terms expire in 1956 are:

Wilbur H. Cramblet, St. Louis, Mo.
Goldie Crossfield, Gadsden, Ala.
Henry E. Webb, Erwin, Tenn.
Mayble M. Epp, Indianapolis, Ind.
Ross J. Griffeth, Eugene, Ore.
Chester P. Hensley, Louisiana, Mo.
(deceased)
Lamar Hocker, Dallas, Tex.
J. Philip Hyatt, Nashville, Tenn.
G. Curtis Jones, St. Louis, Mo.
Raymond McCallister, Glendale, Mo.
Hugh M. Riley, Dallas, Tex.
Henry K. Shaw, Elyria, Ohio
George C. Stuart, Bloomington, Ill.
J. Stuart Wake, Bowling Green, Ky.
Charles C. Ware, Wilson, N.C.
William C. Wilson, Nashville, Tenn.

Officers of the Society and members of the
Executive Committee are elected by the
Board of Directors.

The arrangements for the evening have
been made through Robert L. Lewis, Assist-
ant Secretary, of the International Conven-
tion office, who has assured us that the meal
will be high quality, and the meeting place
comfortable.

Reservations Being Accepted

The Society has made reservations for 300
persons for the President's Dinner, and is
now receiving reservations at $2.00 per
plate. Persons wishing to make reservations
should address their requests to the Society
Headquarters, in Nashville. Individual res-
ervations may be made in advance, by for-
warding checks with the request; or tickets
may be reserved, to be picked up at the
Society booth in the Convention auditorium,
where tickets will be on sale during the
Convention.

The current Board of Directors is sched-
uled to meet also at Des Moines, on Friday,
September 28, 3:00-5:30 p.m., in a room at
the Convention auditorium.

Everyone interested in the Society pro-
gram is invited to visit the Society booth,
where pictures describing the new Society
headquarters building will be on display,
and discuss the work of the Society with the
staff members and officers who will be in
attendance at the booth throughout the
Convention.

Wanted:

Federal Council Yearbook, 1916

Yearbook of the Churches, 1917, 1918, 1919,
1922

The New Hand Book of the Churches,
1931

Yearbook of American Churches, 1935,
1937, 1939, 1943, 1947, 1949, 1951, 1952,
Jim's Journeys...

Wednesday, May 30—Enroute south. First stop: BIRMINGHAM, for First Church visit with Cecil Jarman and Larry Crane; supper speech to teachers' and workers' conference; sight-seeing beautiful new sanctuary, statue of Vulcan, and other points of interest. Thanks for hospitality.

Thursday, May 31—On the road to MOBILE, with brief stop to look over another handsome new building, First Church, MOBILE (George Wascovich rates congrats on splendid dual additions: new church, and newer baby).

Friday, June 1—Most pleasant stay with Bill Tyler, whose fishing luck is about the same as mine. (We're at GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, now.) Gulf coast entertainment topped with opportunity to speak to First Church people, play word games with Air Force boys, be inspired with potential of this expanding area. More thanks in order.

Saturday, June 2—The direction is north, to MERIDIAN, and time to visit with the bishop of mid-Mississippi, friend Dave Griffin.

Sunday, June 3—Meeting fine folks at First Church, MERIDIAN, with privilege of speaking at morning service, followed by southern-style hospitality, courtesy the Griffins, two of our favorite people (you should try Mrs. Griffin's beef and kidney pie—a mouth-watering dish straight from the old country, designed to please two discriminat-
ing Irishers, Bob Glenn and the writer). A bit farther north is TUPELO, where the aforementioned Robert Glenn pastors the thriving First Church, and where the welcome mat is always out for tired and hungry agency men. My pleasure to speak at evening service to this record-making congregation.

Monday, June 4—Visiting around TUPELO with Bob G., goodbyes, and on the road again for home; ending one of the most pleasant trips since I became a traveling salesman for Disciple history.

Tuesday, June 5, thru Wednesday, June 27—About three weeks of NASHVILLE office activity, the sometimes frantic, sometimes leisurely routine of planning and promoting; interspersed with Sunday speaking to preacher-less churches at SPRINGFIELD and DOVER, TENNESSEE. Plus conference, committee meetings, reports, et cetera, et cetera.

Thursday, June 28 thru Friday, July 13—the "do not disturb" sign is out for two weeks of as little as possible; a week on the ocean at SANDBRIDGE, VIRGINIA, and another eating off the in-laws at LYNCHBURG and BEDFORD, VIRGINIA; then back home to NASHVILLE, in time to cut the grass.

Saturday, July 14 thru Saturday, July 21—NASHVILLE, where you can depend on July weather to be hotter, at least in my office (while Spencer languishes in air-conditioned comfort in the JUL).

Sunday, July 22, thru Friday, July 27—CINCINNATI, to pick up materials enroute to PITTSBURGH for conference with architects, then to BETHANY, WEST VIRGINIA, for Council of Agencies sessions, canasta, dominoes, an occasional tennis game, and one round of golf (which subject, we will now drop). Everyone should have this experience, at least once. Interesting, encouraging—often amazing—to see the brotherhood functioning at this top level. If anyone ever should doubt that we are a free people, a visit to this significant conclave would dispel the doubt, and add a measure of pride in the forward look and vision of brotherhood leadership.

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Curator Claude E. Spencer comments each month on new and unusual materials recently discovered and acquired by the Society. Bits of Disciple-lore about events, places, and people as gleaned from library holdings will be brought to the reader’s attention. Library and archival wants will be discussed.

After having lived in rented quarters all our married life, Maud and I have bought a house. We started housekeeping in Stockton Cottage No. 4, on the Culver-Stockton College Campus, Canton, Missouri, September 1, 1923. The rent was $15.00 a month for four rooms and bath (just installed). My salary as the first full-time librarian was $120.00 a month. My duties included the teaching of some courses in history in the Academy, which was discontinued after a couple of years. I also started courses in library science for high school teachers.

Brothers and a sister came to attend the College, and a son was born; so more room was needed. Altogether, in the thirty years in Canton, we lived in ten different houses and apartments, on and off campus. At one time, we lived in an eleven-room house, and had five college boys as roomers.

Since the move to Nashville in 1952, we have been living in a five-room apartment at 4706 Elkins Avenue. Shortly before September 1, we will move into the seven-room stone house at 2900 Wellington Avenue, which is within walking distance of the University Center and my work.

Writing of Stockton Cottage No. 4, reminds me of a story concerning the late George L. Peters. The Stockton Cottages were a row of six brick houses on the site of the present Johann Memorial Library building. They were erected in 1909, by Robert H. Stockton, for the housing of married ministerial students. By 1923, there were few married students, and the houses were rented to faculty and others. Brother Peters lived in Cottage No. 1, and so indicated as his address in subscribing to a periodical. Imagine his surprise (and chagrin) when the magazine was delivered, addressed “George L. Peters, Cabbage No. 1, Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Missouri.”

The listing of Tennessee educational institutions in the last issue of The Harbinger has brought several interesting letters, together with the names of additional schools and colleges, which will be printed later.

I have long had a curiosity about Neophogen, Gallatin, Tennessee. The first reference I had to it was in Opie Read’s autobiography, I Remember, where Read tells of having set type on the Neophogen College Magazine, The College Pen. Since he was about twenty years old at the time, this would have been in the early 1870’s. Although Opie Read’s father was a “Campbellite,” no mention is made of the church affiliation of the College. The president of the College was Dr. Walton.

My attention has been called by J. Edward Moseley to an advertisement in The Gospel Advocate, July 2, 1874, of The College Pen, a miscellaneous monthly journal conducted by the members of Neophogen College: “purely anti-sectarian.” W. D. Corkran, Cross Plains, Tennessee, was the editor.

An interesting problem is presented. Read states that the college was at Gallatin, while the advertisement of 1874 gives the address of the editor, to whom subscriptions were to be sent, as “Cross Plains.”

Our article in The Harbinger listed a Stonewall College in Cross Plains in 1877. According to The Christian Standard, August 4, 1877, its editorial office had received a catalog of the college which showed an enrollment of 41 gentlemen and 17 ladies. William Lipscomb was the president. Could Neophogen College have been moved from Gallatin to Cross Plains, and the name changed by 1877 to Stonewall College?

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SOME RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DISCIPLES AND MORMONS

By Griffith A. Hamlin


The Disciples of Christ and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) ordinarily are regarded as being far apart in their theology and practices. However, there are some striking similarities and relationships between the two groups. Both movements developed in the same period on the American frontier; both sought to "restore" something "lost"; both observed baptism by immersion and weekly communion; both sought to recapture the organization of the primitive Church with its voluntary lay ministry.

In addition to these similarities of pattern, there also was a close relationship between two important personages in the two groups: namely, Sidney Rigdon and Alexander Campbell. Sidney Rigdon (1793-1876) was a follower of Alexander Campbell for nine years prior to 1830. Rigdon and his Baptist minister brother-in-law, Adamson Bentley, visited Campbell at Bethany in 1821. As a result, Campbell assisted Rigdon in obtaining the pastorate of a Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, so that he could be near Walter Scott and benefit from association with him. After becoming better acquainted with the Restoration doctrine, Rigdon moved to Ohio in 1825, to become pastor of a Baptist Church in Kirtland.

Five years later, 1830, Rigdon turned his back upon Campbellism, openly embraced the Mormon movement of Joseph Smith, and took half of the local Church with him. Campbell was much distressed. He wrote that Rigdon "has renounced the Ancient Gospel" and has "led away a number of disciples with him." Campbell then spent twenty-two days in Ohio trying to heal the breach. Upon returning to Bethany, he wrote a twelve-page tract denouncing Mormon influence upon Disciple Churches in Ohio.

Sidney Rigdon's new career as a Mormon proved to be a stormy one in Ohio, and then in Missouri. In 1839 Rigdon, Joseph Smith and a group of Mormons bought the small village of Commerce, Illinois, and changed its name to Nauvoo. By 1844 the population had grown to nearly 20,000. Rigdon became city councilman, postmaster, attorney, trustee, and professor of Church History at a proposed University of the City of Nauvoo. A million dollar temple was projected. It appeared that Nauvoo might become the capital of Mormonism. A sudden change in events, however, altered the picture drastically. In 1844 Joseph Smith was killed, and Rigdon attempted to become the titular head of Mormonism. He failed, and was excommunicated by the followers of Brigham Young. Young and his people moved westward to Utah. Rigdon returned East and died in obscurity in Allegany County, New York, in 1876, bringing to an end the career of one who attempted to bridge the gap between Campbellism and Mormonism.

In spite of their differences, both movements believed that something was "lost" which desperately needed to be "restored." For Campbell, it was the Church of the New Testament. Such a Church could be restored only as men and women entered into a prescribed relationship with God. For Mormonism, there also was a covenant relationship to be "restored." The famous tablets allegedly found in New York state contained the instructions that enabled men and women to enter into the true family of God.

Finally, it is generally accepted that Sidney Rigdon's Disciple background played an important role in causing him to give Mormonism the name Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Thus, Campbellism and Mormonism, apparently so far apart theologically, had some striking similarities and relationships.

EDITORIAL NOTE: For an interesting comment concerning the indebtedness of Mormons to Disciples, see Discipliana for January, 1950, page 41. Before 1830, Alexander Campbell frequently spoke of members of the Church as "Saints."
What's New in Our Library...

The Canadian Disciple

From Oliver W. McCully, general secretary of the All Canada Committee of the Churches of Christ, Toronto, we have received several hundred copies of The Canadian Disciple, 1923-1953.

The periodical started in 1923, and continued until 1935, when it suspended for a few months. A new series was begun in November, 1935, and continues to the present time. Historical Society files are now complete for the new series.

From 1923 to 1935, the following issues are yet needed:

- 1923, all except February, April, July, August, and October
- 1924, all issues
- 1925, all issues, except July
- 1926, all issues
- 1928, July
- 1930, June
- 1932, any after August
- 1933, any, if issued
- 1934, any before April

Since there are many duplicates among the periodicals received from Canada, we will welcome want lists from libraries and individuals who need copies to complete files of The Canadian Disciple.

Isaac Errett Materials

Recently received from Roy P. Slifer, Terrace Park, Ohio, are many pictures and mementos of Isaac Errett, and some Bethany College materials.

Most important is the framed original large crayon portrait of Mr. Errett made by his youngest son, Henry (Harry) F. Errett, in 1870. Harry, who was a talented artist, went to Paris to study in 1879, and died there in 1880. He either committed suicide or was murdered. (See Lamar's Memoirs of Isaac Errett, vol. 2, pp. 176-183.)

Other Errett items included a daguerreotype of Isaac Errett as a young man; a photograph of Mrs. Isaac Errett; several photographs of Russell Errett (Isaac's eldest son); photographs of the Errett home in Terrace Park; five letters written by Isaac Errett; and two pairs of his cuff links.

These materials had been saved by Errett's granddaughter, the late Mrs. Slifer, a daughter of Russell Errett.

Bethany College materials included several numbers of the Bethany Collegian, 1892, 1893, and 1894; Yearbooks for 1905, 1906, 1908, 1909, 1911, and 1912; and several photographs of college groups and scenes.

Isaac Errett was the first editor of The Christian Standard when it was founded in 1866. Among the owners of the original company was Thomas W. Phillips, Disciple author, churchman and philanthropist. It is fitting that this Errett material come to the Historical Society and that the portrait of Mr. Errett be displayed in the new Society building, the Memorial to Thomas W. Phillips (1835-1912).

Old Church Records

We are indebted to Mr. Knox Moore, Sr., of Winchester, Tennessee, for a small book containing the records of the Bean's Creek and Salem congregations in Franklin County, Tennessee, 1843-1893. These records were made by H. R. Moore, secretary of the Salem Church, who was the father of the donor.

Judge Garland S. Moore, of Nashville, a nephew of H. R. Moore, was instrumental in securing these valuable records for our archives.
Books of Recent Date...

ADAMS, Hampton

BLESSING, William Lester

BROWNING, Elva (Ward) (Mrs. Roy W. Browning)

DORNETTE, Ralph M.

GOSS, Edgar M.
Man At His Best; the Key to Happiness and Success. Kansas City, Mo., Burton Publishing Company, 1953. 160 pages.

HALF, Allean (Lemmon) (Mrs. Mark Hale)
Petticoat Pioneer; The Christian College Story, 1851-1951 [Columbia, Mo., Christian College, 1956] [x], 263 pages. Illustrated.

HALL, Samuel Henry

HIGDON, Elmer Kelso

HOPKINS, Garland Evans, ed.

HOPKINS, Robert Milton, Jr.

JACOBS, James Vernon

JONES, George Curtis


LONEY, Roy

Visit the Society Exhibit Booth at the International Convention Des Moines Sept. 28-Oct. 3
McGARVEY, John William

McGARVAN, Donald Anderson

MILLER, Waymon Doyne

MYERS, A. J. William

NETTING, Park Hannum


RICHTER, Dolle and WADE, Barbara

RITCHIEY, Charles James
Drake University Through Seventy-five Years, 1881-1956. Des Moines, Ia., Drake University, 1956. 288 pages.

SHORT, Howard Elmo

SMOOT, Mareta

SPENCE, Thomas Hugh, Jr.

A supplementary Listing of the Theses Presented for Degrees from College of the Bible, 1953-56, Now in the Bosworth Memorial Library, College of the Bible, 1956. 17 pages. (Bibliographical Contributions, No. 3.)

THOMAS, Cecil Kermit

TONER, Helen L.
Discovering the Unshakeable through Psalmists' Eyes. St. Louis, Mo., Bethany Press, 1956. 64 pages.

WALLACE, G. K.

WELLS, Joseph William
WHEELER, Joseph Clyde


Reprints

BAXTER, William


Photolithoprinted from the original edition published in 1875.


Not photolithoprinted. Completely reset in modern type. More readable than the original, but subject to a few typographical errors.

LARRIMORE, Emma (Page) (Mrs. Theophilus Brown Larrimore)


First published in 1931.

LEDLOW, William Franklin

Jesus and His Methods, with an introduction by Frederick Eby, [and a portrait of W. F. Ledlow by John Allen Hudson] Rosemead, Calif., Old Paths Book Club, 1956. 256 pages.

First published in 1927.

McGARVEY, John William


McGARVEY, John William


Photolithoprint of the original edition published in 1886.


Photolithoprinted.

MISSOURI CHRISTIAN LECTURESHIP.

1883.


Photolithoprinted from the original edition published in 1883.

ROGERS, John


Photolithoprinted from the original edition published in 1861.

ROWE, John Franklin


The contents include a reprint of parts 2, 3, and Supplement of Rowe's History of Reformatory Movements, revised and enlarged edition, 1890, together with new material by John Allen Hudson, Joseph Welles White, James D. Bales, and Jack Bates.

SANDERS, Joel Pilant and others


The first edition was published in 1945.
STONE, Barton Warren.


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**Collector's Corner . . .**

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Another Tennessee institution about which little information is available was Southern Christian College, a girls' school, in Nashville. The president was G. L. Surber; his wife, son and daughter were faculty members. The school was operated in the vicinity of 10th and Woodland, 1896-1898. According to the City Directory, R. Lin Cave was president of the Board of Trustees of the incorporated institution.

One result of the article about Tennessee educational institutions was that it brought Frank G. Elliott, minister of the Nortonville, Kentucky, Christian Church, and student at the College of the Bible, to our library for research on his thesis concerning educational institutions of the Disciples of Christ before 1861.

His research to date shows 165 schools and colleges, church-related or member-operated, established in 20 states before 1861.

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**Jim's Journeys . . .**

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_**Saturday, July 28—Timberlake, near Lynchburg, Virginia,**_ to check up on the growing and swimming prowess of the kids.

_**Sunday, July 29**—Speeches: to adult classes at Euclid Avenue Christian LYNCHBURG (where Ross Terrell and his people are planning new church), then to First Church for morning service (where DCHS director Garnett Day is also leading new building program). Good to see again old friends from Lynchburg College days. (You know, some of them have aged a bit.)

_**Monday, July 30, thru Saturday, August 4**—Back to NASHVILLE, with family, for week of catching up on situations such as mail, money (or lack of it), maintenance, memorials, and other miscellany.

_**Sunday, August 5**—Supply preaching for vacationing friend Harry Davis, at Ninth Street Christian Church, HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY, then on to Missouri.

_**Monday, August 6—Louisiana, Missouri,** to pick up materials from the library of the late Chester Hensley; back to ST. LOUIS, to complete carload with periodical files from collection of Bro. W. B. Clemmer; and return to NASHVILLE in the small hours of the night.

_From then 'til now—More of the same.

Jim McKinney

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**Have You Contributed to the Equipment Fund?**
THE STORY OF THE SOCIETY

The Disciples of Christ Historical Society was established May 7, 1941, in St. Louis, Missouri, with the approval of the International Convention then in session.

It is the only organization among Disciples of Christ whose sole purpose is the locating, collecting, cataloging and arranging for use the historical materials of the brotherhood. It is not an opinion-forming agency. Its purpose is to maintain and further interest in the religious heritage, backgrounds, origins, development, and general history of Disciples of Christ, Christian Churches, Churches of Christ and related groups.

From 1941 until 1946, the Society had no designated headquarters. It existed entirely as a voluntary organization of those interested in the general field of Disciple history. In 1946, the Society accepted the offer of Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Missouri, to set up its headquarters and archives there, with the privilege of using the Henry Barton Robinson Collection as a nucleus around which the Society would build its own collection.

Since April, 1952, the Society's headquarters, archives and library have been located in the Joint University Library building on the Vanderbilt University campus in Nashville, Tennessee. Nashville was designated as the permanent location of the Society because of the unique opportunity offered for participation in the building of an American church history center and because of the granting of a $55,000 subsidy by the Nashville Planning Committee which enabled the Society to start full-time operation.

In November, 1955, construction was started on the Society permanent headquarters building, the Memorial to Thomas W. Phillips (1835-1912), a gift to the Society from the Phillips family of Western Pennsylvania. This magnificent new facility, the most extensive of any religious body for the housing of its historical collection, will be completed and occupied in 1957. Building costs will total almost one million dollars.

Since full-time operation was begun, the Society collection has grown rapidly. Included in the vast Society holdings are books, pamphlets, periodicals, manuscripts, photographs, paintings, church records and museum articles. Research and informational services rendered by the Society have multiplied in recent years.

The Society solicits all kinds of historical materials pertaining to the Disciples of Christ and related groups. Authors and publishers are requested to send copies of all new publications. Churches, organizations and institutions are requested to place the Society on mailing lists to receive all printed materials.

The work of the Society is financed entirely by membership dues and contributions from individuals, churches, organizations and institutions. It is not in Unified Promotion. It is not supported by any general brotherhood fund raising effort or special day offering.

Individuals and local churches are especially urged to take membership in the Society to insure the continuation of the Society service program. Dues paid in are deductible for income tax purposes. Classifications of membership are as follows:

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300 ATTEND PRESIDENT'S DINNER

England Forecasts Disciple Trends; Warren Elected President

Dr. Stephen J. England, dean of the College of the Bible, Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma, and retiring president of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, predicted developments within the Christian Churches in an address delivered before 300 persons at Younker's Tea Room, Des Moines, Iowa, October 2.

The Third Annual President's Dinner climaxed Society activities at the recent International Convention Assembly. Dr. Louis A. Warren, Fort Wayne, Indiana, eminent Lincoln scholar and historian, was elected to succeed Dr. England as honorary president of the Society for 1957, at the Society's annual meeting, held in connection with the Dinner.

Dr. William G. West, Chattanooga, Tennessee, Society Board chairman, presided at the Dinner, and presented Dr. England with a citation calling attention to his long and distinguished services to the brotherhood of Disciples of Christ as a scholar, teacher, preacher, author, administrator and churchman.

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President's Address

Dr. England reviewed developments and made forecasts in three areas of the life of the Disciples: polity, theology and unity. He predicted that the Disciples will "make a union of some kind" with one or more other denominational groups within a decade. At the same time, he warned against entering "some union at the cost of forfeiture of our witness for unity." Unions which would become exclusive groups, or unions based on "What shall we give up?" must be avoided, he said. "We must not unite merely in order to have the experience of uniting, but as a considered step in the direction of the larger goal," the educator stated.

The Society president also predicted trends toward a national delegate convention within a decade, implying similar delegate conventions at the state level. He forecast a more active part in brotherhood affairs by laymen in the future. "I have long felt," he said, "that the business of the church is too important to be turned over to the preachers." He noted that laymen "have little time to drop in and see what the preachers are doing, but what the laymen have no voice in deciding."

Noting the recent upswing in theological discussion and interest, Dr. England decried the "amazingly small contribution to theological thought" by Disciples in the past, especially in the fields of Christology and the nature of the Church. The dean credited the tendency to separate within the brotherhood, and the decline in evangelism as resulting from the failure to openly discuss theological differences and thereby strengthen convictions. Pointing to the need for some theological statement which would tell the world, and the Disciples, "what the Disciples really believe;" Dr. England predicted that, in a decade, "there will be developed a recognizable body of doctrine, which will be identified as that of the Disciples."

Granting this possibility, Dr. England then raised the question: "Will we succumb to the insidious temptation to absolutize the relative, by making the body of doctrine binding in our corporate life?"

Comments on Dr. England's message were widespread and favorable. Many considered it among the most provocative statements to come from the Disciples in recent years. The address will be printed in an early issue of The Christian-Evangelist.

Officers Elected

Dr. Louis A. Warren, who was elected as President of the Society for 1957, is a distinguished Lincoln scholar and writer. He retired this year as director of the Lincoln National Life Foundation, Fort Wayne, Indiana, which he has headed since its establishment in 1928. A nationally-known speaker, Dr. Warren is an ordained Disciple minister. He is a graduate of Transylvania College and holds the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature from Lincoln Memorial University. An article on Dr. Warren appeared in the June, 1956, issue of The Harbinger.

At the Society's annual meeting, seventeen persons were chosen for three-year terms on the Board of Directors. They were: Wilbur H. Cramblet, St. Louis, Mo.; Miss Goldie Crossfield, Gadsden, Ala.; Miss Mayble M. Epp, Indianapolis, Ind.; Ross J.
Griffeth, Eugene, Ore.; N. Quentin Grey, Butler, Pa.; William J. Hadden, Jr., Clarksville, Tenn.; Griffith A. Hamlin, Hampton, Va.; and Raymond McCallister, Glendale, Mo.

Also, Thomas E. Morton, Bloomington, Ill.; Herman A. Norton, Nashville, Tenn.; Hugh M. Riley, Dallas, Texas; Henry K. Shaw, Elyria, Ohio; George C. Stuart, Bloomington, Ill.; W. Earl Waldrop, San Antonio, Texas; Charles C. Ware, Wilson, N. C.; Henry E. Webb, Erwin, Tenn.; and William C. Wilson, Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Louis A. Warren

Following the President's Dinner, an organizational meeting of the new Board of Directors was held. Present officers were reelected for one-year terms. These include: Dr. William G. West, Chattanooga, chairman; Forrest F. Reed, Nashville, vice-chairman; J. Edward Moseley, Indianapolis, secretary; and Dr. Charles E. Crouch, Nashville, treasurer. Miss Eva Jean Wrather, Nashville, Harry M. Davis, Hopkinsville, Ky., and William C. Wilson, Nashville, were named to serve one-year terms on the Society Executive Committee, together with the above officers.

England Cited

The hand-lettered citation presented to Dr. England on behalf of the Society stressed his varied interests in the work of the church. It was signed by the officers of the Society. The citation read:


"This citation is presented in recognition of long and distinguished service to the brotherhood of Disciples of Christ.

"Across a generation you have imparted to a host of ministers your high ideals of intensive scholarship, rigorous discipline, and unreserved commitment to the Christian task.

"Out of your own penetrating study and keen insight, you have interpreted with living power the message of the New Testament, the history of the Church, and the witness of Disciples of Christ, in classroom, sanctuary, convention hall, and ecumenical conference.

"Through your labors in the founding of two congregations, in guiding the affairs of a theological seminary, and in sharing in the counsels of the brotherhood, you have inspired in the hearts of your colleagues and students admiration, gratitude, and friendship that endures.

Presented at Des Moines, Iowa October 2, 1956"

Actions taken by the Board of Directors included endorsement of a plan advanced by the Society staff for the development of state or area committees to encourage interest in the work of the Society and financial support for a continuing program.

Society participation in the Year of Emphasis for 1958-1959 with the Council on Christian Unity and the Commission for the Promotion of Christian Literature was also discussed. J. Edward Moseley has been commissioned to work with representatives of the other two groups in the preparation of materials for this Emphasis in the Long Range Program.
In this column the Executive Director, James E. McKinney, gives each month his travel observations. Here are his day-by-day experiences as he goes about his business of interpreting the work of the Society to individuals, churches, organizations and institutions.

Never let it be said that the month of August at our house lacks for excitement. Last year—hospitals, hot weather, drought. This year, the same. With me as the recipient of that splendid home-like hospital care. On reflection, I don't believe I liked it. But I was too involved at the time to notice. And that, except for some post-hospital speeches and a few other odds and ends, accounts for the bright, beautiful month of August and a few days of September.

Sunday thru Tuesday, September 9-12—After speaking at historic Belleview Christian Church, near NASHVILLE, off to PITTSBURGH via a most circuitous route: by train to LOUISVILLE (five hours too late), then by air to CHICAGO and PITTSBURGH in the early a.m. But we made it. Monday talk with members of the Western Pennsylvania Christian Minister's Association re DCHS services. Later, talks with architects, glass people (stained glass, that is). Trip back was less eventful. Just lucky.

September 12-25—Building details; promotional efforts; hosting Nashville visits of designers, artists; preparations for International Convention; other items of concern—rather a quiet time. Supply preaching for Jean Wake at BOWLING GREEN, Ky.

Wednesday, September 26 thru Friday, October 5—To and from DES MOINES, IA., and a few days in between. Stops at CARBONDALE, ILL. and KAHOKA, MO. enroute; and returning, one very expensive stop at HANNIBAL, MO., where I have now contributed financially to the continuation of the city traffic system. Wonder if Mark Twain had these troubles. However, back to the main story, which concerns one of the biggest, and perhaps the best, International Convention Assemblies, September 28-October 3, at DES MOINES. DCHS was well represented at this one, with historical reminders on every street corner (in the exhibit hall) and speeches resounding to new perspectives on the ancient plea. President's Dinner was fine, well-attended affair, and some of the arms I twisted to buy tickets may be straightened out by now. Dean England proved excellent speech-maker with startling message. I am told the meal was adequate, but this I do not know for certain. I had forgotten to buy a ticket, and all the seats were taken. So I had a milk shake later. Saved $1.75. Other DCHS affairs—board meetings, committee sessions, conferences—equally rewarding, but more expensive. It was a good meeting. By the way, I wonder if the ABC radio network ever ran that half-hour show that we fussied and fumed about and finally got produced?

Jim McKinney
A "THUS SAITH THE LORD"

by John W. Neth, Jr.

Mr. Neth is Librarian at Milligan College, Milligan College, Tennessee. He was largely responsible for the recent identification and recovery by the Historical Society of a pamphlet by Rice Haggard, "An Address to the Different Religious Societies on the Sacred Import of the Christian Name." This pamphlet, printed in 1804, has been reprinted by the Society as No. 4 in the series "Footnotes to Disciple History," and is available from the Society at thirty-five cents per copy, or at reduced rates in lots.

In the January, 1955, issue of The Harbinger and Discipliana you may read the interesting article by Colby D. Hall evaluating the recently discovered Rice Haggard pamphlet entitled "An Address to the Different Religious Societies on the Sacred Import of the Christian Name." Dean Hall closes his article with the suggestion that the relationship of Rice Haggard to Thomas Campbell would be an interesting study.

I believe that this document, first published, so far as it is known, anonymously by Rice Haggard in Lexington, Kentucky, in the year 1804, is the basis for the Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery, published in that same year. It is significant that Davidson, in his History of the Presbyterian Church in Kentucky, written in 1847, should give this basis for Stone and his followers' withdrawal from the Presbyterian Church. We quote from Davidson:

Filled with the pleasing dream of an approaching universal Kingdom, which was to embrace the whole earth, they (the Stone Group) proposed to establish a grand communion, which should agree to unite upon the simplest fundamental principles according to a plan drawn up by Rice Haggard, such as worshipping one God, acknowledging Jesus Christ as the Savior, taking the Bible for the sole confession of faith and organizing on the New Testament model. To this union of all the disciples of Christ, they gave the name of "The Christian Church" and would recognize no sectarian appellation. Their views were communicated to the world in the promised "Observations on Church Government" and "An Address to the Different Religious Societies on the Sacred Import of the Christian Name."

That Stone and his associates at Cane Ridge did take Rice Haggard's advice, at least with reference to the name "Christian," is true. It is highly probable that Haggard exercised considerable influence in the Stone group in much the same manner that he had assisted James O'Kelly and the "Republican Methodists" in southern Virginia and North Carolina ten years earlier.

However, the object of our thinking is not to dwell on the relationship of Rice Haggard and Barton W. Stone, but to conjecture, and perhaps to stimulate some further research, on the relationship of Rice Haggard and Thomas Campbell, or perhaps the influence of the former on the latter. Could the reformer from Methodism in 1794, Rice Haggard, have had any relationship with the reformer from Presbyterianism in 1809, Thomas Campbell? At first thought, the present evidence would say "No"—but let us look at some of the facts and probabilities. Let us examine a passage or two from the recently discovered Haggard Pamphlet, and also from the Declaration and Address, written by Thomas Campbell.

The first item of interest might be that the original issue of The Apology by James O'Kelly, according to MacClenny, was probably published in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, about 1798. This could then have been in the hands of Thomas Campbell either before or during the period when he was writing the Declaration and Address in 1809. It is altogether possible that other material of the O'Kelly movement could have been available in western Pennsylvania.

The second item might be concerned with transportation from east to west in the early years of the nineteenth century. It was primarily by way of the Ohio River. Although the great bulk of transportation was from east to west, there of necessity had to be some return to the east from the west. It is certainly possible that a pamphlet published in Lexington, Kentucky, in 1804 would probably find its way into western Pennsylvania by 1809. The fact that the original copies of this document were located in the Public Library of Cincinnati in 1953 would bear testimony that it eventually reached the banks of the Ohio River. Thomas Campbell, itinerating over the area of western

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Collector's Corner...

Curator Claude E. Spencer comments each month on new and unusual materials recently discovered and acquired by the Society. Bits of Disciple-lore about events, places, and people as gleaned from library holdings will be brought to the reader's attention. Library and archival wants will be discussed.

I have not missed an International Convention Assembly since DCHS was organized at the one in St. Louis in 1941. The Society has had a booth at every meeting, from Grand Rapids in 1942 to Des Moines in 1956, with one exception. At the Columbus Convention in 1944, there was no room for a new agency struggling to get started.

At some of the Conventions the Society has had elaborate exhibits of rare materials, such as at Cincinnati in 1949, when we borrowed table display cases from the City Art Museum and changed the exhibits every day to correlate items shown with Dwight Stevenson's daily historical lectures "Builders of the Brotherhood."

Generally, we have used two units of booth space, as we did this year, but at Cincinnati we had three units. Of course our first booth at Grand Rapids, when we were so new, was only one unit.

Conventions are fun, but tiring. The most tiresome of all was the one in Buffalo in 1947, when the World Convention immediately followed the International—10 whole days! Most pleasing of extra-convention activities was afforded at San Francisco in 1948, with Chinatown, Fisherman's Wharf, and Seal House as diversions.

Flying from Nashville, with its 100-degree temperature and then sleeping under blankets that night at Portland, in 1953, was a satisfying experience. And riding in our 1949 panel delivery to the Miami Assembly in 1954 was an experience of another sort.

The Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Des Moines provided the best facilities for exhibits since Oklahoma City in 1950. According to The Christian-Evangelist Convention Daily, there were 110 displays. The Christian Board of Publication and The Bethany Press had the most complete stock of books and supplies ever shown at any of the assemblies.

As usual, we gathered a mass of "free material," including pamphlets, papers, postcards, pencils and other promotional items. In addition, a number of persons gave us materials, either from sales or exhibit displays, and some convention-goers brought things from a distance.

1956 college annuals came from Ross Griffith, who gave Northwest Christian's Crusader, and Ira Langston, who gave Eureka's Prism. Dr. Langston also gave the Eureka College Centennial, 1855-1955 souvenir plate.


Orval Peterson, Yakima, Wash., brought for Richard Hake, also of Yakima, three pamphlets and two periodicals.

Two authors, A. T. DeGroot, Fort Worth, Tex., and Virgil R. Walker, Wynne, Ark., brought copies of their new books. [See Books of Recent Date in this issue.]

E. O. Ashley, of Des Moines sent by Ben C. Bobbitt, also of Des Moines, an old receipt, dated July 14, 1845, for a year's subscription to The Millennial Harbinger, to F. Ashley, and signed by B. H. Taylor, agent.

A set of eight colored post cards picturing the stained glass windows in the Marshall Bible Building at Phillips University was given by Dean Stephen J. England.

Sixteen persons called at the booth and indicated their intention to send materials to the Society, and sixteen others asked for information. The answers to these questions will have been looked up and sent out before this gets into print.

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What's New in Our Library...

**Cotner College Annuals**

Recently received in our library are several Cotner College Annuals from Raleigh J. Peterson, Cotner School of Religion, Lincoln, Nebraska. We now have the following:

- *The Cotner X-Ray*, 1910

Included with the gift were bound volumes of *The Cotner Collegian*, 1917-1918, 1928-1929, 1930-1931, and 1931-1932; several issues of *The Cotner College Bulletin*, 1927, 1929, and 1930; and two copies of Moorman—*The History of Cotner College*, 1916.

**Chester Hensley Materials**

From the time of the organization of our Society in 1941 until the time of his death this year, Chester Hensley was interested in our work. Many a wanted book, periodical, pamphlet, and picture came to us because of his unfailing support.

Early in August we received 16 cartons of materials saved by him through his busy life as pastor and state secretary. Even though very little of this has been processed, we do know that our holdings will be greatly enriched because of what he collected and kept.

**Shook Manuscript**

James D. Boles, Harding College, Searcy, Ark., has presented our library with an 87-page typescript copy of a book projected, but never published, by Charles Augustus Shook. 1876-1939. It is titled "The Current Reformation" Defended, and was written in 1915 as a reply to *The Failures of Campbellism, or the Current Reformation in Contrast with Truth Revealed*, a 139-page book by E. E. Long, published in 1914. We need a copy of this volume to be placed with the manuscript.

**The Controversial Creath**

Jacob Creath, Jr., was contemporary with two generations of Disciples. Born in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, January 7, 1799, he lived through the beginning period and on into the development and growth era. He knew the two Campbells, Stone, Scott, Burnet, Franklin, Errett and Garrison. From 1826, when he was burned in effigy in Mississippi, to his death in Palmyra, Missouri, January 9, 1886, he was a controversial figure.

Recently the Society has received a mass of personal papers, correspondence, pamphlets, and periodicals in original covers from his granddaughter, Mrs. Neva Ross of San Jose, California. These had been kept by Mrs. Ross in her home in Palmyra for many years. Upon leaving there to live with her son, the material was given to Dr. Clark Buckner, minister of the First Christian Church of Palmyra, who sent it to the Society.

There are several hundred letters to Creath, written by various Disciple leaders. Although these have not yet been processed, it is certain that there are many letters of

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Aloha, dear Mr. Creath,

I am pleased to know you have been so kind as to forward some copies of our magazine for distribution. I am also pleased to learn you are considering publishing a series of articles on the history of the Palmyra church.

I have been asked to write this letter to express my appreciation for your efforts. Your dedication to the work of the church is truly inspiring.

I am aware that the current state of the church is not ideal, and I am praying for guidance and support as we work to improve it. I believe that with the right leadership and commitment, we can overcome these challenges.

I would like to encourage the church to consider the possibility of a new facility. This would require significant financial resources, but I am confident that with the support of the community, we can achieve this goal.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the work of the church.

Yours sincerely,

Barton W. Stone

Letter from Barton W. Stone to Jacob Creath, Jr., Palmyra, Mo. Photostat copies suitable for framing may be had from the Society for $1.00, postpaid.
CONTROVERSIAL CREATH ...

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value for research students. Three such letters have been noted: 1) letter from Alexander Campbell dated April 20, 1846, concerning Creath’s quarrel with Henry Foster and the David’s Fork Church in Kentucky; 2) letter from Tolbert Fanning, August 18, 1843, proposing that Creath be one of the editors of a paper projected to be published in Nashville [Christian Review]; 3) letter from Barton W. Stone, March 10, 1844, thanking Creath for an article contributed to the Christian Messenger, and commenting that it is easier to plant churches than to cultivate them.

The text of the Stone letter, written eight months before his death, follows:

Jacksonville, March 10, 1844
Dear bro. Creath: Your kind favor you see in the Messenger, for which you have our hearty thanks. I have deferred writing to you, because you were far from home, & it was uncertain when you would return. We have taken the liberty of sending you a few prospectuses for vol. 14 of the Messenger for distribution among those you deem most efficient. If you approve our course, different from all other religious journals of late, please help us with communications & subscribers—paying subscribers. We are glad to find you devoting your time to the good cause. Your reward is sure. My former labors in the same cause have been so imperfect, & so blended with self that I can lay no just claim to any reward from my Lord. Grace only can I plead for an admission to the lowest seat in heaven.—My health & strength are gradually declining, and are a continual memento of approaching death & eternity. Yet have I the spirit of youth to do something to advance the cause of my Lord; but when I try strength fails. Bro. Creath, while you enjoy health & strength, be diligent to save souls and build up Zion. The days are coming, when these may fail you also. Think of one thing, that it is easier to plant than to cultivate, & therefore the former is more frequently attended to, and the latter neglected. I mean, it is easier to preach to sinners & proselyte, than to build up the church. Do let us hear from you shortly.

Your old brother,

B. W. Stone

Among Creath’s personal papers are sermons, sermon notes and outlines, and account books. There are interesting documents about the “Dead Horse Case,” in which Creath sued Henry Thomas for slander, long after Thomas had moved to Texas from Missouri, where the incident occurred. Creath accused Thomas of circulating a story to the effect that when Creath’s horse died, he collected enough money from several churches to buy two replacements.

Creath never had a book published, except his Memoir, 1872, edited by Peter Donan from a series of autobiographical sketches in the Christian Pioneer in the 1860’s but he did publish many tracts and pamphlets. Several of these are included in the material received:

Biographical Sketches of Elder Wm. Creath, a Calvinistic Baptist Preacher, of Mecklenburg County, Va., and His Family, by his Son, Jacob Creath, of Palmyra, Mo. [St. Louis], T. W. Ustick, printer, 1866, 58 pages.


A Chronological Table of Important Events, From the Commencement of the Christian Plea to the Year Eighteen Hundred and Twenty-five. [Palmyra, Mo.], Printed at the Spectator office, 1868, 16 pages.

A Tract on the Use and Abuse of Tobacco. [Palmyra, Mo.], Printed by J. Sosey & Son, 1871, 16 pages.

A History of Facts, in Relation to the Conduct of Henry Foster [of Fayette County, Ky.] From the Year 1831, to the Year 1840, by Jacob Creath, Jr., of Monticello, Lewis County, Mo. [Palmyra, Mo.], Printed at the office of the Mo. Courier, 1841?, 16 pages.

Some pamphlets concerning the Foster Case and Creath’s Mississippi experience are:

The Report of a Committee, Called at the Request of the Elders of the Christian Congregation in Monticello, Lewis County, Mo., From the Christian Congregation in Hous-
ton and Palmyra, to Investigate an "Address" Purporting to be Written by the David's Fork Church in Fayette County, Ky., Against Elder Jacob Creath, Jr. 1841?, 8 pages [Caption title.]


A Shield to Jacob Creath, Jr., a Teacher of Christianity, in the Congregations, at Bethel and Shilo; Against the Assualts Made Upon his Reputation. Woodville; Wilkinson County, Mississippi, August, 1827, 8 pages.

On May 20, 1859, Creath was in Memphis, Tenn., when O. S. Fowler was there. The original "Phrenological Chart" given by Fowler to Creath is included in the materials received by the Society. Creath was so proud of the "reading" that later he had the document printed in a broadside, 6 1/2 x 12 1/2 inches, and distributed it widely over the country. A copy of the broadside is one of the items received.

Other pamphlets and reports are:

An Address Delivered Before the Charlottesville [Va.] Lyceum, By Alexander Campbell, on the 16th of June 1840[sic.]-published at the Request of the Lyceum. 1840? 22 pages. [Caption title.]

Minutes of the Missouri State Meeting of Disciples, Held at Georgetown, October 1855. . . . Lexington, Mo., William Musgrove, Publisher. 8 pages [one or two pages missing].

Minutes of the State Meeting of the Christian Church, Held at Liberty, Clay County, Mo., October 8, 1857. St. Louis, Mo., George Knapp & Co., Printers and Binders, 1858. 8 pages.


Many of the periodicals received are very rare. A list follows:

The American and Foreign Christian Union, New York, vol. 8, nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 12, May, June, July, August, October and December 1857; vol. 9, nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, March, April, May, June, July, September, October and November, 1858.


American Christian Review, 17 issues scattered through the years 1865, 1874, 1875, 1878, 1879, 1880 and 1882.

The Apostolic Church, ed. by W. L. Butler, Mayfield and Louisville, Ky., vol. 3, nos. 3, 4, 6, 9, and 10, March, April, June, September and October, 1881; vol. 4, nos. 2, 5, 10, and 11, February, May, October and November, 1882; vol. 5, nos. 1, 2, 7, 9, 10, 12, January, February, July, September, October, and December, 1883; vol. 6, 1884, complete except for April and July.

Bible Index, published by George J. Barclay, Toronto, Canada, vol. 11, nos. 122, 129, and 130, February, September and October 1883; vol. 12, 1884, complete except for May, July and August; vol. 13, 1885, complete except for March, May, June, and November; vol. 14, no. 158, February, 1886.


Christian Examiner, ed. by John G. Parrish, Richmond, Va., vol. 1, nos. 8 and 11, August and November 1868; vol. 2, no. 12, December, 1869; and vol. 3, nos. 3, 5, and 11, March, May and November, 1870.

The Christian Monthly, ed. by J. M. Pickens, Mountain Home, Ala., vol. 1, nos. 7 and 8, July and August, 1870; vol. 2, nos. 1 and 3, January and March 1871.
Christian Pioneer, 16 issues in the years 1862, 1863, 1864, and 1865.
The Christian Preacher, ed. by C. M. Wil-meth, Dallas, Texas, vol. 1, no. 36, June 30, 1878.
The Christian Standard, 6 issues for 1887 and 1888.
The Christian Unitist, ed. by S. R. Jones, Crystal Springs, Miss., vol. 1, no. 12, March 31, 1870.
Christian Watchman, ed. by Ashley S. John-son, Knoxville, Tenn., vol. 1, no. 2, February 1, 1880.
Gospel Advocate, 38 issues in the years: 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, and 1884.
The Iron Preacher, ed. by William E. Hall, New Orleans, La., vol. 1, no. 31, October 14, 1876.
The Octograph, ed. by Daniel Sommer, Martel, O., vol. 1, no. 1, August 1, 1883.
Mountain Home, Ala., vol. 1, nos. 24, 25, 26, 27, July 20, 27, August 3, 10, 1872; vol. 2, no. 38, February 5, 1874; and vol. 3, nos. 8, 15, 18, 22, and 46, August 20, October 8, November 5, December 10, 1874, and August 7, 1875.
The Weekly Gospel Echo, ed. by Elijah L. Craig, Carrollton, Ill., vol. 3, nos. 18, 19, 20, 21, May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 1865.

Wanted
McNemar—The Kentucky Revival, any edition
McQuiddy—The Profitable World, 1925
McVey and Hickman—Debate
Madden—Chopsticks and Clogs, 1927
Madden—Pen Pictures of Japan, 1940
Madden—Where Day Dawns, 1931
Magruder and Orvis, debate—The Punishment of the Wicked, 1855
Major and Smith—Southwest—Heritage, 1938
Mallet—Mr. Lloyd-George, 1930
Manford—Twenty-five Years in the West, 1867
Manire—Conversion, 1895
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COLLECTOR'S CORNER...
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At Des Moines, two events not connected with my work provide pleasant memories. The first was Sunday dinner with the William Schreiber family. Mrs. Schreiber, as Margaret Van Fossen, was my student secretary for a couple of years at Culver-Stockton College, and typed the first draft of my Author Catalog. The other event was the meeting of friends, fellow former faculty members, and students at the Culver-Stockton dinner on Tuesday.

View northwest across front courtyard toward office wing entrance of the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial building. Exterior stone and most load-bearing walls are nearing the second floor level. The building is scheduled for completion in 1957.
Books of Recent Date...

In this column will be found a bibliographical listing of books of recent date that have been received in our library since the last issue.

COLE, Myron C.

DE GROOT, Alfred Thomas
Church of Christ, Number Two. [Fort Worth, Texas, Author] 1956, 50 pp. “Published by the Author and printed at the Press of The Birmingham Printers, Ltd. England.”

FLANAGAN, James Martin, Ed.

HOLWAGER, George

KEMP, Charles F.

LEAVITT, Guy P.

MONTGOMERY, J. Dexter

MOORE, William Joseph

PIERSON, Roscoe Mitchell and WILSON, G. Hugh, Comp.

SMITH, William Martin


STEVenson, De Loris (Mrs. Dwight E.)

WALKER, Virgil Reziah

WARE, Charles Crossfield

WILBURN, Ralph G.

Reprints

ERRETT, Isaac


RING, John W. (Spiritualist) and CHISM, J. W. (Christian Evangelist)

Photolithoprint reproduction of the original edition published by Ernst & Tolleson, Headrick, Okla., 1908.
A "THUS SAITH THE LORD"

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Pennsylvania near the headwaters of this great river could have had a copy of the Haggard document in his possession, or have read it prior to or during the writing of the Declaration and Address.

A third item might be the evidence of the name used both by the Association denoting itself—"The Christian Association of Washington," (Item I in the Declaration) and the use of the term "Christian Church" in speaking of the standards of this group (Item V of the Declaration).

Although there are other items which might show similar thought patterns, may we consider this final one. The tone of both documents is definitely against partyism, sectarianism, and a plea for a return to the pure, simple pattern of the early church. While each man uses his own peculiar style of writing and develops points in his own manner, there is evidence internally which would seem to give credence to the possible, and I believe probable, use of one document by the writer of the other. Since the Haggard Document was written in 1804, the Campbell Document in 1809, it is clear that if one was in any way dependent on the other, it had to be Campbell using Haggard. This takes on added significance when we realize that Rice Haggard did not sign his name to this great writing, but published it with this word of explanation:

Some may, perhaps, be anxious to know who the author of the following pages is, his name, and to what denomination he belongs. Let it suffice to say, that he considers himself connected with no party, nor wishes to be known by the name of any—he feels himself united to that one body of which Christ is the head, and all his people fellow members.

Let us now examine a few comparable passages from both documents which might shed some light on this Haggard-Campbell relationship, if it did exist. Turning to the Haggard Pamphlet, on page 18 of the original or page 23 in the Historical Society reprint, we find this statement under Item 7, concerning the evils of partyism:

We have long been crying out against the Church of Rome for her superstitious and unscriptural inventions; while we have neither suspected, nor examined our own; as though the world did not see and many of our acquaintances know, that we neither have, nor even pretend to have, a "thus saith the Lord" for many things we both do and teach. Alas for us! The children of this world are to this day wiser in their generations than the children of light. They have long since learned that short, though important lesson, united we stand, divided we fall: But we will divide, and rend in pieces, and yet expect to stand.

With this reference to a "thus saith the Lord" by Rice Haggard let us look at Item V in the Declaration and Address of Thomas Campbell, given on page four of the Centennial edition of 1909. This whole Item V is a single complex sentence as follows:

That this society, formed for the sole purpose of promoting simple evangelical Christianity, shall, to the utmost of its power, countenance and support such ministers, and such only, as exhibit a manifest conformity to the original form of Christianity, expressly exhibited upon the sacred page; without attempting to inculcate anything of human authority, of private opinion, or inventions of men, as having any place in the constitution, faith, or worship of the Christian Church—or, anything, as a matter of Christian faith, or duty, for which there cannot be expressly produced a "thus saith the Lord" whether in express terms, or by approved precedent.

And again in the beginning of the appendix on page 26 of this same edition we read these words:

Our inference upon the whole, is, that where a professing Christian brother opposes or refuses nothing either in faith or practice, for which there can be expressly produced a "thus saith the Lord": that we ought not to reject him because he cannot see with our eyes as to matters of human inference—of private judgment.

Thomas Campbell is given credit for using this statement, a "thus saith the Lord," while Rice Haggard used it in publication at least five years before Campbell, and perhaps as early as 1794, in Virginia.

Let us turn our attention to the two sets of propositions, the first, those of Rice Haggard, consisting of eight, and the second, the famous thirteen propositions of Thomas Campbell, as found in the Declaration and Address. While it is evident from their number and content that these propositions were not copied either from the other directly, it must be remembered that Hag-
gard's appeared in print in 1804, Campbell's in 1809.

In the paragraph just preceding his series of propositions, Rice Haggard writes:

We have departed in some measure (I believe greatly) from primitive Christianity: if we can find by what means we shall get back, doubtless it will remedy the evils which have arisen from our departure. I will mention a simple method, which I am willing to try, until some abler hand suggest a better. . . . "Come now my Christian brethren, let us all agree that the mischiefs already done by partyism are sufficient, and more than sufficient; and let us begin to enquire 'For the good old paths, and walk therein, and we shall find rest.'"

Thomas Campbell inplies similar ideas in his statement just preceding the thirteen propositions of his work:

Let none imagine that the subjoined propositions are at all intended as an overture towards a new creed, or standard, for the church, or as in any wise designed to be made a term of communion;—nothing can be farther from our intention. They are merely designed for opening up the way, that we may come fairly and firmly to original grounds upon clear and certain premises; and take up things just as the apostles left them. That thus disentangled from the accruing embarrassments of intervening ages, we may stand with evidence upon the same ground on which the church stood at the beginning.

With the initial statements in mind to these two sets of propositions for eradicating the evils of partyism and the return to the church established by a "thus saith the Lord," let us examine the fourth proposition of both men. We again quote Haggard first, because of his earlier date:

Let us have one form of discipline, and government, and let this be the New Testament. The Old Testament is necessary as a guide to our faith: for by it we are led to those things we find accomplished in the new, and which we are to believe. But for the constitution of a Christian Church; its conduct when constituted; the reception of its members and upon what principles; the manner of expelling and for what, we have sufficient guide in the New Testament, independent of every other book, in the world.

Now, without comment, read proposition 4 of Thomas Campbell:

That although the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are inseparably connected, making together but one perfect and entire revelation of the Divine will, for the edification and salvation of the church; and therefore in that respect cannot be separated; yet as to what directly and properly belongs to their immediate object, the New Testament is as perfect a constitution for the worship, discipline, and government of the New Testament church, and as perfect a rule for the particular duties of its members; as the Old Testament was for the worship discipline and government of the Old Testament church, and the particular duties of its members.

If space permitted, we might compare other propositions and passages in these two basic documents of the Restoration Movement. However, there are many readers who will no doubt desire to pursue this subject further. With this in mind, we give these few challenging comparisons only. There seems little doubt that the Campbells, father and son, had some acquaintance with the work of James O'Kelly, Rice Haggard, Barton Stone, and other early reformers. In what degree, we do not know. The exact relationship of the writing of the Declaration and Address, with earlier documents, more particularly the Haggard document, is vague. Since the Haggard pamphlet was published anonymously, and lost physically, its influence has not been felt, leaving the field open to the Declaration and Address.

Should this famous phrase of our movement be attributed to Thomas Campbell, or could he have received both phrase and idea from Rice Haggard? Could both men independently read the same thought, one from Methodism, the other from Presbyterianism? Was Rice Haggard the real "American Father" of the Restoration Movement? His influence on Barton W. Stone is not questioned, except in degree. Is this statement also true in reference to Thomas Campbell? Rice Haggard was a "Christian" 15 years before Thomas Campbell wrote the Declaration and Address.

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PAYABLE JANUARY 1ST.
Mankamyer, O. L.—All titles
Maple—Discourses on Christian Doctrine, 1851
Maple—Discourses on Heaven, 1853
Markham—Children in Bondage, 1914
Markham—Lincoln and Other Poems, 1901
Markham—New Poems, 1932
Markham—Shoes of Happiness, 1915
Markham, Elizabeth—Poems, 1921
Marsh and Poovey—Hymn Dramatizations, 1942
Martin, Herbert—All titles
Martin, P. J.—The Life of Joseph
Martin, T. Q.—Life and Experiences
Martindale, B. F.—All titles
Mason—The 42nd Ohio Infantry, 1876
Mason—The Life and Public Services of James A. Garfield, 1881
Mason—Poems of Faith and Hope, 1937
Masters—Vachel Lindsay, 1935
Masters—Following the Trail of a Preacher in the Mountains of Virginia and Kentucky for Forty-seven Years, 1922
Mathes and Jordan—Debate, 1847
Mathews—New Faith for Old, 1936
Matthews—The Contributions of Joseph Baldwin to Public Education, 1932
Mattison—A Scriptural Defence of the Doctrine of the Trinity, any edition
Maupin—Limmings
Maupin—Whether Common or Not, 1903
Maus—Old Testament and the Fine Arts, 1954
Mavity—Bible Election, 1875
Mavity—History of the Life of Elder Henry Mavity, 1901
May—Love Purified, 1906
May—Sounds of the Prairie, 1886
Meacham—Pastors Ready Reference Record
Meeks—Hearthstone Echoes, 1902
Milburn—Origin of Campbellism, any edition
Millard, David—All titles
Miller, A. E.—Our Family Circle, 1931
Miller, C. W.—Points of Controversy, 1871
Miller, G. A.—Problems of the Town Church, 1902
Miller, G. E.—Prem Masih of Daroh, 1922
Miller, J. P.—Philadelphia Radio Sermons, 1946
Miller, Louis Bennett—all titles
Miller, Luke—all titles
Miller, Messenger—My Poor Slate, 1940
Miller, S. F. E.—Sixty Years in the Nueces Valley, 1870-1930
Milligan—A Brief Discussion of Grace and Good Works, 1871
Milner—Christianity at a Glance, 1858
Milner—Inquiry Respecting the Church of Christ
Milner—The Scripture Answer Book, 1860
Milner and Bowes, debate—Baptism, Justification and Second Coming, 1859
Mitchell—Reminiscences and Incidents in the Life and Travels of a Pioneer Preacher, 1877
Mode—Source Book and Bibliographical Guide for American Church History, 1921
Moffatt—Christian Church Register
Monks—A History of Southern Missouri and Northern Arkansas, 1907
Monser—The Literature of the Disciples, 1906
Montana Christian Association—The Disciples of Christ in Montana in 1903, 1904 and 1905
Moody—Through the Bible in a Year, 1941
Moen—Sketches of the Moon—Barclay Families, 1939
Moore, A. B.—Helpful Bible Readings, 1892 or 1895
Moore, C. C.—Dog Fennel in the Orient, 1903
Moore, C. C.—The Rational View, 1890
Moore, G. C.—Life of Alexander Carson, 1854
Moore, I. C.—Was Alexander Campbell the Founder of the Campbellite or any other Church? 1909
Moore and Carlton, debate—The Destiny of Man, 1870
Moore and Carlton, debate—Shall Christians Go To War
Moore, W. T.—Preacher Problems, 1907
THE PRESIDENT'S DINNER

Portion of the crowd of more than 300 persons who filled Younker's Tea Room, Des Moines, Iowa, on Tuesday, October 2, for the Third Annual President's Dinner, sponsored by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Regarded as an outstanding success by Society officials, the Dinner was the first such held in connection with the International Convention Assembly and attracted a wide cross-section of brotherhood leadership.

Other Dinners were held in Nashville, Tennessee, December 4, 1953, and November 29, 1955, in honor of Dr. W. E. Garrison and Dr. Colby D. Hall. Dr. Garrison and other dignitaries were seated at the head table for the Des Moines Dinner in honor of the 1956 Society president, Dean Stephen J. England, Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma.

SUPPORT YOUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The work of the Society is financed entirely by membership dues and contributions from individuals, churches, organizations and institutions. It is not in Unified Promotion. It is not supported by any general brotherhood fund raising effort or special day offering.

Individuals and local churches are especially urged to take membership in the Society to insure the continuation of the Society service program. Dues paid in are deductible for income tax purposes. Classifications of membership are as follows:

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EARLY CHRISTIAN-EVANGELISTS NEEDED

Many years lacking from File, 1863-1882

On December 6, the Society received from the Christian Board of Publication fifty years of The Christian-Evangelist for microfilming and indexing. These volumes supplemented with the Society's own holdings of many years form the file which Mrs. Agnes Mills is using in making the index to the periodical.

The Society and the Christian Board together do not have a complete file. Various missing volumes and issues have been located in other libraries, and have been promised for our use. Northwest Christian College library has sent The Gospel Echo, (one of the earlier names of the periodical) 1868-September 1871, on a long term loan.

Before the project can be completed, the following periodicals must be located and secured for use:

The Gospel Echo, Macomb, Ill.
October, November, and December 1871.

The Gospel Echo and Christian, Quincy, Ill.
1872 and 1873 (Gospel Echo was dropped from name during the year.)

The Christian, St. Louis, Mo.
1876, 1882.

The Evangelist, Oskaloosa, Ia.
June, August and October 1867, February, June, November and December 1868, 1869.

The Record and Evangelist, Oskaloosa, Ia., and Chicago, Ill.
1875, 1876, and 1877.

The Evangelist, Chicago, Ill.
1879, 1880 and 1882.

Correspondence is invited with anyone knowing the location of any of the above named periodicals. The Christian-Evangelist Microfilming and Indexing Project will gladly receive as a gift, purchase, or borrow any volumes or issues listed.
NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES SCHEDULE
FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

By action of the Board of Directors, a new schedule of membership dues for local churches in the Disciples of Christ Historical Society will become effective January 1, 1957.

Attention is called to the addition of three new classes of Society membership available to local congregations: the Subscribing Membership, with annual dues of $5.00, or more; the Contributing Membership, with dues of $500.00 per year; and the Patron Membership, with annual dues of $1,000.00. Regular Membership dues, ranging from $10.00 to $50.00 annually, and the Sustaining Membership, with dues of $100.00 annually, are unchanged.

The new schedule permits the Society to forward membership certificates to local churches making contributions which do not meet the present scale of Regular Membership dues. It also reflects the need for increased support beyond the Sustaining Membership level of $100.00 annually, from our larger congregations, in keeping with the expanded Society service program being made possible by the acquisition of the Phillips Memorial building, to be occupied in 1957.

Ministers are requested to place the revised membership dues schedule in the hands of committee chairmen, with the Society request for consideration when new local church budgets are being planned in 1957. The cooperation of all Society members is solicited in calling attention to the increased financial needs of the Society.

The new local church membership dues schedule is listed below. The minister and one lay person from each member church are designated as annual members. All categories listed are for annual dues.

Congregational (the minister and one lay member shall be designated annual members of the Society)

Subscribing membership ............................................. $  5.00, or over

Regular membership:

Up to 200 members .................................................. 10.00
200 to 300 members .................................................. 20.00
300 to 400 members .................................................. 30.00
400 to 500 members .................................................. 40.00
500 members and above ............................................. 50.00

Sustaining membership (any number of members) ............... 100.00

Contributing membership (any number of members) ........... 500.00

Patron membership (any number of members) .................... 1,000.00
ACADEMIC RESEARCH: THESSES AND DISSERTATIONS.

In 1941 the Disciples of Christ Historical Society published its first book: *Theses Concerning the Disciples of Christ, the Churches of Christ and the Christian Church*. This was a 54-page mimeographed booklet listing 196 theses and dissertations written about historical and doctrinal subjects of the Disciples of Christ and related religious groups. These were arranged by author, with subject and institutional indexes as appendices.

There was an edition of 125 copies, made at a cost of $10.32, for paper, stencils, cover and binding materials. The work of cutting the stencils and mimeographing was done by the student library staff of Culver-Stockton College. The binding was done by the compiler of the list, Claude E. Spencer.

Free distribution was made to all Society members (about fifty), and to the Disciple seminaries. The price to others was fifty cents per copy. In the first three months after publication only six copies were sold; in a couple of years, the book was out of print, all copies having either been given away or sold.

Shortly after publication the compiler began to receive notices of items omitted, and new theses being prepared. He began to list such omissions and new efforts in the *Discipliana*, now *The Harbinger and Discipliana*. Since the announcement of the original publication of the "thesis checklist" in the *Discipliana*, December 1941 additional listings have been made as follows:

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A total of 245 listings.

In addition to the regular listing of completed theses, notices have been made of scores of theses on which work was in progress. Many of these projects have been finished, and have been so reported. Of the status of many of the proposed theses, we have no knowledge.

Since the last listing, in October 1954, we have information that the following theses and dissertations should be added to complete the list:


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Jim's Journeys

In this column the Executive Director, James E. McKinney, gives each month his travel observations. Here are his day-by-day experiences as he goes about his business of interpreting the work of the Society to individuals, churches, organizations and institutions.

Saturday, October 6-Thursday, October 11—Unpacking and recovering from Des Moines convention.

Friday, October 12-Wednesday, October 17—Visiting friends in western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia; participating in Fiftieth Anniversary celebration, North Street Church of Christ, BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA; checking with architects in PITTSBURGH; most unusual and enjoyable trip, shared with charming lady companion, my wife. Thanks to the Spencers for keeping the kids. Thanks also for kind hospitality along the way.

Thursday, October 18—Friday, October 26—The correspondence has piled up. Clearing lines of communication requires considerable writing, reporting, analyzing.

Saturday, Sunday October 27-28—Pleasant visit with the Harneds, DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY, with supply preaching for Frank Elliott, NORTONVILLE, KENTUCKY.

Monday, October 29-Saturday, November 10—Time for long-neglected planning, organizing and generally catching-up; including committee sessions and long distance money-raising.

Sunday, November 11-Wednesday, November 14—ATLANTA, for Georgia state convention. Opportunity to appraise progress in the South, visit with friends from other climes.

Thursday, November 15-Saturday, November 24—More desk work, details and other obvious chores relating to budgets, building and bas-reliefs; with time out to enjoy Thanksgiving food and football with the Hadden clan, CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE.

Sunday, November 25—Renewing old friendships during preaching supply trip to Dozier Christian Church, near SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE.

Monday, November 26—Full day of meetings: Tennessee Council of Churches and DCHS executive committee.

Tuesday, November 27-Monday, December 3—More committee sessions: INDIANAPOLIS, for presentation to International Convention program committee, then to ST. LOUIS, for Council of Agencies Interim Committee meeting, followed by other sessions and conversations with state officials, plus checking out back files of The Christian-Evangelist for transport to Nashville for indexing and microfilming. Also visit to Union Avenue church to hear former pastor, Curtis Jones. Inspiring to witness Victory Sunday program in a packed auditorium climaxing evangelism campaign, with scores of additions coming forward attesting to continuing service and vitality of this great metropolitan congregation.

Academic Research

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Brown, Cecil Joyce. Protestant Patterns of Scholastic Intolerance. [Compares certain facets of Disciples with the Scholastics of the Roman Catholic Church] B.D., College of the Bible, 1956.


(Continued on page 79)
Curator Claude E. Spencer comments each month on new and unusual materials recently discovered and acquired by the Society. Bits of Disciple-lore about events, places, and people as gleaned from library holdings will be brought to the reader’s attention. Library and archival wants will be discussed.

In the October number I mentioned the names of several persons who gave material to the Society during the International Convention Assembly at Des Moines. I must apologize for omitting Ralph Neill and Perry L. Stone from that list.

Mr. Neill gave three copies of the radio transcriptions Let There Be Light, programs numbers 253 and 254 of the National Council of Churches Broadcasting and Film Commission. These programs, “Frontier Preacher” (Barton W. Stone) and “That They May All be One” (Alexander Campbell), worked out in cooperation with the Department of Public Relations of the International Convention, were broadcast nationally in August by ABC.

Mr. Stone brought a copy of the Souvenir Booklet, 31st Anniversary and Homecoming, First Christian Church, Sanford, Florida, September 23, 1956, which contained a historical sketch of the church.

And speaking of local church histories reminds me that in an early issue I must list the many histories and anniversary programs received during the past few months. Perhaps I need to call to the attention of chairmen of local church anniversary Committees to one of our services. Any church that is celebrating an anniversary or writing a history can secure loan packets of material showing what other churches have done in these two fields.

The Shaws, Henry K., of Elyria, Ohio, and Robert E., of Halifax, N. S., have been writing the history of their local churches. So far as I know these men are not related, but both are good historians.

On November 30 was received Elyria Disciples: The Story of the Disciples of Christ in Elyria, Ohio, A Seventy-fifth Anniversary Publication of the Washington Avenue Church of Christ, by Henry K. Shaw. This attractive booklet of 52 pages is illustrated and has an index.

Just a day later came Robert E. Shaw’s Historical Sketch, 1831-1956, Disciples of Christ, North Street Christian Church, Halifax, N. S., a 22 page illustrated booklet.

I wonder what happened to the 125 bound copies of The Christian Unitist, which editor S. R. Jones had for sale in October 1876. He offered them at a dollar a copy in an advertisement in the Iron Preacher. He said “As I am old, feeble, and very needy, I trust the brethren will speedily exhaust my stock.” Was his stock sold? If so, why haven’t some of these showed up in old preachers’ libraries? Maybe no one was interested in buying and Jones’ descendents had to junk them.

Again I must apologize for leaving out information in the October HARBINGER. The Minutes of the Meherren Baptist Association for 1820 and 1821 should have been included with the other rare pamphlets listed in “The Controversial Creath.”

From H. E. Matheny, of Akron, Ohio, who spent two days last month working in our library, I have learned about a work of fiction, The Fish on the Steeple by Ed. Bell, 1935, that should be in our library. Anyone got a copy to send us?

Books of Recent Date...

In this column will be found a bibliographical listing of books of recent date that have been received in our library since the last issue.

HUEGEL, Frederick Julius


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What's New in Our Library...

As a service to local churches, the Society carefully preserves all local church publications. Hundreds of churches have placed the Society on their mailing lists of periodicals, bulletins, and orders of worship, thus insuring that future generations will have access to the materials so necessary in the writing of local church history.

The following publications have been added since our last report in June.

California
Santa Maria. First Christian Church. *The Santa Maria Evangel*.

Illinois
Oakwood. Christian Church. *News and Views*.
Oakwood. Christian Church. *Orders of Worship*.

Indiana
Middletown. Sixth Street Christian Church. *Sixth Street Christian News*.

Kansas
McPherson. First Christian Church. *Orders of Worship*.

Kentucky

Maryland

Missouri
Kansas City. Antioch Community Church. *The Antioch Call*.


Montana

Nebraska
Wymore. Church of Christ. *The Visitor*.

New York
Dunkirk. The Church of Christ. *News From the Church on the Corner*.

Ohio

Oklahoma

Oregon
Salem. Court Street Christian Church. *Court Street Christian*.

Pennsylvania
Republic. First Christian Church. *Church News*.

Texas
Alvin. First Christian Church. *Home Caller*.

Virginia

Wisconsin
Milwaukee. United Church (Baptist and Disciples) *United Church*. 
Academic Research . . .

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Platt, Robert Martin. The Historical Background of Barton W. Stone's Theology. B.D., College of the Bible, 1956.


Rossman, George Parker, Jr. Protestant Cooperation on State University Campuses. Ph.D., Yale University, 1953.


There are several other theses completed about which we do not have definite information; year degree was granted, exact title, or the degree for which the thesis was written is lacking. We hope to list in an early issue this information.

Books of Recent Date

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MOORE, George Voiers

In All Things: The Perfecting of the Pastoral Minister. Lexington, Ky., The College of the Bible, 1956. [6], 48 p.

First published as the October 1956 issue of The College of the Bible Quarterly.

RIKER, Dorothy and THORNBROUGH, Gayle.

Comp. Readings in Indiana History. Indianapolis, Indiana Historical Bureau, 1956. xii, 625 pp.

WOODS, Guy N. and PORTER, W. Curtis.


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Books of Recent Date

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Reprints

CAMPBELL, Alexander and RICE, Nathan Lewis. (Presbyterian)

A photolithoprint reprint of the original edition, first printing with the error "trine immersion," at the beginning of the 7th line on page 258, published by A. T. Skillman and Son, Lexington, Ky., 1844.

FRANKLIN, Joseph and HEADINGTON, J. A.

Photolithoprint of the original edition published in St. Louis, 1879, by John Burns.

McGARVEY, John William

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