

Disciples of Christ Historical Society

Digital Commons @ Disciples History

Discipliana - Archival Issues

1953

Discipliana Vol-13-Nos-1-7-April-1953-December-1953

Claude E. Spencer

Disciples of Christ Historical Society, mail@discipleshistory.org

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.discipleshistory.org/discipliana>



Part of the [Christian Denominations and Sects Commons](#), [History of Religion Commons](#), [Religious Thought, Theology and Philosophy of Religion Commons](#), and the [United States History Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Spencer, Claude E., "Discipliana Vol-13-Nos-1-7-April-1953-December-1953" (1953). *Discipliana - Archival Issues*. 11.

<https://digitalcommons.discipleshistory.org/discipliana/11>

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by Digital Commons @ Disciples History. It has been accepted for inclusion in Discipliana - Archival Issues by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ Disciples History. For more information, please contact jmcmillan@discipleshistory.org.

Discipliana

Published quarterly by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Nashville, Tennessee

VOL. 13

APRIL, 1953

NO. 1

STATE CONVENTIONS ENDORSE DCHS

Society Maintains Exhibits at Spring Meetings

Resolutions endorsing the program of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society after one year of full-time operation in Nashville have been adopted by nine (9) state conventions of Disciples of Christ (Christian Churches). The resolutions called attention to the work of the Society in collecting and making available for use the historical materials of the brotherhood, and urged churches, institutions and individuals to consider membership in the Society as a means of sharing in the support of the national service agency of the brotherhood. Among the states endorsing the Society program were: Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Colorado, Iowa, Indiana, and Wyoming. While the DCHS resolution was presented to all Spring conventions, no reports have been received from Mississippi, Florida, Montana, Louisiana, and the Capital Area.

Historical exhibits illustrating the materials being assembled at the Nashville Archives and Library were maintained by staff members at seven conventions during April and May. Jim McKinney, executive director, represented the Society at state conventions in Missouri (Hannibal, April 14-16), Texas (Lubbock, April 20-23), Oklahoma (Tulsa, April 27-30), Iowa (Des Moines, May 3-6), and Indiana (Huntington, May 10-12). Claude E. Spencer, curator, supervised exhibits at the Tennessee convention (Nashville, April 21-23), and at the North American Christian Convention in Canton, Ohio (April 22-26).

In addition to directing the historical exhibits, the Society representatives also made many contacts for the Society in the states

(Continued on page 15)

FAMILY FOUNDATION TAKES

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERSHIP

The Disciples of Christ Historical Society reports the receipts of a \$500 contributing membership from the Irwin-Sweeney-Miller Foundation of Columbus, Indiana. The Foundation represents the interests of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Miller, Mrs. Nettie S. Miller, Miss Elsie I. Sweeney, and Mrs. Robert Tangeman.

On receiving the membership contribution from the Irwin-Sweeney-Miller Foundation, Claude E. Spencer, Curator of the Historical Society, stated: "Such generous support encourages us in the belief that individuals and institutions throughout our great Brotherhood are becoming aware of the unique contribution of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society and are taking advantage of the opportunity to share in its support."

The Foundation contributing membership has been gratefully acknowledged, along with a number of other recent memberships received by the Society, listed in detail on page 14. The DCHS membership list is growing daily as individuals and groups throughout the brotherhood join in preserving the heritage of our movement.

REMINDER

Are you a *dues-paying* member of DCHS? 1953 dues are past payable. The service program of your Historical Society is dependent entirely on dues paid to the Society by individual and local congregational members. Have you paid your DCHS dues for 1953?

In This Issue:

Robert H. Forrester: Minister, Educator, Editor, Publisher, Lawyer and Disciple, by John W. Neth, Jr., page 4—Editorial: *Two Significant Anniversaries*, by Ronald E. Osborn, page 3—*They Say*, what brotherhood leaders think of DCHS, page 8.

A Bethany Visitor, page 7

Jim's Journeys, page 6

Presidents and Disciples, page 2

Dates and Data, page 7

New Members, page 14

Theses Completed, page 5

Wants, page 13

What's New in Our Library, page 10

PRESIDENTS AND DISCIPLES: Garfield—Lincoln—Johnson

James A. Garfield, *His Religion and Education*, by Woodrow W. Wasson, a recent book published by the Tennessee Book Company, has drawn attention again to the fact that not only a Disciple, but a Disciple preacher, was president of the United States.

Perhaps two other presidents were Disciples. For more than fifty years there have been published divergent stories about Abraham Lincoln having been surreptitiously baptized by John O. Kane, a Disciple preacher. Perhaps the latest mention is "Was Lincoln a Christian?" by James DeForest Murch in *United Evangelical Action* for February 1, 1953. Edgar DeWitt Jones, in *Lincoln and the Preachers*, dismisses these stories as being entirely discredited, as does Louis A. Warren in *Lincoln Lore*, March 16, 1942. However, Lincoln did have a Disciple background, for his father, Thomas Lincoln, was a member of the Christian Church.

About fifteen years ago there was considerable discussion published about the church membership of Andrew Johnson. This was started by the question "Are you aware that—Andrew Johnson who succeeded Lincoln as President was at one time a member of the Christian Church, according to a recent report we have received?" in the Just Among Disciples column of the March 23, 1939, issue of *The Christian-Evangelist*.

In the issues of April 6, April 20, and August 10, 1939, there were further notes, including a statement from O. P. Spiegel that David Lipscomb had told him Johnson was a member of the Christian Church.

In an editorial, "Was Andrew Johnson a member of the Church?", the *Gospel Advocate* for September 14, 1939, reprinted the notes from *The Christian-Evangelist* and also an article written by David Lipscomb in the *Gospel Advocate* of September 26, 1883, in which Lipscomb denied that Johnson was ever a member, but said he had been a close friend of Tolbert Fanning and Jesse B. Ferguson. Lipscomb attributed the story of Johnson's membership to F. D. Power of Washington, D. C., who "has certainly fallen in error", he said.

The Christian-Evangelist, September 28 and October 5, 1939, printed Lipscomb's article and called attention to the fact that all statements made were from secondary source material and hoped that eventually some primary material might be discovered.

Now comes Charles C. Ware, Curator of the North Carolina Discipliana Collection, Wilson, N. C., with a copy of *Business in*

Christianity (Board of Church Extension periodical) for October-November 1895, that documents the Power story.

F. D. Power, minister of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, Washington, D. C., and reputable Disciple historian, in an article "Church building history in the Capitol" wrote:

"In 1868 Henry T. Anderson came from Harrodsburg, Ky., and served the church for one year as pastor. He was a gifted, scholarly, and consecrated [sic] man. He passed away in Washington, September 19, 1872.

"An incident related to me by Judge [Jeremiah S.] Black of this period illustrates . . . the struggles of the fathers to plant our cause in this city. It was during Andrew Johnson's administration. The church found itself unequal to the task of raising the small salary agreed upon, and applied to Judge Black and General Garfield to assist them by securing a clerkship in one of the Departments for the minister, such as would furnish him a support and enable him to remain and serve the congregation.

"These gentlemen waited upon the President and sought an appointment through him. He had formerly been a member of the same communion, and Judge Black appealed to him to aid in establishing their cause in Washington.

"The president acknowledged that he had been a member of the church, but a very poor one. The judge said that he should remember to do good to all men, but especially to them of the household of faith, and seeing that Satan was taking good care of his own in Washington, he, the President, should have some concern for the good work of his Christian brethren. Garfield said little. Johnson agreed to do what he could, and subsequently made the appointment, though the minister [Anderson] would not accept it."

All the reference books we consulted, including *This Nation Under God* by Elbert Thomas, and *The Presidents: Men of Faith* by Bliss Isely, said that Johnson was never a member of any church but worshipped with the Methodists along with his wife.

Is this just another apocryphal story, or is it based on fact? Did Judge Black or President Garfield ever relate in print this visit to Johnson? Is Johnson's name on the membership list of some local church in East Tennessee? We still need primary documentation.

DISCIPLIANA, published January, April, July, and October by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Joint University Library, 419-21st Avenue, South, Nashville, Tennessee. Founded by the Ministerial Association of Culver-Stockton College, volume 1, number 1, was issued March, 1941. Volumes 1-3 were mimeographed. With volume 6 the Disciples of Christ Historical Society assumed publication.

Entered as Second Class Matter, Nashville, Tennessee under Act of August 24, 1912.

Claude E. Spencer, *Editor*.

James E. McKinney, *Associate Editor*

Subscription to DISCIPLIANA is included in the membership dues of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. The price of an annual subscription to non-members is \$1.00.

Vol. 13

APRIL, 1953

NO. 1

Two Significant Anniversaries

The year 1954 will mark two significant anniversaries for Disciples of Christ.

On January 4, 1854, Thomas Campbell died at Bethany, old and full of years. In the generation and a half since his writing of the *Declaration and Address*, he had seen the movement thus launched take on vigor under the leadership of his son, win thousands of adherents, and establish itself as a significant factor in American religious life. It is now almost a hundred years since Thomas Campbell's death.

But an even earlier event claims our attention.

In June, 1804, at Cane Ridge, Kentucky, Barton W. Stone and his associates drew up the *Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery*. The key words of this whimsical-serious document are well known: "We will that this body die, be dissolved, and sink into union with the body of Christ at large." So these erstwhile Presbyterians dropped their distinctive name and became known simply as Christians.

These Kentucky rebels against denominationalism were not the first religious group in America to abandon the name of a historic sect in favor of the designation Christian. Already some Methodists in Virginia and North Carolina and some Baptists in New England had taken a similar step. But the Kentucky Christians had a zeal for Christian unity. And in 1832 they joined forces with Disciples of Christ.

Thus the *Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery* marks the beginning of an important phase of this religious movement in America. And that was 150 years ago.

The occasion of these two anniversaries provides an opportunity for the churches of this Brotherhood to give special attention to the principles which called it into being. The observance of these spiritual milestones

in our history was commended to Disciples by a resolution adopted at the Oklahoma City Assembly of the International Convention.

Several important activities suggest themselves as appropriate means of keeping the centennial and the sesquicentennial:

1. A recommitment of our congregations to the ecumenical ideal which brought us into being. Appropriate sermons should be preached, with many groups studying such courses as *Disciples of Christ—Whence and Whither?* and *Doctrine and Thought of Disciples of Christ*.

2. A re-examination of scriptural teachings on the nature of the church. Much material for serious study and thoughtful preaching is at hand because of the attention being given to the church in the current movement for the revival of Biblical theology. The Report of the Third World Conference on Faith and Order is a case in point.

3. Significant attention to these anniversaries in planning the programs of state conventions, adult conferences, ministers' institutes, and the International Convention.

4. Pilgrimages to Bethany and to Cane Ridge, with appropriate memorial services.

5. Publication of new studies on the work and significance of Barton W. Stone and Thomas Campbell.

6. Commitment of hundreds of churches and thousands of individuals to membership in and financial support of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. This is the agency among us dedicated to preserving the heritage of our past for the life of the future.

The occurrence of these anniversaries makes it clear that Disciples of Christ have attained a degree of maturity in the religious world. A knowledge of our history, a critical estimate of it, and a renewed dedication to our historic ideals will equip us more thoroughly for our present mission.

Ronald E. Osborn

ROBERT H. FORRESTER: Minister, Educator, Editor, Publisher, Lawyer and Soldier

BY JOHN W. NETH, JR.

John W. Neth, Jr., library school student, George Peabody College for Teachers, and librarian-elect of Milligan College, presents here some facts about a man once well-known in the brotherhood, but who later seemingly severed all connections with the church. Mr. Neth has a B.A. from Bethany College, a B.D. from School of Religion, Butler University, and will receive his library science degree in August.

The life of Robert H. Forrester can be conveniently divided into four phases. These very natural divisions are: The Pittsburgh (Pa.) period, 1816 to 1846; the Kentucky period, 1846 to 1861; the Confederate period, 1861 to 1868; and the Chicago period, 1868 to 1884. We will conform to these periods for the very brief sketch of his life which follows.

The Pittsburgh Period, 1816 to 1846.—Robert H. Forrester was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1816, the son of George and Nancy Forrester. His father was famous for his influence on Walter Scott from June, 1819, to July, 1820, when George was drowned in the Allegheny River July 7, 1820. Robert was then just four years old. He was a pupil of Walter Scott during the years that this famous teacher instructed in the home of Nathaniel Richardson. Robert Richardson was one of his schoolmates. At the age of 12 he procured a job in the Pittsburgh Post Office and assisted with his own support. While he worked, he attended school, and in a few years changed positions and became a salesman in a bookstore, soon becoming a partner in that firm known as Patterson and Forrester. In October, 1835, he petitioned the court of Allegheny for the appointment of a guardian and asked for Samuel Church, who accepted the responsibility. During this period he attended the University of Western Pennsylvania, now the University of Pittsburgh, and was prominent in the youth activities of the city. On January 7, 1839, as vice-president of the Wirt Literary Society, he delivered the first anniversary address. A year earlier, 1838, we find him as a co-partner with Enos Campbell in the publishing firm of Forrester and Campbell, authorized to publish the works of Alexander Campbell. In 1840, at 24 years of age, he was a member of the first board of trustees of Bethany College. During this year his first son, George Forrester, was born. On March 10, 1842, Robert was admitted to the bar in Pittsburgh and practiced law in the firm of Forrester and Courtney. When Walter Scott returned to Pittsburgh in 1844 and began publication of the weekly newspaper, the *Protestant Unionist*, Robert H. was chosen as his co-editor, which position he retained until his departure from Pennsylvania. James Darsie records that he was appointed through the Somerset (Pa.) church as the first evangelist of the area of

Western Pennsylvania and Western Virginia, but did not complete his year before leaving to go to Kentucky. During this period he was intimately connected with the early Pittsburgh church organized by George Forrester, his father, and fostered by Walter Scott. He was the preacher Isaac Errett and his wife heard the evening they were married.

The Kentucky Period, 1846 to 1861.—Robert H. Forrester moved to Georgetown, Kentucky, in July, 1846, where he ministered to the Christian Church. In the fall of 1846 and spring of 1847 he assisted Thornton F. Johnson in organizing the Western Military Institute (later united with the University of Nashville, the parent of the George Peabody College for Teachers). Here he conducted a law department as part of the Institute. It was during this period that he was intimately acquainted with James G. Blaine, and claimed to have given him his basic foundation in political law. Prior to the Western Military Institute's moving to Blue Lick Springs in December, 1849, Robert severed this connection and in 1850 is recorded in the U. S. Census as living in Cynthia with his son, George, his second wife, Amanda J. Forrester, and Mary Palmer, her mother. He had considerable wealth and was preaching for the Cynthia Christian Church in addition to following his law practice. In an editorial debate on the Kentucky constitution revision of 1849, he is said to have taken an active part, advocating particularly the local election of judges. Here two sons and two daughters were born: Harry P., Richard, Fannie, and Mary. His wife, Amanda J., died soon after the birth of the second daughter in 1858. In a few months the daughter, Mary, followed her in death. In April, 1860, Robert H. married a widow named Sallie (Fields) Hamilton, his third wife. To this union was born one son, Walter Shelby Forrester, who later became prominent in his native city, Louisville, Kentucky, as a printer and editor, a civic leader and state political figure. However, due to the War Between the States, Robert Forrester never saw this fourth son until he was a young man. This leads us into the third or Confederate period of the life of Robert H. Forrester.

(to be continued)

THESES COMPLETED . . .

In 1941 the Society published *Theses Concerning the Disciples of Christ* (now out-of-print). Since then, all theses written, including earlier theses unknown in 1941, have been regularly reported in DISCIPLIANA. These have not been listed before:

- Adams, Hampton. *Historical Conditions Influencing the Trend of Thought in Transylvania College, 1780-1922*. B.D., College of the Bible, 1922.
- Allegood, Heber R. *Alexander Campbell's Conception of Authority in Religion*. B.D., College of the Bible, 1918.
- Arvin, William Jennings. *Improving Christian Education in the Big Hill Avenue Christian Church*. M.R.E., College of the Bible, 1936.
- Baker, Ernest P. *A Study of the Adequacy of Ministerial Training Among the Disciples of Christ*. B.D., College of the Bible, 1950.
- Bingham, Walter L. *The Effectiveness of the Young Peoples Program of Woodland Christian Church, Lexington, Ky.* B.D., College of the Bible, 1951.
- Bollinger, Oran Edward Asa. *The Disciples of Christ and the Barthian Theology*. B.D., College of the Bible, 1951.
- Boren, Carter Excell. *The History of the Disciples of Christ in Texas, 1824-1906*. Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1952.
- Bowdery, Barbara Klore. *The Sociology of Robert E. Park*. Ph.D., Columbia University, 1951.
- Burke, Donald Paul. *The Disciples of Christ and the Church College*. M.A., Phillips University, 1947.
- Chen, Elizabeth. *Functions and Preparation of Leaders of Religious Education of the Disciples of Christ*. M.R.E., College of the Bible, 1930.
- Cox, James Arthur. *Incidents in the Life of Philip Slater Fall*. B.D., College of the Bible, 1951.
- Darst, H. Jackson. *Independent Institutions of Higher Education Among Disciples of Christ; A Study in Institutionalization*. Ed.D., University of Virginia, 1952.
- Davis, Harry McCuan. *The Kentucky Christian Bible School Association—Whither Bound?* B.D., College of the Bible, 1935.
- Day, Charles Alvis. *Moses E. Lard, A Master Builder of the Reformation of the Nineteenth Century*. B.D., College of the Bible, 1951.
- Dickinson, Hoke Smith. *The Attitudes of Transylvania College and The College of the Bible Students Towards Problems of Youth*. B.D., College of the Bible, 1930.
- Dodson, James Richard. *The Proverbs of the Nkundo-Mongo People of Belgian Congo: A Study of Their Use in Christian Education*. B.D., College of the Bible, 1950.
- Ely, Wanita Lorraine. *A Study of Adult Leadership of Youth in Some Disciples of Christ Churches*. M.R.E., College of the Bible, 1951.
- Gentzler, Harold Elroy. *The Use of Biblical Material in the Bethany Graded Lessons for the Intermediate Department of the Church School*. M.R.E., College of the Bible, 1951.
- McGuire, Franklin Reid. *A Study of the Christian Church, West Liberty, Ky.* B.D., College of the Bible, 1951.
- McKelvy, Jewell Elizabeth. *A Study of the Castlewood Christian Church*. M.R.E., College of the Bible, 1951.
- McMullin, Mary Elaine. *A History of the Development of Children's Work in the Disciples of Christ*. M.R.E., College of the Bible, 1951.
- Parks, Norman Lexington. *Origin of the Christian Church in Kentucky*. M.A., George Peabody College for Teachers, 1930.
- Simrell, Eugene R. *A Study of the Youth Work of Central Christian Church, Lexington, Ky.* B.D., College of the Bible, 1951.
- Snipes, David Paul. *A History of the Evangelism of the Belgian Congo*. B.D., College of the Bible, 1952.
- Wallace, James G. *A Survey of Methods for Assimilating New Members*. B.D., School of Religion, Butler University, 1948.
- White, Joseph Welles. *The Influence of Sidney Rigdon Upon the Theology of Mormonism*. University of Southern California, 1947.

Gospel Advocates and Others

From B. C. Goodpasture, Nashville, Tenn., we received a nearly complete file of the *Gospel Advocate*, 1909-1937.

Other periodicals received at the same time include varying issues and volumes of *The Adult Gospel Quarterly*; *The Apostolic Times*; *Bible Study Helper*; *Elementary Gospel Quarterly*; *The Gospel Light*; *Glad Tidings*; *Gospel Herald*; *Intermediate Gospel Quarterly*; *Junior Gospel Quarterly*; *Little Jewels*; *Primary Gospel Quarterly*; *Senior Gospel Quarterly*; *Truth in Love*; and *The Visitor*.

Jim's Journeys

This piece should be titled "Circuit-Ridin' for DCHS" or perhaps "Learning the Brotherhood in One Easy (?) Lesson." 5,000 miles, one month, five state conventions, ten states. What a tremendous country! And lots of wonderful people!

Sunday, April 12—Dawson Springs, Kentucky, preaching. One addition. Church calls Charles Mathias from Vanderbilt School of Religion as minister. People ready for active program. Afternoon district youth round-up. Several hundred youngsters, with their ministers, in attendance.

Monday, April 13—Memphis, Tennessee. Preachers' meeting at Linden Avenue. Terrific reports of Easter additions in Shelby County churches. DCHS support promised. On to Jonesboro, Arkansas, for visits with Lee Hargis and some of his fine congregation, just completing beautiful new building. Off again, moving north.

Tuesday, April 14, Through Thursday, April 16—Hannibal, Missouri. Mark Twain country. One thousand Missourians registered for state convention at Kenneth Kuntz' First Christian Church. Lester Rickman becomes Dr. Rickman. Culver-Stockton College celebrates 100th birthday. Wind, rain and snow off the Mississippi. Interest in DCHS increasing. Renew old friendships; make new ones.

Friday, April 17—Missouri convention concludes. Weather turns loose: snow, sleet, hail, rain, wind. Let's head for the Southwest! Jefferson City, Springfield, Joplin, Tulsa (in an April hailstorm at midnight).

Saturday, April 18—Oklahoma City. Telephone calls to preachers. Plenty of hot coffee, cold rain, high hopes and low morale.

Sunday, April 19—Chickasha, Oklahoma. Visit with Bill Wright at First Christian Church. Follow the Chisholm Trail to Texas. Big, lonely, barren, awe-inspiring country. Pitchfork and 4-6 rangeland. Cattle, cotton, oil, friendly people.

Monday, April 20, Through Thursday, April 23—Lubbock, Texas. Caprock country. Texas convention registers over 1500. Host Travis White makes a stranger welcome. Great sessions with Tom Wood, Ray Lindley, Patrick Henry, Chester Crow. Reports of new churches being built; old congregations revitalized. Texas Disciples working together.

Friday, April 24—Across South Plains to Fort Worth. Wonderful evening visit with staunch supporter Dr. Colby Hall, former dean TCU, member DCHS Board,

Saturday, April 25—Visit TCU. Lunch with Dr. Hall, Dean DeGroot. Valuable counsel, assistance. On to Dallas in Texas sunshine (86°). Encouraging interview with W. A. Welsh, East Dallas Christian Church, new president Texas convention. Turning north to McKinney, Texas.

Sunday, April 26—McKinney, Sherman, Denison, Texas. Interviews with preachers. Visit Eisenhower's birthplace. Detours Through South Oklahoma.

Monday, April 27, Through Thursday, April 30—Tulsa, Oklahoma. Over 3,000 Oklahoma Disciples registered for state convention at Hallie Gantz' First Christian Church. Keep running into Tom Wood plugging for International Convention. Many new churches being dedicated, planned. Disciples on move in Southwest. Phillips University turning out trained, devoted Christian workers. Oklahoma steaks, Mexican enchiladas, and Swedish salads.

Friday, May 1—Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Pleasant visit with George Beazley at beautifully remodeled First Church.

Saturday, May 2—Kansas City. Visits to Community, Country Club, and Independence Boulevard Christian Churches. Promises of support for DCHS. Lunch at Truman's home town. On to Iowa.

Sunday, May 3, Through Wednesday, May 6—Des Moines, Iowa. So this is the famous Iowa Plan. Simply translated—work. Cooperation with no wasted effort. New churches being planted, tremendous youth programs, active CMF and CWF. Trained, inspired leadership, headed by workhorse Loren Lair, 4,800 registrations. Impressive historical committee-work at University Church, inspired by Warner Muir. New buildings dedicated for state missions, Drake University.

Wednesday, May 6 (Afternoon)—Canton, Missouri. Visit with Jake Allen and family and tour of fine facilities of Culver-Stockton College, overlooking the Mississippi.

Thursday, May 7—St. Louis, then HOME.

Friday, May 8—Nashville. Open the mail.

Saturday, May 9—Nashville. Open more mail.

Sunday, May 10—Dover, Tennessee. Commencement address. Hit the road again north.

Monday, May 11, Tuesday, May 12—Huntington, Indiana. Over 2,600 record registration at Hoosier State convention. More talk of new churches, expanded education programs. Encouraging interviews

(Continued on page 13)

DATES AND DATA...

Under this heading will appear regularly a list of dates month by month, of significant and interesting events connected with Disciple history. Brief comments will be made concerning each event.

Suggestions of dates for inclusion will be welcomed. Especially wanted are the dates of the establishment of local churches, institutions, and organizations, dates of special happenings.

Upon application, the Society will furnish further information concerning any of the items listed.

July

July 1, 1935. Unified Promotion put into operation. This organization was set up to unify various agency appeals to the churches and was a development from the Joint Apportionment Committee of the International Convention which grew out of the Calendar Committee authorized by the Convention in Norfolk in 1907.

July 4, 1823. Volume 1, number 1 of the *Christian Baptist* was issued by Alexander Campbell from his newly acquired printing press at Buffalo Creek, Virginia (now Bethany, West Virginia).

July 9, 1808. Alexander William Doniphan born near Maysville, Kentucky. General Doniphan, known for his expedition to California during the Mexican War, was a strong member of the church in Richmond, Missouri.

July 14, 1876. Sidney Rigdon died at Friendship, New York. After being closely associated with Alexander Campbell, he left the Disciples to become a strong Mormon leader.

July 15, 1810. Alexander Campbell preached his first sermon (text: Matthew 7:24-27) in a grove on the farm of Major Templeton some eight miles from Washington, Pennsylvania.

July 19, 1864. William Dayton Cunningham born in Tyrone Township, Pennsylvania. When turned down by the Foreign Christian Missionary Society for health reasons, Mr. Cunningham developed direct-support missions in Japan.

July 20, 1920. John Benton Briney died at Rural Retreat, Virginia. Mr. Briney was long an influential leader in the brotherhood as minister and editor.

July 31, 1828. Alexander Campbell and Selina Huntington Bakewell were married at her brother's house in Wellsburg, Virginia, by Dr. Edward Smith, a Methodist minister. The second Mrs. Campbell had been chosen by the first Mrs. Campbell before her death in 1927.

August

August 5, 1809. Alexander Campbell with his mother, brothers and sisters sailed on the *Latonia* for America from Scotland. Their first attempt to emigrate in 1808 had ended in shipwreck.

August 8, 1887. Alexander William Doniphan died at Richmond, Missouri.

August 21, 1821. Charles Carlton born in England. Mr. Carlton, minister and educator, founded Carlton College, Bonham, Texas.

August 27, 1832. William Thomas Moore born in Henry County, Kentucky. Best known as the author of many books, including *A Comprehensive History of the Disciples of Christ*, 1909.

August 28, 1850. Passport issued by the Department of State (signed by Daniel Webster) to James Turner Barclay for use in his travel to Jerusalem. He was the first missionary to a foreign land sent out by the American Christian Missionary Society.

August 30, 1820. The Mahoning Baptist Association formed. This was the association that became controlled by the reformers through the work of Walter Scott. It was dissolved in 1830.

August 31, 1861. Jessie Brown Pounds born at Hiram, Ohio. She was the author of hundreds of hymns, including the popular "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

A Bethany Visitor

The Campbell home had many visitors during Alexander Campbell's lifetime. Here is an account of a visit there in 1828 by Jacob Creath, who wrote under the pseudonym Junius Minucius, a pamphlet in defense of Mr. Campbell. This account was printed in the *Gospel Advocate* of December 26, 1866:

"In the spring of 1828, I went from New Orleans, La., to Bethany, Va., purposely to see and converse with this distinguished man [Alexander Campbell]; and spent some six or seven weeks with him at his own house and in the neighborhood, preaching, writing, and reading with him and his brother, Archibald. While there, a pamphlet was sent from Winchester, Ky., on the subject of infant baptism, written by a Mr. Steel, a Presbyterian clergyman, which Brother Campbell gave to me, and requested me to answer it, while he was washing and

(Continued on page 15)

THEY SAY...

Editor's Note: What do our brotherhood leaders think of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society? To get answers to that question, and to gather material for use in promoting greater support for DCHS, our new executive director, Jim McKinney, recently wrote to several leaders in all phases of brotherhood life—ministers, educators, agency heads—asking for their evaluation of the Historical Society and their suggestions as to ways in which the Society can be of greater service to the brotherhood. Herewith we reprint excerpts from several of the letters received in answer to Mr. McKinney's query. The comments and signatures speak for themselves.

"We, as Disciples of Christ, have a rich and colorful history. As one looks back to the days of the Campbells and the Stones and then forward to our present day, certainly we have had the direction of Almighty God. It is extremely necessary and important that all of the historical documents of the past and those that shall come out of the present and the future be preserved for posterity. This, the Disciples of Christ Historical Society does. They need the thoughtful co-operation and support of the churches of the Brotherhood. This, I believe we will give."

H. T. Wood, President
International Convention
Disciples of Christ

* * *

"It is difficult to chart the future unless we have a record of the past for we learn through the account of past mistakes and accomplishments. Furthermore, a recorded history is necessary in order for us to maintain the faith of our fathers and to continue the work to which they set their hands. Therefore, churches and organizations of the Disciples of Christ should be diligent in preserving a record of our church acts. The only agency in our Brotherhood which is equipped to fulfill this function is the Historical Society. It needs and deserves the support of all the churches."

Orval D. Peterson
Minister
First Christian Church
Yakima, Washington

* * *

"I am convinced that we need to preserve our heritage and to make available the knowledge of our history as widely as possible. This should be more than the interest of a few historically minded members of our churches because we can only gain perspective on the road ahead as we have knowledge of the road traveled. The Disciples of Christ Historical Society has already won the confidence of our Brotherhood as a means by which we can collect, catalogue, and make available those documents and records which might otherwise be carelessly tossed aside. It is only by the maintenance of a Society dedicated to these purposes that we can be assured of the preservation of those items which can never be replaced."

Gaines M. Cook
Executive Secretary
International Convention of
Disciples of Christ

"It is by taking account of the past that we can chart our course for the future. To plunge ahead without any regard to what has gone before is both foolish and futile. The Historical Society is dedicated to the task of preserving valuable records both of the past and the history that is now being made, that these may make their contributions to future generations. . . . An investment in the support of this organization will pay big dividends in enlightened minds, awakened churches and better trained ministers. I heartily recommend this work being worthy of personal gifts and enthusiastic support of our churches."

Roger T. Nooe
Minister Ecumenical
Vine Street Christian Church
Nashville, Tennessee
Ad Interim Ministry
Wilshire Christian Church
Los Angeles, California

* * *

"The history of the movement known as the Disciples of Christ is something that must be preserved for posterity. Dealing as it does with the movement of our people who through stress and strain have maintained the inner life of the Spirit and kept alive the spark of Christian unity, it deals with the essentials in religious life. The current ecumenical movement is an outgrowth of the spirit, philosophy and plea of the Disciples."

"Winfred Garrison has reminded us that our movement developed with the frontiers of America. The development of the church as the boundaries were pushed further to the West may have had a larger influence on the development of Democracy than we realize. Even today, our people are the core of the democratic philosophy in the life of the free church. This must be maintained at all cost."

"It is for these reasons and others that individuals and churches in the Brotherhood must support the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. It fulfills a Brotherhood need and goes beyond that to express a need in the wider area of religious influence. It is not only a service institution—it deals with some basic philosophies which must be kept and maintained for the health of the Christian church at large."

Myron C. Cole, Minister
First Christian Church
Portland, Oregon

"The Disciples of Christ Historical Society has had a timely birth, a significant beginning and is performing an exceedingly important function. The Disciples of Christ, beginning at Cane Ridge in 1804, have been in existence for one hundred and fifty years. The Historical Society will preserve for use our Brotherhood records of the past and of the present, and will, also, help to keep our people constantly reminded of our distinct purpose and our unique mission as a religious people. We came into being as a people out of a compelling urge to unite the body of Christ. We have contributed a witness for Christian union more widely and more effectively than we know or can ever know. The predominant trends are now toward unity and union. The Disciples of Christ need to know and understand more clearly their origin, their history, their spirit, and their mission. We came into history for a great purpose for such an age as ours has been and now is. We must now shape anew our course of leadership in an ecumenical age and gird ourselves with vision and strength for the challenging task. The Historical Society is an indispensable agency of our Brotherhood as we set out with greater determination to meet fully our purpose and mission for the future."

Riley B. Montgomery, President
The College of the Bible
Lexington, Kentucky

* * *

"Vine Street has as you know given and pledged approximately \$15,000 toward the support of the Society which speaks of our interest and faith in the institution. I believe that moving the Historical Library to Nashville will ultimately strengthen our Brotherhood ties, as well as increase our scholastic entrees and services with other communions, for Nashville is a church publishing center. It is the home of many fine educational and cultural institutions. Therefore, the Society has the unique opportunity not only of serving our people in this strategic center, but also that of serving the ecumenical movement. I feel that our people should be informed as quickly as possible as to the potentials of the Society and their support solicited. It must never be considered a Nashville project. Indeed it must be a Brotherhood project and I have faith to believe that our people, through the processes of education and visitation will pledge their support to this important phase of our life and witness."

G. Curtis Jones, Minister
Vine Street Christian Church
Nashville, Tennessee

"One of the things which our Brotherhood can contribute to the religious world is a deposited, available body of material which can be used in the generations to come to interpret the trends, activities, interests, beliefs and conflicts of that great movement which is sociologically related to 'America,' theologically related to 'Jerusalem,' known as the Disciples of Christ or the Restoration Movement. For that reason I am very anxious that all of the churches that have historical relationship with this movement make available in the Disciples of Christ Historical Society books and publications of all manner and size for historical research. Being situated as it is near a university, it can of course be related to historical research in connection with the university and thus it receives academic standing from the standpoint of a library in that it may be able to contribute the one thing which no other library can contribute adequately."

Burton B. Thurston, Minister
Englewood Christian Church
Chicago, Illinois

* * *

"We are delighted to see the Historical Society moving forward to meet the needs and opportunities that present themselves as worthy of consideration at this time. As a people the Disciples of Christ have been careless of the record. It is important that historical material of all kinds be assembled so that those who follow us will have a better understanding of our beginnings, our growth and our present purpose. I am confident that as the resources of the Historical Society increase, an increasing number of individuals will appreciate its place in our Brotherhood and be ready to contribute to its support."

Wilbur H. Cramblet, President
Christian Board of Publication
St. Louis, Missouri

* * *

"Disciples of Christ are going to stand in a continuing and worthy tradition. Ours is a history deserving of a permanent recording. It is tragic when priceless records are scattered to the winds. Happily, the Disciples of Christ Historical Society has preserved rich treasures for us and thus enriched our heritage. It will continue to preserve the best expressions of what Disciples say and write and do. It is an indispensable agent in the life of our Brotherhood and has, therefore, the right to expect financial support from individuals within that Brotherhood."

Harold Roberts, Minister
First Christian Church
Atchison, Kansas

WHAT'S NEW IN OUR LIBRARY

On these pages are listed, and sometimes described, the materials received during the past quarter. This includes gifts, exchanges, and purchases. So many gifts are received that acknowledgment of every item is impossible although every giver is mentioned.

Arnold C. Abrams, St. Louis, Mo., sent some manuscript material about the First Christian Church of Edwardsville, Ill.

James D. Bales, Searcy, Ark., sent several periodicals, including *Glimpses of Africa*, November, 1950.

William J. Barber, Indianapolis, Ind., sent a copy of a pamphlet, *Subject Upon Feet Washing*, by W. A. Adams.

John Francis Bellville, Charleroi, Pa., sent several pamphlets.

R. A. Blampied, Nelson, N. Z., sent *The 1951-52 Yearbook of the Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand*.

The Board of Church Extension, Indianapolis, Ind., sent copies of its 1953 *Blue Book*, the annual report for 1952.

Broadmoor Christian Church, Houston, Texas, continued to send various items including newspaper clippings of church activities.

Hugh H. Brown, Homestead Park, Pa., sent several local church histories and various anniversary and dedication programs, including: *Fiftieth Anniversary Dedication of Chapel, 1898-1948*, First Church of Christ, Altoona, Pa.; *Fortieth Anniversary, 1899-1939*, First Christian Church McKees Rock, Pa.; *Fiftieth Anniversary, 1950*, First Christian Church, Monessen, Pa.; *A Day of Rededication, 1947*, First Christian Church, Washington, Pa.; *Program of Dedication and History, 1925*, Church of Christ, Mineral Ridge, Ohio; and *Silver Anniversary*, Church of Christ, Newell, W. Va.

James W. Carty, Jr., Nashville, Tenn., gave many newspaper clippings, tear sheets from periodicals, and pictures.

The Central Avenue Christian Church, Parsons, Kans., sent 17 books, including: *Moses—Historical Sketch of the CWBM*; *Power—Bible Doctrine for Young Disciples*; and *Shepherd and Stevenson—The Teacher-Training Handbook*.

The Central Church of Christ, Newark, Ohio, sent us several back issues of *The Newark Christian* to complete our files for 1949, 1951 and 1952.

The Christian Church of Chelan, Wash., sent a copy of Nichols—*Tips From the Top*.

From the Christian College of Georgia we received the pamphlet, *The Training of the Christian Ministry* by Wasson.

The Christian Courier office, Fort Worth, Texas, supplied us with the issues of that periodical missing in our file, 1952-1953.

W. B. Clemmer, St. Louis, Mo., sent a carton of books and pamphlets that included Blosser—*A Different Way*; Klingman—*Christianity Through the Centuries*; and Program 1952-53, Memorial Boulevard Christian Church, St. Louis.

Clifford A. Cole, Los Angeles, Calif., sent back issues of *The Unified Informer*, 1952 and 1953.

William A. Cook, Guymon, Okla., sent Brazil Christian Mission materials, including issues of *The Spotlight*; *The Newsletter*; promotional pieces; and *The Meaning of Christmas*, a play by Ewing.

The Cotner School of Religion Library, Lincoln, Nebr., sent copies of Baldwin—*History, Churches of Christ in Nebraska*.

James A. Crain, Indianapolis, Ind., sent a copy of *The Declaration and Address* by Thomas Campbell. This is copy number 32 of the zinc etching reprint limited edition published for the 1909 centennial and signed by W. R. Warren, centennial secretary.

Crown Heights Christian Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., sent materials concerning the new education building.

Woodrow H. Damron, Dunnville, Ky., sent a copy of the brief given to the Kentucky Court of Appeals in the Patterson Chapel (Ky.) court case, together with a manuscript summary of the Patterson Chapel history.

A. T. DeGroot, Fort Worth, Texas, sent several periodicals and programs from local churches.

Ben F. Dixon, San Diego, Calif., sent a copy of his *Seeing China Through a Porthole*; some hymn books and Sunday school lesson commentaries, and two Quaker items, *An Apology for the True Christian Divinity, 1789*, by Robert Barclay (relative of James Turner Barclay?), and *A Treatise on the Fundamental Doctrines of the Christian Religion, 1815*, by Jesse Kersey.

C. L. Duxberry, Maroa, Ill., sent materials of the Christian Church of Maroa.

Merl R. Eppse, Nashville, Tenn., sent: invitation card, "In honor of Elder Preston Taylor's twenty-seventh ministerial anniversary, July 30, 1896; and a wedding invitation, Fannie Jane Bowser to Rev. James A. Johnson, June 5, 1907.

The First Christian Church, Macon, Ga., sent a file of its *Bulletin* for 1952.

The First Christian Church, Paris, Tenn., sent *Centennial Celebration, 1944*; newspaper clippings; and issues of its *Bulletin*, 1952-53.

The First Christian Church, San Francisco,

Calif., sent copies of *A Century of Christian Service, 1852-1952, Christian Churches in San Francisco*.

Mrs. W. M. Forrest, Cuckoo, Va., sent several items, including photographs of Robert C. Cave, C. M. Ford, and W. K. Pendleton; lithographs of Bethany College and the Campbell Mansion; and a typescript funeral sermon for Mrs. Unity Yancey Pendleton, 1867.

Arthur Garrigus, Auburn, Ind., sent copies of *The Fiftieth Anniversary and Home Coming, 1902-1952*, of the Auburn Church of Christ.

Ross J. Griffith, Eugene, Ore., sent several items concerning Northwest Christian College and some special promotional pieces for the Portland International Convention.

Glenn Grimm, Ashtabula, Ohio, sent several items concerning the First Christian Church of Ashtabula, and other Ohio churches.

Kenneth C. Hanson, Redwood Falls, Mont., sent 16 packages of materials for a total of 159 pieces. Included were local church items, periodicals, pictures, newspaper clippings and pamphlets.

W. M. Hardy, Nashville, Tenn., gave some newspaper clippings.

Garth Henrichs, Litchfield, Ill., sent a copy of *The 85th Anniversary of the Pleasant Hill Christian Church Organization, 1868-1953* (Montgomery County, Ill.).

Edward A. Henry, Nashville, Tenn., gave the following: *Our Willie*, and *Felix Moses*, by Lloyd.

Alden Lee Hill, Los Angeles, Calif., sent copies of *Highland Highlights*, of the Highland Park Christian Church, Los Angeles; and a photostat copy of the church letter of Will'm Watt and his wife Unity of the Associate Congregation of Ballygonney, North Ireland, to any Christian society in America, dated Oct'b. 3d, 1791. The Watts were great-great-grandparents of Mr. Hill.

Basil Holt, Johannesburg, South Africa, sent a generous supply of duplicates of *The South African Sentinel, 1946-1952*. We can supply many issues to help complete files. Send in want lists.

From the Iowa Christian Missionary Society we received a large carton containing local church orders of worship, periodicals, and programs, Iowa churches. There were 589 pieces.

Mrs. Lawrence Jack, Spokane, Wash., sent information about two Washington churches: Central Christian of Spokane, and the Christian Church of Cedonia.

Richard L. James, Jacksonville, Fla., sent a number of items, including *A Biographical Sketch of Joseph Sale Havener*; Nash—His-

tory of the First Christian Church, West Point, Georgia, 1853-1953; and a post card view of the First Christian Church of Sarasota, Florida.

W. J. Jarman, Champaign, Ill., sent a typescript copy of *A History of University Place Christian Church of Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, 1934*, by Dungan.

Robert M. Johnston, Memphis, Tenn., sent copies of various periodicals for our duplicate files.

Orvis F. Jordan, Park Ridge, Ill., sent these: *Missouri Christian Lectures, 1884-1885*; Moore—*The Plea of the Disciples of Christ*; and Garrison—*The Sources of Alexander Campbell's Theology*.

Miss Jeanette Moore King, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., sent 5 packages of materials containing periodicals, clippings, programs, and local church pieces.

C. N. Kinney, Des Moines, Iowa, gave a copy of his *Nutrition; A survey of the Basic Cause of Disease*.

Gerald B. Krueger, Salida, Colo., sent the following books secured from Mrs. Earl Jay for our library: Clayton—*Reminiscences of Jeremiah Sullivan Black*; McGarvey—*A Commentary on the Acts of the Apostles*, 4th ed., 1864; Roe—*The Bible vs. Materialism*, new ed., 1886; and Walsh—*A Book of Sermons*.

Allan W. Lee, Nashville, Tenn., gave some material concerning the Church of Christ, Disciples, Troy, N. Y.

Elmer C. Lewis, Milligan College, Tenn., sent 3 additional issues of his *Time Out for Meditation*.

C. C. McCaw, Lincoln, Nebr., sent a copy of Baldwin—*History, Churches of Christ in Nebraska*.

J. Edgar McDonald, Liberty, Mo., sent various materials relating to the Christian Church of Liberty, including *Augustus H. F. Payne*, by Wright.

Harold McFarland, Willernie, Minn., gave a ms. copy of the pageant script used in World Mission night at the North American Christian Convention, April 24, 1953; and a sheet of Pentecost, 1953, poster stamps.

Neal K. McGowan, San Francisco, Calif., sent 18 books. Included were: Miller—*Charles S. Medbury*; Philpott—*That They May All Be One*; Stone—*Autobiography*, ed. by Rogers, 5th ed.; Ware—*History of the Disciples of Christ in California*; Williams—*Life of Elder John Smith*, McQuiddy imprint; and Vol. 6, 1874, *The Christian Quarterly*.

James E. McKinney, Nashville, Tenn., gave Kershner—*The Religion of Christ*.

Glenn McRae, St. Louis, Mo., sent materials concerning the first and second Youth

Conventions, 1926 and 1927; some issues of *The Spotlight* and *The Touchstone*; and *Should the United Christian Missionary Society Be Dissolved?* by Elmore.

Miss Harriet Macy, Des Moines, Iowa, sent *Theory of Evolution* by Bruner; *A Vision of the Ages*, by Johnson; and *Union of Christians*, by Scott.

Charles C. Mills, Indianapolis Ind., sent copies of the *Dedication Service*, Arlington Heights Christian Church, April 12, 1953.

The Minnesota Christian Missionary Society, Minneapolis, Minn., sent a carbon copy of the original ms. of Forster's *History of the Christian Church and the Church of Christ in Minnesota*.

Herald B. Monroe, Cleveland Ohio, sent copies of the *Ohio Work*, 1952-1953, missing from our files.

J. Edward Moseley and Mrs. Moseley, Indianapolis, Ind., sent many packages containing books, periodicals, clippings, pictures, etc. Included were: Coleman—*White House Gossip* (includes Garfield); Howe and Thomas—*Composition and Rhetoric* (Howe was a Disciple); Isely—*The Presidents, Men of Faith* (includes Garfield); Maus—*Youth and the Church*; Underwood—*Our Story and How to Tell It*; Underwood—*The How and Why of Missions Publicity*; Dilnot—*Lloyd George*; Jenkins—*My Job—Preaching*; Mead—*See These Banners Go* (includes Disciples); Ogden—*The Dies Committee*; Percy—*A Vindication of Paul*; Bruner—*Great Questions of the Last Week*; Bader—*Message and Method of the New Evangelism*; Morrison—*The Social Gospel and the Christian Cultus*; Garrison—*Catholicism and the American Mind*; Willett—*Studies in the First Book of Samuel*; Moseley—*Using Drama in the Church*; Dodson—*The Sympathy of Religions*; Ellis—*The Woodneys*; and Moore—*Man Preparing for Other Worlds*.

Miss Mary R. Moseley, Florence, Ala., sent a letter from Howard J. Brazelton to her mother, dated 1894, and a newspaper clipping, "Bible Must Find Its Way into Real Life," a sermon by Myron W. Chrisman, 1953.

James DeForest Murch, Cincinnati, Ohio, sent two packages of material totaling 130 items. Included were many tracts and pamphlets; sets of *Christian Action Pamphlets*, nos. 1-52; some Christian Restoration Association publications; and a copy of Walker—*Adventuring for Christian Unity*.

Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Ore., sent a copy of *Prince Lucien Campbell* by Schafer.

Ronald E. Osborn, Indianapolis, Ind., sent various local church and missionary materials.

G. Edwin Osborn, Enid, Okla., sent pro-

grams of the Christian Unity Study Seminar, Enid, Okla., April 7, 1953, and of the Service of Appreciation and Dedication for Christian Worship.

J. Franklin Patton, Jeffersonville, Ohio, sent copies of his *Fourteen Lessons on the Mission and Work of the Holy Spirit*, and *The Keys to Revelation*.

Orval D. Peterson, Yakima, Wash., sent a package containing 90 periodicals, 26 pamphlets, 3 packages of clippings, 8 programs, 12 letters and 98 miscellaneous items. Included were these pamphlets: Bro—*Light on the Way*; Dampier—*Work Book on Christian Doctrine*; DeMoss—*Hidden Beauty*; Driskill—*The Comprehensive Evangelism Plan*; Driskill—*Instructions for Visitors*; Johnstone—*The Last Crusade*; and Harmon—*Grandmother's Spectacles*.

Mrs. George E. Purdy, Des Moines, Iowa, sent several books that included: Ainslie—*If Not a United Church, What?* and Jones—*The Pulpit Stairs*.

Robert F. Quinn, Grant City, Mo., sent a copy of "Our Yesterdays, Today's, and Tomorrow's," a memorial booklet of the 50th anniversary of the building of the church, 1902-1952, at Grant City, together with clippings about the celebration.

D. E. Richmond, Maplewood, Mo., sent a post card view of the Hamilton Avenue Christian Church of St. Louis.

The Riverside Avenue Christian Church, Jacksonville, Fla., sent bound volumes of its *Bulletin*, and *Friendly Fireside Class Bulletin*.

Mrs. Glenn H. Rodgers, Nashville, Tenn., gave *Our Pattern*, CWF Special design.

Mrs. Carl Rose, Nashville, Tenn., gave "Mother Church" (Post Oak Springs, Roane County, Tenn.), a clipping from *The Nashville Tennessean*, October 26, 1947.

W. E. Schultz, Bloomington, Ill., sent several newspaper and periodical clippings.

Ralph L. Sell, Baxter Springs, Kans., sent material from the First Christian Church of Baxter Springs, including a history of the church by Robert L. Nichols, church historian.

Henry K. Shaw, Elyria, Ohio, sent the *Dedication Program* of the Washington Avenue Church of Christ of Elyria, April 26, 1953, and many books. Included were: Allen—*The Choir Invisible*; Allen—*The Kentucky Cardinal*; Boteler—*Shut In*; Bruner—*The Meaning of Church Membership*; Davis—*The Great American Novel*; Davis—*Garfield of Hiram*; Heron—*The Workers Conference*; Jenkins—*Let's Build a New World*; Johnson—*Bible Readings and Sermon Outlines on the Christian Plea*; Phillips—*The Church of Christ*, 12th ed.; Shaw—*The Amateur Philosopher*; Smith—*Earnest Leighton*;

Webber—*The Biography of John Baldwin; The Lesson Helper*, 1894; and 17 volumes of the *Ohio Historical and Archeological Publications*.

T. K. Smith, Columbus, Ind., sent copies of *A Century of Progress, 1852-1952; The Christian Church of Columbus, Indiana*.

The Southside Christian Church, Jacksonville, Fla., sent the program of the dedication of its educational building, February 15, 1953.

Miss Evelyn H. Spencer, Ashland, Va., and her sister, Mrs. William B. Ardery, Paris, Ky., continued to add letters, programs, pictures, pamphlets, and periodicals to the I. J. Spencer collection.

The Department of Christian Women's Fellowship, United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis, Ind., sent 17 issues of *Guideposts for Service, 1947-1953*, to complete our files; and Portfolios of general CWF programs, 1951-52, 1952-53, and 1953-54.

The Alderman Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., sent a copy of Hodge—*John Locke and Formal Discipline*.

Charles C. Ware, Wilson, N. C., sent a map of Camp Caroline, Christian youth camp; a typescript copy of a document adopted at a meeting in the interest of Christian Union, held by Freewill Baptists and Disciples of Christ at Hodges Chapel, N. C., July 29, 1893; and *North Carolina Disciples of Christ*, by Ware.

The Webster Groves Christian Church, Webster Groves, Mo., sent materials published by the church.

Thad M. Wells, Oklahoma City, Okla., sent materials published by the Lincoln Terrace Christian Church.

Carl H. Wilhelm, Chicago Heights, Ill., sent copies of *In Celebration of Fifty Golden Years, 1903-1953*, Chicago Heights Christian Church; and *Sixtieth Anniversary, 1952*, First Christian Church, Rantoul, Ill.

T. F. A. Williams, Lincoln, Nebr., sent material about T. J. Thompson, pastor of the First Christian Church, Lincoln, Nebr., 1899-1902.

W. W. Wilson, North Royalton, Ohio, sent *Dedication and Installation*, North Royalton and Brunswick, Parish, June 18, 1950; and *Centennial, 1840-1940*, First Christian Church, Niles, Ohio.

Mrs. Guy Withers, Washington, D. C., sent a newspaper clipping about the Central Christian Church, Orlando, Fla.

Wanted:

In the January issue we listed forty-four books that were urgently needed in our library. Twenty of them have been received and are noted elsewhere in this issue. Here are twenty-one more books just as much wanted as those in the previous list:

Barrow, R. C.—*Our Cause at Chibory*, 1885.

Baxter, William—*Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove*, 1864.

Bennett, S. A.—*The Christian Denomination*.

Blanchard, Charles—*Building for the Centuries, 1931*. (History of Drake University.)

Book, W. H.—*The Indiana Pulpit*, 1912.

Bridwell, J. T.—*The Michigan Pulpit*, 1924.

Briney, J. T.—*Instrumental Music in Worship*, 1914.

Clemmitt, Thomas—*Old Sycamore Church*, 1932.

Cory, A. E.—*Voices in the Sanctuary*, 1930.

Forrest, W. M.—*Do Fundamentalists Play Fair?* 1926.

Freese, J. R.—*History and Advocacy of the Christian Church*, 1852.

Humphreys, E. W.—*Memoirs of Deceased Christian Ministers*, 1880.

Jennings, W. W.—*Origin and Early History of the Disciples of Christ*, 1919.

Manire, B. F.—*Reminiscences of Preachers and Churches in Mississippi*, 1892.

Matthews, J. C.—*Contributions of Joseph Baldwin to Public Education*, 1930.

The Millennial Harbinger Abridged, 1902, 2 vols., ed. by B. L. Smith.

Smith, H. D.—*A Preacher's First Books*, 1933.

Springer, E. A.—*As I Saw Africa*, 1936.

Travers, Libbie—*Sectarian Shackles*, 1926.

Williams, J. A.—*Reminiscences*, 1898.

Woolery, W. K.—*Bethany Years*, 1941.

Jim's Journeys

(Continued from page 6)

with Indiana preachers and lay leaders about DCHS expanding program. Tuesday p.m.: to Indianapolis for pleasant visit with Ed and Louise Moseley.

Wednesday, May 13—Indianapolis. Witness commissioning of new missionaries at UCMS. Interviews with five ministers, one layman, about DCHS program. Good response indicated.

Thursday, May 14—Indianapolis. Interviews with three more Indianapolis preachers. Rainy drive south. HOME AGAIN. Five thousand miles, one month, five state conventions, ten states. What a tremendous country! And what wonderful people!

Calling All Members

Subscribing Members

The following persons have become subscribing members of the Society between February 8 and May 15, 1953. Asterisk (*) indicates new members.

James V. Barker, Newport News, Va.
 *Paul H. Brown, Clarksville, Tenn.
 Carnie R. Burcham, Crowley, La.
 Lin D. Cartwright, University City, Mo.
 *Mack W. Craig, Nashville, Tenn.
 Charles N. Faris, Lorain, Ohio.
 W. E. Garrison, Houston, Texas.
 *O. Lee Hargis, Jonesboro, Ark.
 *J. Milton Henry, Clarksville, Tenn.
 *M. L. Hester, Clarksville, Tenn.
 Mrs. A. V. Jones, Albany, Texas.
 *Noel L. Keith, Fort Worth, Texas.
 *Ira A. Kirk, El Dorado, Ark.
 John E. McCaw, Des Moines, Iowa.
 Rible B. Montgomery, Lexington, Ky.
 Mrs. E. C. Richards, Jacksboro, Texas.
 H. T. Wood, Memphis, Tenn.

Life Member

G. P. Kuykendall, Lubbock, Texas.

Contributing Member

Irwin-Sweeney-Miller Foundation, Columbus, Ind.

New Congregational Members

The following local churches have become congregational members of the Society between February 8 and May 15, 1953:

First Christian Church, Corydon, Iowa.
 First Christian Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 McLemore Avenue Christian Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Sustaining Members

The following institutions have become sustaining members of the Society:

School of Religion, Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.

The College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky.

New Members

New members received into the Society between February 8 and May 15, 1953:

Annual Members

Frank J. Albert, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Lawrence S. Ashley, Ocala, Fla.
 A. S. Baillie, Paris, Mo.
 Thoreau Baker, Des Moines, Iowa.
 Carrie C. Bartlet, Des Moines, Iowa.
 E. L. Billingsley, Dallas, Texas.
 Herbert T. O. Blue, Canton, Ohio.
 O. Merrill Boggs, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Mrs. Mary P. Buckner, Canton, Mo.
 Mrs. Manley E. Burchett, Clarksville, Tenn.
 Ralph E. Bureman, Alva, Okla.
 Mrs. Burton Collis, McCaysville, Ga.
 C. H. Colson, Jr., Joplin, Mo.
 David Cone, Manhattan, Kans.
 Martin Davis, Crescent, Okla.
 Charles D. Dilts, Fort Wayne, Ind.
 DeLoss Donham, Corydon, Ind.

Richard D. Eldridge, Des Moines, Iowa.
 Arthur E. Elliott, Enid, Okla.
 Frank G. Elliott, Moncks Corner, S. C.
 E. H. English, Des Moines, Iowa.
 Mrs. Keith Epply, Anderson, Ind.
 Joe B. Frederick, Dallas, Texas.
 Ned Gillum, Muscatine, Iowa.
 Chester E. Gleason, Iowa Park, Texas.
 Edwin W. Gorom, Slaton, Texas.
 William J. Hadden, Clarksville, Tenn.
 Mrs. C. C. Harrison, Fulton, Miss.
 Miss Elizabeth Hartsfield, Lexington, Ky.
 J. F. Hay, New Castle, Pa.
 Jeanette Henderson, Houston, Texas.
 William K. Herod, Plattsburg, Mo.
 Donald T. Hogan, Lexington, Ky.
 James L. Hooten, Lexington, Ky.
 John P. Hulsey, Edmond, Okla.
 Eldon Jandebour, Coon Rapids, Iowa.
 Mrs. Velma Jayne, Enid, Okla.
 Bryan Jones, Nashville, Tenn.
 C. N. Kinney, Des Moines, Iowa.
 Mrs. Walmer Kleiber, University City, Mo.
 George Kuntz, Des Moines, Iowa.
 Charles A. McCauley, East Palestine, Ohio.
 De Los McCown, Jackson, Ky.
 Ian McCrae, Des Moines, Iowa.
 J. Edgar McDonald, Liberty, Mo.
 John R. MacDonald, Miami, Texas.
 C. D. McDowell, Jr., Clarksville, Texas.
 Roscoe McGinniss, Carthage, Tenn.
 H. L. McKinley, Ridgeway, Mo.
 James E. McKinney, Nashville, Tenn.
 Harriet Macy, Des Moines, Iowa.
 Mrs. G. Thurston Maltby, Muleshoe, Texas.
 Lynn Matlack, Tulsa, Okla.
 Wilma Mehlin, Des Moines, Iowa.
 Odin C. Memering, Eaton, Ind.
 Mrs. Jack Miller, Clarksville, Tenn.
 Paul C. Mills, Jr., Nashville, Tenn.
 Harriet Morehouse, Des Moines, Iowa.
 Mrs. Amy W. Mueller, Trenton, N. J.
 Mrs. C. M. Noffsinger, Spokane, Wash.
 Buford Norris, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Virginia Elizabeth Osborn, Indianapolis, Ind. (Founding)
 Fred B. Paxton, Independence, Mo.
 F. Elwynn Peace, Lafayette, Ind.
 Mrs. S. H. Pearsall, Clarksville, Tenn.
 Robert M. Platt, Boston, Ky.
 Mrs. Paul Popovich, Rialto, Calif.
 Mrs. R. H. Porter, Clarksville, Tenn.
 Robert S. Quinn, Grant City, Mo.
 Paul Redmond, Cumberland, Iowa.
 Fred W. Reed, Wichita, Kans.
 Marvin T. Reed, Arlington, Va.
 Mary Lewis Reed, Amory, Miss.
 Murray O. Reed, Little Rock, Ark.
 R. W. Reed, Tupelo, Miss.
 Dr. W. N. Reed, Amory, Miss.
 Miss Estel Reynolds, Des Moines, Iowa.
 James W. Robbins, Eddyville, Iowa.
 Dr. F. M. Roberts, Knoxville, Iowa.
 Don Root, Hereford, Texas.
 R. C. Rousey, Plainview, Texas.

Donald L. Scott, Lexington, Ky.
 Tracy F. Scott, Huntington, Ind.
 Mrs. Tracy F. Scott, Huntington, Ind.
 Tom Shepherd, Lexington, Ky.
 Miss Lois E. Sherman, St. Louis, Mo.
 Ursula Lee Smith, Clarksville, Tenn.
 A. C. Spellman, Lakeville, Ind.
 Evelyn H. Spencer, Ashland, Va.
 Elmer Stainton, Lexington, Ky.
 W. Elbert Starn, St. Louis, Mo.
 Myrtle Stringfellow, Des Moines, Iowa.
 Cecil Swinehart, Marceline, Mo.
 Clifford Taylor, Jr., Fort Worth, Texas.
 Mrs. Earl D. Tompkins, Sterling, Ill.
 W. Van Nostrand, East Orange, N. J.
 Ellis J. Votaw, Savannah, Mo.
 J. S. Wake, Bowling Green, Ky.
 Dan Walker, Detroit, Texas.
 Mrs. Miriam Walz, Harlingen, Texas.
 Arthur D. Wenger, Fort Worth, Texas.
 W. C. White, Forth Worth, Texas.
 Willard M. Wickizer, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Ross M. Willis, Jeffersontown, Ky.
 Ernest Worden, Creston, Iowa.
 M. Norvel Young, Lubbock, Texas.
 Mrs. R. C. Young, St. Louis, Mo.

State Conventions Endorse

(Continued from page 1)

visited, encouraging support for the agency and explaining the DCHS program. Cooperation with the Society and response to the DCHS appeal was excellent in each state meeting. A number of individuals were signed as new members of the Historical Society, and many promises were given of local church support. The quest for historical materials resulted in several volumes being received for placement in the Society Library.

At spring conventions not covered by the DCHS staff, members and host pastors were asked to place Society informational material on display for convention delegates. Dr. J. Philip Hyatt, Professor of Old Testament at Vanderbilt University School of Religion, acted as the DCHS representative at the Arkansas convention (El Dorado, April 19-21). Rev. Perry Stone, Woodville, Miss., supervised the DCHS display at the Mississippi meeting (Meridian, April 19-21). Host pastors cooperated in maintaining displays of Society materials at the conventions in Colorado (Pueblo, April 30-May 3), Wyoming (Casper, May 8-10), Louisiana (Shreveport, May 15-17), Capital Area (Washington, May 18-20), and New York (Niagara Falls, May 20-22). The Society display at the Florida convention (Miami, April 30-May 3) was supervised by Miss Maud Butler of the Southern Christian Home, Atlanta, Georgia. Society president Ronald Osborn, Professor of Church History at Butler Uni-

versity School of Religion, Indianapolis, maintained the DCHS display at the Montana convention (Great Falls, May 14-17).

Special assistance was given to the Society representation at some state meetings through references to the DCHS service program by convention speakers. For such assistance, the Society owes thanks to Disciple historian, Dr. W. E. Garrison, guest lecturer at the Texas convention; Iowa state secretary Loren E. Lair; and Dr. Orval Peterson, Yakima, Washington, speaker at the Indiana convention. The Society appeal at the Tennessee convention was given by Miss Eva Jean Wrather, Nashville Disciple historian.

The following is the resolution adopted by the various state conventions:

Whereas, the Disciples of Christ Historical Society is the only agency in the Brotherhood whose sole responsibility is the locating, collecting, and making available for use the historical materials of our movement, and

Whereas, the Historical Society is now in its first year as a full-time service agency with headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, and

Whereas, the work of the Historical Society has been approved as a part of the long-range program of the Brotherhood, and

Whereas, support for the program of the Historical Society is derived solely from memberships and individual gifts,

Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the churches of . . . , now in convention assembled, do recognize the services being rendered by the Historical Society to local churches, individuals, and institutions of the Brotherhood, and that we commend the directors and officers of the Society for their efforts to preserve and make available for use the historical materials of our movement, and that this Convention endorse the work of the Society and recommend consideration of membership in the Society by individuals, churches, and institutions represented at this Convention.

A Bethany Visitor

(Continued from page 7)

shearing his sheep—which I did, under the title of *A Blow at the Root of Presbyterianism; being an Answer to Mr. Steel, of Winchester, Ky. By Junius Minucius*. And five hundred copies of which were printed and sent to Kentucky for gratuitous distribution, and which caused his removal from the place in December, 1829."

Who has a copy of this pamphlet to send us?

ABOUT 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 Society offers membership to individuals, congregations, institutions, and organizations who are in agreement with the purpose of the Society to maintain and further interests in the religious heritage, backgrounds, origins, development, and general history of Disciples of Christ, Christian churches, Churches of Christ, and related groups.

Officers of the Society

Ronald E. Osborn, President

William G. West, Secretary

The Executive Committee is composed of the President, Vice-President, Dr. West, Miss Wrather, and Robert W. Burns.

Chester P. Hensley, Vice-President

Miss Eva Jean Wrather, Treasurer

The Staff

Claude E. Spencer, Curator

James E. McKinney, Executive Director

Miss Christine Buder, Secretarial Assistant

Important Announcement

This is the last issue of DISCIPLIANA as a quarterly publication. Beginning with the July number, the name will be changed to THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA and the periodical will be issued as an 8-page monthly. Instead of a maximum of 64 pages, members will now receive 96 pages a year.

With the adoption of this expanded publishing schedule, there will be little change in the basic content of the magazine. However, it will be possible to carry more news "while it is news," added feature articles, and possibly some guest conducted columns.

In size of page, THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA will be the same as DISCIPLIANA. Through format rearrangement and the addition of a table of contents, it is expected that the monthly publication will be more usable.

Watch for THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA about the 15th of July.

THE HARBINGER

and Disciplina

Published monthly by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Nashville, Tennessee

VOL. 13

JULY, 1953

No. 2

DCHS ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

*Garrison Honored As President; West Named
Chairman of Board*

DCHS activities at the 1953 International Convention Assembly of Disciples of Christ, Portland, Oregon, July 4-9, 1953, were highlighted by the election of new officers of the Society, the holding of a service clinic sponsored by the Society, and the passage of a resolution by the Convention endorsing the program of the Society.

Named to the newly-created post of President of the Society was Dr. W. E. Garrison, Houston, Texas. Dr. William G. West, Chattanooga, Tennessee, was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors. Mr. Forrest F. Reed, Nashville, Tennessee, was named Vice-Chairman of the Board. Dr. Howard E. Short, Lexington, Ky., was named Secretary, and Miss Eva Jean Wrather, Nashville, was re-elected Treasurer.

The new honorary office of President of the Society was created by an amendment to the Constitution approved by the Board of Directors at First Church, Portland, July 5. The new position provides a means whereby the Society can annually bestow honor on individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the preservation of Disciple history. Dr. Garrison was unanimously elected at the annual meeting of the Society at First Church, Portland, July 6. Dr. Garrison, often termed the "dean of Disciple historians," is the author of many books about the disciples. He is currently Professor of Philosophy and Religion at the University of Houston, and serves as book review editor of the *Christian Century*.

Dr. West, named as Chairman of the Board at a meeting of the Directors at First Church, Portland, July 8, is the minister of First Christian Church, Chattanooga. For the past year Dr. West has been Secretary of the Board and a member of the Executive Committee. Mr. Reed, named as Vice-Chair-

man, is the President of the Tennessee Book Company, Nashville, and is the chairman of the Nashville Planning Committee which raised the subsidy to make possible the permanent location of the Historical Society in Nashville.

At the Society annual meeting, ten Directors were named to three-year terms. Elected as Directors of the Historical Society were Miss Mabel Epp, Indianapolis; Miss Goldie Crossfield, Gadsden, Ala.; G. Curtis Jones, Nashville; Enos Dowling, Lincoln, Ill.; Ross Griffith, Eugene, Ore.; Chester Hensley, Bloomington, Ill.; Henry Shaw, Elyria, Ohio; C. C. Ware, Wilson, N. C.; Earl West, Indianapolis; and Raymond G. McCallister, Webster Groves, Mo. Miss Epp, Miss Crossfield, Dr. Jones and Dr. West are new members of the Board. Others named were re-elected to new terms.

The members-at-large of the Executive Committee, elected at the annual meeting of the Society July 6, are Dr. Robert W. Burns, Atlanta, Ga., and Miss Eva Jean Wrather, Nashville. Other members of the Executive Committee are the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary.

Monday, July 6, Claude E. Spencer, curator, moderated a well-attended clinic on "History in the Local Church" as a part of the Convention program. Taking part in the discussions were Ben F. Dixon, San Diego, Calif.; Leland Cook, San Diego; and Orval Peterson, Yakima, Wash.

On Wednesday, July 8, the Convention approved a resolution endorsing the work of the Historical Society and expressing gratitude to the Nashville Committees for their assistance. Prior to the vote of approval of the resolution, Jim McKinney, executive director, reported on the progress of the DCHS expanded program.

In This Issue:

Robert H. Forrester: Minister, Educator, Editor, Publisher, Lawyer and Soldier, by John W. Neth, Jr., page 20. **Our New Look**, by Claude E. Spencer, page 19. **For Future Reference**, by James E. McKinney, page 19.

Dates and Data, page 23

Footnotes Issued, page 18

Jim's Journeys, page 18

What's New in Our Library, page 22

Jim's Journeys (with Spencer) . . . Footnotes Issued

June. How to keep cool during a hot month: keep moving. Lots of activity for DCHS expanded program. Spencer holds fort at Nashville Archives and Library—aiding research, cataloging, giving out information, perfecting publication plans—while McKinney composes tearful epistles urging membership. Let's start with

Sunday, June 7—Services at Bellevue Christian Church, near Nashville. Off to Bethany Hills for week of instructing at Tennessee High School conference.

Sunday, June 14—Assist Curtis Jones in services at Vine Street.

Monday, June 15—Catch up on correspondence. Recall instructions from executive committee in Nashville meeting on May 29: "Write letters." So, letters we will write!

Tuesday, June 16—Spencer navigates thru West Virginia wind-rain storm; McKinney pilots.

Wednesday, June 17—Campbell Home Committee meeting at Bethany. Full house. Considering ways and means of collecting unpaid pledges toward restoration of Campbell mansion; also determination of accurate pledges. Work to be started soon.

Thursday, June 18—Butler, Penna., interviews with Mr. T. W. Phillips, Jr. and Mr. B. D. Phillips. Encouraging. Lunch-visit with Tom Pletcher at First Christian Church, New Castle, Penna. Afternoon conversation with engaging personality, Dr. P. H. Welshimer, beloved pastor, First Christian Church, Canton, Ohio.

Friday, June 19—Indianapolis, Ind., meeting with DCHS nominating committee. Visits with prexy Ronald Osborn and staunch supporter Ed Moseley.

Saturday, June 20—Nashville. Paper work piled up.

Sunday, June 21—Visit 17th Street Christian Church, Nashville. Barton Dowdy starting work as new minister.

Monday, June 22—Nashville. More paper work.

Tuesday, June 23—Ditto. Evening Men's Club meet, 17th Street Church.

Wednesday, June 24—Spencer navigating again; down the Natchez Trace.

Thursday, June 25—Edwards, Mississippi. Visit Southern Christian Institute. Assistance from Miss Mary Bassett as DCHS

For several years plans have been made for the publishing of a pamphlet series under the title of *Footnotes to Disciple History*. The first number, Miss Eva Jean Wrather's *Alexander Campbell and His Relevance for Today*, has just been published.

According to the introduction to the series, written by Claude E. Spencer, Society curator, "The term Disciple History is used in its broadest sense as being representative of all groups whose beginnings date back to the restoration and reformatory movements inaugurated by James O'Kelly, Elias Smith, Abner Jones, Barton W. Stone, Thomas and Alexander Campbell, and others. These groups are variously known as Christian churches, Churches of Christ, and Disciples of Christ."

"Each *Footnote* will have from eight to thirty-two pages; the first one has sixteen. The opinions expressed and the interpretation made are those of the author and do not necessarily express the views of the Society."

Alexander Campbell and His Relevance for Today was delivered as an address before the Tennessee Christian Ministers' Institute, January 12, 1953, and was published by the Society in a mimeographed edition. In this form it was so well received that at the Executive Committee meeting of May 29 the decision was made to republish it in printed form as number one of *Footnotes*.

For prices of single copies and in quantity, see back page.

offers sanctuary for valuable volumes from SCI collection. What a load! Spencer elated over finding complete periodical files, rare items. . . . Will detail findings when time permits. Afternoon visit with Lee Pierce at Jackson First Church; wonderful conversations with grand couple, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Donaldson, Disciplina-collectors.

Friday, June 26—Headed north thru the cotton country with materials stuffed in every corner. By the way, *where* is Route 82?

Saturday, June 27—Nashville. Let's get set for International Convention.

Sunday, June 28—Union City, Tennessee. Two services at David Kidwell's First Church.

Monday, June 29—Nashville. Office routine and preparation for Portland.

Tuesday, June 30—Nashville. Trying to get Spencer ready to take off. There just are not enough days in a month.

THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA

published monthly by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Joint University Library, 419-21st Avenue, South, Nashville, Tennessee. Entered as Second Class Matter, Nashville, Tennessee, under Act of August 24, 1912.

Claude E. Spencer, *Editor*

James E. McKinney, *Associate Editor*
Subscription to THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA is included in the membership dues of the Society. The price of an annual subscription to non-members is \$2.00.

Vol. 13

July, 1953

No. 2

Our New Look

With the April number, DISCIPLIANA entered its thirteenth year. For twelve years it has been published quarterly. With this issue the periodical becomes a monthly under the title of THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA. The old magazine contained 56 to 64 pages a year; the new one will have eight pages each issue or 96 pages a year.

There will be no great change in the type of material presented. However, more news stories will be printed, and news items will no longer be stale. There will be a feature article in each number written by a specialist. Various columns, such as *Dates and Data*, *They Say*, *What's New in Our Library*, *Research in Progress*, and others, will be a regular part of THE HARBINGER.

Because of the great quantity of material received each month, we will no longer be able to list every item. However, the names of all donors will be given, and special stories and lists will be made concerning significant materials.

By departmentalizing more than in the past and through the new *In This Issue* on the front page, we hope that the new monthly will be easier to read than the old quarterly.

Look for THE HARBINGER about the 15th of each month.

Claude E. Spencer

Recent Visitors

Among recent out-of-town visitors at our headquarters have been:

Mr. and Mrs. Carnie R. Burcham, Crowley, La.

Chester P. Hensley, Bloomington, Ill.

Frank Higgins, Hagerstown, Md.

Theodore H. Kaiser, Louisville, Ky.

William V. Roosa, Greensboro, N. C.

Harlie Smith, Indianapolis, Ind.

John C. Stevens, Abilene, Texas.

C. K. Thomas, Enid, Okla.

W. B. West, Searcy, Ark.

Milton Wright, Goodlettsville.

For Future Reference

Do you remember two editorials in DISCIPLIANA about one year ago entitled "A Dream Realized"? It was then pointed out that an opportunity had been provided—through the generosity of many interested citizens of the city of Nashville, Tennessee—for the Disciples of Christ Historical Society to assume the status of a full-time service agency of the brotherhood. It was stated that the Historical Society would have two objectives: to render a real service to the brotherhood and to seek from the brotherhood widespread support for this service program.

How well have these aims been realized? In regard to service, your Historical Society has made great strides during this past year. Assistance has been given, in person and by mail, to hundreds of individuals and groups. Local churches, institutions, agencies, ministers, publishers, writers: these have benefited from the partial realization of our dream. And our services continue to expand.

Much has also been accomplished in seeking support for DCHS throughout the brotherhood. Many new members have been added, including several whose financial contribution is far beyond the minimum. Our appeal for local congregational memberships has not gone unanswered. Many local churches are placing DCHS in their budgets for local congregational and sustaining memberships. The endorsement of our program by brotherhood leaders and state conventions has encouraged us in the belief that other individuals and churches will soon join our growing list of supporters.

What is our next step? Simply this: the DCHS service program can proceed only as we draw support from the entire brotherhood, so we must continue to rapidly increase our membership in order to continue to make available to the brotherhood those services which DCHS is uniquely qualified to perform. As a member of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, we solicit your efforts in adding new members to our rolls. Will you hand this copy of THE HARBINGER to a non-member, together with your recommendation that he consider membership in the Historical Society? Will you contact the minister (and perhaps the finance chairman) of your church and earnestly suggest that your congregation become a DCHS member? Will you send us information about membership possibilities?

Each day brings us closer to the realization of our dream. With your support DCHS can become a vital element in brotherhood life, deserving of the great tradition which we seek to preserve.

Jim McKinney

ROBERT H. FORRESTER: *Minister, Educator, Editor, Publisher, Lawyer and Soldier*

BY JOHN W. NETH, JR.

John W. Neth, Jr., library school student, George Peabody College for Teachers, and librarian-elect of Milligan College, presents here some facts about a man once well-known in the brotherhood, but who later seemingly severed all connections with the church. Mr. Neth has a B.A. from Bethany College, a B.D. from School of Religion, Butler University, and will receive his library science degree in August.

(Continued from the April issue)

Confederate Period, 1861 to 1868.—Robert Forrester had always been a Whig, and in 1856 became a staunch Democrat in Kentucky. He never renounced this political party. Having moved from Pennsylvania to Kentucky, he was in sympathy with the rights of the southern states as the Civil War loomed on the horizon. Soon after his marriage to Sallie (Fields) Hamilton, he desired to move deeper into the South. He opened a law office in Memphis early in 1861 with a partner, B. B. Barnes. For eight months during the early war days he distinguished himself as the temporary editor of the daily newspaper, the *Memphis Avalanche*, owned by M. C. Galloway. In the spring of 1862 he was appointed a provost Marshal of Western Tennessee under the Confederacy. On September 8, 1862, he was appointed on General order No. 2 by command of Brigadier General Ruggles, District of Mississippi, as Provost Marshal of Yellabusha County, Mississippi, with headquarters at Grenada. He was given the rank of Colonel and charged with care of prisoners of war under General Villepigue. Advocating an enlightened policy for the prisoners of war, he presented his plans to the Confederacy for general use, but they were not accepted. He soon severed his relations with the Confederate service.

Early in the year 1864 he became editor-in-chief of the *Augusta Chronicle and Sentinel*, then one of the most prominent newspapers in Georgia and the South. Here he took a strong stand for reuniting with the North on the theory that "a confederacy based on the doctrine of secession carries within itself the seeds of its own speedy dissolution." He fought a battle through this paper with the President of the Confederacy himself, Jefferson Davis. Such men as Alexander H. Stephens, Joshua Hall, Gov. Joseph Brown, Howell Cobb, and General Beauregard were involved in this debate and at one time Jefferson Davis suspended the writ of *habeas corpus* in Georgia in order to deal with this paper and its editor. The Governor of the State, Joseph Brown, threatened to call out the state militia, and civil war within civil war was narrowly averted. In spite of his attitude, when Abraham Lincoln offered to give food-stuffs to the South in exchange for cotton

near the end of the war, Robert H. Forrester was chosen by the Secretary of War for the Confederacy as "special ambassador to the government of the United States" to complete such negotiations. This was accomplished through the Port of Memphis then under the control of General Dana.

In 1864 on testimony of her brother, Moses Fields, who was a strong Union sympathizer, Sallie (Fields Hamilton) Forrester, living in Louisville, Kentucky, divorced Robert H. Forrester on the grounds that he had deserted her by leaving "the United States and is now a citizen of the Confederate States of America."

After peace between the states settled upon the land, Robert H. Forrester purchased a large plantation on the Tombigbee River in Alabama and settled down to raising cotton. Then came floods and malaria. He lost both his money and his health. It was then that he took a business trip north to Washington and Chicago. Attracted by Chicago, he decided to move to this growing city, and late in 1868 began his law practice there.

The Chicago Period, 1868 to 1884.—Robert H. Forrester took up his residence in Chicago in 1868 where was known in later years as Judge Forrester. He was very prominent in the Democratic politics of Cook County, especially the presidential campaigns of 1876 and 1880, and was one of the early and ardent members of the Iroquois Club of Chicago. He was a frequent lecturer at a law college on the subject of "Uses and Trusts." He was a director of the Public Library of Chicago in 1879-1880 and a member of the board of the Women's Hospital of Chicago. He was a law partner in the firm Forrester and Felsenthal at the time of his death in January, 1884. Either just prior to his migration to Chicago or soon after he married his fourth wife, who became the mother of a daughter, Agnes, and of his fifth son, Robert H. Forrester, Jr. His son was about sixteen years old at the time of his father's death. However, this wife also passed from the scene, and he married his fifth wife, a widow who became his widow also in January, 1884. She was Rose A. Forrester. She and Robert are buried in the Graceland Cemetery on the lot with her first husband, Tunis Ryerson.

(Continued on page 21)

THEY SAY . . .

Editor's Note: What do our brotherhood leaders think of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society? To get answers to that question, and to gather material for use in promoting greater support for DCHS, our new executive director, Jim McKinney, recently wrote to several leaders in all phases of brotherhood life—ministers, educators, agency heads—asking for their evaluation of the Historical Society and their suggestions as to ways in which the Society can be of greater service to the brotherhood. Herewith we reprint excerpts from several of the letters received in answer to Mr. McKinney's query. The comments and signatures speak for themselves.

"The Disciples of Christ Historical Society is rapidly becoming one of the fundamental organizations of our Brotherhood structure. Because of its ability to store historical materials of local churches, organizations and institutions in its archives, the Society will prove of invaluable aid to scholars, to persons seeking accurate records and dates and to the Brotherhood program of expansion. The Disciples of Christ have made a notable contribution to the religious life of America and every individual member of our churches should be sufficiently proud of his association with the movement and contribute small amounts in annual dues or direct gifts for the support of the Society and its work. Our congregations through their official boards and their leaders should be willing to contribute for the work of the Society because it represents an unbiased agent preserving the facts of our career as a company of the servants of Christ."

Warner Muir, Minister
University Christian Church
Des Moines, Iowa

* * *

"The Disciples of Christ Historical Society is deserving of much greater support than it is receiving from most of us. I feel certain that as its work becomes better known, our people will give it the support it deserves. Its archives contain historical documents relating to our past of inestimable value. Its officers are constantly surveying possible sources which might produce papers and documents that have value to our people. It is also a gathering agency, where we may send papers and treasured articles of the Brotherhood for safe and permanent keeping. The Society serves also as a promotional agency in keeping us alerted to the advantage if not the necessity of preserving records and institutions that have meant so much to our past and can mean much to our future.

"We should become more interested in the exclusive work which this Society is doing for us."

Ray E. Snodgrass, Minister
Central Christian Church
Enid, Oklahoma

"The Disciples of Christ Historical Society is one of the most valuable developments within our Brotherhood in recent decades.

"There are many private collections of Disciple writings and publications of considerable importance. In addition, most of our Brotherhood colleges and graduate schools have collections of historical material. The value of these several collections is enhanced now because the Disciples of Christ Historical Society has catalogued most of these materials and brought together, under its own auspices, the greatest collection of all.

"Research in the history of the Disciples of Christ is greatly aided by the fine work being done by the Historical Society. The pioneering work which the Historical Society has done means that documents and other materials which might have been lost are now properly preserved and made available.

"As the Brotherhood learns more of the nature and work of the Historical Society, private collections will be ear-marked for the Society and unknown documents and publications will be sent to it.

"I am sure that the Disciples of Christ will increasingly reap the benefits of the Society's work. The Society certainly deserves the fullest support and cooperation.

"We have a great heritage. May your efforts to collect and preserve the documents and records of this heritage make the achievements, the faith and the vision of the past—and the continuing endeavors and scholarship of our Brotherhood—fruitful in the forward movement of our common life."

Irvin E. Lunger, Minister
University Church of Disciples of Christ
Chicago, Illinois.

Robert H. Forrester

(Continued from page 20)

No information has been found relative to Robert H. Forrester's connection with the church following the Civil War. Several of his descendants have been located and interviewed, but these could give little information about him. This article is but a brief outline of what the author hopes to make available concerning Robert H. Forrester—one of the great men of the early Pittsburgh period in the beginnings of the Restoration Movement in America.

WHAT'S NEW IN OUR LIBRARY

On these pages are listed, and sometimes described, the materials received during the past month. This includes gifts, exchanges, and purchases. So many gifts are received that acknowledgment of every item is impossible although every giver is mentioned.

Gifts have been received from:
Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, Nashville.
Charles J. Adams, Virginia, Ill.
Charles E. Barr, Wellsville, Mo.
Gerald E. Berneking, Colorado Springs, Colo.

William L. Blessing, Denver, Colo.
Miss Genevieve Brown, Indianapolis, Ind.
George Walker Buckner, Indianapolis, Ind.
Central Christian Church, Shreveport, La.
Edward C. Coffman, Columbia, Mo.
Gaines M. Cook, Indianapolis, Ind.
Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Mo.
Mrs. Keith Epply, Anderson, Ind.
First Christian Church, Greenville, Ind.
Wendell K. Freeman, Martins Ferry, Ohio.
Bertha Mason Fuller, Little Rock, Ark.
Kenneth C. Hanson, Redwood Falls, Minn.
Chester P. Hensley, Bloomington, Ill.
Virgil V. Hinds, Manhattan, Kans.
Henry Carlyle Holcomb, Dallas, Texas.
Miss Hazel Hughes, Nashville.
John Allen Hudson, Rosemead, Calif.
Illinois Christian Missionary Society, Bloomington, Ill.

Iowa Christian Missionary Society, Des Moines, Ia.

Miss Jeanette Moore King, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Miss Gertrude Lowe, Centerville, Ia.
Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va.
Miss Harriet Macy, Des Moines, Ia.
Morocco Christian Church, Morocco, Ind.
J. Edward Moseley, Indianapolis, Ind.
James E. Moyer, Allendale, Ill.
Ronald E. Osborn, Indianapolis, Ind.
R. M. Platt, Boston, Ky.
Tom Pletcher, New Castle, Pa.
F. M. Roberts, Knoxville, Ia.
Mrs. Charles M. Sharpe, Watervliet, N. Y.
Frank S. Smith, Aurora, Ill.
Paul T. Thompson, Fort Worth, Texas.
M. J. Votruba, Oakland, Calif.
Charles C. Ware, Wilson, N. C.
Miss L. Dee Warren, Indianapolis, Ind.
P. H. Welshimer, Canton, Ohio.

We Purchased:

Bernard—*Our Religious Neighbors*.
Culler—*Creative Religious Literature*.
Dungan—*Modern Phases of Skepticism*.
Jones—*The Inner Circle*.
Kellems—*Alexander Campbell and the Disciples*.
Shaw—*The Scotch-Irish in History* (Alexander Campbell was one).
Young—*Autobiography of a Pioneer*.

Received Through Exchange:

From Butler University Library we received the following books that were advertised for in our 88 page want list: Athearn—*An Adventure in Religious Education*; Athearn—*The Malden Survey*; Balch—*The Life of President Garfield*; Bundy—*The Life of James A. Garfield*; Cowden—*St. John's Christ*; Davis—*How the Disciples Began and Grew*; DeGroot—*The Churches of Christ in Owen County, Indiana*; Denton—*Topical Illustrations*; Hoshour—*Autobiography*; Jennings—*Origin and Early History of the Disciples of Christ*; Lawrence—*The Church School Blue Print*; Miller—*Charles S. Medbury*; Monser—*An Encyclopedia on Evidences*; Ross—*The Golden Room*; Rothenburger—*The Cross in Symbol, Spirit and Worship*; Rutledge—*Pushing the World Along*; Smith—*The Church-Night Service*; Swander—*Making Disciples in Oregon*; Walker—*A Ministering Ministry*; and Young—*Pulpit and Platform*.

From the College of the Bible Library, Lexington, Ky., we received: Campbell—*Lawrence Greatrakes' Calumnies Repell'd*; Longan—*Origin of the Disciples of Christ*; McLean—*Thomas and Alexander Campbell*; Rogers—*Recollections of Men of Faith*; and *The Reviser*, a periodical conducted by S. E. Shepard, 1854-1855 (in original covers).

From B. C. Goodpasture, Nashville, Tenn., we received the following books: Boles—*A Commentary on the Acts of the Apostles*; Boles—*A Commentary on the Gospel According to Matthew*; Boles—*A Commentary on the Gospel of Luke*; Boswell—*Flaming Hearts*; Burnett-Weaver Debate; Bryan—*The Art of Questioning*; Burton—*Gleanings*; Calhoun—*Gospel Sermons*; Dorris—*A Commentary on the Gospel by Mark*; Elam—*The Bible Versus Theories of Evolution*; Foster—*The Everlasting Gospel*; Hanna—*Thomas Campbell*; a bound volume of J. B. Ferguson's pamphlets (*Spirit Communion*; *Relation of Pastor and People*; *Divine Illumination*; and *History of the Relation of the Pastor to the "Christian Church" of Nashville*); Harrison—*The Christian's Life and Program*; Haynes—*History of the Disciples of Christ in Illinois*; Hinds—*A Commentary on the Book of Revelation*; Lemmons—*The Devil and Socialism*; Lipscomb, A. B.—*Consolation*; Lipscomb, D.—*Salvation from*
Continued on page 23)

DATES AND DATA...

Under this heading will appear regularly a list of dates month by month, of significant and interesting events connected with Disciple history. Brief comments will be made concerning each event.

Suggestions of dates for inclusion will be welcomed. Especially wanted are the dates of the establishment of local churches, institutions, and organizations, dates of special happenings.

Upon application, the Society will furnish further information concerning any of the items listed.

September

September 1, 1816. Alexander Campbell delivered the "Sermon on the Law" before the Redstone Baptist Association, meeting on Cross Creek (3 miles above Wellsburg, W. Va.).

September 2, 1852. Twins, Emma and Edgar, were born to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Richardson. Richardson was Alexander Campbell's biographer, a medical doctor, a preacher, scholar and teacher.

September 4, 1847. Wickliffe, Alexander Campbell's third son, drowned in Buffalo Creek.

September 6, 1847. Alexander Campbell placed in jail in Glasgow, Scotland. Mr. Campbell was arrested on a charge of libel by the Rev. James Robertson.

September 7, 1809. The Declaration and Address of Thomas Campbell was authorized by the Christian Association of Washington, Pa., to be printed.

September 11, 1850. James Turner Barclay, first missionary to be sent out for the American Christian Missionary Society, sailed from New York on the Devonshire for England on the first leg of his journey to Jerusalem.

September 12, 1788. Alexander Campbell was born in Ballymena, County Antrim, Ireland. Some biographies give the date as 1786, but this is an error as proved by Richardson.

September 16, 1847. Alexander Campbell released from jail in Glasgow, completely exonerated of the libel charge brought by Rev. Robertson.

September 19, 1881. James A. Garfield, Disciple preacher and president of the United States, died at Elbron, N. J., as the

result of a bullet wound from the hand of Charles J. Guiteau, July 2.

September 25, 1806. Robert Richardson born in Pittsburgh, Pa.

September 27, 1883. The Garsts, Charles Elias and Laura Delany, missionaries to Japan, sailed from San Francisco on the Oceanic.

September 29, 1809. The Campbell family arrived in New York. The father, Thomas Campbell, had been in Western Pennsylvania since early spring of 1807. The party landing in New York included Alexander Campbell, his mother Jane, his sisters Nancy, Jane, Dortha, and Alicia Ann, and his brothers Thomas and Archibald.

Exchanges:

(Continued from page 22)

Sin; Metcalfe—Sunshine; Nichol—Bible Notes on the Holy Land; Rowe and Klingman—The Bible in Questions and Answers, 6th ed.; Ruble—Letters to Jews and Gentiles; Rutledge—The Miracle of the Ages; Scott—The Great Crisis in the Life of Christ; Cayce-Srygley Discussion; Smith—Manual of Forms for Ministers; Thornton—Lord's Day Worship Services; Wallace-Ket:berside Debate; Baskerville and Sewell—English Grammar; Klingman—God Is; and Knight—Story of the Bible.

Also received from Mr. Goodpasture were the following pamphlets: Andrews and others—*The Whole Duty of Man*; Boles—*The Second Coming of Christ*; Boles—*The Way of Unity*; Briney-Kurfees *Correspondence*; Campbell—*The Order of Worship*; Fuqua—*Causes of Division*; Kurfees—*Review of John B. Cowden's Tract "Instrumental Music in the Church"*; McVey—*The Holy Spirit and His Work*; Smith—*How to Praise God Today*; Srygley—*Did John the Baptist Sprinkle?*; Tomson—*Is Sprinkling or Pouring Baptism?*; Wallace—*Instrumental Music in Worship*; Wilkes—*God's Teaching in the Church*; and Wilkes—*Is Baptism Necessary?*

From Kenneth C. Hanson, Redwood Falls, Minn., we received Howe—*The Diary of a Circuit Rider*; Mankamyer—*The Holy Spirit, His Office and His Work*; the Maple Avenue Christian Church, Terre Haute, Ind., *50th Anniversary Souvenir, 1902-1952*; and Kratt—*The Interrogation*.

ABOUT 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 Society offers membership to individuals, congregations, institutions, and organizations who are in agreement with the purpose of the Society to maintain and further interests in the religious heritage, backgrounds, origins, development, and general history of Disciples of Christ, Christian churches, Churches of Christ, and related groups.

Officers of the Society

Ronald E. Osborn, President

Chester P. Hensley, Vice-President

William G. West, Secretary

Miss Eva Jean Wrather, Treasurer

The Executive Committee is composed of the President, Vice-President, Dr. West, Miss Wrather, and Robert W. Burns.

The Staff

Claude E. Spencer, Curator

James E. McKinney, Executive Director

Miss Christine Buder, Secretarial Assistant

Footnotes to Disciple History, Number One, Just Issued.

Alexander Campbell and His Relevance for Today, by Eva Jean Wrather.

Single copies, post paid	\$.25
10 copies, post paid	2.00
25 copies, post paid	4.50
50 copies, post paid	8.00
100 copies, post paid	15.00

George Walker Buckner, Jr., in commenting on the author of this address, said, "She did a most unusual job and made history seem as vital as today's newspaper."

THE HARBINGER

and *Discipliana*

Published monthly by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Nashville, Tennessee

VOL. 13

AUGUST, 1953

No. 3

DIRECTORS VOTE EXPANDED SERVICES

Directors of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, meeting at First Church, Portland, during the International Convention July 5 and July 8, 1953, voted to increase DCHS services through an expanded publishing program and to increase annual individual membership dues. Beginning with 1954, the annual individual membership has been raised from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per year. Annual members will receive more for their money under the revised publication schedule adopted by the Directors at Portland.

The former Society periodical, DISCIPLIANA, was authorized changed from a quarterly to a monthly under the new title, THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA. In addition, the Directors voted to continue the series of "Footnotes to Disciple History," the first number of which has already been published. This booklet, *Alexander Campbell and His Relevance for Today*, by Eva Jean Wrather, will be followed by other concise treatises on brotherhood personalities and events and their contribution to our present situation. The Directors also accepted a proposal by Forrest F. Reed, new Vice-Chairman of the Board, to assist the Society in the publication of full-length books of historical significance at no cost to the Society. The Executive Committee was authorized to act as an editorial committee to select manuscripts as possible publication material. Several such manuscripts are under consideration, and an announcement will be made shortly in regard to the first such historical book to be published under the Historical Society imprint. Plans are being formulated for DCHS members to secure such books at greatly reduced rates.

In other Portland activities, the Historical Society report to the International Convention was given by executive director James E. McKinney. This report is reprinted on

(Continued on page 26)

Scholarly Quarterly Possibilities To Be Explored

A survey of the need for a Disciple scholarly quarterly has been initiated by representatives of brotherhood seminaries and other agencies, such as the Board of Higher Education, the Association for the Promotion of Christian Unity, and the Disciples of Christ Historical Society.

At a luncheon in the Congress Hotel in Portland, Oregon, during the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, called by the Historical Society, twelve brotherhood leaders in the fields of education, research, and journalism, informally discussed possibilities for the cooperative issuance of a quarterly journal to represent the best of Disciple scholarship in theology, history, Biblical studies, and the practical ministry.

A committee of three was named to plan a survey of potentialities for editorial and financial support for such a publication. Named as committee chairman was Harlie L. Smith, Indianapolis, president of the Board of Higher Education. Other committee members are Ronald E. Osborn, former president of the Historical Society, who will represent the Association for the Promotion of Christian Unity, and Claude E. Spencer, Historical Society curator. W. H. Cramblet, president of the Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis, was named as consultant to the committee. The committee was instructed to report its findings on the need for such a journal and the methods of financing such a venture to the larger group by the date of the annual agency meetings in the spring of 1954.

The Portland meeting was called by the Historical Society on authorization from the Executive Committee April 9. Plans for a Disciple scholarly quarterly have long been

(Continued on page 27)

In This Issue:

Barton W. Stone and the Seceder Presbyterians, by Roscoe M. Pierson, page 28. **An Act of Appreciation**, International Convention Resolution, page 27. **The Witness to Our Heritage**, by James E. McKinney, page 29.

Dates and Data, page 31

Jim's Journeys, page 26

New Members, page 26

What's New in Our Library, page 30

Jim's Journeys . . .

July: the month of heat, haste, and vacations. International Convention, directors' meetings, reports, airplane trips, conferences, writings, reading, listening, preaching, and finally, cool sea breezes. It all started

Wednesday, July 1—Paper work preparation for Portland.

Thursday, July 2—More last minute report writing and other minutia. Pry Curtis Jones loose from Vine Street and we're off, after midnight, for the Great Northwest.

Friday, July 3—No sleep. Breakfast over the Grand Canyon at 22,000 feet. Camera-bug Jones having field-day. Second breakfast under San Francisco fog. Up the Willamette valley over beautiful virgin forests, snow-capped peaks, to City of Roses by lunchtime. Get settled, get exhibit materials (good thing Spencer got here early), get oyster stew in a warehouse, get this, get that, get tired.

Saturday, July 4—Convention opens with a rush. Thousands of Disciples from all parts of the world. Registration pushes toward a new record. Speechmaking starts. DCHS gets front-page in Portland OREGONIAN. That's me on the left.

Sunday, July 5—Directors' meeting. Reports and discussion, discussion and reports. Constitution amended. New titles, new services, new ideas.

Monday, July 6—Scholarly quarterly discussion. Church History Clinic. Meet more new people. Talk Historical Society.

Tuesday, July 7—Convention coverage. Go here, there, everywhere. Talking, walking, listening, more walking.

Wednesday, July 8—Report to Convention on DCHS activities, support. Does anyone have a watch? Luncheon talk to Vandy alumni. Afternoon session with Directors. More discussion, decisions, talking, and walking. Oh, my poor feet!

Thursday, July 9—Wind-up day. By the way, do you have DCHS in your budget for local congregational membership? We certainly need your support!! That's the line of conversation with preachers, laymen.

Friday, July 10—Clean up loose ends at Portland. Wait for Isaac Walton Jones to return from mountain expedition. Late evening air tourist flight for Chicago.

Saturday, July 11—See the country: Montana, Minnesota, Great Lakes. Lunch in Chicago. Wake up Jones to tell him we're home in Nashville.

Sunday, July 12—Preaching trip to roaring Springs, Kentucky. Wonderful rural section, terrific cooks.

(Continued on page 27)

New Members

Annual Members

- Mrs. Warren F. Berry, Elizabeth, N. J.
 Mrs. Helen Bertram, Bergen, N. Y.
 George E. Brown, Seattle, Wash.
 Charles E. Bruer, Jackson, Tenn.
 Mrs. Amelia L. Caruthers, Knoxville, Tenn.
 E. M. Eldridge, Eugene, Ore.
 Robert W. Fink, Houston, Texas
 Leland E. Gartrell, Westfield, N. J.
 R. L. Hartling, Missoula, Mont.
 Mrs. Ethel S. Kershner, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Robert C. Lohman, Albuquerque, N. Mex.
 Joe L. Mauck, Kansas City, Mo.
 Mrs. Anna Nolte, Rochester, N. Y.
 C. H. Owens, St. Louis, Mo.
 Mrs. Leonard R. Phebus, Union City, Tenn.
 Mrs. Edward Ronsheim, Sr., Anderson, Ind.
 Mrs. Polk Ross, Tullahoma, Tenn.
 Miss Ida Swingle, Sciota, N. Y.
 J. H. Tracey, Fort Wayne, Ind.
 Mrs. T. E. Tregea, Rochester, N. Y.

Founding Member

- Mrs. Naomi E. Osborn, Indianapolis, Ind.

Subscribing Members

- Walter F. MacGowan, Cleveland, Ohio
 Albert M. Pennybacker, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Congregational Members

- First Christian Church, Atchison, Kans.
 First Church of Christ, Medina, Ohio
 First Christian Church, Clarksville, Tenn.

Sustaining Members

- Linden Avenue Christian Church, Memphis, Tenn.
 Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Ore.
 United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis, Ind.

Honorary Members

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, July 5, in Portland, Ore., two persons were elected to honorary membership in the Society. The men so honored are T. G. F. Paterson, curator of the County Armagh Museum, Ireland, and the Rev. Alfred R. Scott, present pastor of Thomas Campbell's old church at Ahorey, Ireland.

The new honorary members have been very helpful to the many American Disciples who visited the Campbell country in Ireland.

Directors Vote Expanded Services

(Continued from page 25)

page 29 of THE HARBINGER. The Convention also passed a resolution endorsing the work of the Society and paying tribute to the Nashville contribution in enabling the Society to be established on a full-time basis. This resolution is reprinted on the editorial page.

THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA

published monthly by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Joint University Library, 419-21st Avenue, South, Nashville, Tennessee. Entered as Second Class Matter, Nashville, Tennessee, under Act of August 24, 1912.

Claude E. Spencer, *Editor*

James E. McKinney, *Associate Editor*
Subscription to THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA is included in the membership dues of the Society. The price of an annual subscription to non-members is \$2.00.

Vol. 13

August, 1953

No. 3

An Act of Appreciation

On Wednesday, July 8, the International Convention meeting in Portland, Ore., passed resolution number 63, entitled "Concerning Recognition of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society Services." The full text of the resolution follows:

WHEREAS, the Disciples of Christ Historical Society is the only agency in the Brotherhood whose sole responsibility is the locating, collecting, and making available for use the historical materials of our movement, and

WHEREAS, the Historical Society is now in its second year as a full-time service agency with headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee; which full-time operation has been made possible by a generous five-year subsidy granted by a group of interested Nashville citizens and by the generous donation of temporary housing facilities by the Joint University Library in Nashville, and

WHEREAS, the work of the Historical Society has been approved as a part of the long-range program of the Brotherhood, and

WHEREAS, support for the program of the Historical Society is derived solely from memberships and individual gifts,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Disciples of Christ, now, in convention assembled, do recognize the services being rendered by the Historical Society to local churches, individuals, and institutions of the Brotherhood, and that we commend the directors and officers of the Society for their efforts to preserve and make available for use the historical materials of our movement, and that this Convention endorse the work of the Society and recommend consideration of membership in the Society by individuals, churches, and institutions represented at this Convention. Further, this Convention recognizes the contribution of the citizens of Nashville in the establishment of the Historical

Society as a full-time service agency of the Brotherhood and takes this opportunity to express appreciation to the Nashville Planning and Finance Committees and to the Joint University Library.

Jim's Journeys . . .

(Continued from page 26)

Monday, July 13, thru Saturday, July 18—Back at the desk. Letters to write, plans to make, courses to prepare for.

Sunday, July 19—Visit with Frank Drowota's Woodmont Christian Church on their 10th anniversary. Disciples still making history with top-flight programs, stewardship efforts.

Monday, July 20, thru Saturday, July 25—Teaching "Who Are The Disciples?" at Adult Conference, Bethany Hills, near Nashville. Fine association with outstanding Christian families. Great Christian education leadership coming to fore in South as in other sections.

Sunday, July 26—Back to Kentucky for services at Roaring Springs Christian Church, near Hopkinsville.

Monday, July 27—Desk work. Articles, letters, plans.

Tuesday, July 28—Off to Rockwood, Tennessee. George Holwager says the stripes are hitting, so here we go. Meet with laymen about DCHS. Traveling companion: Alex Mooty, Tennessee's able DRE.

Wednesday, July 29—Visit with laymen, preachers, in Knoxville. Dr. Harry Cooke, beloved pastor, First Church, new DCHS supporter.

Thursday, July 30—Carry Me Back To Ole Virginy. And DO NOT DISTURB for at least 10 days. Preaching at home church, Bedford, slated for August 9. Otherwise, Virginia Beach-bound. Look out, fish, here I come!

Scholarly Quarterly

(Continued from page 25)

included as a part of the DCHS long-term program. Present at the Portland meeting, in addition to the committee members named, were: Riley B. Montgomery, Lexington; George W. Buckner, Jr., Indianapolis; John E. McCaw, Des Moines; W. B. Blakemore, Chicago; W. H. Cramblet, St. Louis; J. Edward Moseley, Indianapolis; O. L. Shelton, Indianapolis; J. E. McKinney, Nashville; and guest Bishop Stephen Neill of the World Council of Churches, Geneva.

BARTON W. STONE AND THE SECEDER PRESBYTERIANS; A NOTE ON THE EARLY RELATIONS OF

BY ROSCOE M. PIERSON

Roscoe M. Pierson, librarian of the Bosworth Memorial Library of the College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky, gives briefly some interesting information concerning what the Seceder Presbyterians thought about Stone. Mr. Pierson is a graduate of Centre College and has a masters degree in library science from the University of Kentucky. He is the editor of the series *Reprints of Disciple Documents* issued by the Bosworth Memorial Library, and compiler of *Preliminary Check List of Lexington, Kentucky, Imprints, 1821-1850*, to be published soon by the Bibliographical Society of the University of Virginia.

The history of the relations between Thomas and Alexander Campbell and the Seceder Presbyterians is a well documented episode of the early history of the Disciples of Christ. However, the contacts that Barton Stone had with this "straitest sect of the Presbyterians," as he called them, is not widely known except by inference.

Unlike the Campbells, whose connections with Presbyterianism were entirely with the secession branch, Stone was never outside of the main stream of Church of Scotland Presbyterianism from the date when he was licensed to preach by the Orange Presbytery in North Carolina in 1796 until his withdrawal from the Synod of Kentucky, September 10, 1803.

In 1797, the year after Stone arrived in Kentucky, the General Associate Synod (of Scotland) was petitioned by some of the residents of Kentucky to send missionaries to that state. Being favorable to the plea, two young men, Andrew Fulton and Robert Armstrong, were ordained and commissioned to set out with "all convenient speed," and to constitute themselves into the Associate Synod of Kentucky upon their arrival at their destination.¹

These first two Kentucky missionaries of the Secession Church arrived in Kentucky in 1798. Andrew Fulton settled in Beargrass and served congregations in Henry and Shelby counties. Robert Armstrong located at Cane Run, in Fayette, and ministered to the Seceders in Fayette and Scott counties—the same general area where Barton Stone was laboring among the Presbyterians.

In a letter to the *Christian Magazine* (VII, 1803, p. 38-39) dated March 5, 1802, a missionary to Kentucky, apparently Andrew Fulton, writes at length of the Cane Ridge meeting, comparing it to that which took place some years back in Cambuslang, Scotland. The writer attributes the beginning of the revival to "a Mr. Stone, in the county of Bourton," and relates that "I am of opinion that such an irregular, and so far as I can judge, unscriptural manner of worshipping God, in public ordinances, ought neither to be encouraged nor countenanced. . . The tendency of the work upon the whole, is to entangle poor souls in delusion about their eternal concerns, and to lead them away from the scriptures. . . Nothing of this kind has taken place amongst our people."²

Armstrong and Fulton were disheartened by such religious conditions in Kentucky and departed to Ohio during the winter of 1802. However, they were not the only Kentucky Seceders who were opposed to the Cane Ridge meeting, nor to Stone personally. Adam Rankin, an overly-orthodox Presbyterian minister who had come to Kentucky from Virginia in 1784, was deposed by the Transylvania Presbytery in 1792 because he opposed the use of Watts' *Psalmody*, as unscriptural, in Presbyterian worship. In 1793 he gained admittance into the Associate Reformed Synod of Philadelphia, and so another branch of the Secession Church came to Kentucky. Such a person was bound to oppose the Cane Ridge meeting, and oppose he did in *A Review of the Noted Revival in Kentucky* (Lexington: John Bradford, 1802) where he stated that the meeting was under "satanical influence." Rankin was so strict that many from his congregation left to become members of the churches of Fulton and Armstrong.³

Perhaps the most important of the Seceder ministers in Kentucky was Robert Hamilton Bishop, another missionary from the General Associate Synod,⁴ who arrived in the state in 1802 and accepted one of the Associate Reformed Churches of the Rankin schism. The author of the first church history of the state, *An Outline History of the Church in the State of Kentucky* (Lexington; T. T. Skillman, 1824), Bishop is scathing in his denunciation of the Stone movement: "They are usually called 'New Lights, or Stoneites,' & c. and if they are known at all in the future of the church, they will be denominated Pelagian, or Socinian Heretics."⁵

These brief notes serve to document what we could expect: that all streams of the Disciples of Christ were opposed by all the branches of the Secession Church from the earliest days of our movement. And to Stone goes the honor of being despised by this group while the Campbells were still ministers in good standing.

¹McKerrow, John, *History of the Secession Church*, (Edinburgh, 1854) p. 388; *Foreign Missions of the Secession and United Presbyterian Church*, (Edinburgh, 1867) p. 22-23.

²McKerrow, *History*, p. 403-405.

³Bishop, Robert H., *An Outline History of the Church in Kentucky*, (Lexington, 1824) p. 144.

⁴McKerrow, *Foreign Missions*, p. 33.

⁵Bishop, *Outline History*, p. 129.

THE WITNESS TO OUR HERITAGE

BY JAMES E. MCKINNEY

The report given by Mr. McKinney, Executive International Convention, Portland, Oregon, July 8.

Someone has said that "history is to the group what memory is to the individual." Within the framework of our Disciple witness has grown up in recent years a new appreciation of our corporate memory — a brotherhood conscience in matters pertaining to our heritage as a great people. The Disciples of Christ Historical Society gives expression to this concern.

The record of our Disciple witness is not to be labeled as dull dead stuff, to be explored only by scholarly gentlemen, eye-shaded and dust-covered. Increasingly we have found that a total perspective must depend upon both a backward and a forward view. We have been inspired in current projects by the courageous pioneering of our forebears in the faith. History is, after all, the record of our progress. In the words of one of our beloved ministers, a former president of this Convention, Dr. Roger T. Nooe:

"It is by taking account of the past that we can chart our course for the future. To plunge ahead without any regard to what has gone before is both foolish and futile."

A mark of our maturity is this growing concern for the preservation and study of our past. If we have a distinct plea—if we have made a unique contribution—if we have developed a new idea; then surely we need to preserve the products of our heritage, not only for our present guidance but that others might come to a greater appreciation of our mission and our message.

Only one group among us is uniquely qualified and geared for this task. The Disciples of Christ Historical Society was created by our people on an occasion such as this twelve years ago. Its sole objective has been to collect, catalogue, preserve, and make available for use, the materials of our movement.

For eleven years the Society's primary function—operating on a part-time basis—was the assembling of a vast collection of Disciple historical material, much of which is irreplaceable. This collecting has been largely inspired by the curator of the Society, Mr. Claude E. Spencer.

Last year it became possible for the Society to realize a long-cherished dream. The Board of Directors, acting on a proposal by a group of interested citizens in Nashville, Tennessee, voted to move the Society headquarters, its Archives and Library, to this cultural and educational center of the Mid-South. Funds—to the ex-

tent of \$55,000 payable over a five-year period—were made available to the Society during its expansion into a full-time service agency of the Brotherhood. Rent-free, air-conditioned quarters were provided by the Joint University Library of Nashville for a five-year period to house the growing collection of historical materials.

The city of Nashville furnishes a near-ideal setting for our brotherhood archives. Its eleven colleges and universities, its three other major church history collections, its accessibility to centers of brotherhood history and influence, its cultural environment, its opportunity for contact with those of common heritage—all these factors make Nashville a location in which the Historical Society can render vital service to the Brotherhood and to the ecumenical movement.

One phase of our service—made possible by the Nashville move—must not be underestimated. This is the opportunity to share a common interest with those individuals and groups of differing views who otherwise have no common ground on which to meet. The Historical Society is impartial of doctrinal or organizational differences.

The full-time service program of the Society cannot be detailed in this brief time. Today, assistance in matters of historical reference is being given daily to local churches, ministers, researchers, educators, editors, agencies, colleges and graduate schools. Daily the Society staff answers queries from throughout the brotherhood, relying on the wealth of materials in the Library and Archives. Daily more materials are received and processed.

An expanded publishing program is under way. The Society periodical is to be issued monthly instead of quarterly, beginning with the July number. A new series of "Footnotes to Disciple History" has been initiated, number one written by Miss Eva Jean Wrather on *Alexander Campbell and His Relevance For Today*. This little book is on sale at the Society exhibit. The Society is taking the lead in exploring possibilities for a Disciple scholarly quarterly. A plan is under study to produce books of historical significance for limited distribution.

Now—in my business—this part we call the commercial.

Our services have increased. Interest in the Society has increased. Many new mem-

(Continued on page 31)

WHAT'S NEW IN OUR LIBRARY

On these pages are listed, and sometimes described, the materials received during the past month. This includes gifts, exchanges, and purchases. So many gifts are received that acknowledgment of every item is impossible although every giver is mentioned.

Gifts

During July gifts of material were received from:

- John Francis Bellville, Charleroi, Pa.
 William L. Blessing, Denver, Colo.
 Broadmoor Christian Church, Houston, Texas
 Miss Genevieve Brown, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Miss Venice C. Callison, Portland, Ore.
 Miss Ada Currie, Guelph, Ontario, Canada
 H. Jackson Darst, Williamsburg, Va.
 Mrs. Harry S. Davis, Kansas City, Mo.
 A. T. DeGroot, Ft. Worth, Texas
 Miss Ada L. Forster, Oakland, Calif.
 Ernest D. Fritts, Clinton, Ky.
 Mrs. Bertha Mason Fuller, Little Rock, Ark.
 Glenn Grimm, Ashtabula, Ohio
 Kenneth C. Hanson, Redwood Falls, Minn.
 Alden Lee Hill, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Andrew Hobart, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Harold Idleman, Park Ridge, Ill.
 Illinois Disciples Foundation, Champaign, Ill.
 H. B. Imboden, Youngstown, Ohio
 Richard L. James, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Miss Jeanette Moore King, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
 A. P. Kirsch, Stayton, Ore.
 Percy E. Kohl, Lexington, Ky.
 W. H. Layman, Salem, Ore.
 Mrs. L. E. McCown, Johnson City, Tenn.
 Mrs. E. E. Mack, Long Beach, Calif.
 Miss Oma Lou Meyers, Portland, Ore.
 Miss Mattie Miller, Santa Cruz, Calif.
 J. Edward Moseley, Indianapolis, Ind.
 John W. Neth, Jr., Nashville, Tenn.
 New London Christian Church, New London, Ia.
 Ronald E. Osborn, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Orval D. Peterson, Yakima, Wash.
 Eugene Prater, Nashville, Tenn.
 George W. Reed, Watsonville, Calif.
 Homer Rice, Wenatchee, Wash.
 Mrs. Edward Ronsheim, Sr., Anderson, Ind.
 School of Religion, Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.
 W. E. Schultz, Bloomington, Ill.
 Henry K. Shaw, Elyria, Ohio
 Mrs. C. H. Smiley, Ft. Worth, Texas
 Anzi Toops, Oxford, Ind.
 Charles C. Ware, Wilson, N. C.
 O. D. Waters, Tulsa, Okla.
 Max J. Webb, Franklin, Ind.
 J. W. Wells, Ribbon, Ky.
 Mrs. Guy Withers, Washington, D. C.

Necessary Periodicals:

I. Gospel Advocate

The oldest periodical being published today by any of the groups growing out of the early nineteenth century restoration movement is the *Gospel Advocate* of Nashville. Publication began in 1855, and thus it ante-dates *The Christian-Evangelist* (1863), the *Christian Standard* (1866) and the *American Christian Review* (1856). From 1862-1865 it was suspended.

While the *Gospel Advocate* is one of the best sources for the study of our history, it has been the least used. One specializing in the 1860-1906 period must use it along with the above named periodicals in order to understand all of the questions involved in the split in the brotherhood over the use of the organ and the support of organized missions.

Not only is a study of the *Gospel Advocate* necessary to an understanding of the forces at work in the brotherhood from 1860-1906; but in its files can be found the news notes concerning the beginning of many of our present day Christian churches in the South. Of course, it must be used in studying the history of Churches of Christ.

Recently we have been very fortunate in building the files of this important magazine in our library. In the April issue we announced that from Mr. B. C. Goodpasture we had secured nearly complete volumes for the years 1909-1937.

During the present month we received from the David Lipscomb College Library issues from 1878-1908. Out of these years, seven are complete, while nineteen have from one to thirteen numbers missing.

As yet, we do not have any issues for these years: 1857-1860; 1866-1877; 1886; 1890; 1900; and 1907. Who can help us fill these gaps?

Campbell Association Books Received

At every convention contacts are made that result in the Society library and archives receiving many rare and unusual gifts. Persons who learn of the work of the Society bring materials to our exhibit booth while others send items to the library later.

Several good things were brought to the booth again this year. Mr. Homer Rice, Wenatchee, Washington, presented *Explanatory Notes on the New Testament* by John Wesley, a 2 volume set published in 1806

and given by Alexander Campbell to Mr. Rice's great grandfather, Ebenezer Rice, a pioneer Disciple preacher in Tennessee. Mr. Rice's brother, Elbert G. Rice, and sisters, Mrs. Josephine Polivka, Mrs. Martha Ann Brown, and Mrs. Lois Robb, shared in the gift.

Miss Venice C. Callison, Portland, brought a copy of the sixth edition, 1839, of Alexander Campbell's printing of the New Testament. This book had belonged to her great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Callison.

Miss Ethel Boyer, Santa Cruz, Calif., acted as agent for Mrs. Mattie Miller of Santa Cruz in bringing two books. One, *The Christian Hymn Book*, 1852, had belonged to Mrs. Miller's grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Shrum McGinnis.

W. H. Lyman, Salem, Ore., gave a "certificate of attainment" of the Christian Bible College of Colorado, Denver.

John Francis Bellville, Charleroi, Pa., brought a bound file of the orders of worship from his First Christian Church of Charleroi, and some other items.

The Witness to Our Heritage

(Continued from page 29)

bers have been added to our growing list of supporters. It is imperative that this support continue and increase. To date more than three-fourths of the actual operating expenses of the Society have been underwritten by the generous subsidy raised by the Nashville committees.

It is time for Disciples throughout the brotherhood to rally behind this effort to preserve the heritage of our movement. This should not be the exclusive concern of just a few.

The Historical Society is supported only by its members—individuals, local churches, and organizations—who annually pay in small amounts in dues to make possible the continuance of the Society's services.

The Society enjoys widespread endorsement from brotherhood leaders, from state conventions, and from this Convention which approved its origin and to which it reports. Now we must go further. Support by endorsement is good. But it does not pay the bills. The Society earnestly solicits your consideration of membership. Visit the Historical Society booth adjoining the registration booth. There you may find additional information on the expanded program of the Society. Either Mr. Spencer or I will be happy to talk with you about matters of historical interest to you or your church. We shall be glad to welcome you as a member of the Historical Society, as you join with thousands of others in preserving for our generation—and generations to come—the great record of our Disciple witness to Christian truth.

DATES AND DATA

Under this heading will appear regularly a list of dates month by month, of significant and interesting events connected with Disciple history. Brief comments will be made concerning each event.

Suggestions of dates for inclusion will be welcomed. Especially wanted are the dates of the establishment of local churches, institutions, and organizations, dates of special happenings.

Upon application, the Society will furnish further information concerning any of the items listed.

October

October 1, 1946. The International Convention office opened in Indianapolis, Ind., as a full-time service agency for Disciples of Christ.

October 6, 1911. John William McGarvey, long time president of the College of the Bible, died in Lexington, Ky.

October 7, 1808. Alexander Campbell, his mother, brothers and sisters, shipwrecked off the coast of Scotland on his first attempt to come to America.

October 12, 1784. "Raccoon" John Smith born in Sullivan county, Tenn., on a farm on the bank of the Holston river. Here he lived the first eleven years of his life.

October 13, 1834. Knowles Shaw, author of "Bringing in the Sheaves," born in Butler County, Ohio.

October 15, 1823. The first day of the debate between Alexander Campbell and W. L. McCalla, held at Washington, Ky., October 15-21.

October 20, 1919. The constitution adopted and officers elected for the United Christian Missionary Society, thus completing the merger of the American Christian Missionary Society, the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, and the Christian Woman's Board of Missions into one organization.

October 21, 1840. The first session of Beth any College commenced.

October 22, 1874. The Christian Woman's Board of Missions organized.

October 23, 1849. The First General Convention of the Christian Churches convened in Cincinnati, Ohio. During the sessions the American Christian Missionary Society was formed.

October 25, 1809. Alexander Campbell joined his father in Washington, Pa. Here he read the proof sheets of the *Declaration and Address*.

October 28, 1874. James Turner Barclay died in Lawrence, Ala.

October 29, 1818. Moses E. Lard born near Shelbyville, Tenn.

October 31, 1796. Walter Scott born at Moffat, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

ABOUT 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 Society offers membership to individuals, congregations, institutions, and organizations who are in agreement with the purpose of the Society to maintain and further interests in the religious heritage, backgrounds, origins, development, and general history of Disciples of Christ, Christian churches, Churches of Christ, and related groups.

Officers of the Society

Winfred Ernest Garrison, President

William G. West, Chairman of the Board Forrest F. Reed, Vice-Chairman
Howard E. Short, Secretary Miss Eva Jean Wrather, Treasurer

The Executive Committee is composed of the Chairman of the Board, the Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Short, Miss Wrather, and Robert W. Burns.

The Staff

Claude E. Spencer, Curator
James E. McKinney, Executive Director
Miss Christine Buder, Secretarial Assistant

Footnotes to *Disciple History, Number One, Just Issued.*

Alexander Campbell and His Relevance for Today, by Eva Jean Wrather.

Single copies, post paid	\$.25
10 copies, post paid	2.00
25 copies, post paid	4.50
50 copies, post paid	8.00
100 copies, post paid	15.00

George Walker Buckner, Jr., in commenting on the author of this address, said, "She did a most unusual job and made history seem as vital as today's newspaper."

THE HARBINGER

and Disciplina

Published monthly by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Nashville, Tennessee

VOL. 13

SEPTEMBER, 1953

No. 4

McKinney to Iowa

Society on Hawkeye District Programs

For the first time in its twelve-year existence, the Disciples of Christ Historical Society will participate in a series of District Conventions of Disciples of Christ. James E. McKinney, DCHS executive director, has accepted an invitation to serve as the noon luncheon speaker for five Iowa District Conventions, scheduled for September 22 thru October 2. Mr. McKinney will address the conventions on the expanding service program of the Society and its contribution to the present-day Disciple witness. He will also be available to discuss matters of historical interest on the local church level with ministers and laymen and will be on hand at each convention to receive Disciple historical materials for deposit in the Archives and Library at Nashville.

The Iowa district meets are to be held at the following times and places: Sept. 22, Newton; Sept. 24, Clarinda; Sept. 28, Jefferson; Sept. 30, Washington; and Oct. 2, Marion. Major emphasis of each convention will be "Evangelism at Home and Abroad." Loren E. Lair, executive secretary of the Iowa Christian Churches, has expressed the hope that Iowa Disciples will make plans to attend their respective district conventions and participate in the excellent programs which have been arranged.

Prior to the Iowa visit, Mr. McKinney will spend several days in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. An exhibit of historical materials concerning the Keystone Disciples will be on display at the Pennsylvania State Convention at Canton September 15-17. Representation at other state conventions is being planned for later in the fall.

Rare Periodicals Received

Gift of Mrs. C. A. Rule

August 18, 1953 was a red letter day in the annals of the DCHS library when a large carton of books from Highland, California was received and unpacked. That carton contained rare and long wanted volumes of periodicals.

Most welcome were the bound volumes of *The Christian Standard* for the years 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1883, and 1884. These were from the library of Enoch Clifton Browning, (1836-1925) and were the gift of Mrs. C. A. Rule, the granddaughter of Mr. Browning.

Other periodicals in the shipment were also valuable ones: *The Helper*, Butler, Mo., vol. 1, 1888-1889; *The Christian Work*, Russellville, Paris, Fort Smith, and Siloam Springs, Ark., vols. 3-6, 1896-1899; and *The Missionary Bulletin*, Little Rock, Ark., vols. 1-7, 1900-1906. There are some missing issues in the last two titles.

Another periodical included was vol. 1, 1884, of *The Disciple of Christ*, Cincinnati, Ohio, a scholarly journal edited by S. M. Jefferson, Isaac and Russell Errett, with later volumes edited by B. J. Radford and Jessie Brown Pounds. We now need only vol. 2 to complete our set.

Some books were sent along from Mr. Browning's library, too. There was a printing of *Grafton's Life of Alexander Campbell* that we did not have; a copy of the Baltimore Seminary Press imprint of *God and Me* by Peter Ainslie; and the *Program* of the 19th annual convention of the Christian Churches of Southern California and Arizona, 1907.

Mr. Browning was the editor and proprietor of *The Christian Helper*, which was published in the interests of the Bates County, Missouri, Christian Missionary Cooperation. He was the associate editor of *The Christian*

(Continued on page 37)

In This Issue:

Mark Twain Meets Alexander Campbell, . . . ? by Claude E. Spencer, page 36; **Baseball Pitchers and the Backward Look**, an Editorial by W. E. Garrison, page 35; **Just a Century Apart**, by Charles E. Ware, page 34.

Dates and Data, page 37

Jim's Journeys, page 34

Books of Recent Date, page 39

What's New in Our Library, page 38

Recent Visitors, page 34

Jim's Journeys . . .

August: mild Southern temperatures (slightly under 100); air-conditioned office, so let's stay right here, resting up from all-too-brief vacation.

Saturday, August 1 thru Saturday, August 8— Fishing, swimming, sightseeing, generally doing nothing. Virginia Beach. Sea breezes, ocean waves, sand, crabs and croakers. Leave it all for old stomping grounds in Blue Ridge foothills.

*Sunday, August 9—*Preaching at home church, Bedford, Virginia. Robert Dady leading work in "World's Best Little Town." Newly-remodelled plant; increased attendance, interest. Good to be back home.

*Monday, August 10 thru Thursday, August 13—*Vacation wind-up with Lynchburg, Virginia in-laws. Visit Orville Wake, John Turner at Lynchburg College. Foundations in for new buildings. Alma mater booming. Hit the road for Nashville with cargo of kids, clothes and fishing tackle (wife, too).

Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15— Back to work.

*Sunday, August 16—*Bowling Green, Kentucky. Subbing for friend Jean Wake at First Church. Fine reception in Blue Grass Country.

*Monday, August 17 thru Saturday, August 22—*Letters to write, plans to make, conventions to cover. Looks like a long autumn.

*Sunday, August 23—*Jackson, Tennessee. Preaching, a.m. and p.m., at First Church prior to arrival of new minister, R. J. Birge, formerly with Highland Park, Chattanooga. Renew old friendships, meet new folks.

*Monday, August 24 thru Saturday, August 29—*Struggling with typewriter while Chris vacations. Looks like a long, long autumn.

*Sunday, August 30—*Vine Street Christian Church, Nashville, subbing for friend Curtis Jones, loafing in Mississippi. Early service at beautiful Vine Street annex, Ridgeview. Wonderful time with grand people.

*Monday, August 31—*With research assistance from Claude Spencer, Herman Norton, Alex Mooty—may be ready to teach "Our Religious Neighbors, the Sects" at Advance Conference, Bethany Hills, near Nashville. Remind me next month to give results. (Certainly looks like a long autumn.)

Just a Century Apart

By C. C. WARE

1. Barton Warren Stone, Reformer, born 1772, died 1844.

2. Harold Bell Wright, Novelist, born 1872, died 1944.

Some similarities:

1. Each was a Christian preacher with a simple message; "Plain food for plain people."

2. Each was despised by a certain "Orthodox" class;—Stone by churchmen, Wright by the literary critics.

3. Each spurned the large cities, and both were fond of the wide, open spaces of Western America.

4. Each was an American, born in an old colonial state, east of the Mississippi but each died west of that great river.

5. Each had an indomitable will to live; Stone as demonstrated on his near-fatal Georgia travel, and Wright in his Ozarks auto accident, laid out to die by his friends, but rallied to write another book during his slow recovery.

Recent Visitors

During the past few weeks the Society has had many out-of-town visitors, including several research workers who used the facilities of the library and archives.

C. K. Thomas, Phillips University, Enid, Okla., stopped by to discuss sources for his Princeton Ph.D. thesis on Alexander Campbell's principles of Biblical interpretation and to examine the various editions of Campbell's printing of the New Testament.

J. Edward Moseley, Indianapolis, Ind., spent a week working on the index of the book by Stephen J. Corey that he is editing, and to dig further into the history of Georgia Disciples.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Eckstein, Portales, New Mexico, spent three weeks working on Mr. Eckstein's thesis on the Churches of Christ in Texas. Mr. Eckstein has charge of the Church of Christ Bible Chair in Eastern New Mexico University.

Roscoe M. Pierson, Librarian of The College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., spent a few days going through our duplicate material for needed items at the College of the Bible.

Don C. Nunnally, Stamping Ground, Ky., spent three days working on a proposed College of the Bible thesis on the history of Alabama churches, 1860-1910.

Joseph Welles White, head of the Bible department, George Pepperdine College, Los Angeles, Calif., came in for a talk about his biography of Sidney Rigdon and general restoration bibliographical and historical problems.

(Continued next issue)

THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA,

published monthly by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Joint University Library, 419-21st Avenue, South, Nashville, Tennessee. Entered as Second Class Matter, Nashville, Tennessee, under Act of August 24, 1912.

Claude E. Spencer, *Editor*

James E. McKinney, *Associate Editor*
Subscription to THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA is included in the membership dues of the Society. The price of an annual subscription to non-members is \$2.00.

Vol. 13

September, 1953

No. 4

Baseball Pitchers and the Backward Look!

Satchel Paige, pitcher for the St. Louis Browns, was recently quoted (in *The Christian-Evangelist*, August 19, 1953) as saying that his motto was, "Never look back." Strange advice from a pitcher. Suppose there is a man on second base.

The phrase lends itself to use as a text for proper exhortation about driving full steam ahead with worthy enterprises. But the truth is that Christian leaders, like baseball pitchers, need 360 degree vision. Going forward wisely requires some understanding of what lies behind as well as knowledge of the present and vision of the future. That is why history is important. Specifically, it is why religious history cannot be ignored by those who would promote religion. Still more specifically, it is why the advocates of any religious movement need to know whence it came and how it got to where it is.

The Disciples of Christ Historical Society is not engaged in antiquarian research out of a merely curious interest in the dead and dusty past. The past is not so dead nor so dusty as some suppose. Its characters and events can come to life in surprisingly dramatic fashion. The past sheds light on the present and future. The Society has already demonstrated the value of its resources and its assistance in furthering a better understanding of the principles of the Disciples of Christ, their place in the total picture of contemporary Christianity, and the goals toward which they are moving.

These are very practical objectives. Because the study of the history of a movement is, and should be, a relatively small part of the total enterprise, the importance of that small part can easily be overlooked. Churches, institutions and individuals can render a genuine service to the cause of the Disciples of Christ by providing the Historical Society

with the financial support needed to enable it to do its indispensable work.

The rear-view mirror of an automobile is not as big as the windshield, but every car is required by law to have one, because a backward look is known to be essential to safe driving. The historical society furnishes the mirror that gives us a view of the past which helps us to travel the road ahead.

W. E. Garrison

To Our Members

Many of our members have not yet paid their dues for 1953 and a few still owe for 1952 as well. Members who fail to pay dues are likely to be dropped from our rolls. It has been our custom to send three notices a year; one in December, calling attention to the fact that dues run by the calendar year and that next years dues should be paid soon. A second notice is sent in April and a third in September. Two such notices have been sent in regard to this years dues, with a third one coming up. Members, not fiscal, should remit now and save us the necessity of making another mailing.

The Society needs your money in order to operate. Especially is this so under our expanded program of service. No organization can live without the financial support of its members. Even Alexander Campbell, with his varied financial interests, felt the pinch of non-paying subscribers to his *Millennial Harbinger* for he once wrote; "The financial obligations of our establishment imperiously compel us to importune immediate payment for those in arrears for subscriptions.—The amount due is considerable, and our ability to liquidate our liabilities depends upon the righteousness of our subscribers."

Righteous members, we importune you!

Quotation:

"Some communications received during my absence last winter have not yet been read by me, owing to other duties. I am going on with the work. Some of them may yet appear in the Harbinger. May days are, however, but twenty-four hours long; and of these nature claims for food and repose some seven; for exercise some two or three; business requires fourteen, and religion all. We, therefore, can do only some things, and the indispensable always are first. A. C."

Millennial Harbinger, 1844, p. 288,

Third series, vol. 1, no. 7.

MARK TWAIN MEETS ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, . . . ?

BY CLAUDE E. SPENCER

The curator of the Society discusses a confusing bibliographical problem that has troubled him for several years. He invites correspondence with persons who may be able to reconcile these two variant accounts.

A most amusing and hilarious anecdote about Alexander Campbell is told by Mark Twain in his *Autobiography*.¹ According to Mark, Mr. Campbell came to Hannibal, Missouri, delivered a sermon in the public square, because there was no church large enough to hold the crowd, and remained in Hannibal long enough for the sermon to be printed in pamphlet form. This was done at the request of the local Campbellites who made up a collection of sixteen dollars to have the work done at the print shop where Twain was an apprentice.

The pamphlet is described as being duodecimo in size, sixteen pages, with yellow paper covers. The type was set in two eight page forms. The first form was printed on a Thursday with the second ready for proof reading the next Saturday. And there a snag was struck. A couple of words had been left out in a thin-spaced page of solid reading matter with no break line for two or three pages ahead. Apparently all of those pages would have to be overrun in order to insert the missing words.

Since it was nearly noon, with Saturday afternoon a holiday, and every one anxious to get away, the foreman of the shop got around the difficulty by removing the words Jesus Christ from the line, substituting the initials J. C., and adding the missing words. The proof was then sent to Mr. Campbell for correction. In a very short time the author appeared and made plain in no uncertain words that initials could not be used for the name of Jesus Christ and insisted that the page be made right.

The correcting of the page with the extra, for good measure, that was thrown in by the mischievous foreman forms the punch line to a yarn as only Mark Twain could tell it. The story should be read aloud to get the complete savour of it.

A few years ago *The South African Sentinel*² gave part of the story under the title "Mark Twain Meets Alexander Campbell." This was later reprinted by *The Scroll*³ of the Campbell Institute. Perhaps after some research the conclusion might be reached that *The Sentinel* should have used the title "Mark Twain Meets Alexander Campbell, —?"

Mark Twain's father died early in 1847 and Mark was immediately apprenticed to Mr. Ament, the editor and proprietor of the *Hannibal Courier*, with whom he remained until 1849 or 1850 when his brother Orion bought the *Hannibal Journal* and Mark went to work for him. The episode of the print-

ing of the Campbell sermon occurred while Mark was with Mr. Ament. An exact date is not given, although it must have been in 1847, 1848, or 1849.

Alexander Campbell did a lot of travelling and he liked to write about his travels. Nearly every year of the *Millennial Harbinger* which he edited, 1830-1863, contains some account of his goings and comings. And he told where he went, who he stayed with, and what was said,—and he gave the dates of these visits.

By his own account in the *Millennial Harbinger* Mr. Campbell was in Hannibal twice from 1845 through 1852. The first time was in 1845⁴ when he arrived from Palmyra, Mo., Tuesday afternoon, November 4, and left early Thursday morning for Pittsfield, Ill. Since there was no meeting house owned by the Disciples Mr. Campbell "spoke twice to the citizens and strangers in the Methodist meeting house." Certainly he did not tarry long enough to read proof on a Saturday afternoon; nor did he return to read proof any of the following Saturday afternoons for they are all accounted for. Then, too, Mr. Twain was not yet a printer's apprentice in 1845.

The next trip made to Hannibal by Alexander Campbell was in November, 1852⁵ when he opened there his Missouri campaign for endowment for Bethany College. He arrived Saturday, the 13th, at one o'clock in the afternoon and departed for Paris, Mo., Monday evening, the 15th. Mr. Campbell wrote "This town has greatly improved and grown since my first visit in 1845 . . . Our brethren have erected a very convenient and comfortable meeting house . . . I delivered two discourses at Hannibal, one on the Lord's day . . . and one on Monday." He commented on the generosity of the church in pledging five hundred dollars for the Bethany College fund.

Again Mr. Campbell's Saturdays are all accounted for and one cannot see how or when the pamphlet could have been printed. Then, too, Mr. Twain was passed being a printer's apprentice for Mr. Ament in 1852.

Mark Twain's story and Mr. Campbell's accounts do not agree at any point. Some questions can be asked with the hope that further research will give the answers. Did Alexander Campbell make a trip to Missouri without recording it in the *Harbinger*? Have we missed an obscure reference? Was Mark Twain mistaken as to whom he was working for when the incident occurred?

Could he have been working for his brother Orion? If the latter is true, did Campbell get mixed-up in his reporting? Or did Twain simply tell a good yarn?

In any event, our interest is bibliographical. We want a copy of this yellow backed, sixteen page pamphlet, slightly smaller than six by nine inches in size, with a Hannibal, Mo., imprint. We would even be satisfied with the proof sheets of the page with its missing words or the one with its J. C. initials, or the one as corrected by the mischievous foreman, or the final one with the o. k. by Mr. Campbell!

¹Mark Twain's *Autobiography*, 1924, vol. 2, pp. 279-282.

²*The South African Sentinel*, January, 1949, pp. 6-7.

³*The Scroll*, March, 1949, pp. 413-415.

⁴*The Millennial Harbinger*, February, 1846, pp. 61-72. "Our Tour to the Far West."

⁵*The Millennial Harbinger*, January and February, 1853, pp. 6-9, 64-74. "Notes of Incidents in a Tour Through Illinois and Missouri."

DATES AND DATA

Under this heading will appear regularly a list of dates month by month, of significant and interesting events connected with Disciple history. Brief comments will be made concerning each event.

Suggestions of dates for inclusion will be welcomed. Especially wanted are the dates of the establishment of local churches, institutions, and organizations, dates of special happenings.

Upon application, the Society will furnish further information concerning any of the items listed.

November

November 5, 1807. Joseph Ray was born in Virginia. He was the author of a popular series of school books on mathematics. His contributions to the American Christian Missionary Society are a matter of record and Alexander Campbell wrote of visits in Ray's home in Cincinnati.

November 9, 1844. Barton Warren Stone died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Amanda Bowen, in Hannibal, Missouri. (Mark Twain played with the Bowen boys, Stone's grandsons.) Stone was first buried on his farm near Jacksonville, Illinois, the body was later removed to the cemetery of the Antioch Christian Church east of Jacksonville but was moved in 1847 to the Cane Ridge meeting house cemetery in Kentucky.

November 10, 1879. Vachel Lindsay was born in Springfield, Illinois. He was the most famous of Disciple poets.

November 11, 1917. David Lipscomb died, Nashville, Tennessee. Due to his influence the churches of Tennessee and the South did not accept the "progressive" leadership of the missionary societies as did the Northern ones.

November 14, 1766. David Purviance was born in Iredell County, North Carolina. Purviance accepted the teachings of the "Newlights" early in his life. *The Biography of David Purviance* by Levi Purviance, published in 1848, has become a Disciple classic.

November 15, 1843. On this day the Campbell-Rice debate began and continued for eighteen days. It was held in the Main Street Christian Church, Lexington, Kentucky, with Henry Clay as moderator.

November 19, 1831. The birthday of James A. Garfield, the twentieth president of the United States.

November 25, 1846. Carry Amelia (Moore) Nation was born in Garrard County, Kentucky. The hatchet woman of the temperance movement became a member of the Christian Church at Hickman Mills, Jackson County, Missouri, at the age of ten. Her second husband was David Nation, a Disciple minister.

November 27, 1853. Twenty-five leading members of the Christian Church in Nashville withdrew from the church in protest to the spiritualism teaching of J. B. Ferguson. A new congregation was formed on Vine Street.

He Says:

"The Disciples of Christ Historical Society is important now and will be of increasing importance as the history of the Brotherhood lengthens. The ecumenical movement has given a new importance to the history of the Disciples of Christ. For many decades ours was a voice in the wilderness calling for the unity of the Church. Now the whole of Christendom is awakened to the imperative of the reunion of the Church. There is a great divergence of opinion as to how this can come about and as to the time it will take; but the Disciples of Christ have a hearing today that they have never had before. The history of this movement is therefore important. The Disciples of Christ Historical Society deserves the support of our whole communion."

Hampton Adams, Minister
Union Avenue Christian Church
St. Louis, Missouri

Rare Periodicals Received

(Continued from page 33)

Work, and editor of *The Missionary Bulletin*. Both were issued in the interests of Arkansas state missions.

The Society is indebted to James Parrott, minister of the First Christian Church, San Bernardino, California, for recommending to Mrs. Rule that this material be placed in the DCHS library.

WHAT'S NEW IN OUR LIBRARY

On these pages are listed, and sometimes described, the materials received during the past month. This includes gifts, exchanges, and purchases. So many gifts are received that acknowledgment of every item is impossible although every giver is mentioned.

Gifts

During August gifts of material were received from:

Earle Barclay, Benton, Ill.
 Bob Bell, Nashville
 John Francis Bellville, Charleroi, Pa.
 Mrs. George Bichsel, Sedalia, Mo.
 Board of Higher Education, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Robert W. Burns, Atlanta, Ga.
 Central Christian Church, Enid, Okla.
 A. E. Cox, Cruger, Miss.
 Miss Nora Darnall, Lebanon, Ind.
 Euclid Avenue Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio
 First Christian Church, Portland, Ore.
 Miss Ada Forster, Oakland, Calif.
 W. M. Forrest, Cuckoo, Va.
 Kenneth C. Hanson, Redwood Falls, Minn.
 Edward A. Henry, Nashville
 Alden Lee Hill, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Wilbur S. Hogevoell, Alexandria, Va.
 John M. Hoffman, San Leandro, Calif.
 George W. Holwager, Rockwood, Tenn.
 John Allen Hudson, Rosemead, Calif.
 H. B. Imboden, Youngstown, Ohio
 International Convention, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Miss Helen Johann, Madison, Wis.
 Robert M. Johnston, Memphis, Tenn.
 Miss Jeanette Moore King, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
 Miss Hilda Koontz, Washington, D. C.
 Helen M. Lunsford, Cincinnati, Ohio
 Lester G. McAllister, Bethany, W. Va.
 Neal K. McGowan, San Francisco, Calif.
 Mrs. E. E. Mack, Long Beach, Calif.
 Miss Harriet Macy, Des Moines, Iowa
 J. Edward Moseley, Indianapolis, Ind.
 W. G. Moseley, Spokane, Wash.
 Mrs. Ada Mosher, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Roger T. Nooe, Nashville
 G. Edwin Osborn, Enid, Okla.
 Ronald E. Osborn, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Roscoe M. Pierson, Lexington, Ky.
 Charles F. Rouse, Kansas City, Mo.
 Mrs. C. A. Rule, Highland, Calif.
 Henry K. Shaw, Elyria, Ohio
 Burl Shoemaker, Portland, Ore.
 W. B. Slater, Peoria, Ill.
 K. F. Smith, Dallas, Texas
 J. Bruce Snider, Birmingham, Ala.
 Texas Christian University Library, Ft. Worth, Texas
 University Christian Church, Des Moines, Iowa
 T. M. Walton, Stanhope, Iowa
 Charles C. Ware, Wilson, N. C.
 Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville
 Ernest Worden, Creston, Iowa

Necessary Periodicals:

II. *The Christian Standard*

On the first page of this issue is a news story about the receipt of bound volumes of *The Christian Standard* for 1874-1879 and 1883-1884. The volumes are exceedingly hard to find since the periodical for those years was newspaper size which few people bothered to save for binding.

The Christian Standard has had a continuous existence since April 7, 1866 and is the fourth oldest present day publication resulting from the early nineteenth century religious reformation. It is especially valuable for research workers and historians because under the editorship of Isaac Errett it led the fight for the missionary societies, open communion, and the use of instrumental music in worship.

There are few complete files in existence. We understand that the Library of Congress has one as has the Standard Publishing Company. The Library at the School of Religion, Butler University also has a file; 1866-1895 being on microfilm with 1896 to date bound volumes.

The file in the DCHS library is most spotty and incomplete. Whole years missing are: 1866-1873; 1880-1882; 1885-1890; 1926-1927; and 1935. Years that have various issues lacking are: 1891-1908; 1910-1925; 1928-1934; 1936-1939; 1941 and 1951. Help is needed to complete the file of this necessary periodical, either by gifts of the periodical or money to use in securing microfilm copies.

Wanted: Church Constitutions

Many of our churches are working under constitutions, by-laws, or some form of agreement, rules or regulations approved by the congregation. Many of the churches hold charters of incorporation from the states in which they are located. All of these documents are source materials for the study of the local church and all are wanted in our archives.

Recently we have received such documents for the following churches:

Central Christian Church, Lexington, Ky.
 Central Christian Church, Enid, Okla.
 Central Christian Church, Austin, Texas
 Country Club Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo.
 East Dallas Christian Church, Dallas, Texas
 Euclid Avenue Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio
 First Christian Church, Tulsa, Okla.
 First Christian Church, Portland, Ore.
 National City Christian Church, Washington, D. C.

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 the past few months.

Blessing, William Lester.

The Key of Knowledge. Denver, Colo., House of Prayer for All People, 1953. 150 pages.

Buckner, Alice (Gadd) (Mrs. Clark C. Buckner) and others.

Disciples of Christ and Spanish-Speaking Americans, A Symposium by Alice G. Buckner, Lyle V. Newman, and Ruth Estes Milner. Indianapolis, Ind., Missionary Education Department of the United Christian Missionary Society, 1953. 24 pages.

The College of the Bible.

To Do & to Teach; Essays in Honor of Charles Lynn Pyatt Presented by His Friends Upon His Retirement from the College of the Bible, June 1953, edited by Roscoe M. Pierson. Lexington, Ky., The College of the Bible, 1953. 186 pages.

The College of the Bible. Bosworth Memorial Library.

A Listing of the Theses Presented for Degrees from the College of the Bible, 1916-1952, Now Held in the Bosworth Memorial Library. Lexington, Ky., Bosworth Memorial Library, College of the Bible, 1953. 47 pages. (Bibliographical Contribution, no. 2)

A Preliminary Bibliographical Listing of the Writings of the Current Faculty of The College of the Bible, compiled, mainly, by the class in bibliography, Fall quarter, 1952, under the direction of Roscoe M. Pierson. Lexington, Ky., Bosworth Memorial Library, The College of the Bible, 1953. 37 pages. (Contribution no. 1)

Ferm, Vergelius, ed.

The American Church of the Protestant Heritage. New York, Philosophical Library, 1953. 481 pages.

Contents include: "Disciples of Christ," by Ronald E. Osborn, pages 389-412; and "Churches of Christ" by Earl West, pages 415-431.

Foster, Rupert Clinton.

The Battle of the Versions. Cincinnati, Ohio, Cincinnati Bible Seminary, 1953. 47 pages.

Freeman, Wendell Kinder.

Why Not Broadcast the Gospel? Radio Broadcasting Methods, Sermons, Questions. Martins Ferry, Ohio, Author, 1952. 180 pages.

Garrison, Winfred Ernest.

A Protestant Manifesto. New York, Nashville, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1952. 207 pages.

Hailey, Homer.

Attitudes and Consequences in the Restoration Movement, with an introduction by Olan L. Hicks, 2d ed. Rosemead, Calif., Old Paths Book Club, 1952. (first published 1945). 247 pages.

Hill, Paul Deane

The Great Century with Silas D. Jacobs, Age 100 Years. Lewistown, Idaho, Author, 1953. 19 pages.

Humble, Bill J.

Campbell and Controversy; the Story of Alexander Campbell's Great Debates with Skepticism, Catholicism, and Presbyterianism, with an introduction by James R. Cope. Rosemead, Calif., Old Paths Book Club, 1952. 292 pages.

Jorgenson, Elmer Leon, ed.

"Faith of Our Fathers," a Compendium of Scripture Teaching on Prophecy and Unity; Extracts Clear and Rare, From the "Fathers" and the Reformers; Precious Reprints from the Men of the "Restoration Movement"; With Special Articles by the Editor and Others on the Fellowship Problems of Our Day, with an introduction by R. H. Boll. Louisville, Ky., The Word and Work, 1952. 354 pages.

McCown, Bill.

Radio Sermons on the Holy Spirit. New Braunfels, Texas, Author, 1952. 92 pages.

Maxey, R. Tibbs, Jr.

Acts Notes. 2d ed., with a preface by L. Edsil Dale. Louisville, Ky., Author, 1953. 144 pages.

Myers, Oma Lou.

This One Thing I Do; a Biography of Frank Hamilton Marshall, Pioneer Christian Educator. Portland, Ore., Author, 1953. 153 pages.

Owen George Earle.

Faith and Freedom, the Problem of Religious Freedom and the Christian Answer. Manila, Philippine Federation of Christian Churches, 1953. 116 pages.

Sessions, Will A., Jr.

My Impressions of the United Nations (Visits in 1949 and Again in 1953). Kansas City, Mo., Author, 1953. 54 pages.

Thompson, Wade.

The Guest of Time, Poems. New York, The North River Press, 1952. 80 pages.

Wells, Joseph William.

History of Cumberland County, Kentucky. Louisville, Standard Printing Company, 1947. 480 pages. (May be obtained from the author, Ribbon, Ky.)

Contents include material about the Christian Churches of the county.

ABOUT 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 Society offers membership to individuals, congregations, institutions, and organizations who are in agreement with the purpose of the Society to maintain and further interests in the religious heritage, backgrounds, origins, development, and general history of Disciples of Christ, Christian churches, Churches of Christ, and related groups.

Officers of the Society

Winfred Ernest Garrison, President

William G. West, Chairman of the Board

Forrest F. Reed, Vice-Chairman

Howard E. Short, Secretary

Miss Eva Jean Wrather, Treasurer

The Executive Committee is composed of the Chairman of the Board, the Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Short, Miss Wrather, and Robert W. Burns.

The Staff

Claude E. Spencer, Curator

James E. McKinney, Executive Director

Miss Christine Buder, Secretarial Assistant

Footnotes to *Disciple History, Number One, Just Issued.*

Alexander Campbell and His Relevance for Today, by Eva Jean Wrather.

Single copies, post paid	\$.25
10 copies, post paid	2.00
25 copies, post paid	4.50
50 copies, post paid	8.00
100 copies, post paid	15.00

George Walker Buckner, Jr., in commenting on the author of this address, said, "She did a most unusual job and made history seem as vital as today's newspaper."

THE HARBINGER

and *Discipliana*

Published monthly by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Nashville, Tennessee

VOL. 13

OCTOBER, 1953

No. 5

DCHS LOCATES LONG LOST PAMPHLET

*Rice Haggard's Work on the Christian Name
Now in Society Library*

Rice Haggard's pamphlet on the Christian name has been discovered, and a copy is now in our library. The long "lost" pamphlet came to DCHS on exchange from the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Ohio.

The title is *An Address to the Different Religious Societies on the Sacred Import of the Christian Name*, published anonymously at Lexington, Kentucky, in 1804. Its 31 pages were printed by Joseph Charless. On the verso page is printed: "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."

Disciple historians have known that such a pamphlet was printed in 1804, but did not know the title or that it had been issued anonymously. Barton Stone wrote: "We . . . took the name Christian. . . . We published a pamphlet on this name written by Elder Rice Haggard, who had lately united with us." Since no copies have previously been located, none of our historians has had access to it and, consequently, no comparison has been made between it and the writings of Stone and the Campbells to determine Haggard's influence on the thinking of the three men.

Because of much preliminary research done by John W. Neth, Jr., librarian of Milligan College, the curator of the Society recognized the title as listed in the *Supplemental Check List of Kentucky Imprints, 1788-1820* (American Imprints Inventory No. 38). The only

(Continued on page 45)

Annual Dinner Date Set

A dinner will be given Friday evening, December 4, in honor of Society President, W. E. Garrison, according to an announcement recently made by Claude E. Spencer, curator. This will be the first of a series of such dinners to be held annually in honor of each president.

The principal speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Garrison, Houston, Texas, who was elected President at the general meeting in Portland in July. The affair, which will be open to the public, will give citizens of Nashville an opportunity to become better acquainted with Society officials and their work. It is expected that many out-of-town members of the Society will attend, as well as those living in Nashville and vicinity. Brotherhood leaders will be the invited guests of the Society.

Plans now being made for the dinner will be completely presented in our November issue.

Patron Membership Received

On September 15, 1953, the Disciples of Christ Historical Society welcomed its newest Patron Member, Mr. T. W. Phillips, Jr., President of the T. W. Phillips Gas and Oil Company of Butler, Pennsylvania. Mr. Phillips' membership contribution was presented to the Society in the form of 100 shares of stock in the Columbia Gas System of New York, valued at the time of transfer at \$12.87½ per share. The contribution is an individual patron membership by Mr. Phillips, to be used by the Society as operating funds to effectively continue the ex-

(Continued on page 42)

In This Issue:

Finis: A Century of Gospel Music Publishing, by Kenneth C. Hanson, page 44. **Let's Face Facts**, an Editorial by James E. McKinney, page 43.

Dates and Data, page 45

Jim's Journeys, page 42

McGarvey Made Errors, page 44

What's New in Our Library, pages 46 and 47

Jim's Journeys . . .

September. Off we go in most directions at once. Conferences, conventions, interviews, trips.

Sunday, August 30 thru Saturday, September 5—Bethany Hills, near Nashville. Teaching in Advance Regional Conference. Subject: minority religious groups. Great fun with college-age conferees, outstanding youth leaders, from Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi.

Sunday, September 6—Carthage, Tennessee. Preaching for newly-wed Herman Norton, Director, Disciples Foundation, Vanderbilt. Grand people in Cordell Hull's home town.

Monday, September 7—Back to Bethany Hills to sit in on sessions for leaders of young adults. J. D., R. B. Montgomery, Richard Lentz, other topflight educators, ministers, lead Labor Day finale of successful conference experiment. Lin Cartwright, Forrest King, J. T. Beale, Alex Mooty, George West.

Tuesday, September 8 thru Friday, September 11—Nothing like desk work to knock the inspiration out of you. Trying to get ducks in a row before heading north.

Saturday, September 12—Stop by Bowling Green, Kentucky, for visit with Jean Wake; north-bound thru Bluegrass country.

Sunday, September 13—Florence, Kentucky. Preaching-visit with Quinton Kent, many other wonderful people, at up-and-coming suburban church. Easy to predict great future for these aggressive workers.

Monday, September 14—Butler, Pennsylvania. Talking DCHS plans with T. W. Phillips, Jr., B. D. Phillips. Gracious reception by these two outstanding Disciple benefactors most encouraging.

Tuesday, September 15 thru Thursday, September 17—Canton, Pennsylvania. Keystone convention registers over 600. Programs, hospitality outstanding. Host D. L. Gardner deserving Disciple applause for top job.

Friday, September 18—Road work.

Saturday, September 19—Looking for loose ends back in Nashville. Finally give up, go home, build dog house.

Sunday, September 20—Visit with neighbors at Donelson Presbyterian Church. Practicing ecumenicity.

Monday, September 21—En route to Des Moines by way of Chicago. Give the L. & N. credit. Rough track, but the best Kentucky ham you ever tasted.

Tuesday, September 22—Newton, Iowa. First in series of Iowa District Conventions. Loren Lair captains convention team, strictly big league. Top programs, plans,

staffers, paying off in renewed church vigor, increased response. Pleasure to work with consecrated Christian leaders like these.

Wednesday, September 23—Des Moines. Mark Rutherford lends assistance in seeing the Corn State capital. Visit with men of Ben Bobbitt's Central Church, listen to Rutherford's highly effective, unique, approach to church problems.

Thursday, September 24—Off before dawn for Clarinda for Southwest Iowa District Convention. More demonstrations of tremendous Iowa program in action.

Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26—Visit Drake University with Dean John McCaw of the Bible College as guide. Higher education gaining new heights. New buildings soon to be started for Drake's graduate seminary. Interviews with Warner Muir, University Church minister, others in Des Moines churches.

Sunday, September 27—Worship with congregation at University Christian Church, Des Moines. Renew acquaintance with friend Professor C. N. Kinney, others.

Monday, September 28—Jefferson, Iowa, for Northwest District Convention. Well-attended, interesting sessions create wonderful atmosphere of fellowship.

Tuesday, September 29—Des Moines again for visiting and recuperating.

Wednesday, September 30—Ditto all the good things from previous district meets for Washington, Iowa, and Southeast District Convention. One more to go (Marion, slated Friday, October 2) so checking out for Cedar Rapids as next base of operations. See yuh.

Patron Membership Received

(Continued from page 41)

panded program of the Brotherhood service agency.

During an interview in his office in Butler, Mr. Phillips stated that it was his belief that the Historical Society was rendering a very worthwhile service in preserving the Brotherhood heritage and that the Society was deserving of widespread support and cooperation.

Mr. Phillips and his brother, Mr. B. D. Phillips, Vice-President of the Phillips Company, have long been leading laymen of the Brotherhood and have given generously to religious and educational causes. Their father, the late Thomas Wharton Phillips (1835-1912), was for many years a Disciple leader and benefactor, as well as the author of the book, *The Church of Christ, By a Layman*, Funk & Wagnalls, New York, 1905.

THE HARBINGER AND DIS-

CIPLIANA, published monthly by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Joint University Library, 419-21st Avenue, South, Nashville, Tennessee. Entered as Second Class Matter, Nashville, Tennessee, under Act of August 24, 1912.

Claude E. Spencer, *Editor*

James E. McKinney, *Associate Editor*
Subscription to THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA is included in the membership dues of the Society. The price of an annual subscription to non-members is \$2.00.

Vol. 13

October, 1953

No. 5

Let's Face Facts!

The point is this; he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. II Cor. 9: 6, 7.

Have you ever listened carefully to conversations among Disciples? At an Iowa district meeting, a laywoman comments: "What a wonderful job our missionaries are doing!" A Tennessee youth worker remarks that "our schools" are doing great things. A Texas preacher calls attention to the fine contribution of "our benevolent homes." Other similar sentiments might be recorded, and for all of them I have the utmost respect. True, our cooperative enterprises continue to move forward to meet Brotherhood needs. I have no quarrel with statements of endorsement, except as they overlay the use of the word "our." My question is simply this: By what stretch of the imagination can most of us use such a possessive term to identify ourselves with the cooperative work of the Brotherhood of Disciples of Christ? These activities can only become "ours" if "we" share in them!

Cold statistics prove beyond any question that the average Disciple (if such exists) has given such a limited amount of his materials, time and effort to Brotherhood enterprises as to make his contribution almost negligible. Ask any preacher to show you the sources of support for his church's annual budget. He will probably tell you that a small minority of his people provide the vast majority of his budget; not because of their great wealth but because of the ability of the remaining Disciples to slide out from under their responsibility as Christian stewards. If this is true (and it can be easily verified by looking at the records at almost any church) in terms of the local congregation, how much more true is it for the cooperative Brotherhood agency admittedly performing tasks of which the local church is incapable?

Whether it is a school, a benevolent home, a missionary station, or a historical society, no such Brotherhood enterprise can ever measure up to its name unless rank and file Disciples consider it their duty to support and promote its work. We have long been guilty of accepting the benefits of cooperative activities without sharing adequately in the cost of these services. We have often reaped where we did not sow.

The Historical Society (to take a concrete example) cannot continue to be the hobby of such a few interested Disciples. It is obvious to those who have followed the progress of the Society these past twelve years that this service agency should rate a foremost place in our Brotherhood life. It is the witness to our Brotherhood witness. It is the preserver of our rich heritage, custodian of our record, keeper of our continuing history, source for our knowledge of the past, and our guide to the future. It deserves the widespread interest of all our people, not just a few. Other causes may be more dramatic; none is more fundamental.

Literally, this must be "our" Historical Society. Support for its program must be forthcoming from individuals, churches, institutions throughout the wide scope of the Brotherhood. It is not just that Disciples stand idly by and permit a handful of interested helpers to carry the full load of support for this Brotherhood service agency.

To grasp the opportunity provided for us by the move to Nashville is the duty of all Disciples. This is no time for neutrality. Either we push for the successful expansion of this service agency or we are guilty of neglect of our great heritage. Surely Disciples have a rightful pride in this religious movement which has made such a deep imprint on our American culture. Surely we want to extend the area of our influence. Surely we want to acquire and preserve the materials of our development that others might know us as we are. If we share this objective, then it becomes our responsibility to share also in the support of the only group among us solely concerned with this need and geared to meet it. *The Historical Society needs your support.*

If you are not a DCHS member, we solicit your membership. If you are a member, seek to have DCHS placed in your church budget as a "local congregational" member. The DCHS staff cannot possibly contact all our churches personally. If you believe in our cause, there can be no better time to demonstrate that interest.

If we are to reap, we must first sow.

James E. McKinney

FINIS:—A CENTURY OF GOSPEL MUSIC PUBLISHING

BY KENNETH C. HANSON

The author, minister of the Church of Christ, Redwood Falls, Minn., has long been interested in the hymnology of the restoration movement and has in preparation a book of the subject, based upon his Butler School of Religion B.D. thesis.

A few weeks ago I had occasion to enter a local music store to purchase some publications of the Fillmore Bros. Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio. My heart was saddened when the proprietor told me there was no such firm in existence any more. I had been greatly interested in their history, especially in the last five years. In writing my Bachelor of Divinity thesis on the topic, *The Hymnology and the Hymnals of the Restoration Movement*, I had a personal contact with the publishing house that was most enjoyable.

The Fillmore Bros. Co. had enjoyed a continuous business in the music field since the year 1874, when it was established in Cincinnati by James Henry Fillmore and two of his brothers. The company came to an end in the summer of 1952, with the sale of all remaining copyrights, plates, manuscripts, etc., to the Carl A. Fischer Music Co. of New York City.

Actually, the history of the Fillmore Bros. Co. dates back to the early 1840's. It was about this time that the father of the Fillmore brothers, Augustus Damarin Fillmore, was beginning his career as a gospel-song writer. Mr. Fillmore collaborated with Silas White Leonard in the publishing of their own hymnal, *The Christian Psalmist*, in 1847. So, while the Fillmore Bros. Co. is not a century old, the Fillmore family have published music for over a century. With the death of Charles Millard Fillmore in Indianapolis, Indiana, September 18, 1952, the end of the main trunk of the family came about.

Three years ago a short, kindly, gray-haired Christian gentleman, stooped over with age, gave me my first contact with the illustrious history of the Fillmore family. Charles M. was helping me compile data for my B.D. thesis, and he was most gracious. He was still writing at least one hymn a year in order to keep alive the tradition of a century of music writing and publishing.

In our conversations, Charles M. Fillmore told me about the beginnings of the Fillmore Bros. Co. His brother, James Henry, the eldest son of A. D. Fillmore, was born in 1849 and later became the founder of the company. J. H., as he was familiarly known among all, died in the year 1936 at the age of 87 years. Charles M. told me that he felt J. H. was the finest musician in their family, and certainly research bears out the fact that he was a most prolific writer of gospel music.

A. D. Fillmore, the father of this famous family, died in 1870, leaving many unful-

filled contracts to lead singing schools. On his deathbed he challenged the eldest son, J. H., to write these people and ask permission to substitute for his father. J. H. accepted this challenge and did as the dying father requested, fulfilling all singing school contracts. Being a natural musician, J. H. found a ready acceptance in this chosen field, and became the best known among all the family.

J. H. Fillmore and two brothers organized the Fillmore Bros. music publishing company in Cincinnati, Ohio, in June, 1874. Their first publication was a little hymnal entitled *Songs of Glory*. The book was very successful and launched the company on a notable career of music publishing. Other popular titles were: *Gospel Songs*, 1898; *Hymns for Today*, 1920; *New Christian Hymn and Tune Book*, 1882; and *The Praise Hymnal*, 1896. The company was officially organized and incorporated in the year 1902 under the laws of Ohio. In more recent years, Fillmore Music House was used as the imprint on the title page of the company publications.

The music plates, copyrights, printed music, manuscripts, etc., for the sacred music were sold to the Nazarene Publishing House about 1941. The instrumental band and orchestra music, music plates, copyrights, manuscripts, etc., were sold to the Carl A. Fischer Music Co. of New York City in the summer of 1952. Thus, the final curtain has been rung down on the century of music publishing by the Fillmore Bros. Co., so long a notable name among us.

McGarvey Made Errors

Early after the publication of his *Lands of the Bible*, J. W. McGarvey sent a notice to brotherhood papers asking that purchasers make certain corrections. These were:

- (1) On page 51, third line below the cut, the word *diameter* should be changed to *circumference*;
- (2) On page 275, last line of second paragraph, *birth place* should be *burial place*; and
- (3) On page 426, sixth line of second paragraph, *2 feet* should be *3 feet*.

Later editions of the book, of course, carried the corrected text. Seemingly, no one gave any attention to Professor McGarvey's request for every copy of the first edition we have examined does not have any of the changes.

It's not too late to make the corrections now, so check your copies and make McGarvey's text perfect.

DATES AND DATA

Under this heading will appear regularly a list of dates month by month, of significant and interesting events connected with Disciple history. Brief comments will be made concerning each event.

Suggestions of dates for inclusion will be welcomed. Especially wanted are the dates of the establishment of local churches, institutions, and organizations, dates of special happenings.

Upon application, the Society will furnish further information concerning any of the items listed.

December

December 1, 1943. The Disciples of Christ Historical Society published *Periodicals of the Disciples of Christ and Related Religious Groups*, a 151-page mimeographed book, listing about 1,200 titles. Copies can be secured from the Society.

December 8, 1925. On this day convened at Columbus, Ohio, the Columbus Conference of Disciples of Christ, at which the Committee of One Thousand was organized. This was a meeting of liberal men of the brotherhood to combat the advantage which they felt the conservatives had gained at the Oklahoma City International Convention.

December 10, 1857. The main building of Bethany College burned.

December 15, 1920. Archibald McLean, long time executive of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, died.

December 19, 1838. John Beverly Vawter, born near Madison, Indiana. Under the pseudonym Sergeant Oats he published, in a book titled *Prison Life in Dixie*, his experiences as a prisoner of war during the Civil War. (We need a copy.)

December 24, 1772. Barton Warren Stone was born near Port Tobacco, Maryland.

December 26, 1850. Archibald McLean was born, Prince Edward Island.

December 27, 1868. W. C. Rogers delivered his farewell discourse to the congregation in St. Joseph, Missouri, having had pastoral care of the church for two years.

Editorial Committee Appointed

Dr. William G. West, Chattanooga, Tennessee, Chairman of the DCHS Board of Directors, has announced the appointment of Howard E. Short, Lexington, Kentucky, Ronald E. Osborn, Indianapolis, Indiana, and J. Edward Moseley, Indianapolis, Indiana, as members of a committee to select manuscripts for book publishing under the Reed Plan of Publication.

The members of the committee met September 19 to discuss plans for committee operation and for manuscript standards.

Although the committee has not made a public statement, it is generally understood that the Society does not expect to compete with established publishing houses, but hopes, rather, to offer a publishing outlet for good

DCHS Locates Long Lost Pamphlet

(Continued from page 41)

library listed as holding the title was the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, whose librarian, Mr. Carl Vitz, cooperated with the Society by sending a complete copy made up from two defective copies.

Mr. Neth, while doing research on his thesis about George Forrester, bought some copies of *The Herald of Gospel Liberty* from a second-hand book store in New England. He discovered a series of articles under the title, "An Address to the Different Religious Societies on the Sacred Import of the Christian Name," which was, according to editorial note, "a small, but valuable work, from one of our brethren in Virginia." Neth had an intuition that this might be a reprint of the lost Haggard pamphlet and set out to learn more about Haggard and his elusive writing on the Christian name.

After a lot of letter writing and dozens of books later, Neth found the reference necessary to place the author of *The Herald of Gospel Liberty* series of articles as Rice Haggard. Davidson's *History of the Presbyterian Church in Kentucky* gave the title of the pamphlet, a brief note of the contents, and indicated that Haggard was the author. Then the search was on in earnest for a copy of the original pamphlet.

Only by chance was the entry found in the *Supplemental Check List of Kentucky Imprints*. Because the pamphlet was published anonymously, there was no entry in the index under Haggard, and evidently by error there was not a reference under the title. While checking some Russell Creek Baptist Association *Minutes*, the curator of the Society accidentally found the entry in the body of the book and immediately recognized, from the title, that the lost had been found.

Now, in time for the celebration of the sesqui-centennial of the *Last Will and Testament* of the Springfield Presbytery, our historians can perhaps evaluate the influence of Haggard on Stone and the Kentucky Christians. Maybe Stone got many of his ideas from the man who suggested that the only name to take was Christian; a suggestion that had been accepted by the Republican Methodists ten years previously.

The Society expects to make the pamphlet available on microfilm and Photostat at cost to libraries and individuals. A lithoprint edition might be published also. Correspondence is invited from those interested.

historical books not suited to regular publishing and distribution.

As plans are fully matured, they will be reported in THE HARBINGER.

WHAT'S NEW IN OUR LIBRARY

On these pages are listed, and sometimes described, the materials received during the past month. This includes gifts, exchanges, and purchases. So many gifts are received that acknowledgment of every item is impossible although every giver is mentioned.

Gifts

During September materials were received from:

William L. Blessing, Denver, Colo.
W. F. Bruce, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Butler School of Religion Library, Indianapolis, Ind.

Central Avenue Christian Church, Parsons, Kans.

Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis, Mo.

John B. Cowden, Nashville

Gilbert Counts, Lexington, Ky.

James A. Crain, Indianapolis, Ind.

Ben H. Cleaver, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Clement Few, Paris, Texas

Burton Faust, Washington, D. C.

Homer W. Haislip, Black Mountain, N. C.

Colby D. Hall, Fort Worth, Texas

Kenneth C. Hanson, Redwood Falls, Minn.

Mrs. Louise Harter, Clinton, Ohio

Mrs. E. D. Lawrence, Portland, Ore.

Robert Lewis, Indianapolis, Ind.

Alex Mooty, Nashville

J. Edward Moseley, Indianapolis, Ind.

W. G. Moseley, Spokane, Wash.

Mrs. Ada Mosher, Indianapolis, Ind.

Oak Park Christian Church Library, Kansas City, Mo.

Ronald E. Osborn, Indianapolis, Ind.

Orval D. Peterson, Yakima, Wash.

Herbert Polinard, Waxahachie, Texas

Forrest F. Reed, Nashville

Evan Routh, Laurens, Iowa

W. E. Schultz, Bloomington, Ill.

Walter A. Smith, Dexter, Mo.

William M. Smith, Indianapolis, Ind.

Charles C. Ware, Wilson, N. C.

Hal Watkins, Anchorage, Alaska

T. F. A. Williams, Lincoln, Nebr.

Necessary Periodicals:

III. *The Christian-Evangelist*

The Christian-Evangelist has had a continuous existence (under various titles) since January 1863 and is, therefore, the third oldest publication resulting from the early nineteenth century religious reformation. It was first published as the *Gospel Echo* (1863-1872), then as the *Gospel Echo and Christian* (1872-1873), as *The Christian* (1873-1882), and finally, after its merger with *The Evangelist* in 1882, as *The Christian-Evangelist*. Since 1909 it has been brotherhood owned as the result of the gift of the Christian Publishing Company to the brotherhood by R. A. Long, and has been published since 1911 by the Christian Board of Publication.

Under the long and able editorship of J. H. Garrison (1869-1911) and the co-editorship of B. W. Johnson (1882-1894), the paper has had a tremendous influence in leading the way towards the path of present-day Disciple cooperative and ecumenical work. A study of *The Christian-Evangelist* is necessary to understand how the majority of Disciples got where they are today in their thinking and in their organizational life.

There is no complete file of the periodical in existence. The most nearly complete file is that at the Christian Board of Publication where several volumes are missing.

The DCHS library needs many years to complete its file. Of the *Gospel Echo* we have only a few issues in 1866, 1870, and 1871. The only year of *The Christian* that we have is for 1878. Whole years missing since the union of *The Christian* and *The Evangelist* are: 1882, 1886, 1891, and 1900-1902. We have only a few issues for these years: 1883-1885; 1887-1890; 1892-1896, and 1899. A few numbers are lacking for 1897, 1898, 1905, 1908, 1910-1916, and 1951.

Help is needed to complete the file of this necessary periodical, either by gifts of the periodical or money to use in securing microfilm copies.

Collegeana

A most important part of the literature of Disciples of Christ is that produced by the nearly four hundred known educational institutions. But it is the least preserved of all our literature. During the past two years we have made a special effort to locate and secure catalogs, bulletins, student papers and annuals, programs, pictures, and various miscellany published through the years by our colleges, academies, and seminaries.

Fairfield College, Fairfield, Nebraska, is one of the multitude of colleges of which we have no publications or official memorabilia. The first session of the college began in September 1884 and the last session closed in 1899. What little information we have about the institution is in Moomaw's *History of Cotner University*.

Recently we have added the following items to our growing collection of college materials:

The Bethaniam, 1933 and 1935, student annual, Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia.

Inaugural Services, containing the addresses delivered at the inaugural program of The Bible College of Missouri, Columbia, January 21, 1896.

The Drift, 1944, student annual of Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Ceer, 1934, student annual, Chapman College, Los Angeles, California.

Certificate of attainment, Christian Bible College of Colorado, Denver, Colorado.

The College Widow, 1935, 1944, student annual, Christian College, Columbia, Missouri.

Moomaw—*History of Cotner University*, Lincoln, Nebraska, and an early post card view of the institution.

The Dome, 1953, student annual, Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Missouri, and various items concerned with the centennial celebration of the college, including a copy of the script of the centennial pageant, phonograph record for use at alumni birthday parties (January 28, 1953) and a special issue of the Quincy, Illinois, *Herald-Whig* in honor of the college.

The Quax, 1932, 1936, 1943, and 1947, student annual, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. Other Drake items received are: *The Delphic*, student paper, 13 issues, 1884-1900; *Souvenir Program*, 25th anniversary, 1881-1906; *Catalogs*, 1882-83, 1884-85; *Bulletin*, December, 1905; *The Christian Standard*, July 25, 1891, and June 9, 1900, with special Drake supplements; and Blanchard's *History of Drake University*.

Dickinson—*History of Eureka College*, Eureka, Illinois.

Green—*Hiram College and Western Reserve Electric Institute*, Hiram, Ohio.

Giovannoli—*Kentucky Female Orphan School*, Midway, Kentucky.

The Argonaut, 1908, 1924, 1925, 1933, 1934, 1941, 1943, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1951 and 1953, student annual, Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia. Also *From Lynchburg*, 1938-1953, official publication.

Catalogs, 1871-72, 1884-85, Oskaloosa College, Oskaloosa, Iowa, commencement program 1877 and a photograph of the college, circa 1880.

The Phillipian, 1917, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1937, 1951 and 1952, student annual, Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma. Also a file of the *Catalogs*, 1907-1942; and an incomplete run of *The Haymaker*, 1929-1953, student paper.

The Conifer, February 1919, student paper, Spokane University, Spokane, Washington, and a second copy of Mrs. Utz' *History of Spokane University*.

The Horned Frog, 1936, student annual, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas.

The Crimson, 1932, 1934, student annual, Transylvania College, Lexington, Kentucky, and the *Catalog* for 1937-38.

These items from Georgia colleges are now on microfilm:

Museum Notes

New souvenir plates recently received include: First Christian Church, Jackson, Tennessee; University Park Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana; First Christian Church, Canton, Ohio; First Christian Church, New Castle, Pennsylvania; Union Christian Church, Franklin, Indiana; and Four Mile Run Christian Church, Youngstown, Ohio.

Pictures received include: The John Sartain steel engraving of Alexander Campbell, in an elegant gilt frame; a large lithograph print "Representative Religious Journals and Journalists of America," published by Root and Tinker, 1883 (includes *The Christian Standard* and Isaac Errett); and "Pioneer Preachers Among the Disciples of Christ in Ontario," lithograph print (pictured are Alexander Anderson, C. J. Lister, Dugald Sinclair, Edmund Sheppard, James Black and James Kilgour).

Many photographs of individuals and groups have been received this summer. These include: Jeu Hawk, Luduski Wirick, Alexander Campbell, George T. Carpenter, Stephen J. Epler, and P. H. Welsbimer; (group photos) Pension Fund Meeting at Lake Geneva, 1930; World Convention 1930; Sunrise dedication, National City Christian Church, 1930; Young Peoples Conference, Lake Worth, Florida, 1937; and a group at the British Conference 1945, J. W. Black, James Gray, Charles Green and Fred White (but no blue).

Photographs received of churches: Forrest Park Christian Church, Miami, Florida; Madison Christian Church, Brooklyn, Iowa; Christian Church, Elma, Washington; and the Slash Christian Church in Virginia.

Recent Visitors

(Continued from page 34, September issue)

Evan Ulrey, head of the Speech department, Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas, stopped by to discuss his doctor's thesis on the speaking of Barton W. Stone.

Other visitors were: Noble R. Edwards, Bessemer, Ala.; Thomas and John Barton Payne, Webster Groves, Mo.; Mrs. Lewis, Abilene, Texas; Marshall Wingfield, Memphis, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bruer, Jackson, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. John Updegraff, New Albany, Ind.; and Paul Southern, Abilene, Texas.

Prospectus, 1913-14, Lamar College, Clarkston, Georgia, and a musical program, May 28, 1914.

Prospectus and First Announcement, 1915-16, Christian College, Auburn, Georgia.

The Cherokee, 1920, first student annual, Southeastern Christian College, Auburn, Georgia; also *Bulletin*, vol. 1, No. 2, January-March, 1919.

ABOUT 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 Society offers membership to individuals, congregations, institutions, and organizations who are in agreement with the purpose of the Society to maintain and further interests in the religious heritage, backgrounds, origins, development, and general history of Disciples of Christ, Christian churches, Churches of Christ, and related groups.

Officers of the Society

Winfred Ernest Garrison, President
William G. West, Chairman of the Board Forrest F. Reed, Vice-Chairman
Howard E. Short, Secretary Miss Eva Jean Wrather, Treasurer

The Executive Committee is composed of the Chairman of the Board, the Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Short, Miss Wrather, and Robert W. Burns.

The Staff

Claude E. Spencer, Curator
James E. McKinney, Executive Director
Miss Christine Buder, Secretarial Assistant

Footnotes to Disciple History, Number One, Just Issued.

Alexander Campbell and His Relevance for Today, by Eva Jean Wrather.

Single copies, post paid	\$.25
10 copies, post paid	2.00
25 copies, post paid	4.50
50 copies, post paid	8.00
100 copies, post paid	15.00

George Walker Buckner, Jr., in commenting on the author of this address, said, "She did a most unusual job and made history seem as vital as today's newspaper."

GARRISON DINNER SET DECEMBER 4

Society Honors Disciple Leader With
First Annual President's Dinner

Disciples of Christ from throughout the brotherhood will gather in Nashville December 4th to pay tribute to Dr. Winfred Ernest Garrison on the occasion of the Annual President's Dinner sponsored by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Dr. Garrison, professor of philosophy and religion at the University of Houston, Texas, will be honored by the Society for his outstanding contributions to the understanding of the Disciple movement and the development of the ecumenical spirit in Protestantism.

Plans Announced

In announcing plans for the event, to which brotherhood leaders have been invited, Claude E. Spencer, curator of the Society, said: "There has been no adequate recognition of those among us who have made significant contributions toward an understanding of our Disciples witness. The Annual President's Dinner will provide an opportunity for the Historical Society, on behalf of the total brotherhood, to honor properly such Disciple writers, teachers, and preachers. The current President of the Society, Dr. Garrison, widely known among all Protestant groups for his leadership in the ecumenical movement, has effectively interpreted our Disciple plea. It is time we paid this eminent Disciple historian and writer the tribute

Cleveland Ministers To Hear DCHS Program

Members of the Disciples of Christ Ministerial Association of Greater Cleveland, Ohio, will be informed of the expanded DCHS service program when James E.

McKinney, executive director, addresses the group at its monthly meeting on Monday, December 7.

Arrangements for the Society presentation were made by Mr. Andrew P. Martin, prominent Cleveland attorney and DCHS Director. The Cleveland Disciple ministers will meet at the University Club, 3813 Euclid Avenue, for the program to be followed by a luncheon given by Mr. Martin.

The Rev. S. Edward Johnson, minister of the Collinwood Christian Church, is president of the Cleveland association.

which he so richly deserves. We are anticipating that many brotherhood leaders will join us here in Nashville on December 4th for the Reception and Dinner in honor of Dr. Garrison."

The Garrison dinner will be held at the Woodmont Christian Church in Nashville at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4th. An
(Continued on page 51)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 4, 1953

- 12:15—Lunch, DCHS Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
Methodist Board of Education Cafeteria
- 3:00 to 5:00 Reception for Dr. Garrison and Inspection of DCHS Library. Wesley Hall, Vanderbilt University (by invitation)
- 4:30—6:30 Cane Ridge Committee Meeting, Robert M Hopkins, presiding. Joint Universities Library, Room 128 (by invitation)
- 7:00—Dinner, Fellowship Hall, Woodmont Christian Church (open to all, tickets \$1.50)

In This Issue:

Visit a British Church, by William J. Hadden, page 52. John Thompson, page 53. No Honorarium, But. . . , an editorial by Claude E. Spencer, page 51.

Dates and Data, page 53

Jim's Journeys, page 50

New Members, page 50

What's New in Our Library, page 54

Jim's Journeys . . .

October. From the rolling plains of Iowa to the hills of Ole Virginny, with plenty of stops between; close it out with a vacation-preaching-visit in the hospitable climate of Western Kentucky. . . . that's a month of real harvest-time activity. It started

Thursday, October 1—Cedar Rapids, Iowa. One-day layover between Iowa district conventions. Ever been to the Amana Old Colony Inn? It's a memorable experience, especially with splendid company like the staffers of the Iowa state office.

Friday, October 2—Marion, Iowa. Last of the series of Corn State district meets. Like its four predecessors, this one is huge success. Good attendance, outstanding program, makes for fitting climax to grass-roots Disciple get-togethers. Thanks to state secretary Loren Lair, convention program committee, for inviting the Historical Society to participate. It was truly a grand experience. We thank you.

Saturday, October 3—Arrive back in Nashville, only slightly worse for wear. My, haven't the kids grown?

Sunday, October 4—Visit with congregation Vine Street Christian Church, Nashville.

Monday, October 5—Office.

Tuesday, October 6—5:00 a.m. fishing date with vacationing Keith and Thelma Epply, Anderson, Indiana, on beautiful Center Hill Lake. Admire the scenery. Don't ask about the fish.

Wednesday, October 7 thru Saturday, October 10—Working out details in preparation for Society's upcoming dinner honoring Dr. W. E. Garrison. Slated December 4, 7:00 p.m., as first of projected series of Annual President's Dinners, occasion will pay fitting tribute to Dr. Garrison for his great contribution to understanding of our Disciple heritage. Want a ticket? Write us soonest. Supply limited.

Sunday, October 11—Filling in for Frank Drowota at Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville. Difficult but pleasant assignment. Leave with wife and kids for Virginia in p.m.

Monday, October 12 thru Monday, October 19—Lynchburg, Virginia. Old Dominion Disciples convention in session at new (5 years) Memorial Christian Church and old (50 years) Lynchburg College. Co-hosts Ramon Redford, Orville Wake turn in terrific job serving up Virginia brand of hospitality. Dr. John A. Tate climaxes 33 years outstanding service to Disciples of Christ in Virginia. Large attendance, great program, mark 121st annual meeting. Wonderful opportunity to renew acquaint-

(Continued on page 52)

Foundation Makes Gift

The McAfee Foundation, Inc., Macon, Ga. recently sent a check for \$50 for the work of the Society. The foundation is headed by Charles O. McAfee, president of the McAfee Candy Company of Macon.

Mr. McAfee is the president of the 1953 state convention of the Christian churches of Georgia.

Cane Ridge Conference Called

A conference of leading Disciple historians and writers has been called by Dr. Robert M. Hopkins, newly elected director of the Cane Ridge Preservation Project, in connection with the activities of the DCHS Annual President's Dinner, December 4.

According to Dr. Hopkins, the purpose of the meeting is to secure "authentic statements representing the mature judgment of our ablest historians in regard to the place of Barton W. Stone in brotherhood life."

The year 1954 is the sesqui-centennial anniversary of the publishing of *The Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery* and of other important events in the life and work of Stone and his associates. Dr. Howard E. Short of the College of the Bible, Lexington, and Rhodes Thompson, minister of the church at Paris, Ky., join Dr. Hopkins in sponsoring the conference out of which they hope will come significant materials to be used in the celebration of the anniversary.

The meeting will be held in seminar room 128, Joint University Library building.

New Members

Annual Members

Mrs. E. J. Anderson, Sioux City, Ia.
 Richard S. Anthens, Iowa Falls, Ia.
 Rhodes M. Artz, Winchester, Va.
 Cecil E. Barber, St. Louis, Mo.
 Lloyd Bensmiller, Leon, Ia.
 Mrs. T. S. Beveridge, Muscatine, Ia.
 Wendell W. Bishop, Des Moines, Ia.
 Clifford A. Brooks, Goldfield, Ia.
 Mrs. Alva T. Browning, Keokuk, Ia.
 Robert L. Burns, Deep River, Ia.
 Kenneth W. Burright, Rock Rapids, Ia.
 Mrs. A. G. Byers, Coggon, Ia.
 Jack Caney, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
 Miss Lela Carson Des Moines, Ia.
 LeRoy O. Castle, Carthage, Texas
 Mrs. Vern Cheney, Deep River, Ia.
 Miss Patricia Clark, Des Moines, Ia.
 Mrs. Sara Ann Clark, Ft. Dodge, Ia.
 W. P. Clark, Ft. Dodge, Ia.
 Mrs. J. N. Coffey, Des Moines, Ia.
 Robert E. Collins, Indianapolis, Ind.
 K. H. Croel, Des Moines, Ia.
 Warren A. Crusinberry, Des Moines, Ia.

(Continued on page 54)

THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA

published monthly by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Joint University Library, 419-21st Avenue, South, Nashville, Tennessee. Entered as Second Class Matter, Nashville, Tennessee, under Act of August 24, 1912.

Claude E. Spencer, *Editor*

James E. McKinney, *Associate Editor*
Subscription to THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA is included in the membership dues of the Society. The price of an annual subscription to non-members is \$2.00.

Vol. 13 November, 1953 No. 6

No Honorariums, But

With the expansion of the old quarterly DISCIPLIANA into the new monthly THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA the editors plan for more reader participation in its make-up. We are quite certain that DCHS members and friends can contribute letters, editorials, and features that will make for a more interesting and readable periodical.

We hope to have frequently a column, "Letters to the Editor", in which will be published letters received from our members who feel that they have something to say for the "good of the Society."

Guest editorials are solicited. Do you feel that some phases of the history of our movement have been neglected? Is there some project that the Society should initiate or carry on? Should someone be commended for some especially fine historical work or project? The answer is:—Write an editorial. THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA will have space for one guest editorial in each issue.

Feature stories are needed. During the past ten years there has been an increasing interest in the formal study of the history of our movement and its leaders. Nearly every graduate student in preparing his thesis has discovered several new and unusual stories about historical events and figures. Why not share these stories with our readers in the form of feature articles? We are not, of course, limiting the submission of articles to graduate students; anyone can send in a story.

Since space in our publication is limited, letters, editorials, and features must not be long. Letters should contain no more than one hundred and fifty words. Editorials may have two hundred and fifty words. The maximum length of features should be seven hundred words. Each editorial and feature

should be accompanied by a brief biographical statement about the author.

We wait with anticipation your contributions.

Claude E. Spencer.

Dr. Henry Barton Robison, long-time head of the Department of Religion at Culver-Stockton College, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Howard K. Beale, in Madison, Wis., October 11. Although Dr. Rob, as he was familiarly known, has passed on, his work and influence will continue through the lives of his many students. The curator of the Society owes much to him for the encouragement and help given since 1917.

By action of the DCHS Board of Directors in 1952, Dr. Robison became the first honorary life member of the Society.

Garrison Dinner

(Continued from page 49)

outstanding program is being arranged, which will include the presentation to Dr. Garrison of a service citation, authorized by the Society Directors during the annual meeting in Portland, Oregon, in July. The principal address will be delivered by Garrison on the subject, "Some Thoughts on the Meaning of History." Invited guests and representatives of brotherhood institutions and agencies will be introduced to the assembly, which is expected to include many DCHS members from the Mid-South area.

Outstanding Teacher

Dr. Garrison possesses a distinguished Disciple family heritage. He was born in St. Louis 79 years ago, the son of the late James Harvey Garrison, editor of *The Christian-Evangelist* from 1869 to 1912. Winfred Ernest Garrison was described in a feature article in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* in July of this year as the "professor who can't find time to quit." He began his illustrious teaching career at the University of Chicago in 1897, just after receiving his doctorate in church history and philosophy from this institution at the age of 23, the first such degree granted by the university.

In 1904 Dr. Garrison was named president of Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana, which position he resigned two years later to move West because of ill health. His convalescence merged into a period of 16 years in the Southwest filled with many activities, including service as high school principal in Santa Fe, as president of New Mexico Normal University at Las Vegas and of the New Mexico A. and M. College at Las Cruces, and as a member of the convention which drew up the constitution under which New Mexico was admitted to the Union in 1912. In 1913, Garrison founded

(Continued on page 55)

I VISIT A BRITISH CHURCH

BY WILLIAM J. HADDEN

The author, recently returned from a trip to the Holy Land and Europe, tells of his visit to the Moseley Road Church in Birmingham, England. Mr. Hadden is the minister of the First Christian Church, Clarksville, Tenn. He is a graduate of Lynchburg College and of the School of Religion, Vanderbilt University.

The simple reverence of the New Testament church is preserved in a unique way among our Disciple brethren in the British Isles. On a recent visit to the "tight little isle" I was privileged to visit in a number of our churches and institutions. I met many Disciple ministers and laymen and was deeply impressed with their fine spirit and sincerity.

In a visit to the Moseley Road Church of Christ, Birmingham, we were very much aware of the distinctive qualities of the British Disciples as compared with their brethren in America. We could not help being moved by the Spartan simplicity of the sanctuary. There is no type of symbol or decoration to be seen. One senses the "meetinghouse touch" in the churches and chapels of the Disciples of Christ in the British Isles.

The austerity of the war-weary and depression-burdened Englishmen is reflected not only in their architecture, but also in their worship service. In the good Disciple tradition the Service of the Lord's Supper is given the preeminence in the worship hour. Here again we could not help but be forcibly struck by the awesome and simple dignity, coupled with a reverence welling out of centuries of devotion and love on the part of these people to the church of Jesus Christ. As the minister and laymen approached the spread table, we could see in their every movement and expression that they were conscious of walking on the most sacred ground in the experience of man. I have never heard anywhere a prayer which seemed to spring from so deep within the recesses of the human soul as the one the young pastor, J. R. Francis, uttered as we prepared to partake of the emblems. In the freedom and searching movement of this prayer one could see a dramatic contrast to the formalized prayers and ritual of the established churches and cathedrals we visited in Britain and Europe.

As the tall young minister stood to read the morning scripture passage, we were aware that this was no ordinary book he was reading nor was this any ordinary message it contained. Every movement, every gesture, every pause and modulation, gave evidence of a Presence whose power and love moved not only within the hearts of the hearers but throughout the length and breadth of His creation. God surely walked in the quiet and changing cadence of this service.

Dr. Walter Sikes, Professor of Philosophy and Christian Ethics at Butler University

School of Religion, brought the message of the morning. After the service the American group I was with was invited to a reception and tea in the church parlor. An hour of cordial talk and friendly visiting seemed a most fitting and enjoyable climax to this all-too-brief visit with our British brethren of Moseley Road Church.

I left our Disciple friends on the Island with the distinct impression that they have a contribution to make, not only to the great ecumenical church, but most especially to the church in the United States. Obsessed as we are here all too often with numbers, size and activity, it is like feeling a breath of stimulating fresh air in a stagnant room to move for a while in the simple quietness and unfettered devotional atmosphere of one of our churches in Great Britain. A synthesis of both great church traditions would make for a most healthy and dynamic Church.

Jim's Journeys

(Continued from page 50)

tance with college friends from L. C. Men's meeting at Fairview Christian Church establishes record with challenging message from friend Mark Rutherford, one of the finest personalities in the business. Dr. Travis White, President A. C. C., lends Texas charm to Old South meet. Many others contribute to typical Disciple conclave; informal, informative, inspiring.

Tuesday, October 20 thru Saturday, October 24—Nashville. Back to work. Collecting dues, planning Garrison dinner, mapping future journeys.

Sunday, October 25 thru Sunday, November 1—Vacation-preaching mission at Roaring Springs Christian Church, Trigg County, Kentucky. Great experience, meeting wonderful Christian friends in this rural section of western Kentucky. Many thriving churches pastored by students from Vanderbilt University School of Religion. Every preacher, big or little, ought to spend a week each year in this atmosphere. It would renew his faith in the loyalty of Americans to their church-life. Here, as nowhere else, the church guides the community. Here, too, is a simpler, more down-to-earth philosophy of living that forcefully demonstrates the power of the Christian faith active in the affairs of man. Some of you "big city boys" ought to try this sometime!

DATES AND DATA

Under this heading will appear regularly a list of dates month by month, of significant and interesting events connected with Disciple history. Brief comments will be made concerning each event.

Suggestions of dates for inclusion will be welcomed. Especially wanted are the dates of the establishment of local churches, institutions, and organizations, dates of special happenings.

Upon application, the Society will furnish further information concerning any of the items listed.

January

January 1, 1832. A meeting of Stone Christians and Campbell Reformers was begun in Lexington, Ky., to discuss the question of the union of the two groups. As a result of the action of the meeting, John T. Johnson of the Christians and John Smith of the Reformers were authorized to go jointly to the Kentucky churches and urge the union of the two movements.

January 2, 1820. Isaac Errett born in New York City.

January 4, 1854. Thomas Campbell died at Bethany, Va.

January 7, 1926. F. D. Kershner began his column, "As I Think On These Things", in *The Christian-Evangelist*.

January 13, 1837. Alexander Campbell began his debate with Archbishop John B. Purcell in Cincinnati, O.

January 14, 1931. James Harvey Garrison died in Los Angeles, Calif.

January 18, 1851. Christian College at Columbia, Mo., granted a charter by the state legislature.

January 21, 1831. David Lipscomb born in Franklin County, Tenn.

January 28, 1853. Charter granted by the state legislature to Culver-Stockton College (then Christian University) Canton, Mo.

January 31, 1804. *An Apology for Renouncing the Jurisdiction of the Synod of Kentucky* issued by Stone and his associates. This was the opening gun in a war of pamphlets between Stone and the Kentucky Presbyterians that lasted several years.

The American Christian Gazetteer, Historical, Biographical and Statistical, vol. 1, no. 1, by A. G. Lucas, was published in the Spring of 1876 by The Bureau of Christian Work, St. Louis, Missouri. The first issue, of 64 pages, was shortly followed by nos. 2 and 3. We do not know whether further numbers were published. By 1878 Lucas was offering "his copyright, back numbers, and material on hand . . . to anyone who will relieve him of the slight liabilities incurred." Copies of the publication and information about it will be appreciated.

John Thompson, 1772-1859

One of the men associated with Barton W. Stone in the Springfield Presbytery in Kentucky, and a signer of the "Last Will and Testament" of that organization, was John Thompson. Not much has been known about him except that later he deserted the "New Lights" and returned to the Presbyterian Church. Even the dates of his birth and death have been unknown.

Charles C. Ware, Stone scholar, and curator of the Carolina Discipliana Library of Wilson, North Carolina, has recently discovered a biographical sketch of Thompson in *The Presbyterian Historical Almanac* for 1859-60, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, page 123. The author of the article was Joseph M. Wilson, father of Woodrow Wilson.

Thompson was born in Chambersburgh, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1772, and died in Crawfordsville, Indiana, February 15, 1859. He received his education in Lexington, Kentucky, in the Kentucky Academy and studied theology privately under Dr. Blythe. In 1799 he was licensed by the Transylvania Presbytery and in 1801 was ordained by the Washington Presbytery at Springdale, Ohio.

Mr. Wilson says, "Shortly after his ordination he became identified with the New Light Schism, and gathered around him a large number of followers, but they soon incorporated many errors into their system, and Mr. Thompson left them and returned to the Presbyterian Church."

According to Mr. Wilson, Thompson was pastor of the Glendale, Ohio, Presbyterian Church from 1801 to 1833, when he moved to Indiana and became an evangelist and missionary until his death.

His wife was Nancy Steel of Lexington. His family consisted of seven sons and a daughter. Four of his sons became ministers.

The discovery of this information concerning John Thompson is especially interesting at this time because of the approaching Sesqui-centennial anniversary celebration of the "Last Will and Testament," June 28, 1954.

Henry K. Shaw, Elyria, Ohio, a member of DCHS Board of Directors, represented the Society at the inauguration of Dr. Perry E. Gresham as the 12th president of Bethany College, October 23.

Wendell Carr, Gulfport, Mississippi, has let us have a copy of *The Grounds of Division Among Disciples of Christ* on long term loan. Two copies of this work are urgently needed in our library.

WHAT'S NEW IN OUR LIBRARY

On these pages are listed, and sometimes described, the materials received during the past month. This includes gifts, exchanges, and purchases. So many gifts are received that acknowledgment of every item is impossible although every giver is mentioned.

Gifts

During October materials were received from:

- Ira J. Bailes, Merriam, Kans.
 B. L. Barnes, Afton, Mo.
 Bob Bell, Nashville
 William Lester Blessing, Denver, Colo.
 Kenneth Brady, Kendallville, Ind.
 Broadmoor Christian Church, Houston, Tex.
 Miss Genevieve Brown, Indianapolis, Ind.
 George W. Buckner, Jr., Indianapolis, Ind.
 Mrs. Albert Buder, St. Louis, Mo.
 Robert W. Burns, Atlanta, Ga.
 Butler School of Religion, Indianapolis, Ind.
 James W. Carty, Nashville
 Central Avenue Christian Church, Parsons, Kans.
 The College of the Bible Library, Lexington, Ky.
 H. Jackson Darst, Williamsburg, Va.
 A. T. DeGroot, Fort Worth, Tex.
 C. L. Duxberry, Maroa, Ill.
 First Christian Church, Robersonville, N. C.
 First Christian Church, Paris, Tenn.
 First Christian Church, Centralia, Wash.
 W. M. Forrest, Cuckoo, Va.
 Mrs. Pearl Gardner, Goldfield, Ia.
 Ross J. Griffith, Eugene, Ore.
 Glenn Grimm, Ashtabula, Ohio.
 Kenneth C. Hanson, Redwood Falls, Minn.
 C. A. Harmon, Valparaiso, Ind.
 Clinton Henderson, Nashville
 Alden Lee Hill, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Paul Dean Hill, Lewiston, Idaho
 Basil Holt, Johannesburg, South Africa
 Robert M. Johnston, Memphis, Tenn.
 Miss Jeanette Moore King, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
 LaVern Kinzel, Des Moines, Ia.
 Mrs. A. J. Kurts, Bessemer, Ala.
 J. Edgar McDonald, Liberty, Mo.
 Neal K. McGowan, San Francisco, Calif.
 Mrs. Chester E. Martin, Atlanta, Ga.
 Mrs. William K. Morton, Bon Air, Va.
 The Pension Fund, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Roscoe M. Pierson, Lexington, Ky.
 Samuel F. Pugh, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Duane E. Richmond, Maplewood, Mo.
 Parker Rossman, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Kenneth B. Seeley, Kalamazoo, Mich.
 Henry K. Shaw, Elyria, O.
 John O. Spencer, Bossier City, La.
 Claude E. Stinson, Harrodsburg, Ky.
 Charles C. Ware, Wilson, N. C.
 R. I. Wrather, Nashville

Local Churches Write History

Some local church histories recently received are:

Campbell—*A Brief History of the Aughtintown (Four Mile Run) Christian Church*. Youngstown, Ohio, 1953.

Stinson—*The First One Hundred and Fifty Years of the Harrodsburg Christian Church of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, 1803-1953*.

Votruba and Bennett—*The Church With A Purpose*, The Mills Terrace Christian Church, Oakland, Calif., 1953.

Historical Sketch of the Disciples Movement in Lynchburg [Va.] and Vicinity, 1953. Stanhope, Ia., Church of Christ—*50th Anniversary*, 1949.

Oxford, Ind., Christian Church—*Souvenir Bulletin and Program, 100th Anniversary*, 1953.

Franklin, Ind., Union Christian Church—*Centennial, 1853-1953*.

Greenville, Ala., First Christian Church—*Through the Years With the First Christian Church*, 1953.

Colorado Springs, Colo., First Christian Church—*75th Anniversary Program, 1878-1953*.

Dexter, Mo., Christian Church—*History of the Christian Church, 1884-1946*.

Afton, Mo., Christian Church—*An Historical Sketch of the Afton Christian Church, 1950-1953*.

Kendallville, Ind., Church of Christ—*Centennial and Dedication, 1853-1953*.

Nashville, Tenn., Charlotte Avenue Church of Christ—*History and Directory*. 1953.

New Members

(Continued from page 50)

- Harry E. Curl, Dighton, Kans.
 Kenneth E. Davis, Des Moines, Ia.
 C. R. Dayton, Perry, Ia.
 George S. DeBeck, Des Moines, Ia.
 R. M. Ervin, Des Moines, Ia.
 Burton Faust, Washington, D. C.
 James M. Flanagan, University City Mo.
 Homer W. Gardner, Des Moines, Ia.
 Mrs. Pearl Gardner, Goldfield, Ia.
 Bertha Hanson, Mason City, Ia.
 E. M. Hanson, Des Moines, Ia.
 Mrs. Stanley Hargis, New Sharon, Ia.
 Mrs. F. F. Hiding, Oelwein, Ia.
 J. D. Higgins, Des Moines, Ia.
 William Hill, Jr., Liscomb, Ia.
 Paul E. Hindal, Des Moines, Ia.
 D. G. Holman, Vinton, Ia.
 Dave A. Hunt, Oelwein, Ia.
 Denzil Johns, Des Moines, Ia.
 Miss Ava Johnson, Des Moines, Ia.

Mrs. Olive Adamson Johnson, Centerville, Ia.

Wilmer R. Leeds, Mitchellville, Ia.

Thomas J. Liggett, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Mrs. Ethel M. Loeber, Des Moines, Ia.

Mrs. Edna M. McCabe, Hillsboro, Ia.

W. W. McReynolds, Des Moines, Ia.

Mrs. Francis H. Mapes, Earlham, Ia.

Delos Marken, Des Moines, Ia.

Wallace R. May, Indianapolis, Ind.

Frederick Meier, Des Moines, Ia.

Bert Merryman, Waterloo, Ia.

Herbert M. Miller, Des Moines, Ia.

Mrs. Myrtle S. Morehouse, Des Moines, Ia.

Paul Morrison, Des Moines, Ia.

P. M. Nielsen, Rock Rapids, Ia.

E. Oleson, Sioux City, Ia.

G. E. Olmsted, Des Moines, Ia.

Donald Plum, Albia, Ia.

C. R. Pritchard, Oelwein, Ia.

Mrs. Roy Quaas, Alburnett, Ia.

Leonard Ramberg, Des Moines, Ia.

Burton M. Rank, Deep River, Ia.

Mark Rutherford, Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. A. L. St. Denis, Muscatine, Ia.

Mrs. Mary A. Smith, Jefferson, Ia.

Richard E. Starkey, New London, Ia.

Kenneth A. Stewart, Lincoln, Ill.

L. D. Stratton, Des Moines, Ia.

Myrlin S. Strausser, North English, Ia.

G. W. Swan, Rock Rapids, Ia.

Miss Dora Tesdell, Des Moines, Ia.

A. L. Thomas, Iowa Falls, Ia.

Kenneth C. Thomas, Toledo, O.

Harry L. Tillson, Des Moines, Ia.

Evan Ulrey, Searcy, Ark.

Mrs. Sadie Van Voltenburg, Fairfield, Ia.

J. H. Walker, Berkeley, Calif.

S. Earl Wallace, Vinton, Ia.

Mrs. E. F. Whaley, Barnes City, Ia.

B. L. White, London, Ky.

Mrs. W. H. Whitehurst, Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. W. C. Willard, Marshalltown, Ia.

Mrs. Wilma J. Williams, Muscatine, Ia.

Chester C. Woodcock, Albia, Ia.

Ellsworth L. Woods, Jefferson, Ia.

Subscribing Members

Ben C. Bobbitt, Des Moines, Ia.

William J. Castleman, Indianapolis, Ind.

R. S. Ferris, North English, Ia.

Gail Hinton, Albia, Ia.

Miss Lucile Rucker, Florence, Ky.

L. E. Swartz, Hampton, Ia.

James Wilson, Knoxville, Tenn.

Life Members

Miss Doris Autrey, Indianapolis, Ind.

Junius T. Moore, Charleston, W. Va.

Patron Member

T. W. Phillips, Jr., Butler, Pa.

Congregational Member

Windsor Christian Church, Windsor, Mo.

Washington Avenue Church of Christ,

Elyria, O.

Sustaining Members

Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn.

University Christian Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

Garrison Dinner

(Continued from page 51)

a boys' school in Claremont, California and was its headmaster for eight years. Returning to the University of Chicago, in 1921, he served as dean of the Disciples' Divinity House until 1927, and taught in the University until his "retirement" ten years ago.

Literary Editor and Author

Two years ago he came out of his teaching retirement to join the faculty at the University of Houston. But the years between 1943 and 1951 were by no means inactive. High on the list of Garrison activities is his literary editorship of the *Christian Century*, a position he has held since 1925. In addition to writing numerous articles for church publications, he is the author of many books in the fields of religion and church history, among them *The March of Faith, An American Religious Movement, Religion Follows the Frontier, The Disciples of Christ, A History* (co-author, A. T. DeGroot,) and *Religion and Civil Liberty*. His latest book, *A Protestant Manifesto*, published in 1952, is still among the best sellers in its field.

Dr. Garrison has been a leader and guiding spirit in the Ecumenical Movement, having served most recently as a consultant to the Third Faith and Order Conference in Lund, Sweden, in 1952. He is under appointment as a Consultant to the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches to be held at Evanston, Ill., in August 1954.

DCHS Leader

Dr. Garrison was a moving influence in the establishment of the Historical Society and was the first paid member of the Society when it was organized in 1941. Through the years he has given leadership and counsel to DCHS affairs, serving as President of the Board of Directors of the Society, 1947-1950, and rendering additional service in the securing of valuable materials for inclusion in the Society Archives and Library.

Members Invited

Prior to the President's Dinner, a reception has been arranged for Dr. Garrison, to be held at Vanderbilt's Wesley Hall (School of Religion) simultaneously with an "open house" at the Society headquarters in the Joint University Library. Other features of the gala occasion are announced in the calendar on the front page. Out-of-town members of the Society wishing tickets (at \$1.50 per plate) for the Dinner are requested to write or wire their reservations as soon as possible because of the limited number which can be accommodated. Requests should be sent directly to Society headquarters.

ABOUT 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:

<i>Individuals</i>		<i>Local Churches</i>	
Annual Member	\$ 2.00 annually	Up to 200 members	\$ 10.00 annually
Founding Member (payment of \$1.00 per year 1941-1953) and thereafter	2.00 annually	200 to 300 members	20.00 annually
Subscribing Member	5.00 annually	300 to 400 members	30.00 annually
Life Member	50.00 one payment	400 to 500 members	40.00 annually
Sustaining Member	100.00 annually	Above 500 members	50.00 annually
Contributing Member	500.00 annually	Sustaining (any church)	100.00 annually
Life Sustaining Member	1,000.00 one payment		
Patron Member	1,000.00 annually		
		<i>Institutions and Organizations</i>	
		Annual membership	\$ 15.00 annually
		Sustaining membership	100.00 annually

Publications of the Society are:

Theses Concerning the Disciples of Christ, 1941. Out of print.

Periodicals of the Disciples of Christ and Related Religious Groups, 1943. \$1.00.

An Author Catalog of Disciples of Christ and Related Religious Groups, 1946.

\$7.50 (\$6.00 to members).

What Is Disciple Historical Material? by Dwight E. Stevenson, 1948. (Out of print)

The Jerusalem Mission, compiled by D. S. Burnet, 1853 (microcard reprint, 1951) \$1.50

Footnotes to Disciple History, no. 1—Alexander Campbell and His Relevance for Today, by Eva Jean Wrather \$2.25

Officers of the Society

Winfred Ernest Garrison, President

William G. West, Chairman of the Board Forrest F. Reed, Vice-Chairman

Howard E. Short, Secretary Miss Eva Jean Wrather, Treasurer

The Executive Committee is composed of the Chairman of the Board, the Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Short, Miss Wrather, and Robert W. Burns.

The Staff

Claude E. Spencer, Curator

James E. McKinney, Executive Director

Miss Christine Buder, Secretarial Assistant

THE HARBINGER

and *Discipliana*

Published monthly by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Nashville, Tennessee

VOL. 13

DECEMBER, 1953

No. 7

Society President Honored

Tribute Paid to W. E. Garrison

History was discussed, and made, in Nashville, Friday, December 4, on the occasion of the first Annual President's Dinner, sponsored by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society at the Woodmont Christian Church. Dr. Winfred Ernest Garrison, eminent Disciple author, teacher and editor, was the honor guest for the event and was presented with a citation from the Society saluting him for distinguished service to the brotherhood of Disciples of Christ and in the development of the ecumenical movement.

In attendance at the Dinner, highlight of a full day of activity at the Society headquarters, were more than 225 persons, including many prominent church leaders, representing institutions and agencies of the Disciples and other communions. Taking as his subject, "The Meaning of History," Dr. Garrison stated that it was important to acquire a sense of history, because history deals with persons, and human lives have values.

Dr. Garrison was introduced by Ronald E. Osborn of the Butler University School of Religion, who lauded the 79-year old professor of philosophy and religion at the University of Houston as being a modern counterpart of the Renaissance ideal of the man of culture. Osborn likened the Society president to Alexander Campbell as a man of many accomplishments.

William G. West of Chattanooga, Tennessee, DCHS Board Chairman, presided at the dinner and expressed the Society's gratitude to the Nashville community for its support of the brotherhood service agency. Twelve of the Society Directors were present for the occasion and were introduced by Claude E. Spencer, DCHS curator.

Invited guests at the Dinner included representatives of Nashville educational and re-

(Continued on page 58)

DCHS Fosters Research

New Bulletin Issued

The recent publication of Services Bulletin, no. 2, *The Research Student and the Disciples of Christ Historical Society* caused the Society staff to compile statistics concerning past use of Society facilities by research students. Although no records were kept prior to January 1, 1953, a casual checking of correspondence is indicative of the great amount of service rendered during the years when the Society was not operating as a full-time agency.

In summing up the help given since 1941 to graduate students and writers, it was found that assistance of some kind had been made to sixty-three persons who were preparing theses. Thirty-four of these studies have been completed and degrees granted. Students from every graduate seminary of the Disciples and from many state and private universities have come to DCHS for advice and help.

In addition to working with graduate students, the Society has had contacts with many writers. Aid has been given to the authors of at least ten published books and to nine others in the making.

Many of these persons came to the Society library, while others received help by mail. Naturally, better service was given when the individual had personal contact with the staff and materials.

Services Bulletin, no. 2, outlines the varied services available to the research student, whether working on a thesis or preparing articles and books. Valuable suggestions are made for intelligent inquiry by mail.

Services Bulletins are being issued in mimeographed form to acquaint the public with the Society and its work. Number one, dated December 1952, is titled *Local Churches and the Disciples of Christ Historical Society*. The Bulletins may be secured free upon application to the curator.

In This Issue:

They Say . . . Research Students Speak Out, page 60. **Its Greatest Value Is Spiritual**, an editorial by W. B. Blakemore, page 59. **A Friend in Need**, by Dwight E. Stevenson, page 59.

Jim's Journeys, page 58
Research in Progress, page 62

What's New in Our Library, page 62
Theses Completed, page 63

Jim's Journeys . . .

Trigg County, Kentucky, Sunday, November 1—Beginning a month of varied activities by ending preaching mission at Roaring Springs Christian Church with new minister Richard Wilburn. Ah, that Kaintuck country ham! (Not Wilburn, the food.)

Indianapolis, Tuesday, November 3 thru Saturday, November 7—Representing DCHS at installation of new faculty members, Butler School of Religion; plus conversations with preachers about budgets. Former very pleasant assignment; latter rough.

Springfield, Illinois, Sunday, November 8 thru Wednesday, November 11—Hundreds of Illinois Disciples converge on Abe Lincoln country for state meet. That fellow Ben Burns knows how to spark a convention (other states please note) and Perry Gresham in usual top form. Host Harry Davis lays out the Yankee welcome mat for a Virginia rebel. Many thanks.

Nashville—Mid-month routine.

Clarksville, Tennessee, Wednesday, November 18—Globetrotter Bill Hadden issues invitation to talk to men's meeting. Usual subject: Who, What, Why—the Disciples.

Indianapolis, Sunday, Monday, November 22, 23 and 2 hours of Tuesday—Wide-open session International Convention Committee on Publicity and Public Relations with Doyle Zaring, Bob Lewis, etc. Great plans for Miami in '54. Who suggested: "Make it more in '54?"

Nashville, Sunday, November 29—Visiting three churches in two hours; talking up ticket sale for Garrison dinner, slated Friday, December 4. Greatest occasion of its kind to hit this town. Prove it by reading lead story on front page while I take a deep breath (somewhere in Ohio).

Society President Honored

(Continued from page 57)

ligious institutions, publishing firms, ecumenical councils and brotherhood agencies. These visitors were introduced at the Dinner by James E. McKinney, Society executive director. Out-of-town guests were also entertained at a noon luncheon and at an afternoon reception in honor of Dr. Garrison at the Vanderbilt University School of Religion, jointly sponsored by the Disciples Divinity House of Vanderbilt and the Historical Society.

Earlier in the day Dr. Garrison addressed a convocation of the Vanderbilt School of Religion in Stockham Chapel. Professors J. Philip Hyatt and George N. Mayhew,

both Disciples, were hosts for the School of Religion.

The address of welcome on behalf of the Nashville community was delivered at the Dinner by the Hon. J. Percy Priest, United States Representative from the Fifth Congressional District of Tennessee (Davidson County). Congressman Priest cited the contribution of an understanding of history in an atomic age. "The people of Nashville," he said, "particularly the religious groups, feel happy that your Board decided to bring here those historical resources already assembled and to gather new materials here. You have added a cultural, religious and historical contribution to Nashville, and in turn found a congenial atmosphere in a city of schools, libraries, churches and broad religious interest."

Also participating in the dinner program were H. Clyde Hale, minister of the West End Church of Christ in Nashville, and Frank F. Drowota, minister of the Woodmont Christian Church.

Space does not permit the listing in this issue of special guests, members of the Board of Directors, and out-of-town visitors. These, together with the wording of the citation given to Dr. Garrison, will be featured with pictures in the January issue.

1954 Dues . . . \$2

It's dues payin' time again! The DCHS fiscal year is the same as the calendar year. All our individual members whose membership cards do not read life, 1954 (or later) should know that dues are payable January 1, 1954.

At the Portland Directors' meeting, annual individual dues were raised from \$1 to \$2. This became necessary because of our expanded full-time program and the change of THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA from a quarterly to a monthly. Other classes of dues remain the same.

Sometime during December all those who have not yet paid for 1954 will receive a statement. Our work will be much helped by prompt payment.

We are hoping that many of our annual members will become subscribing members at \$5 this year.

A membership in DCHS makes a year-long Christmas gift. Remember that Society memberships and gifts are income tax deductible.

And if for any reason (we can't think of any) any present member intends to discontinue membership in 1954, we should be notified immediately.

THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA

published monthly by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Joint University Library, 419-21st Avenue, South, Nashville, Tennessee. Entered as Second Class Matter, Nashville, Tennessee, under Act of August 24, 1912.

Claude F. Spencer, *Editor*

James E. McKinney, *Associate Editor*
Subscription to THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA is included in the membership dues of the Society. The price of an annual subscription to non-members is \$2.00.

Vol. 13 December, 1953 No. 7

A Friend In Need

When I was contemplating the writing of *Walter Scott: Voice of the Golden Oracle* the preliminary question was, "Is there sufficient material outside of Baxter's *Life of Elder Walter Scott* to warrant a new study?" To answer that question I went to the archives of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, then at Canton, Missouri. There the Curator put himself and his collection at my disposal, giving me his undivided attention for the whole time of my stay in Canton. In a matter of several hours we had unearthed enough new material to justify the biography, and I was able to go on my way in about a day and a half, knowing where to look for more sources of information. This day and a half spent with the Society not only made the biography possible, but saved months of time in gathering resources.

The Society also helped me with the publication of the book by making contact with the publishers and arranging an editorial conference in St. Louis which further guided the project. When it came time to make the index of the volume, that too was done by the Curator. Throughout the whole process of planning, research, writing, printing and publishing, the Society was in constant contact with me, offering its services at every step of the way. In fact, the suggestion for the biography itself came from the Society; without that suggestion it is doubtful if the writing of the book would ever have occurred to me!

Much of the help that I have detailed above was extended again when I wrote *Home to Bethphage*, the biography of Robert Richardson. The original manuscripts of both books now repose in the Society's archives, as well as a great deal of the additional resource material which I discovered in the course of my research. DCHS is an author's essential ally, a friend in need.

Dwight E. Stevenson.

C. C. Garrigues, Kansas City, Mo., writes: "Am more than pleased with Eva Jean Wrather's *Alexander Campbell and His Relevance For Today*. It merits wide circulation." This 16-page pamphlet recently published by DCHS can be had by sending a quarter to our headquarters.

WANTED: *The Position of Women, Social, Civil, and Religious, on Bible Principles*, by Silence Howard Benton, a 60-page pamphlet published in Indianapolis, 1879.

HOLIDAY CLOSING: Society headquarters will be closed December 24, 25, and 26,

Its Greatest Value Is Spiritual

There are three tangible values of the Historical Society to the graduate student.

First, the Society's compilation of past research enables the student to discover quickly the current situation in historical studies of the Disciples.

Second, as a reference centre, the Society can usually expedite the bibliographical stage of a research problem.

Third, as it becomes a comprehensive depository and archives, the Society makes original source materials easily available for graduate study.

These are great values, but the greatest value of the Society to graduate students is intangible and spiritual.

By its existence and activity the Society bears witness to the new historical consciousness and concern of our brotherhood. Only a short generation ago our brotherhood was deficient in historical perspective. The disciplines and lessons of the past were sought by a handful; they were not widely prized. But a new day has come, and it is symbolized by the Society. The Society is rapidly outgrowing its early stage when it was the enterprise of a few committed souls. It is now a "Brotherhood" institution. It reflects the growing tide of historical concern among Disciples.

The graduate student who feels within himself a passion for history now knows that he feels no private emotion, but one which his communion as a whole shares. When he discovers that he is doing a work that his brotherhood wants him to do, he experiences an enlargement of commitment to his historical tasks. The existence of the Society is evidence that his labors will be accepted and appreciated. It is this encouragement to historical research which is the greatest of the values which the Society bestows upon the graduate student.

W. B. Blakemore.

THEY SAY . . . RESEARCH STUDENTS SPEAK OUT

What do research students who have had experience in using the facilities of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society think about the Society? The curator asked that question of twenty-five of the many people who have been helped by the Society. Here are the replies, or excerpts from the replies received to date.

"I used the facilities of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in doing research on the controversial speaking of Alexander Campbell. I found Mr. Spencer to be unusually helpful and courteous. The collection of materials has grown a great deal since I used it in 1948, yet even then it was a remarkable collection of important historical information."

Carroll Ellis, Head, Department of Speech, David Lipscomb College, Nashville, Tennessee.

"During the years 1947-51 I was working on my B.D. thesis, *The Hymnology of the Restoration Movement*, while attending Butler School of Religion. Enos Dowling, librarian there, directed me to Claude E. Spencer, Curator of the Historical Society, for basic information. Mr. Spencer graciously sent me a list of all names of authors and composers known to him, with birth and death dates where known, and a list of their works. This listing gave me the basic start so necessary to my research in finding the hymns and gospel songs written by these individuals. Without this list I could not have made successful headway, so I am eternally indebted to the material preserved by the Society.

"I also worked several days in the Society library where I had opportunity to examine many rare volumes of hymns that proved invaluable in my research."

Kenneth C. Hanson, Minister, Church of Christ, Redwood Falls, Minnesota

"Space is not sufficient for me to tell either in how many ways or how often the Society has helped me in gathering material for the writing of stories concerning the early days of our Restoration Movement. Twice, while the Society was at Culver-Stockton, I spent a week in the Library. On these occasions I profited additionally by Mr. Spencer's familiarity with the books. A number of times, before and since, I have received books through the mail. Indeed, at the present time, I am working on material mailed to me from Nashville."

Frances Hensley, Writer, Troy, Missouri.

"Nearly every graduate student in selecting a subject to be approved for a thesis must in some way be able to state where basic material for research can be found. Desiring to write a historical master's thesis on Alexander Campbell's educational philosophy for a university unrelated to a specific church communion, the Disciples of Christ

Historical Society was the greatest single factor in securing approval for my study."

E. Weldon Keckley, Minister, First Community Church, Joplin, Missouri.

"While attending Edinburgh University's New College (the theological faculty of the University of Edinburgh), I chose as my thesis, *The Philosophical Influences Bearing Upon Alexander Campbell and the Beginnings of the Disciples of Christ Movement*. I was immediately confronted with the fact that the library facilities there contained only two of the primary sources which would be needed in my research. I immediately contacted Mr. Spencer, Curator of the Historical Society, and he sent me all of the *Millennial Harbingers* which were not available in the Overdale College Library at Birmingham, and the debates and other writings of Alexander Campbell. Without this help my research could not have been carried forward. Upon returning to the U.S.A., I was able to visit the Society library, then at Canton, Mo., and was further helped."

Leslie L. Kingsbury, Minister, First Christian Church, Manhattan, Kansas.

"I shall ever be grateful to the Historical Society for the assistance given me in collecting material on Thomas Campbell which was necessary for research on my dissertation. Not only did I have the full cooperation of the Society in this regard but the loan of materials made possible the use of primary sources essential to the task. Through the services of the Society I was thus enabled to write a definitive biography of a Scotch-Irish preacher who lived in western Virginia with material secured from Tennessee. And all of this in the state of California!"

Lester G. McAllister, Professor of Religion, Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia.

"Prompt and willing cooperation characterize the assistance rendered researchers by DCHS. Invaluable aid received, dozens of times, in prolonged work on book manuscripts and other editorial work, has meant help in locating, borrowing, and using rare books and pamphlets, periodicals, letters, photostated materials, and microfilmed items, many not readily available elsewhere. All of which was done within limits of time, space, equipment, and available materials—constantly increasing both in rarity and quantity—and, of course, too little money!"

J. Edward Moseley, Contributing Editor, *World Call*, and free lance writer, Indianapolis, Indiana.

"While preparing a Master's thesis on *The Evangelism of Walter Scott*, I came to the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in search of materials. I found biographies of pioneer preachers, early periodicals of the Restoration Movement, the original records of the Mahoning Baptist Association, and some original letters. The curator, Mr. Spencer, was most cordial and gave his time freely to help me. The resources of the Society were most beneficial."

R. S. North, Department of Speech, Central Christian College, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

"I am a senior at the The College of the Bible and am majoring in Church History. This summer I had occasion to visit the Historical Society for three days in order to do research on my proposed thesis. I found that the Society was equipped to help me and others doing research on Disciple history in a very unique way. Not only does the Society have original source material, but also has as its Curator a man who is a "walking encyclopedia" of Disciple history, Mr. Claude Spencer. The friendly atmosphere of the Society and the helpfulness of the staff will long be remembered by this seminary student."

Donald A. Nunnally, Minister, Stamping Ground Christian Church, Stamping Ground, Kentucky.

"It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to work in the Society library in connection with the *Study of the Preaching and Speaking of Burvis Jenkins*—the dissertation for the degree in rhetoric and public address so recently received at Northwestern University. I am thankful for the background information and direction provided by the Curator. The continuing interest in the dissertation, demonstrated by sending me information from time to time, is little rewarded by this expression of my appreciation.

"Although not a Disciple in church membership, I am glad to maintain a membership in the Society, and wish it continued success."

Harold C. Svanoe, Director of Speech, Central College, Fayette, Missouri.

"The recent growth of interest in research in the history and thought of the Restoration Movement has made adequate resource material an imperative necessity. The DCHS is in a peculiar position to render this service. Its archives are becoming increasing help-

ful and its microfilm and microcard service is valuable to all concerned. The accessibility of additional great libraries in the Nashville area make this a resource with excellent possibilities. Those of us who have used its services would urge its continued and increased support."

C. K. Thomas, Professor of Biblical Theology, Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma.

"The Historical Society has been of inestimable value to me not only in permitting me to use material in the collection but also in making materials available by loan, photostat, and most importantly in providing such a friendly and helpful curator. Research for my Ph.D. on Barton Warren Stone would have been many times more difficult without the assistance of the DCHS."

Evan Ulrey, Head, Department of Speech, Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas.

"While I was a student at Disciples House at the University of Chicago I spent three valuable days in research at the Historical Society. The help I received from the curator for my B.D. thesis upon *Interpretations of the Lord's Supper Among the Disciples of Christ* was of great assistance.

"While a resident pastor in California in preparing the book *Church With a Purpose* we needed material about and of H. O. Breeden. We turned to the Society and received the helpful response that made possible Dr. Breeden's sermonic contribution for our book.

"The assistance the Society gives any student or pastor in research; the building up of files of current promotional and publicity materials of local churches and agencies; and the sensitive awareness of a fine staff serving the Brotherhood, and all Christendom—merit the vigorous support of every minister, church board and local church historian."

Matt Votruba, Minister, Mills Terrance Christian Church, Oakland, California.

"The archives of the Society are becoming increasingly valuable for research purposes. The importance of this aspect of the Society's program cannot be overemphasized. In this regard, I should like to add a word of commendation for the personal interest and the able assistance which the curator and the staff of the Society are happy to render to all students of our history who are engaged in research."

Henry E. Webb, Minister, First Christian Church, Erwin, Tennessee.

WHAT'S NEW IN OUR LIBRARY

On these pages are listed, and sometimes described, the materials received during the past month. This includes gifts, exchanges, and purchases. So many gifts are received that acknowledgment of every item is impossible although every giver is mentioned.

Gifts

- During November materials were received from:
- O. P. Baird, Wilmington, N. C.
 James D. Bales, Searcy, Ark.
 Mrs. Grace Hall Barnhart, Rialto, Calif.
 W. L. Blessing, Denver, Colo.
 George W. Buckner, Jr., Indianapolis, Ind.
 Central Christian Church, Shreveport, La.
 Central Church of Christ, Newark, O.
 Robert D. Chambless, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Christian Church of Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.
 John B. Cowden, Nashville, Tenn.
 A. T. DeGroot, Fort Worth, Tex.
 Disciples Council of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.
 Drake University College of the Bible; Des Moines, Ia.
 Burton Faust, Washington, D. C.
 First Christian Church, Sheridan, Ark.
 First Christian Church, Athens, Ga.
 Mrs. Mary R. Forbes, Covina, Calif.
 Earl N. Griggs, Pasadena, Calif.
 Kenneth C. Hanson, Redwood Falls, Minn.
 Mrs. Walter M. Haskell, Tucson, Ariz.
 Wilbur S. Hogevoil, Alexandria, Va.
 John Allen Hudson, Rosemead, Calif.
 Iowa Christian Missionary Society, Des Moines, Ia.
 Mrs. Lawrence Jack, Spokane, Wash.
 C. E. "Stoney" Jackson, Tullahoma, Tenn.
 Miss Jeanette Moore King, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
 Byron C. Lambert, Chicago, Ill.
 Clarence E. Lemmon, Columbia, Mo.
 Elmer McEathron, Arriba, Colo.
 J. Edward Moseley, Indianapolis, Ind.
 H. M. Ramsey, Dallas, Tex.
 Earl T. Sechler, Appleton, Mo.
 John O. Spencer, Bossier City, La.
 Standard Publishing Co., Cincinnati, O.
 C. B. Tupper, Des Moines, Ia.
 UCMS Library, Indianapolis, Ind.
 J. H. Walker, Berkeley, Calif.
 Wilbur Wallace, Robersonville, N. C.
 Charles C. Ware, Wilson, N. C.
 Mrs. W. C. Whitehouse, Mendon, Mo.
 Wilson Boulevard Christian Church, Arlington, Va.

Research in Progress

- Brokaw, Emerson. *Comparative Study of the Old Missionary Societies' Work With the U. C. M. S.* College of the Bible.
- Darst, H. Jackson. *A Study of Disciples in Virginia Prior to the War Between the States.* (nearly completed)
- Eckstein, Stephen. *Churches of Christ in Texas, A History.*
- Hickman, C. R. *The Disciples of Christ and Religious Freedom.* College of the Bible.
- Hogan, Donald. *History of the Kentucky Education Society.* College of the Bible.
- Kingsbury, Leslie L. *The Philosophical Influences Bearing Upon Alexander Campbell and the Disciples of Christ Movement.* Edinburgh University, New College.
- McDonald, J. Edgar. *Alexander Campbell's Use of the Early Church Fathers.* College of the Bible.
- Nunnally, Donald. *The Disciples in Alabama.* College of the Bible.
- Phelps, John. *The Merger of the Disciples and Christians, A Study of Christian Unity.* Butler School of Religion.
- Pletcher, Thomas E. *An Examination of the Baptist-Disciple Controversy As Seen Through Pamphlets and Books, 1817-1866.* University of Pittsburgh. (nearly completed)
- Smith, Frank S. *The Editorial Contribution of Charles Louis Loos.* Butler School of Religion.
- Sosebee, James W. *The Rise of the Christian Churches in South Carolina.* Lutheran Southern Seminary.
- Thomas, C. K. *Alexander Campbell's Method of Biblical Interpretation.* Princeton Theological Seminary.
- Ulrey, Evan. *The Preaching of Barton W. Stone.*
- Wake, Orville. *The History and Development of Lynchburg College.* University of Virginia.
- Webb, Henry E. *A History of the Independent Mission Movement of the Disciples of Christ.* Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. (nearly completed)
- West, Earl. *Life of David Lipscomb.* Butler School of Religion (nearly completed)

WANTED: *The Radius* of Kappa Beta, vols. 1, 5, 8, 12, 13, 18, 19. Also the mimeographed ones for 1947, 1949 and since.

WANTED: *Common Schools; A Lecture Delivered Before the Braken County Teachers' Institute, Brookville, Ky., 1879,* by Walter S. Smith.

THESES COMPLETED...

In 1941 the Society published *Theses Concerning the Disciples of Christ* (now out-of-print). Since then, all theses written, including earlier ones unknown in 1941, have been regularly reported in THE HARBINGER AND DISCIPLIANA. These have not been listed before:

- Amason, Roger I. *A Study of the Christian Church, Bloomfield, Kentucky*. B.D., College of the Bible, 1953.
- Baker, Hugh Ross McLean. *The Sources of Income for the Retired Minister of the Disciples of Christ*. B.D., Brite College of the Bible, 1950.
- Barnes, Bill Loyd. *A Pattern of Worship for Disciples of Christ*. B.D., Butler School of Religion, 1952.
- Bensmiller, Lloyd Dale. *A Brief Study of the Evangelistic Meeting in Three Periods of History of Disciples of Christ*. B.D., Butler School of Religion, 1952.
- Bright, Gerald Donald. *History of the High Street Church of Christ, Akron, Ohio, 1938-1942*. B.D., Butler School of Religion, 1952.
- Bryant, Marcus David. *Alonzo Willard Fortune, A Biography*. B.D., College of the Bible, 1953.
- Candey, John R. *Ways of Worship as Non-Theological Barriers to Ecumenicity*. B.D., College of the Bible, 1953. (Includes Disciple)
- Davis, Frank Ellwood. *A Survey of the Doctrinal Emphasis of Abley S. Johnson*. B.D., Butler School of Religion, 1953.
- Davis, William Linton. *A Study of Alexander Campbell as Educator*. B.D., Butler School of Religion, 1953.
- Fuller, Bertha (Mason) (Mrs. James Henry Fuller) *Jacob Caswell McCoy Mason, Christian Minister, 1845-1934; A Story of Christian Service, 1867-1934, in Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Mexico, and the Southwest Arca.* M.A., Brite College of the Bible, 1953.
- Fuller, Robert Douglas. *Major Problems of Alexander Campbell Between 1823-1830*. B.D., Butler School of Religion, 1951.
- Hass, Lonnie Hadley. *The Disciples of Christ in Indiana*. M.A., Butler School of Religion, 1953.
- Hefley, John Thomas. *The CHRISTIAN CENTURY in American Culture, 1920-1941*. Ph.D., University of Minnesota, 1953.
- Hobgood, Ben Clay. *When the Missionary Speaks at Home*. B.D., College of the Bible, 1953.
- Johnson, Harry Eugene. *Principles and Projections of the DECLARATION AND ADDRESS [of Thomas Campbell]*. B.D., Phillips College of the Bible, 1953.
- Keith, Noel. *The Life of D. S. Burnet*. Th.D., Iliff School of Theology, 1953.
- Kimball, Frances. *The Christian Youth Fellowship Program From the Youth's Point of View*. M.R.E., Drake College of the Bible, 1952.
- Kuykendall, Radford B. *The Reading and Speaking of Vachel Lindsay*. Ph.D., Northwestern University, 1952.
- Laver, Maralyn Joan. *The Program of Youth Work as It Has Developed and as It Exists in Several Protestant Denominations Today*. M.R.E., College of the Bible, 1953. (Includes Disciples)
- Lemon, Robert Lyman. *Herbert Lockwood Willitt: Modern Disciple*. B.D., University of Chicago, 1952.
- McAllister, Lester Grover, Jr. *Thomas Campbell: Man of the Book*. Th.D., Pacific School of Religion, 1953.
- Miller, Charles W. *A Survey of Disciple Beginnings in New York*. B.D., College of the Bible, 1953.
- Morgan, Howard Daniel. *The Contribution of Texas Christian Missionary Society to Church Building in Texas From 1933 to 1950*. B.D., Brite College of the Bible, 1950.
- Murdock, Eugene Converse. *Life of Tom L. Johnson*. Ph.D., Columbia University, 1951.
- Nelson, Robert G. *A Historical Study of the American Christian Missionary Society and Its Work in Jamaica*. B.D., Brite College of the Bible, 1953.
- North, Ross Stafford. *The Evangelism of Walter Scott*. M.A., Louisiana State University, 1952.
- Olsen, Stanley L. *A Lutheran Appraisal of the Philosophy of William Clayton Bowser for Christian Education*. Ph.D., New York University, 1950.
- Palmer, Charles Martin. *A Suggested Guide for Workers With Intermediates*. M.R.E., Drake College of the Bible, 1951.
- Palmer, Mary Maxine Jones. *A Study of Alexander Campbell's Philosophy of Education as a Life-Long Process*. M.A., Texas Christian University, 1952.
- Patterson, George William, Jr. *Bible Class Work in the Church of Christ*. M.S. in Ed., Drake University, 1951.
- Rogers, David Chapman. *Frederick D. Kershner: Educator, Editor and Ecumenist*. B.D., Butler School of Religion, 1952.
- Sarns, John Roland. *The Program of the Rural Mission in India*. M.R.E., Drake College of the Bible, 1951.
- Schumacher, Billy George. *A History of Carr-Burdette College*. M.A., Texas Christian University, 1951.
- Shank, Beulah Bell (Mrs. H. V. Shank) *Disciples All: A Study of East Annon Street Christian Church [Fort Worth, Texas]—Its History, Present Work, Future Plans—As Related to the Disciples Movement*. M.A., Brite College of the Bible, T. C. U., 1949.
- Sivis, Edward E. *A Study of the Providence [Jessamine County, Kentucky] Christian Church*. B.D., College of the Bible, 1953.
- Stamps, Effie Lois. *A History of Southern Christian Institute*. M.A., Butler School of Religion, 1952.
- Svanoe, Harold C. *Study of the Preaching and Speaking of Burriss Jenkins*. Ph.D., Northwestern University, 1953.
- Taylor, Clifford H., Jr. *Jarvis Christian College; Its Present History and Present Standing in Relationship to the Standards of the Texas State Department of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools*. B.D., Brite College, T. C. U., 1948.
- Trout, Clifford N. *A Survey of the Curriculum of Young Peoples Conferences of the Disciples of Christ*. B.D., Butler School of Religion, 1953.
- Truman, Clyde Robbins. *A Survey of Intermediate Work in the Local Christian Church*. B.D., Butler School of Religion, 1952.
- Wagner, Harry C. *History of Disciples of Christ in Upper East Tennessee*. M.A., University of Tennessee, 1943.
- West, Norman Evans, Jr. *The American Pulpit and American Slavery*. B.D., College of the Bible, 1953. (Includes Disciples)
- White, Hollis Lee. *A Rhetorical Criticism of the Speeches of Speaker Champ Clark of Missouri*. Ph.D., University of Missouri, 1950.
- Williams, Edith B. *A Readability Test of FRONT RANK*. M.A., Brite College of the Bible, T. C. U., 1949.
- Yates, Carlyle. *Historical Study of Alexander Campbell's Writing on Christian Union to 1850*. B.D., Butler School of Religion, 1952.

WANTED: *The Disciples of Christ and the Church Universal*, by E. M. Bowman, and *The Disciples in a Changing World*, by R. A. Doan. Both were issued as *Bulletins of the Continuation Committee of the Columbus Conference of Disciples of Christ*, December 8th, 1925.

WANTED: Any books of poems by Sarah Morgan Bryan Piatt, published between 1864 and 1893.

WANTED: *Guide Posts for Service*, Vol. 1, no. 4, October 1943, to complete our file.

ABOUT 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:

<i>Individuals</i>		<i>Local Churches</i>	
Annual Member	\$ 2.00 annually	Up to 200 members	\$ 10.00 annually
Founding Member (payment of \$1.00 per year 1941-1953) and thereafter	2.00 annually	200 to 300 members	20.00 annually
Subscribing Member	5.00 annually	300 to 400 members	30.00 annually
Life Member	50.00 one payment	400 to 500 members	40.00 annually
Sustaining Member	100.00 annually	Above 500 members	50.00 annually
Contributing Member	500.00 annually	Sustaining (any church)	100.00 annually
Life Sustaining Member	1,000.00 one payment	<i>Institutions and Organizations</i>	
Patron Member	1,000.00 annually	Annual membership	\$ 15.00 annually
		Sustaining membership	100.00 annually

Publications of the Society are:

Theses Concerning the Disciples of Christ, 1941. Out of print.

Periodicals of the Disciples of Christ and Related Religious Groups, 1943. \$1.00.

An Author Catalog of Disciples of Christ and Related Religious Groups, 1946.

\$7.50 (\$6.00 to members).

What Is Disciple Historical Material? by Dwight E. Stevenson, 1948. (Out of print)

The Jerusalem Mission, compiled by D. S. Burnet, 1853 (microcard reprint, 1951) \$1.50

Footnotes to Disciple History, no. 1—*Alexander Campbell and His Relevance for Today*, by Eva Jean Wrather \$2.25

Officers of the Society

Winfred Ernest Garrison, President

William G. West, Chairman of the Board

Forrest F. Reed, Vice-Chairman

Howard E. Short, Secretary

Miss Eva Jean Wrather, Treasurer

The Executive Committee is composed of the Chairman of the Board, the Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Short, Miss Wrather, and Robert W. Burns.

The Staff

Claude E. Spencer, Curator

James E. McKinney, Executive Director

Miss Christine Buder, Secretarial Assistant