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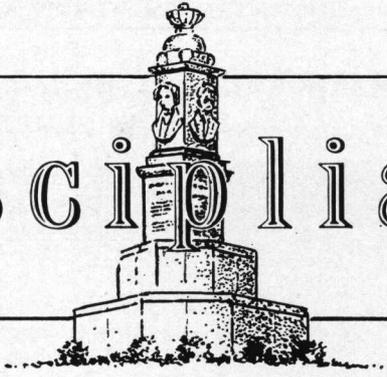
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INAUGURATION DAY AT NATIONAL CITY CHURCH



Wide World photo

The President and Mrs. Johnson, with George R. Davis, descending the steps of the National City Christian Church in Washington after a Service of Prayer on Inauguration Day, January 20, 1965. Other members in the group include Mrs. Johnson's minister, William M. Baxter, Luci Johnson, Mrs. Davis, Linda Johnson, Vice-President and Mrs. Humphrey, and Billy Graham, who was the featured speaker of the occasion. (For story see page 6.)

Editorial...

Of the hundreds of periodicals started by Disciples many never achieved the age of twenty-five years. (Some never reached a year.) The editor of DISCIPLIANA considers that the publication is fortunate to be able to begin its twenty-fifth year with this number.

The first issue was dated March, 1941, and was a mimeographed student production (see page 15) of three hundred copies that were mailed free to individuals interested (or those thought to be interested) in Disciple history and bibliography. The response was gratifying and three hundred additional copies were made. The stencils had been saved for such a contingency! For a detailed account of DISCIPLIANA'S History see "Our 20th Year," Vol. 20, no. 1, March, 1960, page 2.

From the beginning the editorial policy has been an all inclusive one. The term *Disciples of Christ* has been used in its 19th century historical meaning to include those churches stemming from the early 19th century restoration-reformation-unity movement: Christian Churches, both cooperative and independent, and Churches of Christ and other slightly related groups.

DISCIPLIANA through the years has helped to locate the historical material and literature of all these groups and has suggested that these materials be placed in libraries that made provision for their safe

Our First Quarter Century

by CLAUDE E. SPENCER

keeping from fire, excessive changes of temperature and humidity, and at the same time made them available for the use of all scholars.

DISCIPLIANA has attempted to keep its readers informed about new resources that have been discovered. As new books have been published, it has tried to tell its readers about them. As interesting articles of other years have been brought to light, many of them have been reprinted or abridged in DISCIPLIANA.

Limited by size (because of the lack of finances) DISCIPLIANA has not been able to publish scholarly research articles, but it has been able to print short features on interesting subjects by specialists in their specialized fields. By doing this DISCIPLIANA hoped (and expected) that the reader's interest would be aroused to the point where he would make further study of the subject. A series of *Basic Bibliographies* has been a regular feature for several years.

DISCIPLIANA has tried to foster the publishing of historical books and has always advocated that a book worth publishing should have an adequate index. It has also advocated the general indexing of periodicals, both old and new.

DISCIPLIANA has consistently advised churches to locate their original records, to

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W. B. BLAKEMORE TO GIVE REED LECTURES

HISTORY MAKING SERIES TO BEGIN NOVEMBER 8, 1965

Hugh M. Riley, chairman of the 1965 Reed Lectureship committee, has announced that W. B. Blakemore, dean of the Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago and associate dean of the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel has accepted the invitation to give the first of the annual Forrest F. Reed Lectures, November 8 and 9.

Born of American parents residing in Australia, Dean Blakemore received his early education in Melbourne and in St. Louis, Mo. His undergraduate degree in engineering was received from Washington University, St. Louis; his degree of Master of Arts, Bachelor of Divinity and the Doctor of Philosophy were gained at the University of Chicago. He was ordained to the Christian ministry in 1941.

Dr. Blakemore became Dean of Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago in 1946. In connection with this work as an educator of ministers he has served on a number of Boards and Commissions of Disciples of Christ and on interdenominational bodies.

Panel of Scholars Chairman

Notably, he served as chairman of the Panel of Scholars (a Commission of fifteen Disciples of Christ who did a re-study in depth of the fundamental teachings of the church), and was editor of the three volume Report of the Panel, which came out under the title of *The Renewal of Church*. He serves on the Central Committee of the Commission on Brotherhood Restructure of the Disciples of Christ.

From 1952-1958 Dr. Blakemore was a member of the DCHS Board of Trustees and served on the Planning Committee.

Dean Blakemore has had a number of ecumenical appointments. These have included service as a delegate to the third assembly of the World Council of Churches, New Delhi, India, 1961, and as the delegate to the fourth World Conference on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches, Montreal, 1963. In 1964 Dean



Dr. Blakemore

Blakemore was a Protestant delegate observer to the third session of the Second Vatican Council.

He is a contributor to religious journals and the author of several books, the latest, *Encountering God*, published in 1964, grew out of sermons preached in connection with his services as associate dean of Rockefeller Memorial Chapel of the University of Chicago.

Popular Speaker

One of the most popular addresses ever given at a Society Annual Convention Dinner was that of Dr. Blakemore at Miami Beach, Fla., October 15, 1963, when he compared Thomas Campbell and William Shakespeare in his highly dramatic, "If Tom is Half as Old as Will. . .?"

The Forrest F. Reed Lectureship was established in 1964 by Mr. Reed, chairman of the Board of Trustees. The November 1964 DISCIPLIANA in its announcement of the gift, which was set up as a perpetual trust, gave the details concerning the Lectureship.

DISCIPLES HISTORICAL FOUNDATION ASSETS INCREASE

TWENTY-THREE NEW GIFTS RECEIVED

The Disciples of Christ Historical Foundation has received significant new support since the Foundation's three-year accumulative report was carried in the January issue of DISCIPLIANA. Twenty-three new contributions have been received. Capital assets have been increased by \$3,661. The Foundation's principal as this issue goes to press stands at \$18,452.

Major Gifts

Two gifts of major size were received during this two-month period, and in each instance they were memorial contributions which established Life Patron Memberships in the Society. The first of these gifts reached the Society on January 28 and came from Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Rosborough of Chicago, Ill., and Marianna, Fla. The gift in the total amount of \$3,500 was made in honor and memory of the parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Rosborough, the Reverend and Mrs. J. F. Rosborough, and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Brown all of whom had resided in the state of Illinois. At the specific request of Mr. and Mrs. Rosborough, \$1,500 was placed in the Society's current operational fund, and \$2,000 was placed in the Foundation. By way of the latter assignment Mr. and Mrs. Rosborough became Life Patron Members of the Society.

At the time of the death of R. I. Wrather a named fund was established in his honor. On March 3 the Foundation received gifts of \$500 each from Mrs. R. I. Wrather and Miss Eva Jean Wrather of Nashville. These gifts in the sum of \$1,000 were sent in honor and memory of R. I. Wrather who died February 1, to establish for him posthumously a Life Patron Membership in the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. (See page 5 of this issue.)

Named Funds

During the past two months one new named fund was established, bringing the total in the Foundation to nine; and three other named funds received special contributions. On February 1 Dr. and Mrs. Willis R. Jones of Nashville made a contribution establishing the R. I. Wrather Memorial Fund. Gifts from Perry E. Gresham of Bethany, W. Va.; Dr. and Mrs. Edgar H. Duncan of Nashville; Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Thomas of Monclova, Mex.; Mrs. G. R. Plummer of Bellevue, Tenn.; Dr. and Mrs. Lamb B. Myhr of Jackson, Tenn.; and Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Myhr, Jr., of Bellevue, Tenn., have subsequently been received for placement in this fund.

A contribution from Mrs. Verne J. Barbre of Ephrata, Wash., has been sent for credit to the Verne Jennings Barbre Memorial Fund; a contribution from Jordan J. Crouch of Reno, Nev., has been sent to the Charles E. Crouch Memorial Fund; and a contribution from Dr. and Mrs. R. Richard Renner of Cleveland, Ohio, has been directed to the W. H. and Jane Barclay Knowles Trout Memorial Fund.

Other Contributions

In addition to the contributions already noted fifteen other gifts have been sent to the Foundation as follows: Mrs. Lexie M. Bonner, Huntland, Tenn.; T. Lee Burns, Knoxville, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Bush, Tulsa, Okla.; Wilbur H. Cramblet, Bethany, W. Va.; A. T. DeGroot, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Leroy Garrett, Denton, Tex.; W. E. Garrison, Houston, Tex.; Perry E. Gresham, Bethany, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Harrell, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Henry M. Johnson, Louisville, Ky.; Wayne C. Lee, Lamar, Neb.; Bruce Nay, Black Mountain, N.C.; Peachtree Christian Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Omar Throgmorton, Jr., Little Rock, Ark.; and Mrs. Roy Waggener, Rushville, Ind.

A WARM AND GENIAL FRIEND OF DCHS

. . . R. I. WRATHER

The death on February 1 of R. I. Wrather at the age of 79 took from the inner family of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society one of its most loyal and useful members. No worthy DCHS cause ever failed to receive his warm and generous support. No DCHS Nashville public event ever seemed complete without his personal presence. He was that kind of member and that kind of friend.

Mr. Wrather was widely known in DCHS official circles as the father of Miss Eva Jean Wrather, distinguished Disciples' historian, singularly known and honored for her specialized scholarship in the life and thought of Alexander Campbell. Miss Wrather, a trustee and a charter member of DCHS, was an active participant in the move to bring the Society to Nashville and served as chairman of the Fine Arts Committee assigned to devise the symbols, write the inscriptions, originate the themes and choose the quotations which adorn the Society's home, The Thomas W. Phillips Memorial, which was built in 1955-58. In all of her many services to the Society Miss Wrather received the encouragement and the enthusiastic support of her father.

Mr. Wrather's services to the Society were in themselves multiple and highly significant. Shortly after the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial was completed he was appointed chairman of the Building and Maintenance Committee, a post he retained for some four years. When he felt it necessary to relinquish the chairmanship, he acceded to the Society's request that he remain as a member of the committee.

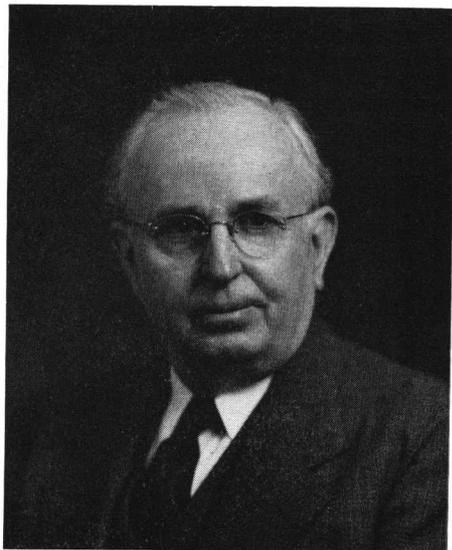
In 1960 Mr. Wrather became a Life Member of the Society and presented a similar membership to Mrs. Wrather.

In the summer of 1961 when a sudden and unexpected need for summer coverage in the bookkeeper's office occurred, the Society turned at once to Mr. Wrather; and he graciously and ably served in that assignment throughout the entire summer, giving his services to the Society.

In addition to his many services to DCHS Mr. Wrather was a distinguished citizen of Nashville and prominent in church and community affairs. He served for more than forty-six years in the United States postal service; and when he retired in 1955, he was assistant superintendent of mails of the Nashville Post Office. He served as president of the National Association of Retired Civil Service Employees, and was a national officer of the National Association of Postal Supervisors.

For more than forty years Mr. Wrather was a member of the Charlotte Avenue Church of Christ, an elder for more than thirty years, and for eight years, chairman of the church's board of elders and deacons. He was active in the support and development of David Lipscomb College in Nashville and a close personal friend of its president, Athens Clay Pullias. Dr. Pullias officiated at the funeral service.

Mr. Wrather was a friend of the Society whose competence in performance and whose gracious and genial spirit will always be remembered warmly and happily by all who had the high privilege of knowing him.



Mr. Wrather

Calvert photo

PRAYER SERVICE AT NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Precedes Inaugural At President Johnson's Request

NATIONAL CITY'S MINISTER GIVES PRAYER AT INAUGURATION

At the request of President Lyndon Baines Johnson a Service of Prayer was held at 9:00 A. M. at the National City Christian Church in Washington on the day of the inauguration, January 20.

The well-known evangelist, the Rev. Billy Graham, gave the meditation at the service. Also participating in the service were the Right Rev. Msgr. Joseph L. Manning, of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Roman Catholic Church, San Antonio, Tex.; the Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz, of the Adas Israel Synagogue, Washington; the Rev. William M. Baxter of St. Marks Episcopal Church in Washington; George M. Davis, minister of the National City Christian Church and Floyd S. Smith, the associate minister of the church.

President Johnson is a member of the Christian Church and often attends the National City Church. He is also a life patron member of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Mrs. Johnson and their daughters are Episcopalians.

In attendance at the Prayer Service were Vice President and Mrs. Humphrey, cabinet members, Congressional leaders, the Supreme Court Justices, governors of many states, business and labor leaders and friends of the President from Texas.

President Johnson also requested that Dr. Davis be one of four to give prayers at the Inaugural ceremonies.

The prayer follows:

Eternal Friend, God of our fathers, we have asked thy favor upon this historic and exalting ceremony, because we believe these exciting yet profound moments are of God as well as of men. And so to thee, to whom persons are of supreme importance we lift up this day, in our love and prayers, a man, to be set apart in a special way. We confidently trust thou wilt care for him, and the Vice President, and their gracious families. To thy strong help and unfailling mercy, we com-

mend them, their colleagues and advisors, and all who share the terrible splendor of leadership and authority.

Bless, guard, and keep thy servant, Lyndon Baines Johnson, that he may prosper in the sacred task to which he has been called by the decisive will of the people, and by thy wise and excellent providence. We thank thee for his magnificently significant service to his nation and the world which passing years have already inscribed on history's scroll. We thank thee that we have seen his gallantry and stability, in times of greatest peril, and in dire tragedy, as well as in the daily routine of his never ending duties. We thank thee for his careful preparation for such a time as this, by hard discipline and testing, and by tireless attention to details. For all of his skills in the political sciences and arts and for his insights into our ways of doing the business of government, we voice our gratitude to thee, O God, who giveth such gifts to men.

Continue thy help to our President, and to our Vice President, and to those around them whose judgments and loyalty they must be able to trust. Grant our President not to grow weary in reminding us we are all one people, one family as a nation, and we are but one of many worthy nations in an inspiring family of nations. For thus, God of all worlds, our dreams, our goals, our efforts, and our sacrifices, thou wilt redeem to give them universal meaning and purpose. Support our President that he may encourage us to be able increasingly to reason together, to seek to find an essential consensus, to live in our strange and wonderful diversity, with stable unity. Uphold him O God that he may urge us onward toward a great and desirable society of persons who seek for real worth, a society in which persons genuinely care for each other, a society where none shall live in fear, because justice and mercy shall be the ways of men, a society of nations whose God is the Lord. And so we pray in the Name of Him who is the wonderful counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

The Society will receive the original type-script copy with last minute changes in pencil as made by Dr. Davis. This will be placed with the inaugural prayer given in 1961 by John Barclay, minister of Central Christian Church in San Antonio, Tex.

NEWS NOTES

William F. Greenwood, DCHS treasurer, has recently become executive vice president of the First American National Bank in Nashville. Mr. Greenwood, a native of Nashville, has been with the bank since 1950. He is an active member of Woodmont Christian Church in Nashville. As treasurer and a member of the DCHS Board of Trustees, he ably serves on the Finance Committee and the Disciples of Christ Historical Foundation.



Mr. Greenwood

Although several county histories have been promised as a result of the editorial in the January DISCIPLIANA only two have been received. A. M. Fountain, Raleigh, N. C., sent a copy of *The Commonwealth of Onslow*, [N. C.], a History, 1960, by J. Parsons Brown; and Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hay, Nashville, Tenn., gave *The Story of Logan County*, [Ky.], 1962, by Edward Coffman. The authors of both books are Disciples.

The Society's 6th Annual Breakfast at the

NEW LIFE PATRONS

12. Mrs. O. A. Rosborough, Marianna, Fla.
13. O. A. Rosborough, Marianna, Fla.
14. Robert I. Wrather (in memoriam)

State Convention of Tennessee Christian Churches, Murfreesboro, Saturday, April 24, will be held at Al Sullivan's restaurant. The featured speaker will be Hugh M. Riley, minister of the Douglass Boulevard Christian Church, Louisville, Ky., and a member of the DCHS Executive Committee. Dr. Riley is a former minister of the Central Christian Church in Murfreesboro. His subject will be "The Sea Around Us."

Mrs. Shirley Harbison, wife of Stanley Harbison, Vanderbilt Divinity School student and DCHS student staffer, will start about April 1 as an interim office secretary taking the place of Mrs. Louise Adams who will shortly move with her husband, Robert, and family to Franklin, Ky. Although we are sorry to lose Mrs. Adams, who has served the Society well since September 1963, we are happy to welcome back Mrs. Harbison, who was an office secretary, 1962-63.

TOMORROW'S HISTORY IS MADE TODAY

Almost daily the Society receives letters from anniversary committees and historians of congregations desiring information concerning the history of their churches. Generally, they state that the records were lost, or destroyed by fire, or by ignorance, or were so badly made that they have little value.

Recently, a letter came which stated so well a truth that we have been trying to impress upon the leadership of our churches that we are quoting (with the writer's permission) a part of it.

Mrs. W. Dale Reynolds, anniversary committee chairman of the First Christian Church of O'Keene, Okla., wrote: **It is unfortunate that we do not realize at the time that we are making history and therefore do not keep records or pictures that portray that history.**

LEXINGTON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: AN INSTITUTIONAL BIOGRAPHY

Alma Mater Reviewed

By WAYNE H. BELL

Editorial Note: The author of this review is the minister of Vine Street Christian Church in Nashville. He is a graduate of Transylvania College, and has his B.D. from The College of the Bible, 1943.

For several years many of us have awaited the publication of Dwight E. Stevenson's most recent book, *Lexington Theological Seminary*.^o This is the story of The College of the Bible Century 1865-1965 published significantly as this pioneer seminary of the Christian Churches observes its Centennial. The title of the book signals the official change of the name from The College of the Bible to Lexington Theological Seminary in August, 1965.

This biography of an institution has the gripping faculty of relating the reader to moving events of life during the century. As a prism captures and reflects the light, so this story reflects the colors and moods of a turbulent brotherhood across a significant 100 year period. The temper and spirit of the brotherhood is significantly portrayed as it swirls and eddies around the tense drama of the struggle for religious liberty and academic freedom at The College of the Bible. Also reflected is the mood and movement of American life during this period.

The biography of The College of the Bible cannot leave untouched other members of the family circle. The story embraces Bacon College, Kentucky University, Transylvania College and Hamilton College. Dr. Stevenson traces the intricate and intimate relations between Transylvania College and The College of the Bible down to their present existence as two thriving, separate, but warmly related institutions. Here is the story of the birth pangs and growth of the Disciples' first graduate seminary for the education and training of Christian ministers.

The College of the Bible story is filled with significant biographical sketches of many stalwarts of Disciples' history whose lives are the stuff from which this history is made. The early period acquaints us with



Dr. Stevenson

J. W. McGarvey, Robert Milligan, Robert Graham, and others. Later we are introduced to Hall Calhoun, Benjamin Deweese, S. M. Jefferson, W. C. Morro, A. W. Fortune, W. C. Bower, R. H. Crossfield, and others.

As the story continues, the important characters of more recent years make each page a visit with men who are familiar friends of all who know The College of the Bible.

Dwight Stevenson has served The College of the Bible well in the outstanding way in which he has captured the essentials of the seminary's historical development. Surely this great school will face the future with even a greater sense of dignity and

^oSt. Louis. Bethany Press, 1964, 495 p.



For many years this building to most people was The College of the Bible. The sketch was made for the 1897 Kentucky University student annual, *The Crimson*, by Harlan Collier Runyan. Mr. Runyan, who died in 1935, became minister of the Latonia Christian Church, Covington, Ky., February 1, 1902, when the church had 22 members. At his death, after 33 years of service, the church had 1300 members.

purpose as it reflects in this mature way upon its past.

Furthermore, Dr. Stevenson has done Disciples' History a service by illuminating the core of the brotherhood's development through this dramatic discussion of the "heresy trial" period in 1917-1918. From this point is seen many other issues developing to affect every phase of our brotherhood life during the twenties and the thirties.

Above all, those who are interested in Christian higher education and the training of the ministry will find here a key to under-

standing the development of all the seminaries and Bible colleges in our brotherhood's life.

Seven appendices are a valuable addition to this work.

The first deals with the "Beginnings in Ministerial Education, Especially Among Disciples of Christ." The second is "Institutional Relationship: Transylvania College, The College of the Bible, The University of Kentucky." The third is concerned with Transylvania University from 1780 to 1865, the period preceding the concerns of The College of the Bible story. This is followed by "Bacon College and Kentucky University (1836-1865)." The final three appendices are tables and listings showing school enrollment and financial growth, Trustees at The College of the Bible, and faculty and administration personnel, 1865 to 1964.

The more than four hundred footnotes are contained in a significant section on references in the back of the book. The extensive bibliography, along with the references and exceedingly fine index make this volume a rich resource for those who seek its treasures. This book was written by Dr. Stevenson at the request of The College of the Bible as it looked forward to its Centennial Celebration. He has graciously revealed to his readers the extensive research assistance given by his capable and efficient wife. Readers will be indebted to both of them and the community of historically minded people who aided them in their task.

Every minister will want to read this outstanding story. Every church and school library will want it for constant circulation among its constituency.



Since the November number of DISCIPLIANA was distributed, with Miss Wrather's review of a *Time to Remember* by Cynthia Pearl Maus, the Society has had several inquiries as to where Dr. Maus' book could be purchased. The Society now has a stock of this entertaining autobiography and can fill orders, postage paid, for \$5.00. As previously announced, all royalties from the book have been assigned to the Society by Dr. Maus. Orders should be sent to the Office of the Curator.

IT HAS BEEN SAID . . . ALEXANDER CAMPBELL AND CONGRESS

BY MARVIN D. WILLIAMS, JR.

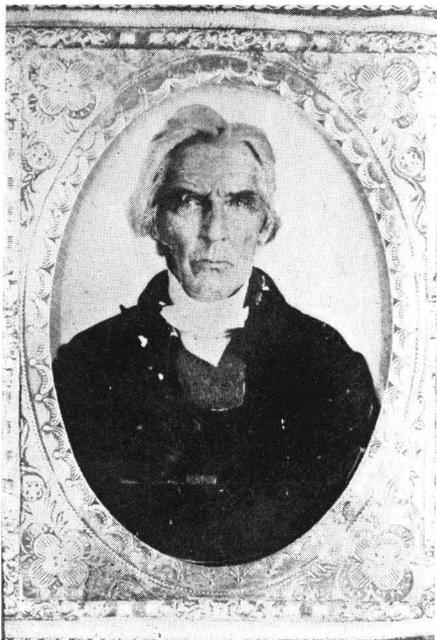
Editorial Note: Mr. Williams, DCHS cataloger, has been asked to write an occasional column under the heading of "It Has Been Said," in which he will discuss some of the oral traditions and printed misconceptions that are prevalent today in our brotherhood. In his first article he documents "Alexander Campbell and Congress." The Society will appreciate correspondence concerning other Disciple fables.

Students of the history of religions have discovered many myths which have grown up around the founders of the world's great religions. Higher critics have utilized this concept in their study of the Bible and have declared one of the urgent problems of contemporary theology to be that of demythologizing the message of the scriptures. It should not be surprising then that myths have also developed around some of the pioneers of the Disciples of Christ.

It has been said that Alexander Campbell was the only preacher ever invited to address a joint session of the Congress of the United States. The truth is that Campbell was not asked to speak to Congress and that it was the usual practice at that time for visiting clergymen to preach in the House chambers of a Sunday morning.

For a number of years in Washington it had been a custom on Sundays to convert the House of Representatives into a church. The speaker's desk became a pulpit, and the chambers were generally crowded with townsfolk and government officials. Indeed, it was regarded as a social event as much as a religious service. "Visiting ministers of all denominations were invited to preach, and when none was available the chaplains of the House and Senate conducted the services on alternate Sundays."¹

In May 1850 while delivering a week's lectures at the newly erected meeting-house of the church in Baltimore, Alexander Campbell received a call to preach in Washington. According to Campbell's own account in *THE MILLENNIAL HARBINGER*, "Brother George E. Tingle, of Washington City, brought to me a very pressing invitation from members of both Houses of Con-



An ambrotype photograph of Alexander Campbell made about 1854. The original is in the Society library.

gress, requesting me to deliver them an address in the capitol on Lord's day, the 2d of June. I considered it my duty to accept an invitation from such a quarter, tendered on terms so importunate and acceptable."²

Meanwhile, preparations were being made for the service. Representative John W. Houston of Delaware mentioned the plans in the course of House debate about adjournment. "Besides, it was known," he said, "to gentlemen that a very distinguished gentleman from Virginia (Bishop Campbell) was to preach in this Hall on the Sabbath; and he hoped that no arrangement would

¹Arthur A. Azlein, *A History of the Disciples of Christ in the National Capital Area* (Washington, A. A. Azlein, 1963) p. 38. Cf. Helen Nicolay, *Our Capital on the Potomac* (New York, The Century Co., 1924), p. 426-427.

²A[lexander] C[ampbell], "Excursion to Baltimore and Washington City," *The Millennial Harbinger*, 3d S., vii (July, 1850), 406.

be made to prevent the service.”³ An advertisement was placed in the May 30 Washington *Daily Globe* announcing:

Divine Service

Bishop Alexander Campbell, of Bethany, Brooke County, Virginia, will preach in the Hall of the House of Representatives at eleven o'clock, a.m. on Sunday next, the 2d of June.⁴

On Sunday morning Alexander Campbell and more than twenty members of the Baltimore church boarded the 7 a.m. train for Washington. After the two hour ride Campbell went to the home of Brother Tingle to rest and meditate. At eleven o'clock Congressman John S. Phelps of Missouri introduced the visiting minister to those assembled in the Hall of the House of Representatives. Campbell “found the Hall crowded to overflowing with the representatives of the nation, of both branches of our Legislature, members of their families, and many citizens.”⁵

After a hymn and prayer Campbell addressed the assembly on the Divine Philanthropy, using as his text, “God so loved the

world.” In his sermon he distinguished Christian philanthropy from “social selfishness.” “We abjured patriotism and friendship from all the categories of Christian morality, and opened the doctrine of the divine benevolence and philanthropy; from creation, providence, divine legislation, and human redemption.”⁶ He spoke an hour and a half on this theme “to an audience as attentive, and apparently as much interested and absorbed, as any congregation I have had the honor recently to address.”⁷

In the afternoon Campbell, accompanied by three members of Congress, met with “the little flock of disciples in this great National Metropolis. “They are but few,” he observes, “and, for the most part, obscure—not occupying the high places of the city.”⁸ Campbell was especially impressed by one woman, Sister Phelps, the wife of the Congressman from Missouri. “This excellent lady, unlike some other ladies of illustrious rank that visit Washington during the winter, is not ashamed to meet with the little flock in some upper room, and to participate with them the honors and blessings of the family of our exalted Lord.”⁹

³The *Congressional Globe*, xxi, pt. II (May 30, 1850), 1097.

⁴Azlein, *op. cit.*, p. 38.

⁵Campbell, *op. cit.*, p. 406.

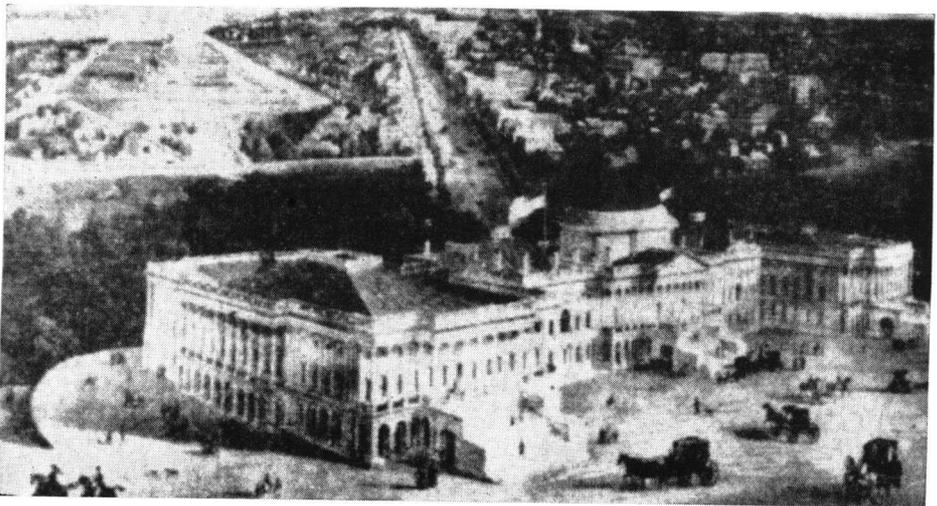
⁶*Ibid.*

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⁹*Ibid.*

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A view of the nation's capitol building about 1852. It was here that Alexander Campbell preached, Sunday, June 2, 1850.

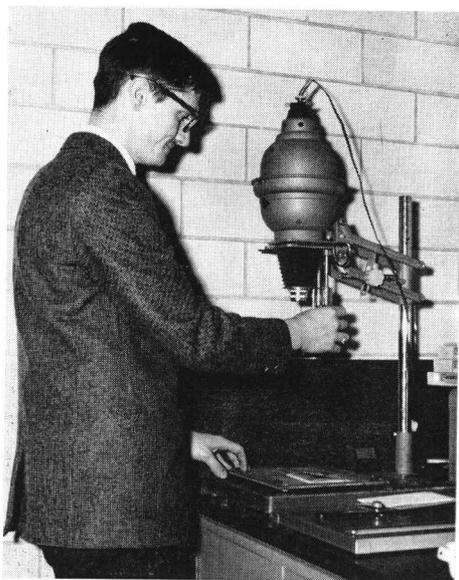
AN ACTIVE STUDENT HELP PROGRAM

Part Time Library Assistants Perform Many Services

An important part of the DCHS staff is the group of library assistants who work parttime and who are students or the wives of students in Vanderbilt Divinity School, George Peabody College for Teachers or David Lipscomb College.

At present five people are working in our student help program. They are, in the order of their seniority: James Carpenter, Canton, Mo.; Stanley Harbison, Detroit, Mich.; Ben Bidy, Stratford, Tex.; Miss Mary Yonker, St. Louis, Mo.; and Mrs. Jacqueline Johnson, Gastonia, N. C.

Various library duties are performed by these folk. They check-in periodicals and shelve them. They file materials in the various files: churches, biographies, organizations, colleges, etc. They collate periodicals for binding. They make certain types of cards for the catalog and file them. They check references in indexes and help as-



James Carpenter photo

James C. Carpenter, photographer. Mr. Carpenter, who does copy work and publicity photographs for the Society, using his own equipment in the dark room of the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial, will receive his B.D. degree from the Vanderbilt Divinity School in late May. He is a graduate of Culver-Stockton College.

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Jonas Berkey, Anchorage, Ky.
 John P. Brooke, Mobile, Ala.
 Mrs. Myrtle A. Carter, Pritchard, Ala.
 Ross W. Dye, San Antonio, Tex.
 Billy Grover (Student), Detroit, Mich.
 Clyde Jordan, Mobile, Ala.
 George B. Katzenberger, Kingston Springs, Tenn.
 Leslie P. Long, Paducah, Ky.
 Mrs. Leslie P. Long, Paducah, Ky.
 Mrs. J. B. McCroskey, Nashville, Tenn.
 J. R. Pendleton, Stratford, Tex.
 Mrs. J. R. Pendleton, Stratford, Tex.
 Philip Fall Memorial Library, First Christian Church, Frankfort, Ky.
 Howard F. Pringle, Jr., Mobile, Ala.
 O. H. O'quin, Stratford, Tex.
 A. D. Richardson, Mobile, Ala.
 A. D. Riley, Des Moines, Ia.
 B. W. Shook, Saraland, Ala.
 Mrs. Charles H. Wright, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

semble information in answer to mail requests. They file slips in the *Christian* index. They help the cataloger in typing headings on pre-prepared cards. They operate the photographic services through the dark room. They make books ready for the stacks. They do many other tasks necessary in the operation of a research center. Additional assistants will be added as finances permit.

Assistants of other years have been James Bass, 1958; Emmitt Channell, Jr., 1959; Miss Mary Anne Smith, 1961; David Goss, 1961-63; Marvin D. Williams, Jr., 1962-63; and Roy Henson, Miss Brenda Bell and Tommy Martin, 1964.

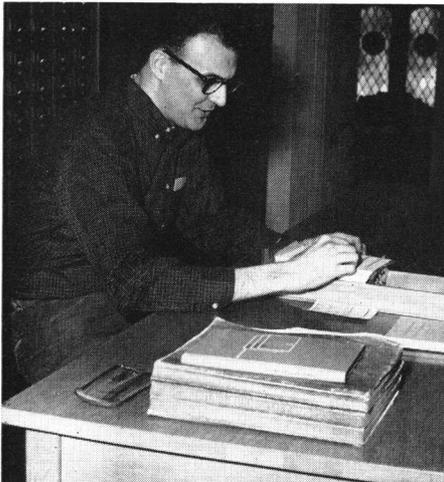
Much of the part-time library assistant program has been underwritten by designated gifts from individuals.



James Carpenter photo
Ben Biddy is collecting a file of the *Christian Standard* preparatory to having several volumes of the periodical bound. Mr. Biddy, a graduate student at George Peabody College for Teachers, has his undergraduate degree from Panhandle A and M of Oklahoma. His wife, the former Peggy Moore, was the curator's secretary for several years and is now again on the Society's secretarial staff.



James Carpenter photo
Mary Yonker is engaged in checking in current local church newsletters and Sunday worship bulletins. She handles about a thousand of these items a week. Miss Yonker, a graduate student at George Peabody College for Teachers, has her B.A. degree from Culver-Stockton College.



James Carpenter photo
Stanley Harbison files index slips to present copies of *The Christian*. (*The Christian* index, 1959 to date is as current as this week's issue.) Mr. Harbison, a Bethany College graduate with a B.D. degree from Yale Divinity School, is now working on his Ph.D. dissertation for the Vanderbilt Divinity School.



James Carpenter photo
Mrs. Jacqueline Johnson is engaged in filing folders in the biographical file. Mrs. Johnson, whose husband, Richard, is a student in Vanderbilt Divinity School, is the newest DCHS part-time worker, having joined the staff in January. Mrs. Johnson's undergraduate work was at Lenoir Rhyne College.

ADVENTURE WITH CONGREGATIONAL NEWSLETTERS

Harold and Lucille Kime Bring Order Out of Chaos

When Harold and Lucille Kime came from Pasadena, Calif., last September to give their services for several months to the Society, they found thousands of unarranged congregational newsletters and Sunday worship bulletins stored in boxes and on shelves. These dated from 1954 (a few were earlier) to August 1964 and comprised an enormous mass of cluttered material.

Now, order has been achieved from confusion; and all of the checked-in materials through 1964 have been sorted and placed on the shelves of the fourth and fifth floor of the stacks in proper alphabetical order, according to state, town and church. Necessary shifting on the shelves remains to be done in order to make room for future growth. The shelves also have to be marked for quick identification.

Yet to be worked on are cartons, large and small, of local church materials received in bulk from the Iowa Society of Christian Churches (regularly over several years), the libraries of the Graduate Seminary of Phillips, the Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, Christian Theological Seminary, the United Christian Missionary Society and other sources. These not only have to be sorted, but they have to be checked against present holdings.



Harold Kime photo

Mr. and Mrs. Kime are shown busy sorting local church newsletters and Sunday worship bulletins.



Harold Kime photo

The Kimes examine some of the remaining boxes to be unpacked, the contents sorted, and placed on the shelves.

Mr. and Mrs. Kime have used a total of twenty-five volunteers from the CWF of Vine Street and Woodmont Christian Churches in Nashville. They expect to have some trained volunteers to carry on their work when they leave in the late spring or early summer.

A future issue of DISCIPLIANA will give a full report of the work the Kimes have done. The names of all of the volunteers will be given along with pictures of them at work.

Not only have Mr. and Mrs. Kime done a fine job for the Society, but they have worked in church and community enterprises and have found time to take advantage of some long weekends to take trips to places of interest in Kentucky and Tennessee.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

191. Howard Thomas Wood, Memphis, Tenn.
192. Miss Lucile Rucker, Florence, Ky.

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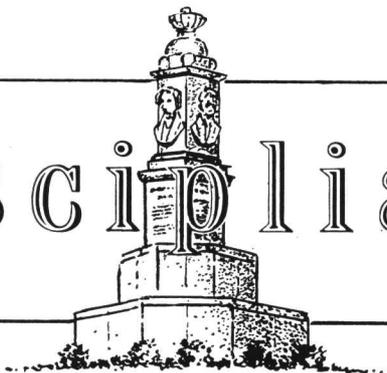
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The curator of the Society, Claude E. Spencer, confers with the staff of part-time student library workers. Left to right: Stanley Harbison, Mrs. Jacqueline Johnson, Dr. Spencer, Ben Biddy and Miss Mary Yonker.

HANNIBAL, MO., FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH RECORDS MICROFILMED

The Society has just completed having three record books microfilmed for the First Christian Church of Hannibal, Mo. Before the books could be microfilmed certain reports, letters, programs and clippings had to be removed from the tops, bottoms and margins of pages and remounted. The microfilm will go to the church, and the Society will keep the original records. Kenneth A. Kuntz is pastor of the church, and Richard M. Spangler is minister of membership development.

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James C. Suggs photo

Representatives of six American communions met in Lexington, Ky., April 5-8, to continue discussions, which started several years ago, concerning a united church. Participating in the consultation were Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), the Evangelical United Brethren Church, the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church, the United Church of Christ, and the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

A highlight of the meeting was the celebration of the Lord's Supper in the historic Cane Ridge Meeting House, pictured above, near Paris, Ky. This building was the site of the great Kentucky revival in 1801, and has been a symbol of Christian union ever since Barton W. Stone learned that professing Christians of various denominations could work together. [For details of Disciple participation see page 19].

*Editorial...***Retirement—An Expanding Horizon**

by CLAUDE E. SPENCER

There comes a time in every man's life when he must give up his particular job and retire. [To some, retirement is a horrid word, to others, a most pleasant one.] Retirement comes when one has become disabled, or has had a serious illness, or has reached a certain age. I have reached that age. My last day as curator of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society and editor of DISCIPLIANA will be June 30, 1965.

To me retirement is a pleasant word. I have looked forward to and planned for retirement for several years. [Not that I have not enjoyed every minute of my work for I have.] Retirement will give me the time to do many things I have wanted to do. In addition to working with books and people I like gardening, woodworking, furniture refinishing, stamp collecting, and a dozen other activities.

In my last editorial I do not wish to dwell on the past. Eventually, someone else will do that. I want to call attention to the possibilities and opportunities of the future. In the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial the Society has the best building of its kind in America. Disciples of all kinds should recognize this act and give the Society the moral, spiritual, and financial support it deserves. When that happens, here are some of the things that can be done.

DISCIPLIANA could be enlarged in size and number of pages to include articles by

scholars, feature stories about unique items in the library, and a complete listing of acquisitions. A revolving publishing fund would enable the Society to publish in limited editions theses and dissertations on little known subjects or on new treatments of old subjects.

Several new additions to the popular series of FOOTNOTES ON DISCIPLE HISTORY could be made annually. A church historian's manual, describing and illustrating methods of making available for use and preserving the historical materials of local congregations could be of great value to churches.

The Society staff could be increased in number so that stored and incoming materials could be processed quickly and thus become easily available for research work and reference questions could be answered more fully and more promptly.

New equipment such as Xerox copying machines, movie projectors, tape recorders, record players, microfilm cameras, and other needed items could be purchased.

Thousands of volumes of periodicals could be bound and many books could be rebound. Valuable manuscript items could be preserved through lamination or a similar process.

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GEORGE MAYHEW PRESENTED LIFE PATRON CERTIFICATE

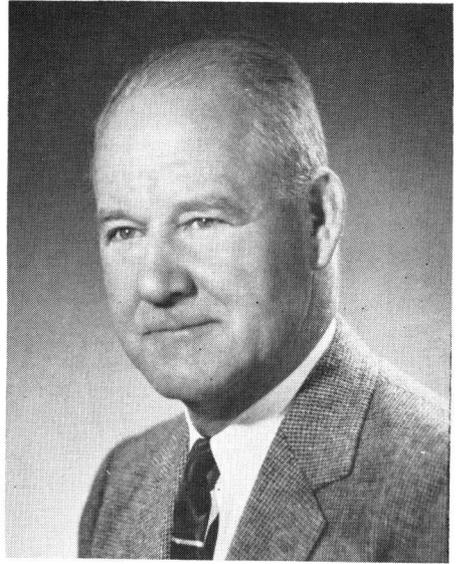
On March 22 a group of trustees and staff members of the Society went to the George N. Mayhew home and gave him his Life Patron Membership Certificate. Dr. Mayhew became Life Patron Member number ten, December 26, 1964. The presentation was made by Forrest F. Reed, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Mayhew, former professor of religions, Vanderbilt Divinity School, has long had an interest in the Historical Society and in Disciple history even before the Society was organized. As a Founding Member, he served on the governing board of the Society, 1941-1943.

Due to the efforts of Dr. Mayhew the Disciples Vanderbilt Foundation was founded in 1927, resulting in the present Disciples Divinity House.

Probably the present curator of the DCHS would not have kept working with Disciples' literature and history if George Mayhew had not gone to Culver-Stockton College in 1937 to recruit students and remained a few extra hours to "talk shop" with the librarian who was discouraged and ready to quit.

In addition to Mr. Reed five members of the Board of Trustees, Harry M. Davis, Hugh M. Riley, J. Edward Moseley, Roscoe M. Pierson, and Howard E. Short; and two staff members, Willis R. Jones, and Claude E. Spencer, helped in the presentation.



Waldon S. Fabry photo

Dr. Mayhew

Our cover shows George G. Beazley, Jr., serving as chaplain for the communion service of the Consultation on Church Union at the Cane Ridge Meeting House. Dr. Beazley prepared the worship service used there and wrote the prayers in sonnet form.

Claude E. Spencer, curator of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society since the day of its founding, May 7, 1941, will retire on June 30, having reached the compulsory retirement age. A Retirement Recognition Dinner was held in Dr. Spencer's honor on May 10 in the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial at which time one hundred and fifteen friends and colleagues from all sections of America gathered to pay him honor. By action of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Spencer was named the Society's curator emeritus. The July issue of DISCIPLIANA will honor Dr. Spencer's distinguished career as the Society's first, and to date only, curator; and its full sixteen pages will be entirely given to this high purpose.

WILLIS R. JONES

EVA JEAN WRATHER LIFE PATRON NUMBER FIFTEEN

RECEIVES CERTIFICATE AT SOCIETY BREAKFAST, TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION

Miss Eva Jean Wrather became Life Patron Member number fifteen at the DCHS Annual Breakfast at the Convention of Tennessee Christian Churches, Murfreesboro, April 24. Forrest F. Reed, chairman of the DCHS Board of Trustees, presented the certificate to Miss Wrather as a gift from many of her friends. The breakfast, at Al Sullivan's restaurant, was attended by 141 persons.

From the beginning Miss Wrather had an active part in the founding and developing growth of the Society. She was secretary of the International Convention Historical Commission which set up the Society in 1941 and has been a member of the governing body ever since. From 1952-1958 she was a member of the Executive Committee, being treasurer, 1952-1955.

As chairman of the fine arts committee, she worked long hours in planning the themes of the medallions in the windows of the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial. Her committee also planned the symbolic shields on the exterior of the building and the cenotaph in the forecourt.

As an authority on the life, work, and times of Alexander Campbell, Miss Wrather has willingly shared her knowledge with the Society and with visiting scholars.

Her *Alexander Campbell and His Relevance for Today* has been the most popular of the Society's "Footnotes to Disciple History" series. First published in 1953, the third printing, 1959, is nearly exhausted.

Another issue of DISCIPLIANA will tell of Miss Wrather's latest service to the Society, a Life Patron Membership for her mother, Mrs. Aubrey Hayes Wrather, as a Mother's Day gift.

NEW SUSTAINING MEMBER

1. Edmund W. Darling, Detroit, Mich.



James Carpenter photo

Miss Wrather and Mr. Reed

Unexpected Treasures

On April 13 Mrs. P. R. Stevens of Wichita, Kan., sent to the Society the contents of the cornerstone of the Cotner College building which was torn down a few years ago.

Three of the most important and rare items are pictured and described in this issue of DISCIPLIANA. Other materials included were catalogs from Add-Ran College, Bethany College, Butler University, Christian College, Christian University, Drake University, Fairfield College, Garfield University, Hiram College, Kentucky University and Commercial College, and Oskaloosa College.

There were prospectuses, plats, and sales lists for Nevada Christian University, Nevada, Mo., and for Bethany Heights, Neb. Articles of incorporation of the Nebraska Christian Education Board, programs of the Nebraska Christian Conventions, religious and secular newspapers were included.

The Society had only a very few of these items.

The Christian Preacher

The Christian Preacher, Consisting of Monthly Discourses and Essays by Living Writers, ed. by David Staats Burnet has been microfilmed by the Society for distribution to libraries and individuals.

The first three volumes, 1836, 1837 and 1838, contained very little material except sermons. Included were sermons by Alexander Campbell, Francis Whitefield Emmons, William Ballentine, John Allen Gano, James Shannon, John R. Howard, James A. Butler, Aylette Raines, Benjamin Franklin Hall, Alexander Graham and Arthur Crie-field.

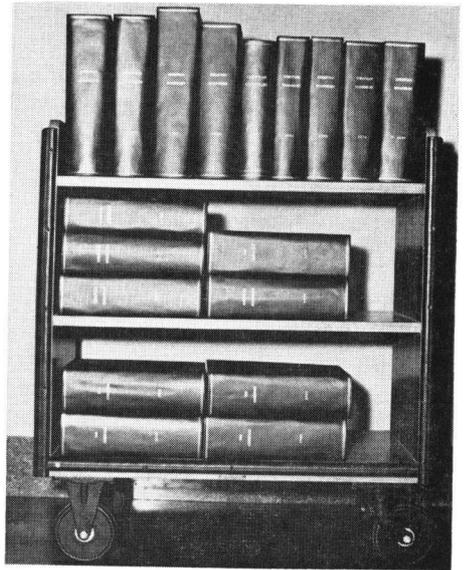
The last two volumes, 1839 and 1840, while having sermons also had news notes from churches in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and other nearby states.

The place of publication changed from Cincinnati, O., to Georgetown, Ky., and then to Mount Healthy, O.

The approximately 1400 pages have been placed on one reel of microfilm. The price is \$14.00 post paid. Orders should be sent to the Office of the Curator.

Joseph L. Clark, 1421 W. 14th Street, Huntsville, Tex., 77340 is assembling materials on the Clark family of Texas and will appreciate receiving information concerning letters, documents, catalogs, bulletins, pictures, or other materials related to Add-Ran College, Thorp Spring, Tex., or to activities of Joseph Addison Clark, his sons, Addison, Randolph, Thomas, Franklin, or other members of the family.

Miss Erwin Ann Douglas and Richard Johnson started working part time for the Society in April. Miss Douglas, a senior next year in North High School, is a member of the Clay Street Christian Church. Mr. Johnson is a Disciple Ministerial student in Vanderbilt Divinity School.



James Carpenter photo

A truck load of recently bound periodicals, the binding of which was made possible because of money received from the Capital Funds Program of the Decade of Decision. Binding of several volumes of *NBA Family Talk* was done with money provided by the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church and some volumes of *The Millennial Harbinger*, with original covers, were bound with a gift from the Morgan Clark Class of Vine Street Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

193. John Garver, Washington, D.C.
194. Miss Helen F. Spaulding, Indianapolis, Ind.
195. Miss Emma Jane Kreider, Springfield, Ill.
196. A. D. Strobhar, Savannah, Ga.
197. Mrs. A. D. Strobhar, Savannah, Ga.
198. Elvis J. Stahr, Bloomington, Ind.
199. Mrs. John R. Long, Jr., Jackson, Tenn.
200. Edgar DeWitt Jones (in memory)

DCHS RECEIVES GARRISON PORTRAIT

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, PRESENTS PICTURE OF W. E. GARRISON

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees, May 11, Alfred E. Ellis, minister of the First Christian Church of Houston, Tex., presented a large oil painted photograph of W. E. Garrison to the Society.

In making the presentation Dr. Ellis said that he saw Dr. Garrison as a local church member and that no minister could possibly have a better spirited, or active, or helpful member than he had in Dr. Garrison. He also stated that Dr. Garrison was loved by all the members of the congregation and that he received more Christian embraces and Holy kisses at a Sunday morning church hour than would be safe for the average religious leader to receive.

Dr. Garrison, to whom the gift of the picture was a surprise, unveiled the portrait and remarked that it made him look ten years younger. He said that there was no group that he would rather have the picture given by than the First Christian Church of Houston, that no person would be more congenial to make the presentation than his pastor, and that there was no place that he would rather have it hung than in the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial.

The president of DCHS, Willis R. Jones, in accepting the portrait expressed his appreciation and that of the Board of Trustees to the congregation of the Houston church for the gift. He pointed out that Dr. Garrison was a founding member of the Society—actually the first member to pay dues.

Dr. Jones stated that the portrait would be placed immediately in the small conference room, usually designated as the Board Room, on the first floor and suggested that all present stop by after the meeting to look at the picture.

In addition to the members of the Board of Trustees and staff Dr. and Mrs. George G. Beazley of Indianapolis, Ind., were present.

Dr. Garrison, the dean of Disciple historians, needs no introduction to readers

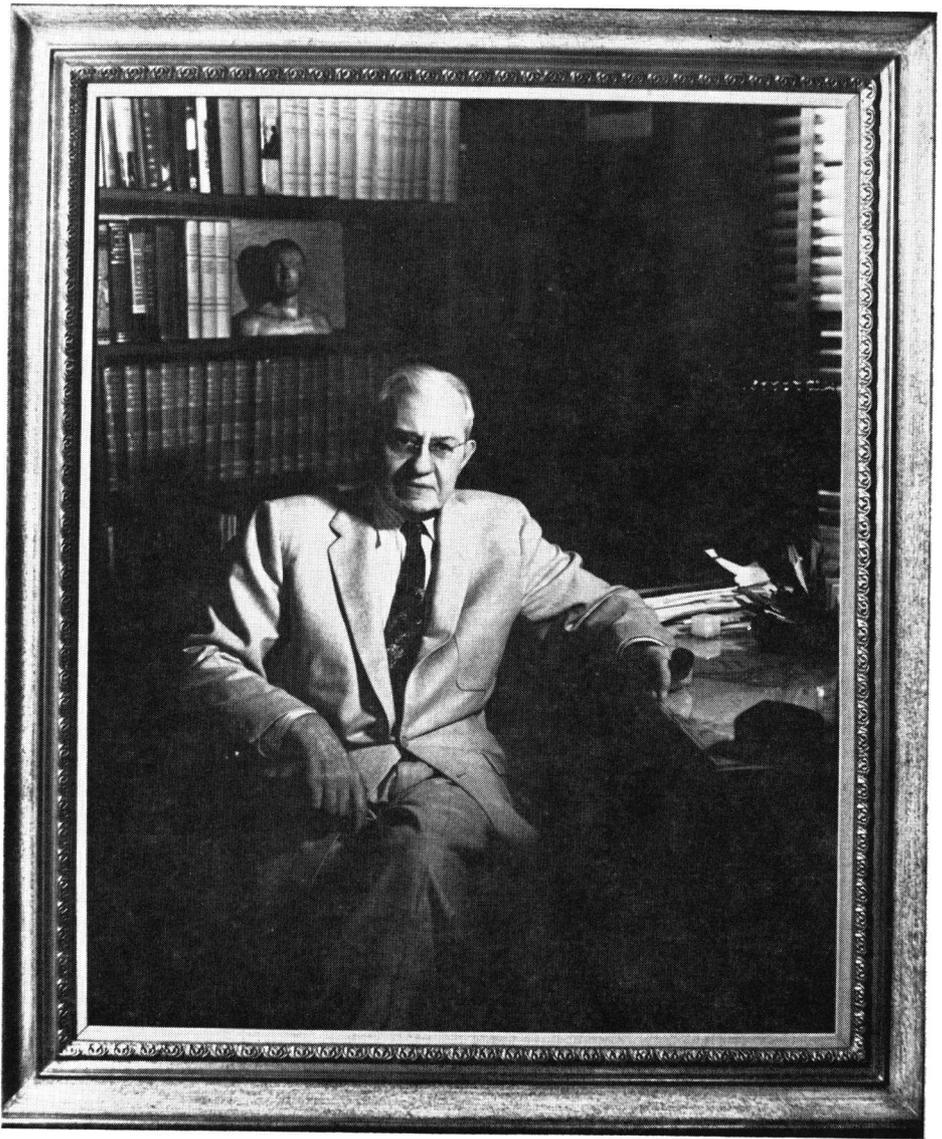
of DISCIPLIANA. A member of the governing body of DCHS since its beginning, president of the Board of Directors, 1948-1950, and honorary president, 1954, he has had an abiding interest in the Society and its work.

In addition to being a historian Dr. Garrison is the author of a score of books on a variety of subjects; a sculptor and a musician. Bas-relief bronze plaques of Barton W. Stone, Walter Scott and Raccoon John Smith, all creations of Dr. Garrison, are in Thomas W. Phillips Memorial.

Since July 1964 Miss Mary Yonker, part time DCHS library assistant, has written the "Resources for Workers With Youth" feature in each monthly issue of *The Bethany Guide*, church school periodical of the Christian Board of Publication.

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Edward J. Bruce, Lexington, Ky.
 Lynn H. Draper, Lexington, Ky.
 J. H. Fielder, Waynesboro, Tenn.
 Carl R. Flock, Lexington, Ky.
 Mrs. Virginia B. Hardin, Waynesboro, Tenn.
 Miss Elizabeth A. Hartsfield, Lexington, Ky.
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 Wade B. Hurst, Waynesboro, Tenn.
 Mrs. Ethel McWilliams, Waynesboro, Tenn.
 James A. Moak, Lexington, Ky.
 Everett Morris, Waynesboro, Tenn.
 Henry C. Phillips, Waynesboro, Tenn.
 Mrs. Henry C. Phillips, Waynesboro, Tenn.
 Byron Thrasher, Nashville, Tenn.
 R. W. Van Nostrand, Louisville, Ky.
 J. Clyde Wheeler, Oklahoma City, Okla.



Dr. Garrison

Original church records have been received recently of the First Christian Church of Deland, Fla., of the Sunnyland Christian Church, Washington, Ill.; of the Christian Church of Cameron, Ill.; of the North Hill Christian Church, Spokane, Wash.; of the Hampton Christian Church, Hampton, Va.; of the Albion Christian Church, Albion, Ill.; of the Valley Station Christian Church, Louisville, Ky.; of the First Christian Church, Little Rock, Ark.; and of the First Christian Church, Norridgewock, Me.

RECENT BOOKS IN AMERICAN CHURCH HISTORY

Listed and Discussed . . .

by STANLEY L. HARBISON

Editorial Note: Mr. Harbison is a candidate for the Ph.D. degree in church history, Vanderbilt University. His A.B. degree is from Bethany College, and his B.D. is from Yale Divinity School. For two years he has been a part-time staff member of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. In September he will become an instructor in history, Eastern Michigan University.

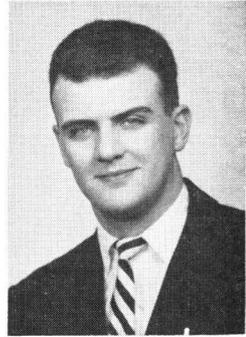
The 1950's produced a number of important books on American Church History—many of which are now appearing in revised and/or paperback editions—including general histories like *The Spirit of American Christianity* (now a Bethany Press paperback) by Ronald Osborn (a DCHS trustee) and Jerald Brauer's *Protestantism in America* (Westminster), along with several valuable handbooks such as *The Protestant Churches of America* by John Hardon (Newman paperback), Frank Mead's *Handbook of Denominations in the United States* (Abingdon), *What Americans Believe and How They Worship* by J. Paul Williams (Harper), and F. E. Mayer's *The Religious Bodies of America* (Concordia). The last three were all revised in 1961 or 1962.

Books from the 1950's which focus on particular periods include Francis Weisenburger's *Ordeal of Faith: The Crisis of Church-Going America, 1865-1900* (Philosophical Library), and Herbert Schneider's *Religion in 20th Century America* (now an Atheneum paperback).

The most examined topics were Christian social action, and revivalism. Paul Carter mentions the Disciples only briefly in *The Decline and Revival of the Social Gospel: Social and Political Liberalism in American Protestant Churches, 1920-1940* (Cornell University Press), but Robert Miller accords them a major place in his *American Protestantism and Social Issues, 1919-1939* (University of North Carolina Press). Revivalism is studied in Charles Johnson's *The Frontier Camp Meeting* (S. M. U. Press), Timothy Smith's *Revivalism and Social Reform in Mid-Nineteenth Century America* (Abingdon), William McLoughlin's *Modern Revivalism* (Ronald), and Bernard Weisberger's

They Gathered at the River (Little, Brown)—the last covering the greatest time span.

Disciples are mentioned in all the books on revivalism, but the references decline (significantly and symbolically) from Johnson's several on Stone and Cane Ridge to McLoughlin's one. Somewhat a sequel to books on the older evangelism is Robert Handy's study of the Home Missions Council of North America, *We Witness Together* (Friendship).



Mr. Harbison

Among the studies of religion and race published during the 1950's, W. D. Weatherford's *American Churches and the Negro* (Christopher) seems the most important historical study, while Ruby Johnston's *The Religion of Negro Protestants* (Philosophical Library) offers helpful sociological data.

Some other sociological studies from the 50's merit the recognition of historians, notably Will Herberg's *Protestant-Catholic-Jew* (Doubleday, rev. ed. in paper). *Religion and the Face of America* (University Extension, University of California paperback) edited by Jane Zahn, includes articles by Charles Glock and Albert Rasmussen. Of exceptional importance for Disciples is Paul Harrison's *Authority and Power in the Free Church Tradition* (Princeton University Press).

The most enduring achievement of the previous decade remains the major work

which opened it in 1950, Anson P. Stokes' *Church and State in the United States* (now in a one-volume edition revised in 1964 by Leo Pfeffer, Harper). Other books on church and state are too numerous to mention.

Four Outstanding Years

Though the 1950's were productive years in writings on Christianity in America, it was the amazing outpouring in the first four years of the 1960's of works destined to continue as "basic books" on American religion which originally prompted this article. Not since the thirteen volume *American Church History* series in the 1890's have so many substantial works on religion in America appeared in such a brief period as were published during 1960-1963.

Vying to take the place of William Sweet's *The Story of Religion in America* (rev. ed., 1950, Harper) as the standard survey has been Clifton Olmstead's *History of Religion in the United States* (Prentice-Hall, 1960) which suffers from some of the usual textbook deficiencies, including minor inaccuracies, but has comprehensiveness and other virtues. Dr. Olmstead also published a considerably shorter, paperback edition: *Religion in America: Past and Present* (Prentice-Hall, 1961) before his untimely death.

A different kind of volume which also might be used as a survey text, is Edwin Gaustad's *Historical Atlas of Religion in America* (Harper, 1962). This unique book studies American religion largely by means of maps, charts, and graphs—with historical commentary—for the different periods and religious bodies. It is probably the most valuable of all the works mentioned for study of the Disciples. The handbook type is ably represented by *Churches in North America* (now a Schocken paperback) by the late Gustave Weigel.

Arresting Analyses

More interpretive one-volume surveys have come from three of America's most insightful church historians. Winthrop Hudson contributed the volume on *American Protestant-*

ism to the Chicago History of American Civilization series (University of Chicago Press, 1961, paperback, 1963). This book is less argumentative than Hudson's earlier volume, *The Great Tradition of the American Churches* (Harper, 1953, now in paper), but retains the thesis that Protestantism in America has suffered from declining influence in the last half-century because its theology has been weakened by over-accommodation to secular culture (p. 128ff.). The main drawback of the more recent book is its brevity, but it is still quite well balanced and contains six pages of chronology, among other aids.

In 1963 appeared the long-awaited revision in book form of Sidney Mead's classic series of articles on denominationalism and other factors in "the shaping of Christianity in America," *The Lively Experiment* (Harper). Dr. Mead also recognizes the impact of outside forces on the churches (such as the frontier and political democracy), but seems less gloomy in his analysis than Professor Hudson. Another survey by a leading historian is Franklin Littell's *From State Church to Pluralism* (Doubleday paper, 1962). It is short and polemical, but not to be lightly dismissed.



Harold Kime photo

Miss Jonna Lee Cox from The College of the Bible in a private study in the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial. Miss Cox, who was doing research for a B.D. thesis, "Religious Education among the Negro Disciples of Christ," has spent two weeks at different times working in the DCHS research center.

As in previous decades, the multi-volume efforts tend to dominate the 1960's. The trend toward publishing collections of original sources bore fruit with two hefty volumes on *American Christianity* (Scribners, 1960 and 1963), comprised of two-thirds documents and one-third interpretation by H. Shelton Smith, Robert Handy, and Lefferts Loetecher. The introductions for each period, chapter, and document contain both perceptive generalizations and a great many specific facts. This "secondary" part of the work totals about four hundred pages and itself makes up a substantial survey of American Church History.

Religion in American Life

The other large cooperative effort is even greater in scope. The three major parts of *Religion in American Life* (Princeton University Press) appeared in 1961. The last contribution, *Religious Thought and Economic Society* by Jacob Viner, is still in preparation. The first two volumes contain a series of essays by leading specialists. Volume I, *The Shaping of American Religion*, contains some of the last efforts of two men who have contributed immensely to the understanding of Christianity in America and have passed away since publication of the book, H. Richard Niebuhr and Perry Miller. The other seven chapters vary in compass from surveys like Oscar Handlin's "Judaism in the United States" to special treatments such as Stow Pearsons' "Religion and Modernity, 1865-1914." The ten articles in Volume II, *Religious Perspectives in American Culture* are more topical, covering the relation between religion and politics, law, poetry, music, and architecture, as well as "Religion and Education in America" by Will Herberg, "The Religious Novel as Best Seller in America" by Willard Thorp and "The Place of the Bible in American Fiction" by Carlos Baker. The last two should be valuable sermon resources. For historical purposes, however, the 1,219 pages of Nelson Burr's *A Critical Bibliography of Religion in America* are the most practically helpful part of the set. Included is a forty-eight page name index.

Another study of "Religion in American Society" by several authors appeared in *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, November, 1960 (issued as *Not Many Wise* by the Pilgrim Press, 1962, paperback). It includes historical as well as sociological data. Its fourteen authors include Benson Landis, Truman Douglass, and Roswell Barnes.

Special Studies

The middle years of the 1960's have not yet produced the kind of basic books which appeared in 1960-1963, but 1964 did witness publication of some important special studies (as well as reprints, including Peter Mode's 1921 *classic Source Book and Bibliographical Guide to American Church History* [J. S. Canner of Boston]). Heading the list, in this era of a changing South, is Kenneth Bailey's *Southern White Protestantism in the Twentieth Century* (Harper). He focuses on Methodists, Presbyterians, and Baptists, but their history illuminates that of the Disciples. Books to complement Bailey's work include two very critical studies: *Black Religion* (Beacon) by Joseph Washington and *The Negro Church in America* (Schocken) by E. Franklin Frazier. Francis Weisenburger's new offering, *Triumph of Faith* (Wm. Byrd of Richmond), seems less satisfying than his earlier book. One of the most penetrating works of social analysis is *Religion in American Culture* (Free Press) by W. W. Schroeder and Victor Obenaus.

Religious Trends

Books of the 1960's offering critiques of recent religious trends, following Martin Marty's *The New Shape of American Religion* (Harper, 1959) and Roy Eckardt's *The Surge of Piety in America* (Association, 1958), include *The Noise of Solemn Assemblies* (Doubleday paper) by Peter Berger, *The Suburban Captivity of the Churches* (now a Macmillan paperback) by Gibson Winter, *The Protestant Establishment* (Random House) by E. D. Baltzell, and *The Christian Fright Peddlers* (Doubleday) by Brooks Walker.

Among the other works on American Churches from the early 1960's the following are particularly important: *The Social Sources of Church Unity* (Abingdon) by Robert Lee, *Communism and the Churches* (Harcourt, Brace) by Ralph Roy, *The Protestant Search for Political Realism, 1919-1941* (University of California Press) by Donald Meyer, *The Impact of American Religious Liberalism* (Harper) by Kenneth Cauthen, and, of special significance for those interested in frontier religion, T. S. Miyakawa's *Protestants and Pioneers* (University of Chicago Press). Martin Marty's study of freethought, *The Infidel* (Meridian paper) spends several pages on Alexander Campbell.

Recent general Church History books dealing partly with the U. S. A. are too numerous to mention, except one by way of illustration—*Twentieth Century Christianity* (Doubleday paper), which has an excellent chapter by Robert Handy on "The American Scene."

In Conclusion

All the books mentioned are pertinent to study of Disciples' history, and most deal directly with our communion. Not all books in the period could be mentioned. Among those generally omitted were biographical, theological, denominational, ecumenical, journalistic, non-Protestant, and out of print books—along with those primarily concerned with the eras before 1800. One hint for the future is to look for Sydney Ahlstrom's forthcoming history of American religious thought. It too will become a "basic book."

It is hoped that the works surveyed above will serve as research aids and stimuli for further study of our own tradition.

Post Script

There are, of course, in addition to books, many important articles from the last decade and a half which appeared in *Church History* and other periodicals; but that is a subject for another survey.

CIRCULAR.

TO THE CONGREGATIONS OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND TERRITORY.

Dear Brethren: For the purpose of obtaining information concerning the condition of the state of Church, collecting the Statistics of the Congregations, and securing the united efforts of the brethren in the work of disseminating the Gospel, we request you to respond to the accompanying queries.

We also request that you appoint Delegates to attend the Annual Meeting of the Maryland Christian Co-Operation to be held in Baltimore, commencing on Friday evening before the third Lord's Day in February, 1860. It is very desirable that all our Pastors, Elders and Delegates should be in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

It will facilitate the business of the meeting, if you will reply to the accompanying queries, and forward any other important information, and forward the same by mail, on or before the 20th of January, 1860, to F. Adamson, Bookkeeper, Washington County, Maryland.

By Order of the Maryland Christian Co-Operation.

**GEORGE ADAMSON,
BENJ. WITMER,
WM. BRADDOCK,
E. ADAMSON,
F. D. DUNGAN,**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Q U E R I E S .

- 1st. What is the name of your Congregation?
- 2nd. Number of Members?
- 3rd. No. admitted the past year, by baptism?
- " " " by letter, or otherwise?
- 4th. Number of deaths?
- " " Removals?
- " " Excommunications?
- 5th. Names and Addresses of Church Officers?
- 1st. Pastor.
- 2nd. Other Ministers.
- 3rd. Elders.
- 4th. Deacons.
- 6th. Have you a House of Worship?
- If so, of what value?
- How many persons will it accommodate?
- If not, where do you meet?
- 7th. How often do you have regular preaching?
- 8th. How often do you meet on the Lord's Day?
- What other meetings have you?
- 9th. Average attendance at meetings of members?
- Of other persons?
- 10th. Have you a Lord's Day School?
- 11th. Number of Pupils enrolled? Males? Females?
- 12th. Average Attendance?
- 13th. Number of Teachers? Males? Females?
- 14th. Name and address of Superintendent?
- 15th. Number and value of Volumes in the Library.

Arthur A. Azlein, minister of the Michigan Park Christian Church, Washington, D. C., has been sending recently some excellent material. Included are minutes of the meetings of the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Christian Missionary Society for many years. Pictured above is a circular addressed "To the congregations of the Disciples of Christ in the state of Maryland and vicinity," signed by the Executive Committee of the Maryland Christian Co Operation. The document is a call for statistical information concerning the churches of the cooperation, and also the notification of the annual meeting of the cooperation, to be held in Baltimore, "commencing on Friday evening before the third Lord's day in February, 1860." There is a note stating that, "In addition to the Ministers and Elders, who are ex-officio members of the Association, each church having not over 50 members is entitled to 2 delegates; each church having from 50 to 100 members, 3 delegates; from 100 to 200 members, 4 delegates; and over 200 members, 5 delegates."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARIES

The gift by B. C. Goodpasture to the Society of sixteen different years of the Gospel Advocate Company's *The Teacher's Annual Commentary on Bible School Lessons* caused the staff to examine its holdings of commentaries published by Disciples.

Of the above named commentary the Society has the following: 1939-1940, 1944, 1946-1949 and 1953-1965.

Other commentaries in the DCHS library include:

The Eclectic Sunday School Lesson Commentary, John Burns, publisher, 1884-1886.

The Standard Eclectic Bible Lesson Commentary, Standard Publishing Co., 1887-1903, 1908.

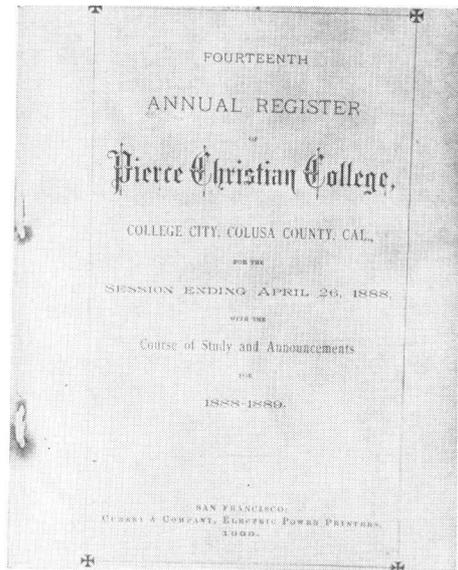
The Standard Lesson Commentary, Standard Publishing Co., 1954-1965.

Explanatory Notes on the International S. S. Lessons, Christian Publishing Co., 1884-1885.

The Christian Lesson Commentary, Christian Publishing Co., 1886-1905, 1907, 1913.

Notes on the International S. S. Lessons, by David Lipscomb, Gospel Advocate Co., 1895.

The Society will be grateful to anyone supplying copies that are not now in the library.



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This register of the Pierce Christian College, College City, Calif., was one of the many college catalogs in the Cotner College cornerstone.

LIFE PATRONS

15. Eva Jean Wrather, Nashville, Tenn.
16. Mrs. Aubrey Hayes Wrather, Nashville, Tenn.

Preserve the Records

by J. FRAISE RICHARD

Editorial Note: This article, reprinted from the *Christian Standard* of August 1, 1885, is as apropos today as it was eighty years ago when it was written.

I recently spent three months in West Kentucky in writing for a Chicago publishing house a history of what is familiarly called there "Jackson's purchase," or "The Purchase," but which is generally unknown by name elsewhere because historians have not given the facts to the public.

"Jackson's Purchase" embraces all of Kentucky and Tennessee lying between the Tennessee and Mississippi Rivers, from Paducah as far south as the north line of

Mississippi, and including, in the aggregate, seven counties in the former and twenty in the latter, upwards of 8,200 square miles. This vast tract of land was purchased in 1818-9 by General Andrew Jackson, of Tennessee, and Governor Isaac Shelby, of Kentucky, commissioners of the general government, from the Chickasaw Indians, the consideration being \$20,000 per annum for fifteen successive years, together with some smaller sums paid, aggregating perhaps about \$310,000. The treaty was made in

1818, but was not confirmed by President Monroe and the Senate till January 7, 1819. Thus was secured the peaceable removal of an entire Indian tribe, and the opening up to civilization of a large tract of country now supplied with intelligent homes, and towns, and schools and churches—all within the memory of men and women who have not yet passed the allotted period of human life.

Even under these favorable circumstances, difficulty was experienced in obtaining perfectly reliable information relative to early settlers, churches, schools, teachers, preachers, physicians, etc. People will forget. The memory deserves to be trusted; and yet many important items, particularly dates and names, will escape from the most carefully trained memory. My experience in gathering data from records and personal interviews for the foregoing history impressed upon me the following facts:

1. Every family should avail itself of the earliest opportunity to prepare, as fully as possible, a family sketch tracing the history of ancestors and descendants while the facts are yet available. This is the foundation of true history, and a guaranty of legal rights.

2. Churches and other organizations of like nature should not only keep reliable records of their present membership, but if it has not been done, enter the details with reference to the beginning and progress of their organizations. Many important facts and incidents may be snatched from oblivion if effort is made while pioneer and charter members are still living. In tracing the religious history of the purchase, I discovered that the Methodist and Baptist Churches are giving special attention to the matter of records, while the Christian Church, from some cause, is quite negligent—too much so.

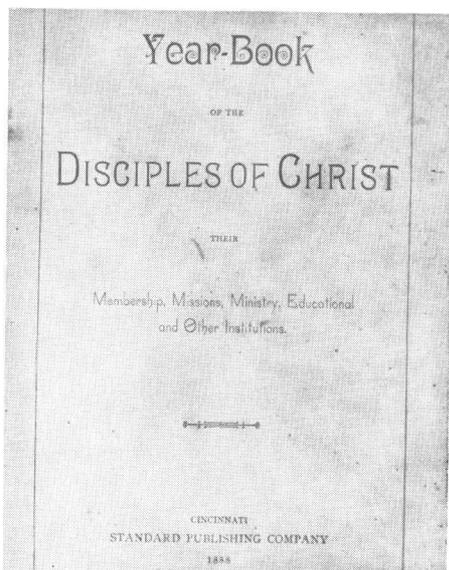
3. Local histories of villages, towns, cities, townships, counties and districts ought to be published. Often the local newspaper can be profitably used in giving such "Personal Reminiscences." These sketches will be valuable at the time, but will be exceedingly useful to the future historian in giving a trustworthy chronicle of the times in which

he lives.

4. The keeping of a personal diary can be made a profitable exercise. It may be made to include reports of lectures and sermons; meditations and reflections on various topics; and a register of daily doings and conditions. These diaries are good foundations for historical productions.

5. Historical and literary associations can be formed in every community that is alive to its own interests. In their conferences these facts and incidents may receive the prominence they deserve. Museums and libraries may be built up from these small beginnings, and much of the material that is often permitted to be destroyed, may be utilized. Every township has mental and physical material enough, if it can be wisely used, to establish such associations.

Let old records be corrected, let the new ones be formed, and let the present generation bequeath a reliable historical legacy to the future. *Preserve the Records!*



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For years the Society had searched for an 1888 *Year Book of the Disciples of Christ* to complete its collection of year books. A copy was in the Cotner College cornerstone.

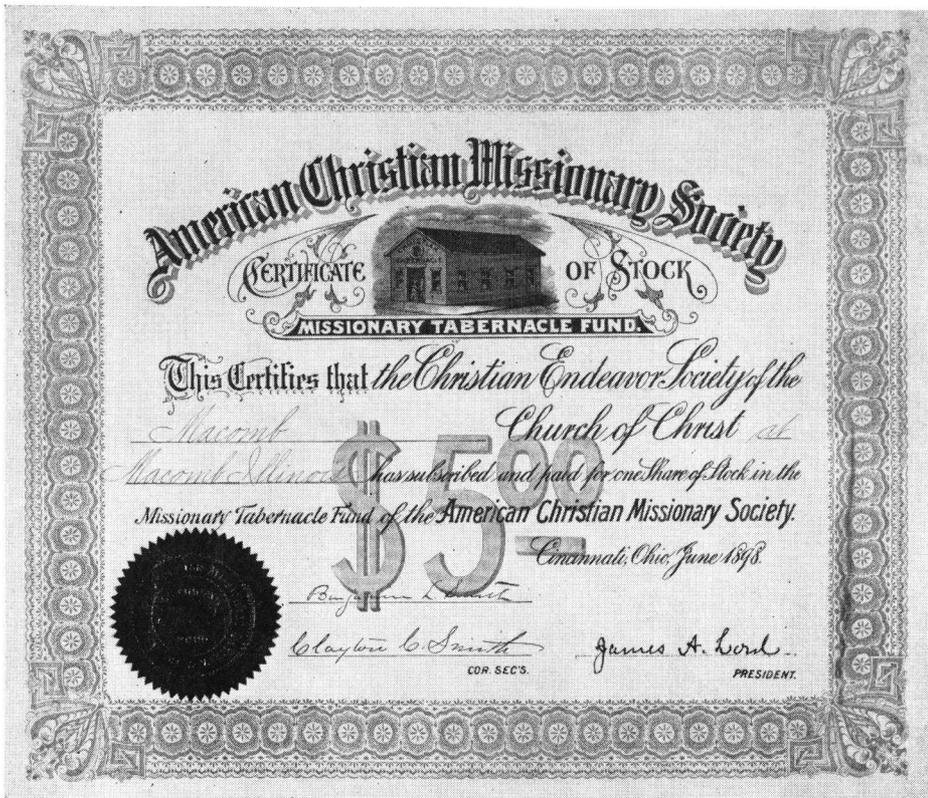


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A periodical, new to the Society library and not listed in *Periodicals of Disciples of Christ*, also

came from the Cotner College cornerstone. It is the *New York Christian*, "un-denominational, inter-denominational, and anti-denominational," published every Saturday, 111 William Street, New York. The editor and publisher was William E. Hall. Associate editors were D. M. Graham of Philadelphia and W. R. Glen of New York.

This particular issue was dated August 18, 1888, and was Vol. 1, No. 39. The eight page publication contains a church and preacher directory of Christian Churches in Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. In addition there are news notes, announcements, and an editorial copied from *The Christian-Evangelist*.



A certificate found among Miss Cora Harris' church records; "This certifies that the Christian Endeavor Society of the Macomb Church of Christ at Macomb, Illinois has subscribed and paid for one share of stock in the Missionary Tabernacle Fund of the American Christian Missionary Society, Cincinnati, Ohio, June 1898." Although the American Christian Missionary Society reported in 1898 that there were 4,633 Societies of Christian Endeavor among the Disciples there is no mention made of the Missionary Tabernacle Fund. Can anyone give us information concerning it?

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An indexing program could make available indexes to the *Christian Standard*, the *Gospel Advocate*, the *American Christian Review*, *The Millennial Harbinger*, *The Scroll*, the *Christian Union Quarterly*, and scores of other periodicals.

A real oral history program could be sponsored with a corps of trained interviewers working with the present-day leaders of our brotherhood—local, national, and international. Present historians would like to hear Alexander Campbell's own words spoken in his own voice. Future historians will want to hear the voices of today's leaders. What was impossible a hundred years ago is now possible.

The Disciples of Christ Historical Foundation, if successful and grows proportionally at the rate it has in its first three years, will assure the Society of its identity notwithstanding the vagaries of men, churches, and other organizations.

Will all of these things come to pass? I am confident that the next twenty-five

years will see the accomplishment of many of the needs noted in this editorial. We must remember that just twenty-four years ago the Society started with twenty members, \$20 in assets, and an idea of service.

Now, back to retirement. As curator emeritus of the Society, I expect to have some small part in the ongoing of the Society. I hope to work on and complete in the first year of my retirement a guide for Disciple tourists which you will be expected to buy.

More County Histories

Since the last DISCIPLIANA the following county histories have been received:

History of Lawrence, Orange and Washington Counties, Ind., 1884, Goodspeed Bros., the gift of Miss Josephine A. Berkey, Washington, D.C.; *History of Lee County, Ia.*, 1879, Western Historical Co., the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Dixon, San Diego, Calif.; *History of Shelby County, Ky.*, 1929, George L. Willis, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pierce, Tulsa, Okla.; *Early and Modern History of Wolfe County, Ky.*, 1958, Wolfe County Woman's Club, the gift of Harold C. Kime.

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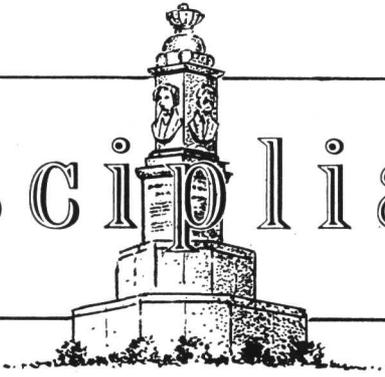
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The Disciples of Christ Historical Society was one of the highlights of the 1,400 mile camping trip taken by the fifty-one youth and their adult leaders of the Clear Creek Christian Church, Clear Creek, Ind. Their trip included a visit to the Cahokia Mounds State Park and Giant City State Park (camping areas) of Illinois, the Christian Board of Publication, the St. Louis Zoo, a program given at the St. Louis Christian Home, a boat ride on the S. S. Admiral down the Mississippi, the Upper Room Publishing House and the Parthenon in Nashville, Tenn., and the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Park in Kentucky.

One half of the tithe from the money raised for the trip was given to the Disciples of Christ Historical Society and the other half to the St. Louis Christian Home. Richard Hittle is the pastor. Mrs. Richard Hittle plans and supervises the trips. This is the fifth such trip taken by the youth of this church, which has included many of the Brotherhood agencies, and a great deal of the eastern section of the country.

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Claude E. Spencer, Curator, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, May 7, 1941-June 30, 1965 . . .
Curator Emeritus, Beginning July 1, 1965.

Editorial... **Claude E. Spencer—Editor Exceptional**

DISCIPLIANA is older by two months than the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. It was the dream and then the deed of Claude E. Spencer, who was its founder, its publisher and for twenty-four years and four months, its enlightened and imaginative editor. If there had been no other testimonial to Dr. Spencer's long and distinguished career, DISCIPLIANA alone could stand as a worthy one.

This issue, the one hundred and twenty-fifth in DISCIPLIANA'S history, is the first which does not list Claude E. Spencer as its editor. Any regular reader would know at once that this issue was not of his doing, for he always applied a sensitive and becoming restraint to the use of his own name on the printed page. This issue is appropriately and singularly designed as a tribute to him. It is a testimonial of the esteem in which he is held by those who have observed his complete dedication as editor, and noted the high purposes of his editorial leadership. This would mean, of course, all readers of DISCIPLIANA.

DISCIPLIANA has grown under Dr. Spencer's hand from a ten page mimeographed quarterly publication of 400 copies to a sixteen page printed and illustrated publication of 8500 copies issued on a bi-monthly basis. The cause of DCHS across its many fronts has been dramatically advanced by the zeal, the hard work, the skillful promotion, the accurate reporting, the scholarly approaches of Claude E. Spencer, editor.

To Spencer as editor, an accolade! To Spencer as DCHS curator emeritus, Godspeed and a long life!

WILLIS R. JONES

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UNFAIR TO WASTEBASKETS

By J. EDWARD MOSELEY

Editorial Note: An address delivered at the Retirement Recognition Dinner which honored Dr. Claude E. Spencer, Curator of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, at the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial, Nashville, on Monday, May 10, 1965.

One of twenty founders of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, its first president and former chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Moseley, who resides in Indianapolis, is a writer, editor, author, and historian.

This memorable occasion when we are gathered to honor a colleague and friend, Dr. Claude Elbert Spencer, brings to mind the epitaph which confides to one and all: "I expected this to happen, but not so soon."

An irreverent text for this occasion comes from the late Earnest W. Lundeen, one time Cotner College professor. When he accidentally bumped into the wastebasket in his classes, he turned to it and said, "Oh, I beg your pardon!" He repeated this so often that the quote was saved for our generation by mention in *The Bulldog*, college annual for 1925.

"What a way," you may say, to be remembered. But Prof. Lundeen's regard for the wastebasket should not be taken lightly. Wastebaskets have been the source of some of our richest deposits of primary source materials.

I began my preparation for these remarks by searching Spencer's wastebasket. You know what I found? Nothing. That is, nothing worth saving, not even a doodle.

I have been intrigued to learn that for \$99.00 one can now purchase the Destroyit electric wastebasket. This thirteen-pound machine will chew up, quietly and quickly, three or four scraps of paper at a time into one-eighth inch strips. There is a separate opening for hand crumpled nonstrategic papers and cigaret butts. Obviously, this is a great change from the wastebasket we treat with such abuse. Along with Disposals and gas incinerators, electric wastebaskets—as ridiculous as they may seem to us—will make our task of collecting irreplaceable historical materials harder than ever in the years ahead.

These new destructive agents point up yet again "that this is the last generation that will have a chance at such things," to



James Carpenter photo

Mr. Moseley and the Spencers chat during the dinner hour.

borrow a phrase (a scholar's privilege) from Dr. Howard E. Short's "Heritage of Splendour" address in Kansas City in 1961.

Spencer, of course, has known from experience learned the hard way that a match would accomplish the same eternal results as the electric wastebasket and do it more efficiently and at much less cost! But does he really recognize how unfair he has been to wastebaskets?

"The Wickedness of Wastebaskets"

One of the things which Spencer and I share in common is a fascination for the wickedness of wastebaskets. We are drawn to them as well as attics, basements, and old trunks in the relentless search for historic materials. Is it too much to suggest that except for Spencer much of the tons of materials housed in the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial would not have been obtained. He has, indeed, been unfair to wastebaskets,

again and again! This man, by cheating many wastebaskets and making the jobs of janitors much easier, is due real gratitude by many a researcher and historian.

Furthermore, not only has Spencer himself been unfair to wastebaskets, but he has taught others like myself to keep odds and ends of all kinds, especially those that seem most worthless to sensible people.

The Measure of the Man

What is the measure of this librarian whom we delight to honor as he brings his long career to a close? Born at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, less than a month after the Battleship *Maine* was blown up in Havana harbor, it is of interest also that less than six months before he was born, Dr. W. E. Garrison received the Ph. D. degree after completing the first doctoral dissertation of Disciple history, an able fore-runner of things to come.

What about Spencer's characteristics? Long a pipe smoker, I wonder if one of them was saved for our museum here. Spencer wears no hat and never feels the need of a watch. Yet he tells time unerringly almost any minute you may ask him to do so. At one place where he resided at Canton, Missouri, there were yellow jackets inside the screened porch. No wonder Spencer has survived the tensions of human relations during the origin and development of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society.

Spencer and the Historical Society

You can separate Spencer from the Disciples of Christ Historical Society just as easily as you can separate Einstein from the theory of relativity. Provisions indicated here tonight will assure the continued hand-in-hand relationship of Spencer and the Society until they are finally separated by death itself.

There were twenty mere mortals who were founders and charter members of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Sixteen are living yet and five are here tonight—Spencer, Dr. Garrison, Dr. George N. Mayhew, Miss Eva Jean Wrather, and your speaker. The Society began its twenty-fifth anniversary year last Friday, May 7.

Dr. Garrison, I remember was one of those at the organizational meeting in St. Louis, May 7, 1941. He did not think we were then ready to choose a curator. But he changed his mind when he learned that Culver-Stockton College, on the recommendation of President W. H. McDonald, would provide Spencer's part-time services to the Society at no cost. So Spencer served the Society that first decade as a trustee and also a curator, without salary. The generous action of Culver-Stockton College probably spelled the difference between success and failure for the fledgling organization.

Almost inadvertently, years before, Spencer began preparation for his service as curator. For in 1924, under the inspiration and guidance of Henry Barton Robison and George L. Peters, Spencer began gathering materials for the Robison Collection of Literature relating to the Disciples and kindred groups.

George Noel Mayhew deserved lasting recognition for having the intuition to appear at Culver-Stockton in a time of depression and encourage Spencer in the collection and preservation of historical materials by and about Disciples. Originally housed in a small room, I first saw the Rob-



James Carpenter photo

Symbol of the evening.

ison Collection in 1937. I often think about the great influence of that little room, truly a kind of Upper Room for Disciples, and what came out of it.

A Curator Without Salary

Spencer served the Disciples of Christ Historical Society as curator, without salary until just before the Society was moved to Nashville in 1952 as the result of a generous five-year subsidy by many citizens of various faiths. Spencer favored the move to Nashville, he wrote me, just before the decision was made, "mainly for financial reasons although there are other considerations." He has served as full-time curator of the Society all these years since 1952.

We owe a debt of gratitude to those who write and publish books in order that others may read and learn. We also ought to be thankful to those who help discover the rare historical volumes and materials such as periodicals and letters that contain ideas germinal to our movement and those who collect and preserve them. And of all such persons, Spencer's name leads all the rest.

Spencer put everything he could into the gathering of historical materials. Much of it unquestionably would have perished had he not been unfair to wastebaskets and taught others to cheat file thirteen. What enthusiasm he has had in collecting rare and often little-known books, minutes, reports, pamphlets, tracts, fliers, diaries, letters, pictures to name a few items of a long list.

His inclusive arms have stretched, with eager hands, all across America and Canada and beyond; into all countries where Disciples and their cousins, once or twice removed, have ever penetrated. He has become, of course, the brotherhood's best informed person on the location of original source materials. In 1953, to illustrate, he discovered, and helped to authenticate, Rice Haggard's long-lost pamphlet on the name Christian, first published in 1804.

A Growing Collector

Actually, the growth of a collection of historical materials, such as that possessed by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society

Sometimes organizations get bogged down in the effort to insure their own existence and both the leaders and the public forget why they were started in the first place. This has never been the case with our Historical Society and Dr. Spencer deserves a major share of the credit for keeping an image of the Society before us as an agency for the preservation of our historical materials and for service to the churches and the individuals that need information.

From an Editorial by Howard E. Short in *The Christian*, June 27, 1965, p. 808.

depends on the growth of the collector, in this case, our curator. Eventually the collection gets the upper hand, and the collector serves, as best he can, the high calling, never free any longer to desert the cause.

The curator we honor is in a sense the creation of scholars, editors, librarians, critics (Disciples of every shade of thought and many non-Disciples) who have profited from his disciplined learning but have helped to shape and spread his understanding of church history. Spencer has grown with the rest of us in learning more and more about the materials of our history and their meaning.

Spencer has assisted researchers to think historically, to develop a disciplined form of inquiry. While providing stimulating clues for digging out historic data, he has helped to separate the significant from the trivial, relevant facts from irrelevant ones. Gathering basic facts and arranging and ordering them are essential tasks in writing history. Spencer, as librarian and curator, has been in the midst of these processes with amateur and professional researchers alike when they have studied our materials trusted to his care.

He has always held out the possibility of finding new data that may change the interpretation of Disciple history. His sleuthing paid off last year in a glorious way with the exciting discovery, which Spencer helped to bring about through correspond-

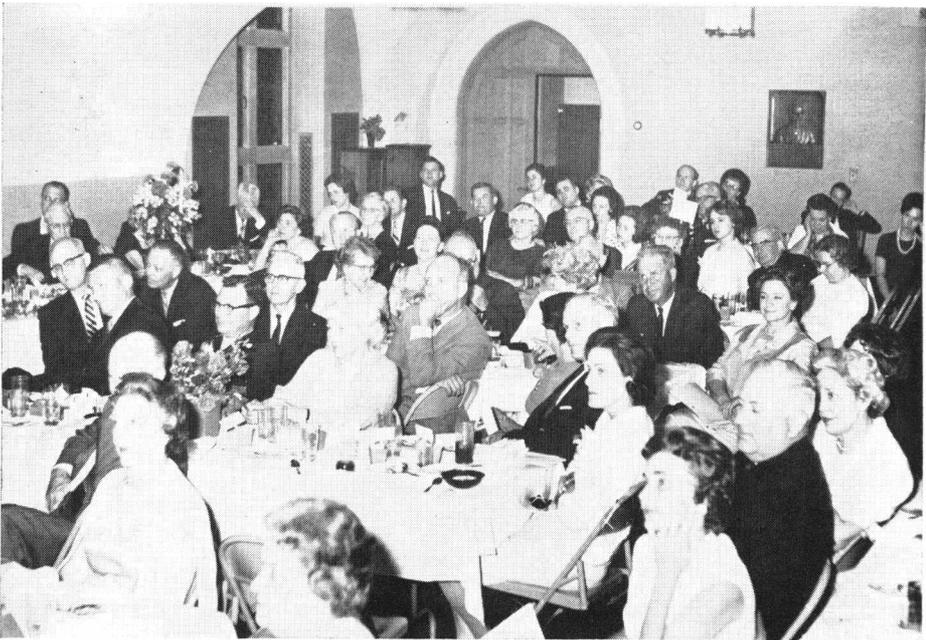
ence, in South Australia of a diary and other materials written by none other than Alexander Campbell himself. "This is the greatest find of primary source material since the Disciples of Christ Historical Society was organized," Spencer said.

Changing Role

As curator, Spencer wore two caps from 1941 until the Society was restructured in 1958 and provision made for an executive president to become chief administrator of the Society. When Dr. Willis R. Jones became president of the Society in 1959, he knew what a struggle Spencer had to go through in order to get used to wearing only the cap labeled "curator." As one who has been close to both of them during their years with the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, I have watched their adjustments to each other's heavy roles amidst expanding outreach and service of the Society. I am pleased that Spencer has no stronger supporter or defender among any of us than President Jones.

While Spencer was both curator and chief administrator, observing him function in those two capacities was something like seeing a man climbing all trees at once. He did anything that needed to be done for the Society, worked long hours, and drew only the low salary of the lean years of the depression, the war, and its aftermath. Despite his hard work a vast backlog of unprocessed material remains for Spencer had an overwhelming load of work. Long ago he must have decided that just leaving work at five o'clock quitting time is in itself an important fringe benefit.

His work has included cataloging, wrapping packages, writing and editing, corresponding, research, binding books and periodicals at home late at night, collecting materials and membership dues, traveling overnight on a railroad pass while sitting up in a day coach (a trick on saving money that was learned from Oreon E. Scott), searching for used or experienced volumes in old bookstores (when we have done this



James Carpenter photo

Over one hundred persons from all sections of the nation gathered in the Assembly Room on the second floor of the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial.

together, Spencer would nearly always come along after me and find a rare book), and when necessary he would even keep the minutes of a committee or board meeting. He has long recognized how essential it is for a historical organization to keep accurate records of its own meetings.

Spencer and the Printed Page

The first issue of DISCIPLIANA, dated March 1941, while like a voice "crying in the wilderness," was a foretaste of excellent things to come. Spencer has had many ideas to stimulate historical interest—projects, compilations, writings. Many have not been realized. One dream that came true was DISCIPLIANA, and he has edited every issue of the popular magazine since the first.

DISCIPLIANA was an educational effort. The Society began to publish it in 1946. Certain key persons were kept on its mailing list even when they were not members of the Society. Without question the Phillips' family's willingness to give the Society the necessary funds for the erection of this magnificent Thomas W. Phillips Memorial resulted from regular reading of DISCIPLIANA.

In 1946 came publication of Spencer's compilation, his magnum opus, so far, *An Author Catalog of Disciples of Christ and Related Religious Groups*. The phenomenal accomplishment took nearly twenty years of prodigious labor. It was the first time an American religious body of the Protestant strain had ever published such a vast listing of authors and titles. It has become an indispensable tool for research into Disciple history.

In a book review article, published in *Church History*, a scholarly quarterly, in 1956, Dr. W. B. Blakemore stated: that 1954 was the "most exciting single season that historians of the Disciples of Christ have ever experienced." It was because "two events of far-reaching importance came to fruition," he added. The first was the launching of the Bethany History Series by the Christian Board of Publication. The other was the gift to the Disciples of Christ

Historical Society that assured its own building.

The Historical Awakening

Part of the historical awakening among Disciples has been the increasing number of local church historians and the improving quality of local church histories.

Spencer had much to do with all phases of this historical awakening. Now that he is facing retirement he is rapidly collecting the forty volumes of Disciple history where either he or the Society are given credit for research and/or other assistance.

In addition to the forty books, there is an uncounted list of theses and dissertations not yet published, which took shape under Spencer's expert guidance. This group of potential books probably totals well over one hundred.

Let us not overlook one of the most significant evidences of Spencer's widespread influence. He has made history come alive for students and reflected a freshness and vigor characteristic of distinguished scholars. Spencer has taught the probing young researchers, both directly and indirectly, to look at source materials with candor, reason, dignity, and above all, with respect for truth.

What then about the vast knowledge of Disciples that this man Spencer has accumulated? I have no idea how many books of, by, and about Disciples that he has read. Unfortunately, he has kept most of his precious knowledge in his head. He has not taped it and none has been thrown into wastebaskets where it could be rescued and saved!

The Master Stumped

It is not at all easy to stump Spencer on a matter involving Disciple history. I did, in 1959, when I walked into his office and handed him an old book without a title page and all of the binding missing except the spine. He looked it over carefully, but had no idea what it might be. How I loved that moment. The master, for once was stumped!

I had looked the book over enough to figure out that its author was probably one of Barton W. Stone's tolerant teachers. And so it was. The book was the first gift of our Society by Bebe Boswell, now one of our valued trustees. It was an original copy of Henry Pattillo's book of *Sermons*, published in 1788. A copy of the title page was obtained from one of the nine or ten copies known to be extant, and rebound, the important little volume is ready for use in our library.

In the history of the Disciples of Christ

a large part of what they have achieved can be traced to the work or influence of a relatively small group of persons—those who were committed, zealous often, curious always, and ever able to a degree that set them apart from their contemporaries. Tonight we add to that important roster the name of Claude Elbert Spencer.

Dr. Spencer has added lustre to the title and meaning of curator. As curator emeritus, which conveys certain honors and privileges he will always find a welcome in any group of Campbellites seeking to make their noble heritage a living reality.

THE MEANING OF SERVICE

By JOSEPH B. FITCH

Editorial Note: Mr. Fitch, minister of the Main Street Christian Church, Winchester, Indiana and a research user of Historical Society facilities, sent the following tribute to Dr. Spencer on the occasion of his Retirement Recognition Dinner. We share it with our readers as just one example of the many tributes which might be cited.

In his book *The Meaning of Prayer* Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick describes God's care for the individual in terms of a librarian who knows each volume by name: its special associations such as the edition, the value, the contents, the author, and the purpose. "The more he knows, as a librarian," says Dr. Fosdick, "the less he sees books in the mass; the more he knows them one by one."¹

This quotation seems fitting for Claude Spencer whose loving service is now held in honor. While he would be the first to deny any comparison with Deity, in a very real sense he is the *creator* of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. As its *curator* he has provided in measureless ways for its sacred contents. Like God's care for all his creation, Dr. Spencer has come to know each volume

by name and, by the same token, knows a few that ought to be around but are not! Like God he could not do everything by himself but has had to rely upon us mortals to help. And again, like the Lord, he could not get everything done by next Thursday noon, and yet how much we have depended upon him. How much a blessing he has been to us all.

In the spirit of both a librarian and One to whom we owe so much, Claude Spencer has not seen our various religious groups in the mass; he has understood the traditions and history that have given each of us our own distinction while at the same time showing no partiality. He has known us too one by one and yet respected us all as God's children. Words fail to describe the tenderness and affection which have accompanied his labors or to portray the love and affection which we now feel for him.

¹ Harry Emerson Fosdick, *The Meaning of Prayer* (New York: Association Press, 1946) p. 50.

FROM BOX TO BOX; OR, THE RANDOM REMINISCENCES OF A BOOK COLLECTOR

By CLAUDE E. SPENCER

Editorial Note: A response to the address "Unfair to Wastebaskets," by J. Edward Moseley, given at the Retirement Recognition Dinner honoring Claude E. Spencer, May 10, 1965.

When I started working in a high school library fifty years ago last summer, I had no idea that I would make library work my profession or that I would become involved in an organization specializing in assisting people in research in a branch of American church history. At that time my only connection with a church was as its janitor. Certainly that hot August day in Missouri I never anticipated such a gathering as this to celebrate my retirement.

From the job of unpacking books for that high school library to the job of unpacking books for the Disciples of Christ Historical Society is a long story. Only brief references can be made to some of the stages on the way from 1914 to 1965.

Three years in a high school library paved the way to a student library position in a college library which offered room, board, and tuition for me if I would spend all the daytime hours, when not in class, in the library. To a boy with a new suit, an extra pair of trousers, and \$30.00 in cash who wanted a college education in order to become either an architect or a lawyer, this was a heaven-sent opportunity.

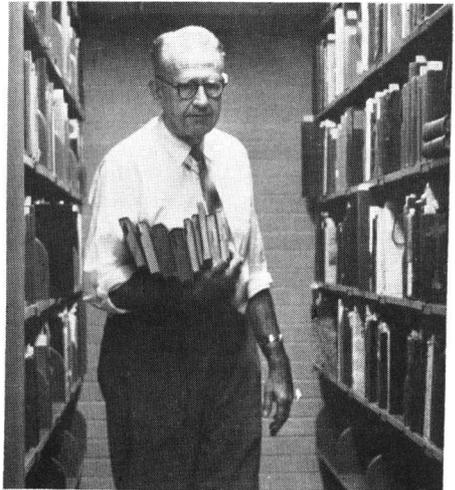
After five years in college—I registered for only ten to twelve hours a semester—and some persuasion from the college president, I spent two summers—one of them a honeymoon summer—at the University of Illinois Library School and returned to the college as the librarian and remained there for twenty-nine years.

My Introduction to Disciple Literature

How did I get mixed up with the Disciples, their history, and their literature? There was a man who was a member of the college board of trustees who wanted me to pull out all books by Disciple authors and put them on separate shelves. With his help

I found books enough to fill three shelves. At this period in my life I had heard about Alexander Campbell and Raccoon John Smith, and I knew some local preachers. This was the extent of my knowledge of the Disciples. Those three shelves of books aroused my interest in Disciple literature and history. About this time a classmate of mine sent me a copy of W. E. Garrison's *Literature of the Disciples of Christ*, a bulletin from the Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago.

That was my real introduction to the fascinating possibilities in collecting Disciple literature. I was born a collector. Soon my board member friend who was in the Missouri Christian Church state work began to send small packages, large cartons, and big boxes of books, and I began unpacking Disciple material seventeen years before the Disciples of Christ Historical Society was organized.



Dr. Spencer working in the stacks.

Those three shelves soon grew to six, and then twelve, and then twenty-four, and then out of the library into a room of their own, and later into a larger room in the girls' dormitory—I was the only male member of the faculty to have a key to the building—and then finally into a room in a new library building.

During these early days encouragement was given by the head of the department of religion and the new president of the college as well as by two outsiders, one who came to recruit students for a seminary and the other who came to do research in our then little known library. It was due to these individuals that I continued, literally, to "burn the midnight oil," learning about the Disciples and working with the books received. Most of my work on the Disciples was done between 11:30 P. M. and 2:30 A. M.

When the historical society was formed, books, periodicals, pamphlets, and other items began to come to the Society in increasing amounts. With the move to Nashville, the acquisitions became more frequent, and, when the Society got into the T. W. Phillips Memorial, another acceleration in receipts took place. So the unpacking of materials continued at even faster pace.

A Story for Every Cataloged Item

During all these years many interesting, rare, and unique materials have been received, and for nearly every cataloged item there is a story well worth telling. Only a few of these stories can be told tonight. The names of donors will not be mentioned as I do not wish to single out any person or persons from the more than 2,500 people who have contributed to the library.

My favorite title of all the books in the library is *The Man Who Sold His Wife*. Our president's favorite is *Baptism in a Nutshell*. Imagine a Disciple writing that!

The unpacking of materials can become hazardous as I well know. I never knew I had an allergy until I unpacked the personal papers of W. R. Warren that had been

stored for several years in a garage in Florida. Of all the allergies for a librarian to have—allergic to book dust and printer's ink.

Collecting tours for materials also can have near disastrous results. Three of us visited a home where chickens walked through the house, and we were invited to stay for lunch! But we did get a letter written by Alexander Campbell to his second wife on the anniversary of his marriage to his first wife. Then there was the case of the moldy applesauce cake and the lady who said a little mold never hurt anyone.

In Strange Places

Sometimes materials are found in strange places. A minister in Missouri got us five volumes of Barton Stone's *Christian Messenger* from under the winter blankets stored on a closet shelf, and a farmer took from under the rafters of his chicken house a diary kept by an uncle preacher.

Often I have despaired of ever acquiring some especially valuable materials, and suddenly without warning they will turn up as did the first two volumes of the *Christian Standard* sent to us by a friend from California. Another coincidence, these volumes belonged to a brother of Thomas W. Phillips for whom this building, in which we are meeting, is a memorial. Another especially prized gift was several volumes of *The Christian Pioneer* which enabled us to complete our set. Who knows, perhaps a copy of Caldwell's *James A. Garfield, Party Chieftain*, a book I have hunted for twenty-five years, will be sent to the Society the day after I leave.

Materials come to us in all kinds of condition. The Jacob Creath papers which we had tried to get more than twenty years ago finally were received after they had floated on the water in a flooded basement.

Another long-wanted item, the *Year Book of the Disciples of Christ* for 1888, came just a few days ago. Until we received this one we had known of only one copy in exist-

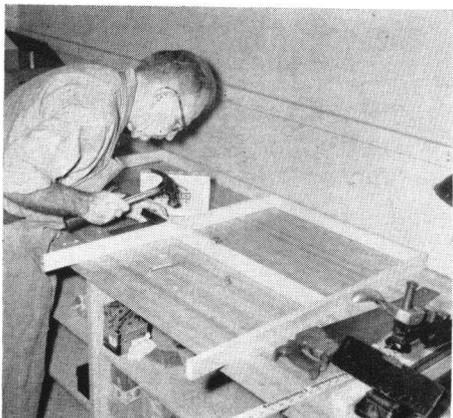
ence and that was in the Philip Fall Memorial Library in the First Christian Church of Frankfort, Kentucky. The eighty-eight page book is in mint condition as it had been preserved in the cornerstone of the old Cotner College building.

Nearly all of the books and periodicals in our library have come to the Society as gifts, but there have been instances where a purchase became necessary. There was the junk man who bought a cracker box full of books at a country auction for a quarter. Included was a copy of M. C. Tiers' *Christian Portrait Gallery* which we needed. After a week's "horse trading," the book was bought for \$2.50, a tremendous profit for the junk man, but also a good buy for us as used bookdealers wanted \$25.00 for the book. There was the Garfield family lithograph which was secured by buying the frame from an antique dealer who gave us the picture!

An Active Retirement

I have loved every minute of my work, and I know that I shall miss the routine of going to the office every day and of my association with the staff and with people who come to our library to do research. However, I plan to keep busy.

Visiting with friends and relatives in central western Illinois and northeastern Missouri will take up most of the first month



"I enjoy cabinet work, painting, and all the little odd jobs around the house."

of my retirement. A trip to Oregon to visit Mrs. Spencer's brother and down the coast to stay awhile with our son and his family in California will be made in August and September. We expect to be back in Nashville in time for the area regional assembly in October.

As most of you know, I enjoy gardening cabinet work, painting, and all the little odd jobs around the house. I can also cook, wash dishes, and iron. Now I'll have time for these.

But I expect to carry to completion several projects I have started in connection with my work but have never been able to finish. The top priority is a "Travel Guide for Disciple Tourists," and next in line is a directory of the more than 500 educational institutions that the Disciples have established.

Credit to Those to Whom Credit Is Due

Before I close I must mention and give credit to those who have made possible the work I have done.

Seth L. Mapes, superintendent of the Kahoka, Missouri public schools, started me in library work and later introduced me to John H. Wood, president of Culver-Stockton College, who gave me my first job away from home and urged me to take library training.

George L. Peters, the man who baptized me and who helped pick out three shelves of Disciple literature, really started me on the road to being a Disciplimaniac.

Henry Barton Robison, the head of the Department of Religion at Culver-Stockton, gave constant encouragement as did George N. Mayhew, who came to recruit students and stayed several extra hours just to talk Disciple history.

J. Edward Moseley, who came as an unknown researcher and left as a warm personal friend, talked Disciple history over the brotherhood and was largely responsible for the 1939 International Convention at Richmond authorizing the creation of a historical commission that resulted in the

organization of the historical society.

Walker Harrison McDonald, my second president at Culver-Stockton, not only gave encouragement to my work, but also made possible my active participation in the formation and development of the Society by giving the new society a place to live.

To Miss Eva Jean Wrather and Forrest F. Reed credit should be given for their enthusiasm and determination in bringing the Society to Nashville.

The Phillips family of western Pennsylvania made possible a "dream come true" by the gift of the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial which advanced the work of the Society many years.

James E. McKinney, the Society executive director was at the right place at the right time to secure the money for the Phillips Memorial.

Willis R. Jones, who through his wise policy of public relations and the "soft touch," has placed the Society on a sound financial basis which will allow an ever-expanding program of service to a great, though divided, brotherhood.

At last, but really first, is my wife Maud Mullin Spencer, who has lived and worked with Disciple literature and history for more than forty years without too much complaint.



James Carpenter photo

To the tune of "The Missouri Waltz" this quartette of distinguished Disciples sang an original text written especially for the occasion by Mrs. Willis R. Jones. From left to right: Woodrow W. Wasson, Wayne H. Bell, Alex Mooty, William G. Foster. Seated in front of the quartette from left to right are, Dr. George N. Mayhew, Edgar J. Moore, and Mrs. Frank F. Drowota.

WHO'S WHO OF CLAUDE E. SPENCER

I. Family

Born on grandfather's farm, north of Granger, Scotland County, Missouri, March 13, 1898. Sunday, not Friday.



Dr. Spencer.

Brookhart, was a Universalist preacher.

Married, June 30, 1923 to Maud Leota Mullin, daughter of Oliver Perry Mullin and Clara Alice Pearson Mullin of Pleasant Hill, Illinois.

One child: John Oliver Spencer, Major in the U. S. Air Force, Norton Air Force Base, San Bernardino, California.

Two grandchildren: John Michael, age 16 and Teresa Ann, age 12.

II. Education

Ballard Rural School, Clark County, Missouri, two terms.

Kahoka, Clark County, Missouri grade and high school, graduated 1917.

Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Lewis County, Missouri, B.A., 1922. Student Army Training Corps, 1918, SATC, "sit around till Christmas."

University of Illinois Library School, Champaign, Illinois, summers of 1922 and 1923.

Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, North Carolina, LL.D., 1956. Not an education, but an experience!

III. Work

At the age of twelve started doing odd jobs—mowing lawns and cemetery lots, cutting and splitting cordwood, and later acting as a substitute mail carrier.

Kahoka High School Library, 1914-1917. This was a new library being organized. At this time he had *never seen* a library. His first job was unpacking books and as a recent secretary remarked is "still unpacking books."

Culver-Stockton College Library, 1917-1922. Chief student assistant, but during the summers worked at mowing the campus, waiting tables, washing windows, and cleaned and painted an untold number of rooms in the dormitories, the gymnasium, and Henderson Hall.

Culver-Stockton College, Librarian, 1922-1951. First full-time librarian the college had. Library grew from two rooms with 5,000 books in 1917 to a modern building with 38,000 volumes in 1951.

Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Canton, Missouri, Curator, 1941-1951. As a volunteer.

Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Nashville, Curator, 1952-1965. As a paid employee.

Vanderbilt Divinity School, Research Assistant in Church History, 1960-1965.

Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Nashville, Curator Emeritus, 1965—



The Society's first home—Culver Hall, Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Mo., 1941-1948.

IV. College Activities as a Student and Faculty Member

Basketball squad, 1917-1919.

Editor: (The first) *The Megaphone*, student newspaper, 1919-1920.

Editor: (The second) *The Milestones*, student yearbook, 1922.

Editor: Catalog issue of *The Culver-Stockton Bulletin*, 1933-1937.

Editor: *In the Library*, college library newsletter, 1940-1951.

Compiler: *Manual for Student Assistants*.

Compiler: *Let's Work Together*, orientation manual for new students.

One of the co-founders of Gamma Upsilon, student publications fraternity, 1925. This had a brief existence as a national with chapters in Missouri, Illinois, and other states. Currently, it is a local at Culver-Stockton College and Illinois Wesleyan University.

One of the co-founders of Hilltop, student scholarship honor society, 1933.

Started the college book store, 1936.

As secretary of the Culver-Stockton Alumni Association, began a pro-

gram of Alumni cultivation that resulted in the setting up of an alumni relations office. Issued one number of *The Culver-Stockton Alumnus*, 1927. 1927-1933.

Secretary of the Honorary Degree Committee, 1928-1938.

Secretary of the Faculty 1942-1949.

Chairman of the Homecoming Committee, 1928-1941.

Member of Lambda Chi Alpha.

V. Civic and Other Activities

Round Table Club of Canton, 1922-1952.

Charter Member of Kiwanis Club of Canton.

Member of the Canton Public Library Board of Trustees, 1929-1952; chairman, 1945-1952.

Founding member and secretary of the Lewis County, Missouri Historical Society, 1940.

At various times and intervening intervals member of these societies:

American Church History Society

American Library Association

Institute of American Genealogy

Missouri Library Association

Society of American Archivists

State Historical Society of Missouri

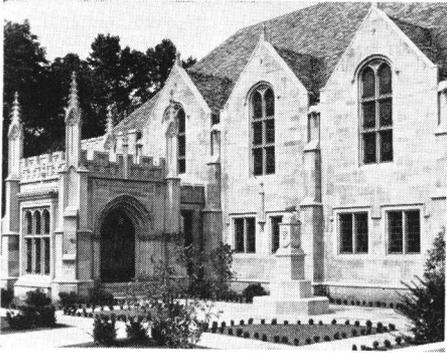
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VI. Religious Activities

Member, Canton Christian Church, 1920-1952.

Member, Vine Street Christian Church, 1952-date; deacon, 1954-56; secretary of the board, 1954-56.

Member of the Joint Sub-committee on History and Theology of the



The Society's home since 1958.

Disciples' Committee on Baptist-Disciples Relations and of the Baptist Commission on Relations with Disciples, 1948.

VII. Editor and Compiler

Editor: DISCIPLIANA, 1941-1965.
Compiler:

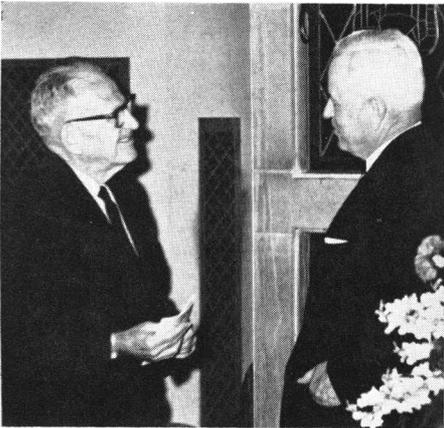
Theses Concerning the Disciples of Christ and Related Religious Groups, 1941; rev. ed., 1964.

Periodicals of the Disciples of Christ and Related Religious Groups, 1943.

An Author Catalog of Disciples of Christ and Related Religious Groups, 1946.

Supervised the making of *The Christian-Evangelist Index*, 1863-1958, 1962. 3 vols.

“INSTANT RECOGNITIONS—IN EIGHT PARTS”



James Carpenter photo

Forrest F. Reed, Chairman of the DCHS Board of Trustees, presents to Dr. Spencer as a retirement gift from the Board round trip plane tickets to California for Dr. and Mrs. Spencer who will visit their son John and his family in Highland, California later this summer.

A high moment in the program in honor of Dr. Spencer was a series of eight presentations listed in the program as “Instant Recognitions—in Eight Parts.” Those participating and the items presented were as follows:

Roscoe M. Pierson, Lexington, Ky., representing librarians, a listing of all bibliographical materials prepared by Dr. Spencer; W. E. Garrison, Houston, Tex., representing scholars, a copy of Dr. Spencer's author catalog bearing autographs and messages; David McWhirter, Indianapolis, Ind., representing indexers, a newly completed index to DISCIPLIANA; Miss Eva Jean Wrather, Nashville, representing the Nashville Planning Committee, book ends; A. N. Allen, Canton, Mo., representing Culver-Stockton College, a plaque bearing the insignia of Culver-Stockton College, and inscribed in Dr. Spencer's honor by his Alma Mater; Forrest F. Reed, representing the DCHS Board of Trustees, round trip plane tickets to California for Dr. and Mrs. Spencer; Mrs. Elizabeth DeWitt, Nashville, representing the DCHS staff, luggage for both Dr. and Mrs. Spencer; Willis R. Jones, Nashville, representing both the Board of Trustees and the Society, a key symbolizing Dr. Spencer's new role as DCHS Curator Emeritus, and announcing the assignment of new and continuing office space for him in the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial.

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Among the twenty-two persons seated at the Speaker's Table and taking part in the program in honor of Claude E. Spencer held in the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial Building in Nashville May 10, were the following from left to right: Mrs. Claude E. Spencer; Dr. Spencer; Ronald E. Osborn, Indianapolis, who presided; Roscoe M. Pierson, Lexington, Ky.; W. E. Garrison, Houston, Tex.; David McWhirter, Indianapolis; and Miss Eva Jean Wrather, Nashville.

Plans have been completed to index the Christian Standard—1866 through 1966—under the sponsorship of the Phillips family of Western Pennsylvania. The project, which is expected to begin the first of October, will be under the direction of Claude E. Spencer. Full details of this significant project, which will require from three to five years to complete, will be carried in the September issue of DISCIPLIANA.

Editorial . . . The Christian Standard Indexing Project

By HOWARD E. SHORT

Editorial Note: Our guest editorial writer is editor of *The Christian*. A founding member of the Society, Dr. Short is a long-time DCHS trustee and a member of the Executive Committee since 1960.

When 1966 arrives upon the scene shortly, it will find the Phillips Family of Butler, Pennsylvania busily engaged in a project which it helped to initiate just one century earlier. We refer to the indexing of the *Christian Standard*, the plans for which were first drawn at the residence of T. W. Phillips, Sr. in New Castle, Pennsylvania late in 1865.

Beginning with the issue of April 7, 1866, carrying the news of the death of Alexander Campbell on its first page, the *Christian Standard* has weathered a century of American religious development while hundreds of similar enterprises have fallen by the wayside.

From the time the Christian Board of Publication and the Disciples of Christ Historical Society completed the joint project of *The Christian-Evangelist Index* (1863-1958), the members, board and staff of the Society have eagerly awaited a similar project for the *Christian Standard*. Now, through the T. W. Phillips, Jr. Charitable Trust Fund and the personal concern of B. D. Phillips, the awaited project promises to be under way in October.

Claude E. Spencer, the recently retired curator of the Society, will supervise the

project, just as he did the earlier one; and space has been allocated in the Society building for the work. He will assemble a staff of indexers to expedite the work. As Mr. Phillips has pointed out, the *Christian Standard* has always been a weekly journal and therefore there is more material to index than in the case of *The Christian-Evangelist*. On the other hand, he has also made the astute observation that experience gained by the staff in indexing *The Christian-Evangelist* should make it possible to complete this similar venture more efficiently and with less loss of time and effort.

Those who have been accustomed to the kind of topical index that magazines furnish at the end of a calendar year may not fully appreciate what a professional index means to the person desiring to make a full study of a subject or the writings of an individual. However, these same "amateurs" often want a single reference to a former minister, a well-liked article or the building of a church. Both the amateur and the scholar find their hands tied without a scholarly index of the primary sources. Who can search 5,200 issues of a journal just to find one obscure fact?

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THE INDEXING OF THE *CHRISTIAN STANDARD* A CHALLENGING PROJECT

By CLAUDE E. SPENCER

Editorial Note: Dr. Spencer became curator emeritus at the Disciples of Christ Historical Society on July 1, 1965. Beginning the first of October, he will be directing *The Christian Standard* Indexing Project.

In assuming supervision of the indexing of the *Christian Standard*, I am well aware of the problems that will have to be faced. Although we know about many, there will be others which have not been foreseen. The indexing of a hundred years' file of any periodical that has more than 100,000 pages is a very challenging project.

What must be the scope of the index? How comprehensive will it be? Obviously, an entry cannot be made for every person, place or event mentioned in the periodical. A test made several years ago indicated that to do this kind of indexing would require one indexer twenty-five years or longer to make such an index. A selective index is the answer. Even then, the estimated time is four or more years for two indexers working eight hours a day.

Certainly, the author and subject of every article will be indexed. Subject entries will be made for the establishment of churches, the dedications of their buildings, the calling of a new minister, their anniversary celebrations and "headline" news about them. The same will be true for organizations, colleges and work on foreign fields. The subject of all editorials will be given and all obituaries and book reviews will be listed. Photographs and illustrations will be indicated.

Author and subject headings will be arranged in alphabetical form with a chronological arrangement of entries under the headings. When possible, complete author fullness will be used, especially in instances where there is a similarity of name. Pettee's *List of Theological Subject Headings* will be used as the basic indexing tool. However, other lists will be consulted and used as needed. Special attention will be given to cross references.

The indexing will be done by a chief indexer and an assistant indexer. In addition, there will be one or two part-time workers to file cards. No typists will be required as the indexer will make a type-written card.

When the indexing is completed, the cards made by the indexer will be photolithographed (by using the shingling method); and the index, containing 300,000 entries or more, with probably 2,000 pages will be published in two or three volumes. When? If the project can get started by October 1 as planned, the printed index should be ready sometime in 1970.

In the meantime, researchers who come to the Society will have increasing use of the index to a periodical which has had a mighty influence upon the Disciples from 1866 to the present day.

Mrs. Louise Adams will return to DCHS on October 1 as chief indexer on *The Christian Standard* Indexing Project. Mrs. Adams first joined the staff in September 1963 as secretary to the president. Prior to her residence in Nashville, she served on the secretarial staff of the Kentucky Association of Christian Churches. Mrs. Adams is a graduate of Northwest Christian College.



Mrs. Adams

Mrs. Adams' husband, Robert L. Adams, is on the faculty of George Peabody College for Teachers.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE *CHRISTIAN STANDARD* ON THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

By JAMES DeFOREST MURCH

Editorial Note: Dr. Murch is a DCHS trustee and for nearly thirty years was an editorial secretary of the Standard Publishing Company. He is the author of *Christians Only: A History of the Restoration Movement*.

The influence of journalism in the Restoration Movement has been and is very great.



Dr. Murch

Dr. W. T. Moore, in his *Comprehensive History of the Disciples of Christ* (Chapter XXVI) expresses the conviction that the Disciples have been governed largely by their newspapers and, in lieu of bishops, their editors have functioned in that capacity. Every school of thought, every cult, every schism, every movement in the Movement is imaged in a journal or an editor.

Because of this, scholars, researchers and interpreters in the field of church history are dependent upon journalistic sources to a degree unmatched by that of any other communion.

For over 50 years (approximately 1870-1910), the *Christian Standard* was the chief compendium of information, thought and action in the Brotherhood. For years, ministers and local church leaders either seriously or facetiously might be heard to say, "I read the Bible and the *Standard*, and if that won't take a man to heaven, I don't know what will." Isaac Errett, its founder, was long a towering figure—prophet, interpreter, counselor, arbiter, strategist and statesman. He did much to deliver our people from the atavism and despotism of reactionary forces and projected a nobler conception of the task of the church and the responsibilities it imposed.

It is impossible to get a balanced view of the Restoration Movement without scholarly access to the pages of the *Christian Standard*; yet, because of inadequate files and indices, this source has been virtually closed. As a result, too much of our current

scholarly thought has been biased and, in some instances, untrustworthy.

Now, thanks to the deep interest and unselfish generosity of Mr. B. D. Phillips, the son of one of the *Standard's* founders, and to the facilities of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, this veritable gold-mine of information will be made available to the concerned of every school of thought among us.

The *Christian Standard* is an incomparable source of news about persons, places and events that made history. For at least a generation, it was known as "the newspaper of the Brotherhood." Even though people might have disagreed with its editorial positions and policies, they subscribed to the *Standard* to "get the news."

Here, scholars and researchers can find recorded those significant currents of thought and action which (1) saved us from the legalism and reactionism rampant in the 1870's and 80's; (2) inspired effective Brotherhood cooperation and action; (3) created a definitive theological apologetic for "our plea" which could be understood and appreciated by the Christian world; (4) promoted a new organized life expressed in Sunday schools, youth groups, women's societies, missionary agencies, schools and colleges, assemblies and conventions; and (5) cultivated and radiated the spirit of Christian unity that was implicit in "The Declaration and Address."

After the passing of a century and during a period of vast scientific, social and theological change in American Protestantism, the *Christian Standard* became the ardent defender and advocate of (1) "the faith once for all delivered to the saints," (2) the Restoration principle in the promotion of Christian unity, and (3) the free-church and free-agency polity which has so

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THE ORIGIN OF THE *CHRISTIAN STANDARD*

By MARVIN D. WILLIAMS, JR.

Editorial Note: Mr. Williams is head of technical services of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society.

The appearance on April 7, 1866 of the first issue of *The Christian Standard* marked the beginning of a new era of weekly journalism among the Disciples of Christ. Indeed, the existence of the Disciples today as a forward-looking, progressive brotherhood rather than a backward-looking, legalistic sect can chiefly be credited to the *Standard* and its founding editor Isaac Errett.



Mr. Williams

A Felt Need

At the close of the Civil War in 1865, Disciples all over the country were calling for a new journal which would more nearly meet the needs of the movement as a whole. To be sure, *The Millennial Harbinger* was still being published but had become a declining influence. *The American Christian Review* and *Gospel Advocate* were both weeklies but in the judgment of some contemporary observers were not entirely satisfactory.

They were regarded as being narrow in their views on Scriptural truth, essentially sectarian in spirit, and, in many respects, hurtful rather than helpful to the great cause which they assumed to represent. . . The great truth for whose defense the Disciples are set, demanded a wiser, sweeter, better advocacy—an advocacy that should exhibit the apostolic *spirit* as well as the apostolic *letter*.¹

What was needed was “a weekly religious paper of broader range, more generous spirit, and a higher order of literary skill and taste, than any that had yet appeared under their patronage.”²

When brotherhood leaders met, the conversation often turned to the need of another weekly paper which would more fully represent the position of the Disciples. In May 1865, at the annual meeting of the Ohio Christian Missionary Society in Ashland, lively interest was expressed in a new paper. A meeting was called and, after full discussion, a committee was appointed “to take the matter in charge and bring it to a practical test as soon as possible.”³ Among the most enthusiastic supporters of the enterprise was James A. Garfield. General Garfield brought the subject up in conversations with Thomas W. Phillips.

The Phillips brothers of western Pennsylvania had “struck oil.” Not only were they wealthy men, they were also consecrated Christians and devoted Disciples. “They earnestly desired to use their great wealth for the advancement of the cause of Christ.”⁴ One of their interests was the fostering of good religious literature, especially periodicals.

Laying the Foundations

Fourteen men assembled in the Thomas W. Phillips mansion, near New Castle, Pennsylvania on December 22, 1865 to discuss founding a religious journal which would “truly and honestly state the Scriptural views held by our people, and in a kind way, with good literary taste, be so conducted that it should be welcome in the homes of all.”⁵ Those present were E. J. Agnew, Isaac Errett, W. J. Ford, James A. Garfield, Carlos H. Gould, O. Higgins, J. B. Milner, W. K. Pendleton, Charles M. Phillips, John T. Phillips, Thomas W. Phillips, J. K. Pickett, J. P. Robison and John F. Rowe. Dr. Robison was elected chairman of the meeting and Mr. Ford, secretary.

Thomas W. Phillips then offered the following:

¹ J. S. Lamar, *Memoirs of Isaac Errett* (Cincinnati, The Standard Publishing Co., 1893), p. 300-301.
² “A Chapter of History,” *The Christian Standard*, XXI (April 3, 1886), 108.

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ Lamar, *op. cit.*, p. 298.

⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 302.

Resolved, First, that the present aspect of affairs, in connection with the religious interests of the "current Reformation," requires the aid of a new religious weekly newspaper.

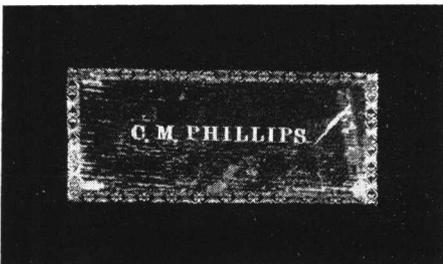
Resolved, Second, that in order the more surely and successfully to effect the establishment and support of such a weekly, a joint stock company should be formed to raise the means necessary, and to direct the conduct of the same.⁶

The resolutions were discussed and approved unanimously. Various cities were suggested as possible locations for the publication: Cincinnati, Cleveland and New York. After extended discussion, the matter came up for a vote and Cleveland was selected. W. J. Ford and John F. Rowe were asked to secure the cooperation of P. B. Roberts, W. S. Streater and G. W. N. Yost. General Garfield, J. P. Robison and W. S. Streater were appointed to a committee to get a charter and necessary papers for organizing the company.

The day after Christmas the group reassembled at the home of J. P. Robison in Cleveland. The company was capitalized at one hundred thousand dollars—ten thousand shares at ten dollars apiece.⁷ The name of

⁶ *Ibid.*

⁷ According to Isaac Errett, the capital was set at \$20,000. Cf. "A Chapter of History," *op. cit.*, p. 108. Lamar says \$100,000. Cf. Lamar, *op. cit.*, p. 303.



In the Society archives is Vol. 2 of *The Christian Standard* for the calendar year 1867 from the library of the late C. M. Phillips, one of the three Phillips brothers who attended the original meeting of the founders held December 22, 1865 in the home of T. W. Phillips, Sr. in New Castle, Pennsylvania.

the company was to be The Christian Publishing Association. Garfield and J. H. Rhodes were appointed to a committee on stock subscriptions and W. J. Ford was named solicitor. The annual subscription to the paper was set at two dollars and a half and publication was to begin the first week in April 1866. On the motion of J. H. Jones, Isaac Errett was unanimously named editor.

The charter was issued January 2, 1866. The first directors were: W. J. Ford, James A. Garfield, Charles M. Phillips, Thomas W. Phillips, J. P. Robison, W. S. Streater and G. W. N. Yost.

The first meeting of the directors was held February 14, 1866. Dr. Streater was elected president; W. J. Ford, secretary and Dr. Robison, treasurer, these constituting an executive committee. Isaac Errett, as editor-in-chief, was to have charge of the management of the business and select associates and agents, subject to the approval of the executive committee. The paper was named *The Christian Standard*, a suggestion of the editor.

Making Final Preparations

To assure the *Standard* a wide reading the first year, *The Christian Record*, a weekly edited by Elijah Goodwin in Indianapolis, was bought out. *The Record's* two-thousand name subscription list would distribute the new paper widely and make it better known. The mailing list also provided a good basis on which the *Standard* could build its own reading audience.

Early in February, *The Record* published its valedictory and warmly commended the forthcoming paper and its able editor. In one year, Mr. Goodwin revived *The Record*.

Meanwhile, in Cleveland, preparations were being made for publishing the first issue of *The Christian Standard*. Editorial offices were rented. The offices, back rooms at Number 99, Bank Street, were plainly furnished with a few chairs, a table for the editor and a desk for his secretary. The walls were washed down and whitewashed and the floors covered

with druggert. This was quite a contrast to *The American Christian Review's* visions of elegant quarters, carpeted floors, luxurious chairs, where the editor reclined in his cushioned armchair and smoked his fragrant Havanas.

Printing of the *Standard* was to be done by Benedict and Fairbanks, publishers of the *Herald* in Cleveland.

Prospectus.

THE CHRISTIAN STANDARD

Is published weekly in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, by the
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ISAAC ERRETT, Editor.

The STANDARD proposes:

1. A bold and vigorous advocacy of Christianity, as revealed in the New Testament, without respect to party, creed, or any established theological system.
 2. A plea for the union of all who acknowledge the supreme authority of the LORD JESUS, on the apostolic basis of "one Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism."
 3. Particular regard to Practical Religion, in all the broad interests of Piety and Humanity. Missionary and Educational enterprises, and every worthy form of active benevolence, will receive attention. While the STANDARD is designed to be pre-eminently a religious paper, it will freely discuss the moral and religious aspects of the leading questions of the day, in literature, education, moral and political science, commerce,—in short, all that bears seriously on duty and destiny.
 4. A Christian Literature—involving a review of books, and such discussions of Literature, Science and Art, as may serve to excite inquiry, and promote the intelligence and taste of its readers.
 5. A faithful record of important religious movements, in the old world and the new. While it is intended to make the STANDARD an organ of the interests and movements of the brotherhood of Disciples, it will not fail to present such a view of the teachings and proceedings of all denominations, and benevolent societies, as will keep its readers posted in all the important affairs of the religious world.
 6. Such a summary of political, commercial, and general intelligence, as is suitable for a family paper.
- Scriptural in aim, catholic in spirit, bold and uncompromising, but courteous in tone, the STANDARD will seek to rally the hosts of Spiritual Israel around the Bible, for the defense of truly Christian interests, against the assumptions of Popery, the mischiefs of Sectarianism, the sophistries of Infidelity, and the pride and corruptions of the world.

The First Issue

As copy was being readied for the April 7, 1866 issue of *The Christian Standard*, news of the death of Alexander Campbell arrived and, of course, became the lead story. Isaac Errett devoted the first page of the first issue of the *Standard* to a long obituary of the Sage of Bethany.

The newspaper consisted of eight, six-column pages. The heading of the paper included the name *The Christian Standard* and an engraving of a pair of scales which represented the Bible as far outweighing creeds, councils and Fathers. The motto was "Set up a Standard; Publish, and conceal not."

In his Salutatory, the editor discussed his aims in undertaking his new position.

In regard to the general style, tone, and spirit of the paper, we can only say that we have an ideal which we shall strive to realize. We shall seek to be gentle and courteous, but we are determined to be independent. Deference to the counsels of age and experience; respectful attention to the suggestions of friend and foe; suitable regard to honest convictions and prejudices—these we can promise: but, after all, our own best convictions must control us.⁸

Mr. Errett also deals with the reasons for choosing the name *Christian Standard*.

We propose, therefore, to lift up the *Christian Standard*, as a rallying point for the scattered hosts of spiritual Israel: to know only "Jesus Christ and him crucified": His cross, His word, His church, His ordinances, His laws, and the interests of His Kingdom. We are well aware that, to many, it will seem like arrogant assumption to claim that we stand simply on a Christian basis. . . . There need be no arrogance in pleading for a return, in letter and spirit, to the faith and practice of Apostolic times; but there certainly is danger of arrogance in refusing to

⁸ "Salutatory," *The Christian Standard*, I (April 7, 1866), p. 4.

return to the "old paths"—in clinging to human standards in preference to the divine.⁹

Distinctive features of the *Standard* included the following. It was to be an attractive family paper. Denominational news recorded important developments in other communions for, of course, the Disciples were not a denomination. Charles Louis Loos prepared a regular column on foreign religious news and B. A. Hinsdale presided over the "Book Table." The editor conducted a question and answer type "Confidential Drawer" feature. Other departments were poetry, correspondence, literary, Bible class, family, missionary, editorial items, news from the churches, educational, domestic and political items.

Days of trial lay ahead for *The Christian Standard* and its editor Isaac Errett. Indeed, within two years, Errett would be battling alone for the life of his paper.

The important thing in April 1866 was that *The Christian Standard* had been born and the voice of the *Standard* would be heard throughout the land for many a year.

⁹ "Our Name," *The Christian Standard*, I (April 7, 1866), p. 4.

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The Speaker and the Schedule

Dr. Wm. Barnett Blakemore, Dean of the Disciples Divinity House, University of Chicago, will inaugurate the Reed Lectures. His general subject will be:

The Discovery of the Church

(A History of Disciple Ecclesiology)

The schedule of lectures is as follows:

- (1) Monday evening, November 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Wightman Chapel, Scarritt College, Nashville:

THROUGH DIALOGUE WITH THE REFORMERS

- (2) Tuesday morning, November 9, at 11:00 a.m. in the lecture hall, Thomas W. Phillips Memorial:

THROUGH DIALOGUE WITH THE WORLD

- (3) Tuesday evening, November 9, at 8:00 p.m. in Wightman Chapel, Scarritt College:

THROUGH DIALOGUE WITH ROME

Following the lecture Monday evening, November 8, a reception for Dr. and Mrs. Blakemore and Mr. and Mrs. Reed will be held in the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial.

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL

by ISAAC ERRETT

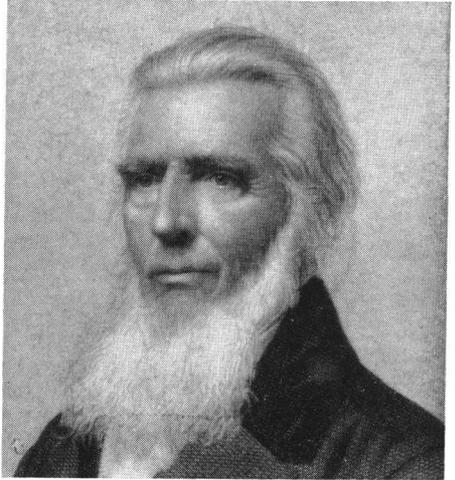
Editorial Note: By sad circumstance the death of Alexander Campbell and the birth of *The Christian Standard* almost coincided. Appearing on page one of volume one of the new publication was the obituary of Alexander Campbell written by the editor Isaac Errett. We reprint in part from that obituary.

Before our first number reaches its readers, they will have learned that the beloved ALEXANDER CAMPBELL has been gathered to his fathers. He fell asleep in Jesus, on the fourth of March, near to midnight, at his home in Bethany, West Virginia.

It was an event not unexpected. Coming in "a good old age," when his work was done, and his tired faculties craved rest from the incessant anxiety and toil of half a century; coming slowly, attended with but little suffering, allowing his last years to be spent pleasantly in the scenes he loved best, and his last hours to be cheered and soothed by the fondest ministrations of conjugal and filial affection: Death has appeared in a milder form, and granted a gentler descent to the tomb, than is often permitted.

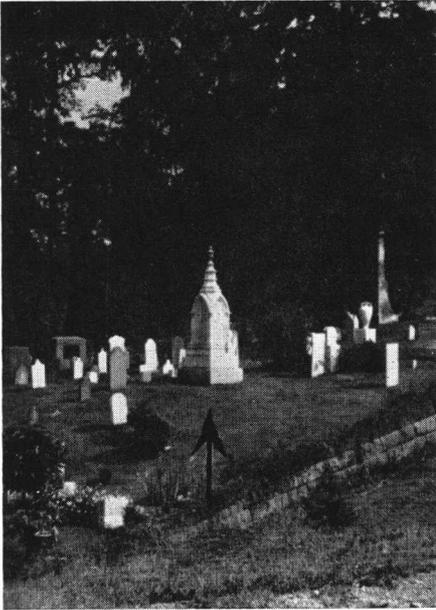
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL was born about the year of 1788, in the county of Antrim, Ireland. But though born in Ireland, his ancestors were on one side, of Scotch origin, and on the other, descended from the Hugenots of France. Inheriting a vigorous and well-balanced physical and mental constitution, and trained from his earliest years, by his learned and accomplished father to habits of severe application, he grew up to manhood a constant and laborious student—completing his course of education in the University of Glasgow. Blessed with an exceedingly intellectual and pious parentage, and reared in one of the strictest schools of Presbyterianism, he early formed and cultivated habits of piety, and a taste for theological studies, which gave shape to his entire life. A profound reverence for the Word of God, was a marked feature of the character alike of the boy and of the man.

Coming to this country in 1809, and settling in Western Pennsylvania—whither his father had preceded him—he closely scanned the condition of religious society.



This familiar portrait of Alexander Campbell graces many editions of his *Popular Lectures and Addresses*. The engraving was made by J. C. Buttre, New York, from a photograph by I. N. Hill, St. Louis.

Both father and son became deeply impressed with a conviction of the evils and inherent sinfulness of sectarianism. Their first movement, as Reformers, was the repudiation of human creeds as tests of fellowship, and a proposal to unite all the disciples of Jesus in one church, with the Bible as the only authoritative standard of faith and practice. Pursuing the study of the Scriptures, as free as possible from party bias, they, and those in association with them, were soon convinced that infant membership in the church, and sprinkling, were unauthorized of God. They were accordingly immersed, on a confession of faith in the Son of God, and united with the Regular Baptists—stipulating, however, that they should not be required to subscribe to any creed or articles of faith, other than the Bible. The prejudice and passion of some excitable and intolerant men who then held a leading influence in the Redstone Association, rendered it pru-



The Campbell Burial Ground at Bethany. When the first death occurred in Alexander Campbell's family, a final resting place was set aside for family and Bethany leaders. The stone wall, seen in the foreground, was provided for in Alexander Campbell's will. The Campbell monument is indicated by the arrow.

dent for MR. CAMPBELL to withdraw, after a few years, from that connection. Against his own wishes, he was compelled, by the force of ecclesiastical opposition, to act separately from the Baptists, seeking fellowship only with those who were willing to be governed by the Bible alone. Thus cut loose from his former connections, and with fierce oppositions stirred up against him, he gave himself supremely to the advocacy and defense of his plea for a return to primitive Christianity. For half a century he gave his strength to this work, making tributary to it all his treasures of learning and eloquence. For forty years—from 1823 to 1863—he never failed to publish, monthly, a religious magazine, laden with varied information, rich thought, keen argument, and pious sentiment. This was published, the first seven years, under the name of *The Christian Baptist*. In 1830, it appeared in enlarged form under the title of *The Millennial Harbinger*. These

publications, although enriched with contributions from many gifted pens, were principally occupied with editorial essays; and on this mainly depended their popularity and power. The earlier years of his editorial career were distinguished by lively and earnest controversy—the arguments and criticisms of his opponents being given in full on his pages, and the replies exhibiting a completeness of information on the topics discussed, ripeness of judgment, strength of argument, keenness of retort, and withering exposures of sophistry, that render them admirable models of polemical theology. Seldom is such playfulness of wit and keenness of satire joined with such gentlemanly dignity and logical power. We have always regarded the correspondence with Bishop Semple as one of the finest specimens of the epistolary style of discussion, any where to be found.

Afterwards, when the heat of controversy had somewhat abated, there is traceable, in his journalism, a gentleness and mellowness which, while admitting of no compromise with error, dealt more forbearingly with opposition, and delighted more in the sweetness of piety, and in the practical aspects of Bible doctrine. Seldom, however, even in the hottest of the strife, were sentences written unworthy of the dignity and benevolence of the religion of Jesus. We doubt, in going over these forty volumes, and noting the wide range of subjects—doctrinal, critical, ethical, historical, and literary—whether the same amount and variety of writing can be found in any controversial author with less which, when dying, he would wish to erase.

He was intensely Protestant, steadily cherishing through his life the cardinal principles of what is called evangelical faith and piety—the divinity of Christ, his sacrificial death, as a sin-offering, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of believers. A Trinitarian in sentiment, he repudiated the unscriptural technicalities of Trinitarian theology, as involving a mischievous strife of words. A devout believer in the atoning sacrifice of the Lamb of God, he would not teach, as Gospel, any

theory of atonement. A stout advocate of spiritual influence and special providence, he was the enemy of all theories of abstract spiritual power, as tending to ignore the word of God, and leading to a deceptive trust in psychological peculiarities as the voice of the Spirit of God. Sternly opposed to baptismal regeneration, he still insisted on the baptism of the believing penitent "for the remission of sins." Educated in Calvinism, and always inclining to that school, he was so fearful of the tendency of all speculative theology, that it is difficult to trace his own proclivities on these questions anywhere in his voluminous writings. Deeply sympathizing with evangelical Protestantism in its grand ideas and principles, he nevertheless looked on its present divided and distracted state as evidence that Protestants are only partially rescued from the great apostasy; regarded the enforcement of speculative doctrines and creed authority as the taproot of sectarianism; and insisted, through half a century, on the abandonment of party names, leaders, and symbols, to prepare the way for the union of all believers in one body; arguing that thus only have we a right to expect the conversion of the world. He suffered much unjust reproach for a plea which, just as he was passing away, he saw rising into exceeding interest among all evangelical parties.

As an educator, he is entitled to the honor of successfully instituting a college course, with the Bible as a text-book, and as the basis of the entire curriculum of study. He gave the ripest years of his life to the erection and endowment of Bethany College, from which hundreds of young men have gone forth, bearing the impress of his spirit, and the moulding influence of his noble Christian life.

Once only did he venture on the stormy sea of politics. In 1829, at the earnest solicitation of the people of West Virginia, and with a special pledge from his friends that he should not be required to take the stump, he consented to be a candidate for a seat in the Virginia Constitutional Convention. He was elected. He bore a prominent part in the proceedings of that

Convention, acting on the Judiciary committee with Chief Justice Marshall, on intimate terms with ex-President Madison and coming into conflict with John Randolph and other leading minds of Eastern Virginia, in his advocacy of the interests of the western portion of the State. In all this, he never for a moment forfeited the dignity of his character as a Christian minister.

His reputation was without spot. His bitterest enemies failed to find a flaw in his character for truth, integrity and goodness. But to those who knew him well, he was most cheerful, gentle, genial, just, and devout; and as dearly beloved for his goodness as he was venerated for his greatness. It will ever be remembered to his honor that with an almost unbounded personal influence over a religious community numbering hundreds of thousands, he never sought the least ecclesiastical control. Although the telegram from Wheeling announcing his death spoke of him as "Bishop Campbell," it will surprise many to learn that he was merely one of the bishops of the congregation meeting in Bethany, and that outside of this, he never sought and never exercised, the least ecclesiastical authority.

He was a profound admirer of American institutions. His heart ever beat with the impulses of Freedom. The communities of Disciples grew to be large, both North and South of Mason and Dixon's line; and an earnest desire to preserve their unity unbroken, led him sometimes to lean over towards slavery in apology and defense, many of us thought, too far. Yet he was always, in sympathy and practice, an anti-slavery man. The best proof of this is found in the emancipation of all the slaves who, by marriage, came into his possession. His tract to the people of Kentucky, urging them to adopt a system of gradual emancipation, was an earnest and powerful appeal. Although it fell on ears that were dull of hearing, the people of that State, who rejected his counsels, will learn in the end how true he was to their best interests, as well as to the noblest instincts of his own nature.

For many years he was possessed of the conviction that the year 1866 would exhaust many prophetic dates, and witness great changes in ecclesiastical and spiritual affairs.—It is not unpleasant to think that this has become to him the year of years, and to his ransomed spirit will unseal many of the mysteries of apocalyptic vision which, here, even his piercing intellect failed to penetrate.

He passed away on the Lord's Day—the day in which he so much delighted—to the peace and bliss of an eternal Sabbath. We have not yet learned the particulars of his last hours, only that it was a kindly triumph. In his later years, the personal dignity and official relations of the Son of God was his constant theme of discourse. Who can imagine the reverence and rapture that shall fill his spirit when beholding the glory of Immanuel, whom, unseen, he loved so well, and at whose feet he laid, adoringly, the gifts of his nature, and the toils of his life!

He is gone. We pause, and drop a tear of affection to his memory.—We knew and revered him from our boyhood up. In the

earlier years of our ministry, we owed much to his counsel and encouragement. In riper years it was a joy to co-operate with him in his labors in the kingdom of Christ. Sunny are all the memories of our intercourse.—We hope to greet him in a brighter world, and renew, on the heights of Zion, the recollections of many a happy scene in the path of our pilgrimage. He is gone; but the truth lives; and the God of truth lives and reigns. The principles for which ALEXANDER CAMPBELL so nobly and steadfastly contended, will assert their living power more successfully, now that he is gone, than during the period of his personal advocacy. He has left no human leadership. His brethren will never wear his name. Nor will any other succeed to the same influence and power which he wielded. Those who have expected to see the cause he plead die with him, will now learn how little trust in a human arm has belonged to it, and how firm is its grasp of the truth of the living God. Yet his name will be bright in history, after many of the leading men of his times shall have been forgotten; bright, too, we trust, among the immortals in the paradise of God.

I. E.



James Carpenter photo
Three Ph.D. candidates take a moment from their research to confer during their stay at the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial last July. From left to right: Ronald Bever, Edmond, Oklahoma, member of the Church of Christ; Brooks Major, pastor of the Millbrooke Christian Church, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and Richard Phillips, member of the faculty of Lincoln Christian College, Lincoln, Illinois.

SOCIETY REELECTS FORREST F. REED CHAIRMAN



Forrest F. Reed has been re-elected for a fourth term as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society by vote of the Society's membership. He entered his new term of office on July 1. Forty-six per cent of the Society's members participated in the voting by mailed ballot which was concluded on June 30. It was the sixth year in which the Society's election was handled by way of a mailed ballot.

Mr. Reed was chairman of the Nashville Planning Committee that brought the Society to Nashville in 1952. He is a charter member of Woodmont Christian Church, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Unified Promotion. Mr. Reed has just recently retired as president of the Tennessee Book Company. He is holder of DCHS Life Patron Membership number one.

All of the 1964-65 officers of the Society were eligible for re-election and were returned to their posts by the voters. Hugh M. Riley, pastor of the Douglass Boulevard Christian Church of Louisville, Kentucky, is vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees for 1965-66. Roscoe M. Pierson, librarian of Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, Kentucky, will serve again as secretary. William F. Greenwood, executive vice-president of the First American National Bank of Nashville, is treasurer.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees is composed of the four officers of the Board plus three additional members. Those who have been elected in addition to the officers are: Harry M. Davis, pastor of First Christian Church, Hopkinsville, Kentucky; J. Edward Moseley, free-lance writer, Indianapolis; and Howard E. Short, editor of *The Christian*, St. Louis.

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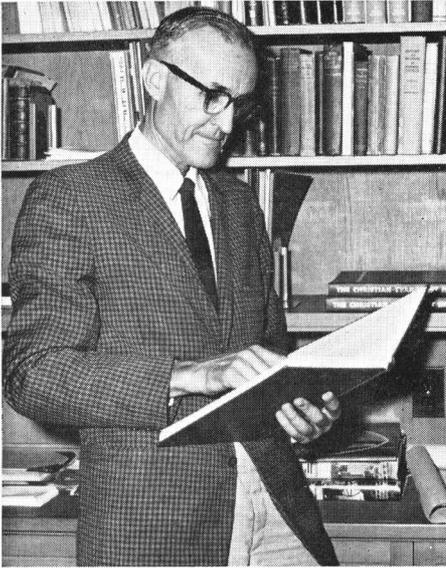
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Harold C. Kimes is serving the Society as interim curator between the time of Dr. Spencer's retirement and the selection of Dr. Spencer's successor. Mr. Kime, along with his wife, served the Society last year in a special role as a volunteer, working especially in the field of local church materials. A graduate of Culver-Stockton College and Stanford University, he spent his entire teaching career in the Pasadena, California schools and for the last eleven years of his career, was librarian of the Washington Junior High School. Mr. Kime retired in 1963 and spent the following year as a staff member of a Pasadena public library. Active for thirty-five years as a member of the First Christian Church of Pasadena, he served as librarian, teacher, elder and chairman of the board. An experienced photographer, Mr. Kime is adding to the Society's collection of color slides and its building and activity photographs.

Editorial . . .

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To cite a single illustration of an experience that is constantly recurring, we had a letter recently asking for a copy of "everything in the C-E on war and peace." It took about two minutes to count the 180 references in the *C-E Index*, and two or three more to write the inquirer to tell him that he had a week's work in the Disciples

Visiting Consultant



James Carpenter photo

Roscoe M. Pierson, librarian of Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, Kentucky, and secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, spent the month of July in the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial as special library consultant. Mr. Pierson's assignment with the Society fulfilled the transitional role between the retirement of Dr. Spencer and the coming of Harold C. Kime as interim curator. Among Mr. Pierson's many DCHS assignments in the past, has been chairmanship of the Society's special Library Committee.

of Christ Historical Society, if he really wanted to know what had been published on the subject.

Once again, the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, as the agency of the brotherhood charged with the responsibility of preserving and making available the historical sources of our common life, is the recipient of the generous and concerned response of the Phillips Family. In the building erected to the memory of the father, the descendants have underwritten the indexing of the *Christian Standard*, a journal first designed by Isaac Errett, Wallace Ford, James A. Garfield, C. M. Phillips, T. W. Phillips, Sr. and others at New Castle a century ago.

The Influence of The Christian Standard

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long characterized the organizational life of the Brotherhood. It has vigorously opposed the rise of theological liberalism and all tendencies toward the centralization of ecclesiastical authority. It aggressively promotes "independent" action in a wide range of Christian services.

The *Christian Standard*, in common with many other journals which have passed the century mark in age, has had a wide variety of editors and editorial policies. Today, competitive journals have arisen to challenge its old-time supremacy. Centripetal and centrifugal forces are at work in our Brotherhood life. The indexing of the *Standard* will release to scholars, researchers and students sources of information which will enable them to better evaluate these forces and better understand the issues at stake. We devoutly hope that, with irenic motivation, scholarly investigation may contribute to the realization of a greater unity in and a deeper understanding of the high ideals that have made the Restoration Move-

ment such a vital force in the life of Christendom.

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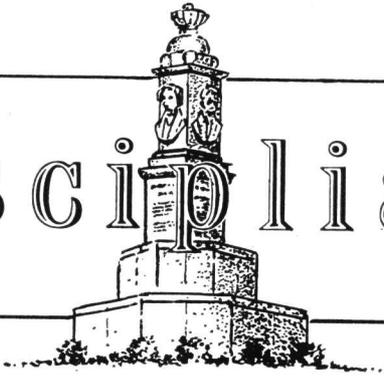


Harold Kime photo

Visitors from Australia and New Zealand en route to the World Convention in San Juan came to the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial on August 1 to see the distinguished Campbell materials which were placed in the Disciples of Christ Historical Society archives through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Lawton of Adelaide, Australia. (See DISCIPLIANA, November 1964.) In the picture, Miss Eva Jean Wrather, second from the right, DCHS Trustee and Campbell Scholar, interprets for the group the Campbell items now in the museum.

Within the group are Mr. and Mrs. Lawton. Mrs. Lawton is the third lady on the left in the picture. Mr. Lawton who is at her side is only partially in view in the picture. During sessions of the World Convention in San Juan, Mr. and Mrs. Lawton presented additional Campbell materials to the Society in a public ceremony. Dr. Hugh M. Riley, vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees, received the materials. A detailed treatment of the items received both this year and a year ago and a full interpretation of their significance to Disciple scholarship will appear in the next issue of DISCIPLIANA.

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C. A. Weesner photo

A high moment in the 1965 program of the World Convention of Churches of Christ in Puerto Rico was the official presentation of the Australian Campbell materials to DCHS on August 11. From left to right are Dr. Hugh M. Riley of Louisville, Kentucky, vice-chairman of DCHS who received the materials, and Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Lawton of Adelaide, South Australia, who made the presentation.

Editorial . . . "Like a Diamond in an Elegant Setting"

By CARROLL B. ELLIS

Editorial Note: Our guest editorial writer is Chairman of the Department of Speech at David Lipscomb College, Nashville. Dr. Ellis has not only done research in the Society himself, but has guided many of his students as they also have studied in the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial.

There is a special thrill in finding a book which has the simple book plate *ex libris* A. Campbell. Any of the volumes in Campbell's library would be interesting to a student of the Restoration Movement, but the discovery of Campbell notebooks from Australia is of inestimable value. Who would have dreamed the diary which Alexander Campbell kept in 1809, some of his sermon outline books and other personal records would have been found after all these years?

They contain vital material. Even a hasty glance reveals much. Alexander Campbell's age, for example, is recorded by himself. Like many modern preachers, he delivered the same sermon before different audiences. Apparently the sermon outlines in the first of the book were more detailed and complete than those toward the end. Even the note written by his wife, Selina, in 1870 on "How To Tell If One Is Dead," is not without interest. Without question scholarly research in these data will give us more light on many aspects of Campbell.

Somehow, it seems like poetic justice—or at least right—that this major find of

Campbell historical material should come to the Disciples of Christ Historical Society just before Dr. Claude Spencer retired. Here is proof of what dedication, vision and persistence can do!

When the Disciples of Christ Historical Society was founded in 1941, no one knew how much primary research material was available. A walk through the stacks of the Historical Society today will reveal how much has already been collected. Now the six volumes and accompanying items safely housed within the fireproof, humidity controlled, beautiful building seem like a diamond in an elegant setting.

If the setting had not been prepared, the jewel probably would not have been discovered, but only wasted its brilliance in an Australian attic. This material leads us to believe there are "acres of diamonds" all about us just ready to be discovered and put in the proper setting.

Weeds grow by themselves, flowers by cultivation. The existence of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, with its willingness and cheerfulness in serving, is the

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THE RETURN OF THE CAMPBELL MATERIALS TO AMERICA

By I. J. CHIVELL

Editorial Note: Mr. Chivell is Secretary of the Churches of Christ Evangelistic Union in South Australia. Because of his active part in bringing to light the Australian Campbell materials, the editors felt he would be the natural person to tell the story.



Mr. Chivell

mother's possession.

The family which migrated from Bethany, West Virginia to Australia consisted of Julian, his wife Mary and their three children Julian, Audine and John. They settled in the hills near Adelaide in South

Australia in a home bearing the name of "Kootara." After two years they moved to another property, a few miles away, consisting of six and a half acres in the township of Aldgate. It was here that these documents remained, kept in an old trunk with other family keepsakes,



Mrs. Andrews

until about 1960. They survived a bush fire which completely destroyed the property and the area surrounding the house. Three times the house commenced to burn, but the fire was put out before it was enveloped.

In about 1960, owing to the deterioration of the old house, Audine, now Mrs. Andrews, brought the material to her home in one of the eastern suburbs of Adelaide

where they were deposited in a shed. In 1964, when Mrs. Andrews was having a cleanup in the shed, she was faced with the problem of what she could do with these family documents. She rang her



Miss Magarey

cousin Miss Constance Magarey, who lives nearby, seeking her advice. They decided that perhaps Mrs. E. V. Lawton (nee Miss Kathaleen Magarey) a Magarey descendant associated with the Australian Churches of Christ, might be interested in them. Miss Magarey fol-

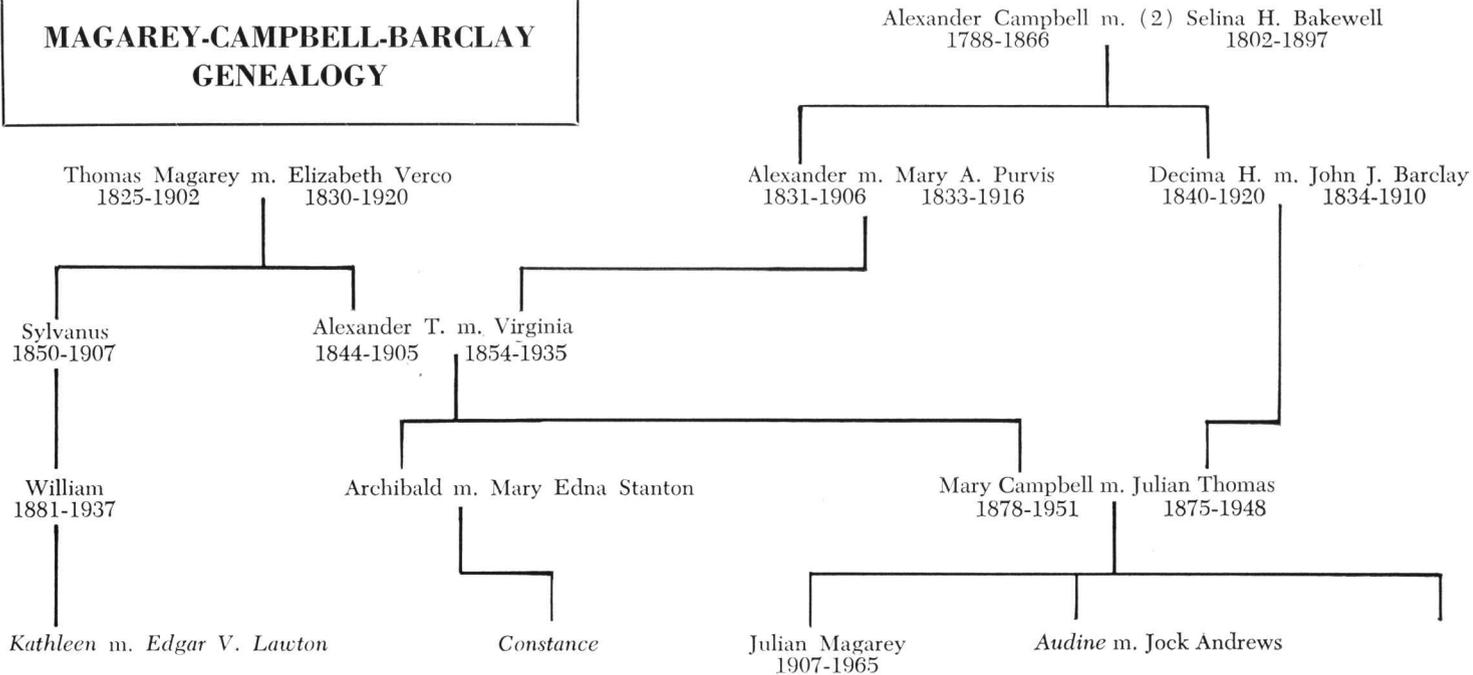
lowed up a phone call to Mrs. Lawton by delivering these documents in a soap powder box on Friday night June 19, 1964. Almost immediately the Lawtons realized they were handling important historical documents and contacted Messrs. H. R. Taylor, E. P. C. Hollard, D. G. Whyatt and I. J. Chivell.

The finding of these documents and their contents was reported to the State Executive Committee which in collaboration with the Lawtons, decided to have them microfilmed and then sent to our Historical Society in Nashville for preservation. When it was known that the Lawtons would attend the World Convention in Puerto Rico, a place was made on the program for the presentation of these materials to the Society.

Other material has been shown to us by Mrs. Andrews and her sister-in-law Mrs. J. Barclay, and these have also been microfilmed.

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**MAGAREY-CAMPBELL-BARCLAY
GENEALOGY**



This genealogy of the Magarey-Campbell-Barclay connection has been prepared by Miss Eva Jean Wrather. The names in italics are the chief actors of the family in the drama of the recent discovery of the Alexander Campbell materials and their presentation to the Disciples of Christ Historical Society.

THE LONG VOYAGE HOME—PRIMARY CAMPBELL MATERIALS RECEIVED FROM AUSTRALIA

New Light Shed on Campbell's Early Thought

By CLAUDE E. SPENCER

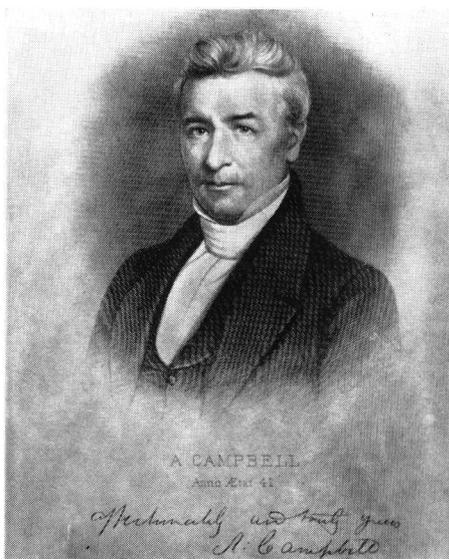
People in America today are conscious of great research libraries built around the personal papers of well-known men. Everyone has heard of the Harry S Truman Library at Independence, Missouri. Other specialized libraries contain the papers of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Herbert C. Hoover and Dwight D. Eisenhower. A great library to house the records of John F. Kennedy is in the making at Harvard University.

Not only is provision made for saving the memorabilia of political leaders during their lifetimes, but such items are solicited and sought for from men of achievement in all fields of endeavor: science, literature, religion, etc. University libraries are especially eager to increase their holdings of this kind of material.

Although the American public is now largely aware of the need for the preservation of the correspondence, manuscripts and artifacts of men of note, this was not always so. Often such records as were in existence when a prominent man died were destroyed, broken up in sections or given to various members of the family and even on occasion given away to the public as souvenirs. This was true when Alexander Campbell died. Part of his library was bequeathed to Bethany College and the remainder to his family. No provision was made for the safekeeping of his personal papers. Consequently they were divided among members of the family and thus scattered in many directions.

A Difficult Task

The task of locating and acquiring this scattered material is a tremendous one. Piece by piece, a letter is received from one source, a manuscript from another, and then another letter from still another place. There is no easy way to get together again items once dispersed; and they can never all be assembled as they once were. Thus the discovery of a considerable amount of



James Carpenter photo

Among the items received from Australia was a cravat worn by Alexander Campbell, Jr. on his wedding day. Shown above is a picture of his father wearing a similar neckpiece.

the personal papers of Alexander Campbell in Australia is an important event. That they were given to the Disciples of Christ Historical Society is an exciting and significant fact that will enrich Disciple scholarship in the future.

The manuscript materials in Alexander Campbell's handwriting in bound note books are labeled D, E, F and I. Manuscripts C and L are on a second microfilm recently received from Australia. From this labeling scheme it would seem that Manuscripts A, B, G, H, J, and K were written by Campbell and are yet to be discovered along with perhaps others.

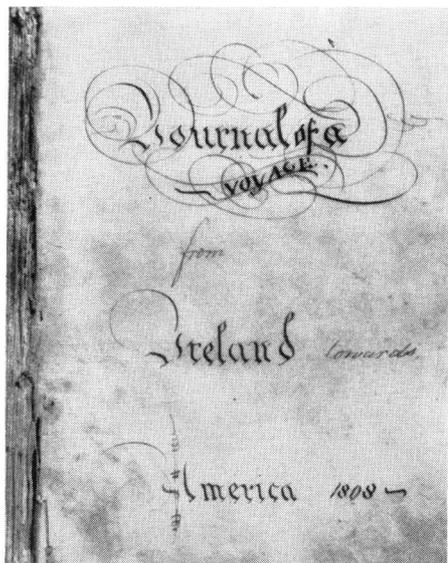
It is not proposed to describe or evaluate here each item as listed in David G. Whyatt's preliminary listing of the materials received from Australia. (For that

list see page 73). Certain items will be pointed out as having special interest and potential value for scholars of Campbell and the early history of the restoration—reformation—unity movement.

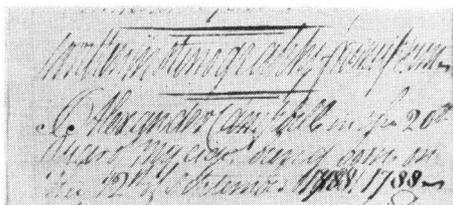
New Light on Early Years

Generally speaking it can be said that for the first time there is available for study a body of original manuscript material written by the young Alexander Campbell, a youth just out of his teens (20-24). The only early Campbell paper in the Society library until now was a love letter written to Miss Hanna Acheson in December 1809. All other Campbell materials date much later. For a knowledge of the early Campbell's thought and writing one had to depend on secondary sources.

In Manuscript D one can now read what Campbell actually wrote about his voyage to America including his account of the shipwreck and compare it with Richardson's story for accuracy. Also in the same manu-



Manuscript D with its title "Journal of a Voyage from Ireland towards America, 1808," is self-explanatory. Like all of the manuscript books, the contents include much material not indicated in the title.



The lower portion of a page from Manuscript E showing "Alexander Campbell in the 20th year of my age, being born on the 12th of September 1788 . . . Glasgow." It can be seen that he wrote 1888, crossed it out and then wrote in the correct year.

script is a list of all the 106 sermons Campbell preached in his first year of preaching, together with the date, place and text. In this and other manuscripts are the skeleton outlines of those sermons.

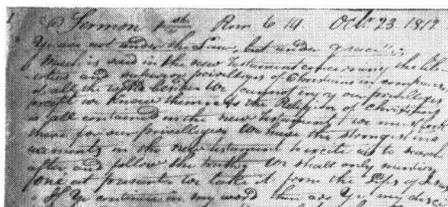
Manuscript E contains the beginning of a diary, January 1, 1809; but like many a prospective diarist (even as you and I), he did not continue it long. He did give a statement concerning the date of his birth, recorded some New Year's resolutions, and made an outline for a year's learning and study.

A sermon on ordination and one designed for the celebration of the Lord's Supper the first time at the Brush Run Church are high points of Manuscript F.

"Sermon on the Law"

A note book without manuscript designation having only A. Campbell's book label Number 332 has several interesting writings. The first is notes for a "Sermon on the Law" delivered in the Brush Run Church, October 23, 1812. The text was Romans 6:14. This is evidence to support scholars' theories that the "Sermon on the Law" at the Redstone Baptist Association Meeting in 1816 was not an extemporaneous speech although Campbell was called upon at the last minute to fill a vacancy. Certainly the subject of that sermon had been developing in his mind since 1812.

Also in the same book are "Thoughts on the utility of a proposed concentration of



The first item in the unlabeled note book is a sermon from 1st Romans 6:14, "Ye are not under the law, but under grace." This shows Campbell's thinking in 1812 and a comparison with the famous "Sermon on the Law," 1816, should show his development in four years.

the church members of Brush Run with my duty relative there unto," October 1813. This probably refers to a proposed move of the members of the Brush Run Church to a new location near Zanesville, Ohio. Campbell was a member of the committee to select the site.

Sermon Notes, Essays, Poems

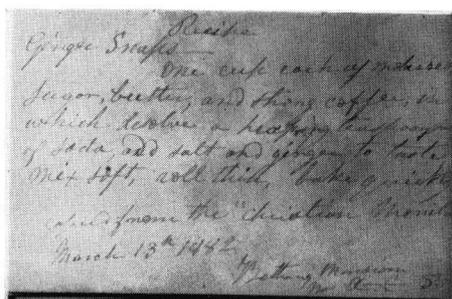
All the manuscript books including Manuscript I (or is it Manuscript 1?) contain not only sermon notes, but essays, poems and hymns. The latter manuscript includes a list of books purchased in Glasgow and elsewhere and the start of a family record including the dates of baptism of himself and family.

That these papers are now in the archives of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society is not enough. They must be processed and made available for research workers and casual readers.

Their fragile condition makes it imperative that some method of preservation, probably lamination and rebinding, be used before they are made accessible for use by scholars. Indices should be prepared to note the contents of each volume.

Typescript Is Necessary

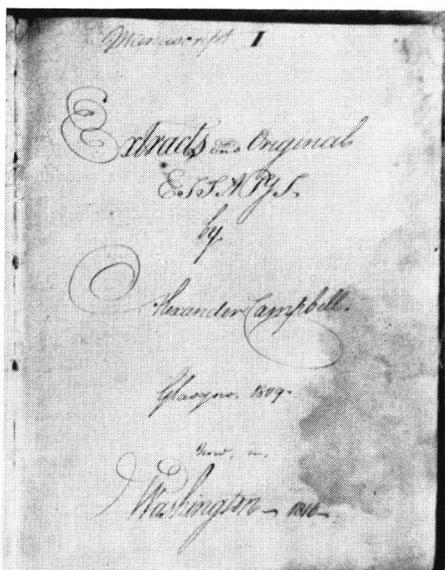
A typescript transcription should be made for the use of the casual reader so that he will not have to struggle with Campbell's (at times) almost undecipherable handwriting. Annotations would also be helpful



In an untitled record book showing money paid to various people by Alexander Campbell for the construction of Bethany College are additions made by Mrs. Campbell long after her husband's death. Shown here is a recipe for ginger snaps, copied from the *Christian Monitor*, March 13th 1882. Note the manner in which Mrs. Campbell initialed the item at the bottom of the page (Bethany Mansion, Mrs. A. C., Sr.).

to explain the circumstances under which some of the manuscripts were produced.

To do all of this will require funds that are not now in the Society's regular budget. Whenever money is available, the work will be done.



Title page of Manuscript I, "Extracts and Original Essays by Alexander Campbell, Glasgow 1809, now in Washington, 1810."

The Return of the Campbell Materials to America

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Mr. Hollard



Mr. Whyatt

In July of this year Mr. and Mrs. Lawton, and later, myself, had the opportunity to visit the Historical Society's building in Nashville and were more than ever convinced that the right thing was done in forwarding these materials to our Brotherhood archives. To see them where they rightly belong gave us a great deal of

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great factor which led to the new Campbell manuscripts. From the beginning the Society has opened its doors, filing cabinets and stacks to any one who has had a legitimate interest in historical research. It is difficult to reconstruct the past. Legends, folk tales and prejudices have to be reckoned with. Facts are stubborn things, but you have to get at them. This institution exists to collect and make available historical material on the Restoration Movement. As one of the many members of the Church of Christ who has profited by research in the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, I express my personal appreciation for its kindness and the unique work it performs.

satisfaction; and we are sure that this same satisfaction is shared by the members of the family here in Australia, who so graciously made them available to us.



James Carpenter photo

The manuscript books received from Australia. The condition shown here indicated that much restoration and repair is necessary before any extensive use is made of them. At the left is a copy of Robert Richardson's *The Principles and Objects of the Religious Reformation Urged by A. Campbell and Others* which is inscribed "To A. Campbell with the Christian regard of R. R. June 14th 1853."

A Brief Detail of Manuscripts of A. Campbell (discovered in Adelaide, South Australia and now in Disciples of Christ Historical Society)

Compiled by D. G. WHYATT

Editorial Note: Mr. Whyatt is Archivist of the South Australian Churches of Christ. This listing was prepared by him when the materials were microfilmed in South Australia in September of 1964. A print of the microfilm was presented to the Society at the Annual DCHS Convention Dinner, October 5, 1964. Dr. Lawrence V. Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the World Convention, made the presentation in behalf of the donors.

1. Record Book

Receipts of monies paid to various people for the construction, etc., of Bethany College Values of Sheep Stocks, 1844-5

Recipes:

Jelly, Cookies, Cakes, Plum Pudding in Mrs. A. Campbell's hand

Note by Decima Campbell re-finding this book in 1899

2. Manuscript E

A Diary Jan. 1st 1809

This contains a number of sermons besides the following:

Poem on the New Year

Statement of his age and date of birth

Reflection on New Year

Resolution for the year 1810

Resolution and arrangements for study of human learning for 1810

Historical curiosities relative to learning and Christianity

Paul's qualification for a Bishop or Minister

For profession or confessions of faith—from the Scriptures

Thoughts to be improved on spiritual subjects

Remarks on the life and conversion of Paul

Skeleton of 8 sermons including Matt. 7:24-27 being first sermon he preached 15th July 1810 at Buffalo—Major Templeton

Paraphrase on 137 Psalm, Verse 1
Notes on parables On democracy

Arrangements for study 1810

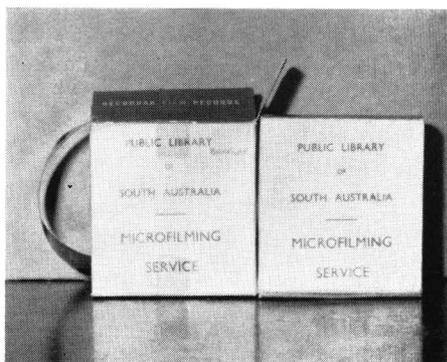
Rules for feeding (cattle, etc.)

3. Manuscript D

Journal of a voyage from Ireland toward America 1808

Skeleton of sermons about 1810

List of books received from my going to live at Mr. Brown's, 25th March, 1811



List of all sermons preached, where, when and text in first year of preaching—106 in all

4. Manuscript F

List of books used by me since my marriage or going to live with Mr. Brown March 25th, 1811

Arrangements, considerations and resolutions through Divine Grace for the year 1812—made 25th Dec., 1811

1. Should I admit to ordination to the office of the Sacred Ministry?
2. Should I not adopt an arrangement of Scriptural reading and memorizing?
3. Should I not make some arrangements respecting Devotional Exercise with written thoughts and answers?

Sermon on Ordination

Several poems and hymns by A. Campbell

Sermon designed for the celebration of the Lord's Supper the first time at the Brush Run Church. John 6:48

5. A. Campbell Library No. 332

Sermon from Romans 6:14 "On the Law" Oct. 23, 1812, Brush Run

A Review of religious principles Jan. 1st, 1812

Original Essays

On Herbs, Medicinal and Salubrious Thoughts on the utility of a proposed concentration of the church members of Brush Run with my duty relative thereunto, Oct. 1813

3 Questions proposed for solution respecting the principles practice and pr?? of the Christian Association of Washington, Jan. 29th, 1812 to Thomas Campbell, Foster and A. Campbell on Buffalo Creek

6. A. Campbell Library No. Manuscript I

Extracts and original essays by A. Campbell Also contains poems

Glasgow 1809 Now in Washington 1810 also contains poems

A critical examination of a lecture of D. Hunter's to . . .

Copy of a letter addressed by the church to John Thants (??) April 9, 1816

Letter to Mr. Smith being the 4th of a series on Justification and Sanctification, 1815 Also the 3rd letter

Lectures on Verbs, syntax, Grecian antiquities and sermons

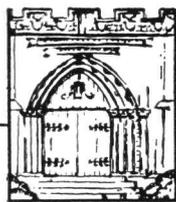
Passages in the N. T. not rightly translated and therefore some of them are misunderstood

Catalogue of books purchased by A. Campbell, Glasgow and elsewhere

Start of a family record including baptism of himself and family

A second microfilm was made in 1965. Contents include bank receipts, bills of sale, correspondence, deeds, index, index to notes, index of sermons and texts used, lecture notes, letters of reference, mortgages, newspaper cuttings, part of will, poems, sermon outlines and various writings.

Mr. Whyatt's second listing will be published in a future DISCIPLIANA.



What's New

... in Our Library

Library Contributors, 1964-65

Since 1960 it has been the practice to publish in *DISCIPLIANA* a list of all persons, churches, organizations, institutions and publishers who have contributed materials to the Society during the preceding fiscal year.

From July 1, 1964 through June 30, 1965 the Society received 1,169 lots of materials from 737 sources: 433 individuals, 251 churches, and 53 organizations, colleges and publishers. A "lot" is a package which may contain only one item or several hundred pieces. "Material" includes books, periodicals, manuscripts, correspondence, audio-visual materials and museum items.

All came as gifts or exchanges. There is not an item in the Society budget for the purchase of books except as a cash gift may be made for that particular purpose. Society members and their friends have again been generous in locating valuable material and giving it to the Society.

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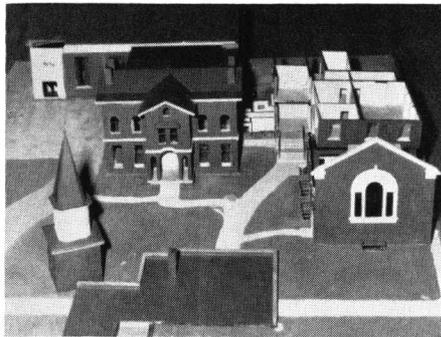
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 Allen, A. N., Canton, Mo.
 Allen, Draper, Birmingham, Mich.
 Allred, David, Falls Church, Va.
 Ammerman, Mrs. R. E., Portsmouth, Va.
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 Azlein, Arthur A., Washington, D. C.

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Bair, Mrs. Clarence G., Kentland, Ind.
 Bales, James D., Searcy, Ark.
 Barclay, Earle, Hastings, Nebr.
 Baughman, James C., Ravenna, Ky.

Bayne, Will W., Taylorstown, Pa.
 Beale, James T., Birmingham, Ala.
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 Bell, R. Keith, New Albany, Ind.
 Bell, Wayne H., Nashville, Tenn.
 Bennett, Charles, St. Louis, Mo.
 Berkey, Mrs. Jonas G., Salem, Ind.
 Berkey, Miss Josephine A., Washington, D. C.
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 Betts, Mrs. Charles, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Bevins, Mrs. William, Georgetown, Ky.



James Carpenter photo

When the beautiful building of Central Christian Church in Wooster was built in 1950, joining a distinguished old home with a chaste new sanctuary, John F. Myers of that congregation built a wooden model of the proposed new structure in complete detail and adaptable to dismantlement for more comprehensive study by the building committee. Last June through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Myers and the kindness of their friends in Central Church, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, the model was brought by these four persons to the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial for permanent placement. The model is on a table 47 inches by 56 inches. It is faithful in its accuracy and was a valuable resource in planning stages of the Wooster Building.

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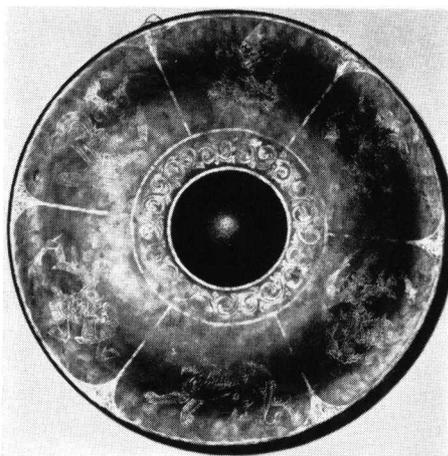
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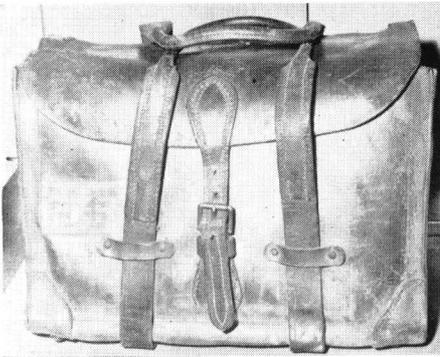


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This Tibetan ceremonial cymbal came to DCHS through the generosity of Miss Ruth Scoville of Los Angeles, California. It was a gift to her father, the late Charles Reign Scoville, from the famed missionary to Tibet, Albert L. Shelton, who presented it to Dr. Scoville in the early years of this century. Dr. Irving W. Wolfe, member of the music faculty of George Peabody College and member of Vine Street Christian Church of Nashville, has pronounced the cymbal a sensitive and singularly effective musical instrument. In addition to its attractive design which he believes significant in reflecting the culture of the Tibetan people at the time the instrument was made, he stresses the distinguished craftsmanship of the maker as revealed in the curvature of the various segments and the resulting variations of sound and frequency patterns. The cymbal was used by its original owner to call the Tibetan monks to prayer.

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Contained in this spacious and well-worn brief case is virtually the heart of the great evangelical ministry of Charles Reign Scoville. In tact as he left them at the close of his ministry are six well-filled note books containing sermons, sermon notes, sermon outlines and clippings—all having to do with his evangelistic ministry. In addition is a copy of Weymouth's *New Testament In Modern Speech* and a book in Dr. Scoville's own hand in which he has alphabetized his sermon topics. On the left side of the brief case is a brass plate carrying the inscription: "Chas. Reign Scoville, 219 Golf Terrace, Wilmette, Ill." The brief case is a gift of Miss Ruth Scoville of Los Angeles, California, Dr. Scoville's daughter. Its contents are soon to be studied as the basis for a term paper by a student at David Lipscomb College, Nashville.

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(To be concluded in the January issue)

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

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W. E. GARRISON HEADS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

W. E. Garrison, professor emeritus of the University of Houston and a charter member of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society has been named by DCHS Chairman, Forrest F. Reed, to head the committee to select the nominees for officers and trustees of the Society for the year beginning July 1, 1966. Other members of the committee are: W. A. Harbison, Detroit, Michigan; Dan C. Kenner, Little Rock, Arkansas; Mrs. R. Richard Renner, Cleveland, Ohio; and James B. Washburn, Labelle, Missouri.

The Bylaws of the Society require that the names of the committee be published and that suggestions of members of the Society be invited.

The three year terms of the following trustees expire this year: W. E. Garrison, Houston, Texas; Perry E. Gresham, Bethany, West Virginia; Loren E. Lair, Des Moines, Iowa; James DeForest Murch, Chevy Chase, Maryland; Roscoe M. Pierson, Lexington, Kentucky; Mrs. R. Richard Renner, Cleveland Heights, Ohio; John Rogers, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Frank L. Wiegand, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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The terms of all officers (elected annually) also expire. Present officers are: Forrest F. Reed, Chairman; Hugh M. Riley, Vice-chairman; William F. Greenwood, treasurer; and Roscoe M. Pierson, secretary. The Executive Committee is composed of the officers and three other members. The additional members are: Harry M. Davis; J. Edward Moseley; and Howard E. Short.

Trustees, officers and members of the Executive Committee with the single exception of Chairman Reed are eligible to succeed themselves. Mr. Reed is serving his fourth consecutive year as Chairman and thereby reaches on June 30, 1966 the maximum term provided under the DCHS Bylaws.

The Bylaws provide that the Executive Committee shall schedule an election by June 1 each year and that the slate of nominations recommended by the Nominating Committee shall be mailed by the president to all individual dues-paying members of the Society at least fifteen days in advance of the election.

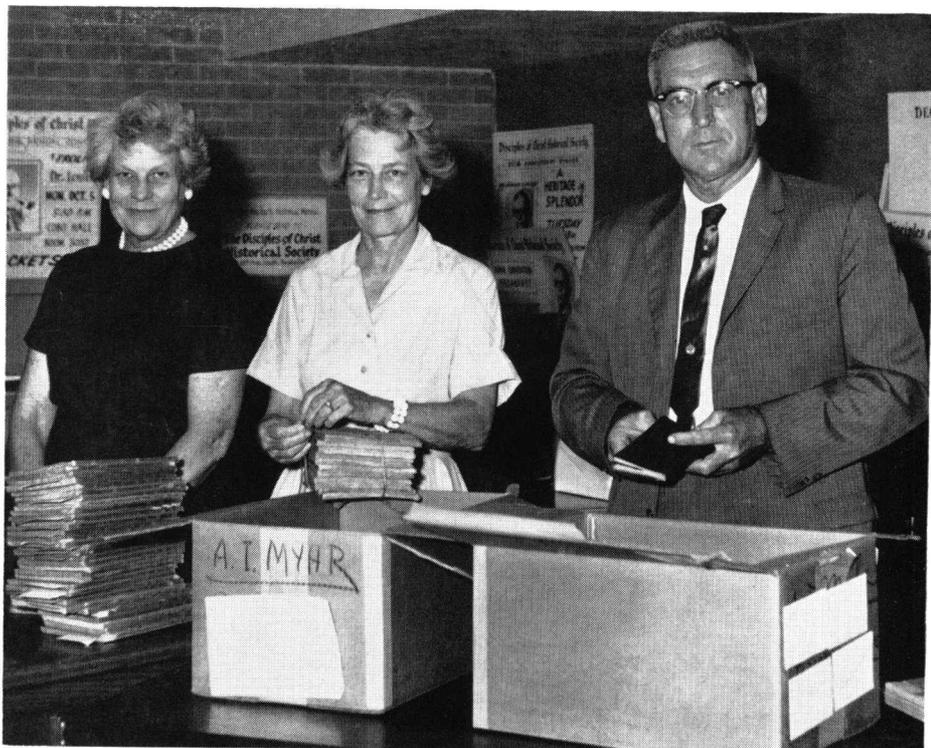


Since the beginning of the current calendar year thirteen DCHS Life Membership certificates have been presented in public ceremony. The most recent of these presentations took place in the First Christian Church, Houston, Texas on September 23, when Mrs. Thelma R. McCarty became Life Member Number 204. Participating in the event left to right were: W. E. Garrison, DCHS trustee; Mrs. McCarty; and Claude E. Spencer, DCHS curator emeritus. Also participating, but not shown in this picture was Harvey M. Harker who is DCHS Life Member Number 124.

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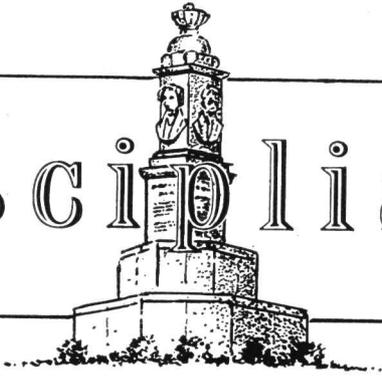
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A significant gift of Disciple materials came to the Society early this year from the family of the late Dr. and Mrs. A. I. Myhr. Dr. Myhr was the first Secretary of the Tennessee Christian Missionary Society. He died in 1933. Materials presented include correspondence, sermons, diaries, periodicals, manuscripts and memorabilia. They were given to the Society through the generosity of the sons and daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Myhr, three of whom appear in this picture. From left to right: Mrs. E. H. Duncan, Jr., Nashville; Mrs. Glenn R. Plummer, Bellevue, Tennessee; and A. I. Myhr, Jr., Bellevue. Those contributing but not shown in the picture are Mrs. O. G. Thomas, Monclova, Mexico; and Dr. L. B. Myhr, Jackson, Tennessee. The picture was taken in the processing room of the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial.

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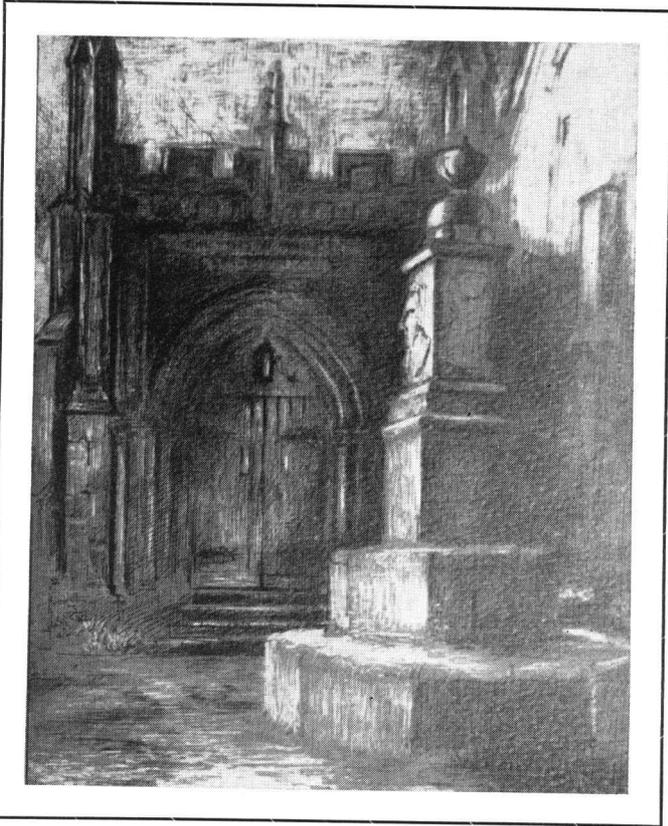


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Historical Foundation Report Issue



The Cenotaph and entrance in the forecourt of the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial—symbol of the Disciples of Christ Historical Foundation. The Foundation seeks to attain the sustaining strength and the enduring values represented here.

Editorial . . . **Promise for the Future, Vitality for the Present— The Disciples of Christ Historical Foundation**

BY WILLIS R. JONES

It is now tradition, and I think a good one, that the January issue of DISCIPLIANA carry a report on the status and well-being of the Disciples of Christ Historical Foundation. It is still a wonder to some of us that so young an enterprise could have so central a place in the life and destiny of this institution. But the fact is that in four short years the Foundation has won its spurs. It is putting vitality and promise into the Society's fiscalty.

The Foundation is simply an instrument to receive permanent funds. These funds are placed in perpetuity. The income earned is used to support the annual budget of the Society. As these funds increase, the Society's services to the brotherhood increase. It is obvious to all who measure the Society's tasks against the Society's resources that no figure short of a million dollars in the Foundation will guarantee that the job we ought to do will be adequately done.

It is, however, the conviction of all who are at the heart of the Society's leadership that this figure of one million dollars and even one beyond it one day will be reached; though indeed the ways and the means, the hows and the whens are as yet unknown.

On November 9, 1965, the Board of Trustees of the Society took a significant step. In recognition of the Society's twenty-

fifth anniversary year (1966) the Board set as a goal for the Foundation, assets of \$50,000 by the end of the year. On January 7, 1966, the date of this editorial, the Foundation resources stand at \$25,124.

If the goal is reached it will guarantee from Foundation resources an annual income of about \$2500. There are many urgent uses for these funds. We need more staff at all levels—administrative, library, secretarial, student assistants. However, since the \$2500 can readily be translated into hundreds and hundreds of hours of student help this is where we have placed the first priority. And by so doing we can bring huge amounts of materials out of sealed boxes into daily usefulness. But we must never take our eyes off our much greater needs in full staff positions, and we must seek somehow to attain the necessary funds. We must bear in mind constantly the fact that requests for services are increasing at a rate seriously disproportionate to the size of our staff.

The present goal of \$50,000 principal, however, is a worthy one. It represents a vigorous step toward bigger and better things for the Society. Generous and encouraging participation is already in evidence. An announcement of victory in our efforts would be a worthy recognition of the Society's twenty-fifth anniversary year.

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WILLIS R. JONES NAMED DCHS PRESIDENT-CURATOR MARVIN D. WILLIAMS DIRECTOR OF THE LIBRARY BEN R. BIDDY ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN

By action of the Board of Trustees at their meeting November 9, 1965, Willis R. Jones, DCHS president since August, 1959, became president-curator of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. The action became effective January 1, 1966. Prior to his affiliation with DCHS, Dr. Jones spent nearly twenty years in higher education serving successively William Woods College, Drake University, Transylvania College and Hiram College. He came to the Society from Hiram College where he had served as director of church relations and director of development.

In further action on November 9, the Board named Marvin D. Williams, Jr., director of the library. Mr. Williams came to DCHS in September, 1963, as cataloger. Last July he was named head of technical services. Trained in practical library work under Dr. Henry K. Shaw at Christian Theological Seminary, Mr. Williams received the B.D. degree from that institution in 1962. He earned a graduate degree in library science from George Peabody College in 1963.

A third major action was taken by the Board at their November meeting in the

appointment of Ben R. Biddy as assistant librarian. His duties also began January 1. Mr. Biddy is a graduate of George Peabody College with a Master's degree in the field of history. He served as student assistant at DCHS for a period of eighteen months. He is the husband of the former Peggy Moore who served DCHS for five years.

The new appointments involve some shifting in duties formerly carried in the curator's office. Under the new assignments matters dealing with visiting researchers and reference inquiries and functions relative to the museum will remain under the direction of the president-curator with staff assistance. The entire program of accessions and all matters dealing with the library phase of the DCHS operation will be under the direction of Mr. Williams with the assistance of Mr. Biddy.

Harold C. Kime who served as interim curator from late July until December 31 has been engaged by the Society to direct on a part time basis a special project in the area of audio-visual materials. Presently on a vacation trip to Florida with Mrs. Kime, he will return in March to classify and catalog the Society's audio-visual materials.

The Disciples of Christ Historical Society announces the forthcoming publication of a major study in American religious history, *Quest for a Christian America: A Social History of the Disciples of Christ to 1866*, by David Edwin Harrell. Major research for this book was done in the Society library. It is being published by the Society and printed by the Bethany Press. Time of release is scheduled for late spring.

Mr. Harrell is associate professor of history at East Tennessee University, Johnson City, Tennessee. He is a graduate of David Lipscomb College and has the doctor of philosophy degree in American social and cultural history from Vanderbilt University. His research in the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial extended across a three-year period beginning in 1959.

Full details concerning the publication of this book will be carried in the March issue of DISCIPLIANA.



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Report and Honor Roll Through January 7, 1966

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On January 7, 1966, principal assets in the Disciples of Christ Historical Foundation totaled \$25,124. There are 185 donors and 247 separate donations. Gifts range in size from \$1.00 to \$5,000. Nine have been for \$1,000 or more; fifty-five for \$100 or more. Three persons have sent gifts of stock. One has named the Foundation as recipient of profits from the sale of her book (*Time to Remember*, Cynthia Pearl Maus). Twelve active named funds have been established. Seventeen other persons have been honored by gifts sent in their name. \$734.00 has been given to the Foundation since November 30, 1965, the date of the publication of its Fourth Annual Report and Honor Roll. Thirty new donors have been added to the Honor Roll in that same period.

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TWO NEW MICROFILMS

Walter Scott's journal *The Evangelist* and Milo T. Morrill's book *History of the Christian Denomination in America, 1794-1911* are the two newest items to the Society's growing list of microfilm publications.

During January, libraries and individuals will be receiving printed announcements of the new microfilms giving full details.

The next issue of DISCIPLIANA will include an article giving news of the new microfilms in greater detail.

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INAUGURAL SERIES OF FORREST F. REED LECTURES A REPORT

The first annual series of Forrest F. Reed Lectures is history. William Barnett Blakemore delivered the three lectures of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society's lectureship in Nashville on November 8 and 9, 1965.

The Discovery of the Church

Dr. Blakemore, dean of the Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, spoke on the general theme: "The Discovery of the Church—A History of Disciple Ecclesiology." In discussing the gradual shift from debate to dialogue, he explained, "In debate there are two sides, and a presupposition that one side is right.

"In dialogue also there are two sides at the outset, but the presupposition is not that either side is right—but that there is a truth to be discovered which incorporates whatever is right on each side and transcends both in a new understanding."

He then used debates involving Alexander Campbell as starting points in tracing the history of Disciple contacts with other religious groups and the world.

Through Dialogue with the Reformers

In his initial lecture on "The Discovery of the Church—Through Dialogue with the Reformers," Dr. Blakemore used Campbell's debate with N. L. Rice, a Presbyterian, to illustrate the heated controversy which broke out on the nineteenth century frontier between Disciples and members of the Reformed tradition on the order of the church. Now dialogue has succeeded debate, and both Disciples and Reformed churches are likely to learn something about the nature of the church from one another.

Through Dialogue with the World

"The Discovery of the Church—Through Dialogue with the World" was the title of Dr. Blakemore's second lecture. His subject was developed with frequent references to Campbell's debate with Robert Owen.

The "founding fathers" of the Christian churches thought that they had succeeded in restoring a pure church—derived only from the New Testament. Actually, the American scene helped shape the new religious movement. And the Disciples have been borrowing insights from human sources ever since.

Through Dialogue with Rome

In his final lecture in the inaugural series of Forrest F. Reed Lectures, the speaker traced the Disciples' relations with the Roman Catholic Church through the stages of debate and discussion to dialogue. Alexander Campbell's debate with Bishop John B. Purcell was used to illustrate the era of controversy. Dr. Blakemore commuted from Rome where he was serving as a Disciple representative at the Fourth Session of the Second Vatican Council to deliver this lecture on "The Discovery of the Church—Through Dialogue with Rome."

The selection of William Barnett Blakemore as the first Forrest F. Reed lecturer



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From left to right: Mrs. Forrest F. Reed, John Vickrey, Mrs. David Luo, Mrs. Frank F. Drowota, and Mrs. Hugh M. Riley, arriving at Wightman Chapel, Scarritt College for the first lecture.

was made by a committee of five persons, including Hugh M. Riley, Miss Eva Jean Wrather and Frank F. Drowota. These three presided at the first, second and third lectures respectively. Also serving on the committee ex officio were Willis R. Jones and Forrest F. Reed. Dr. Riley was chairman of the committee.

The Lectureship

The Forrest F. Reed Lectureship was established October 3, 1964, and is to be held annually under the auspices of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Funds for its endowment were given through a permanent trust created by Forrest F. Reed for the purpose of providing a series of lectures by history scholars objectively interpreting some phase of church history pursuant to the constitutional provisions of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society adopted September 13, 1958, as follows:

The purpose of this Society shall be to maintain and further interest in the religious heritage, backgrounds, origins, development and general history of the Disciples of Christ, Christian Churches, Churches of Christ and related groups.

By specific request and unanimous action of the Board of Trustees, on October 3, 1964, the lectureship has been named in honor of its donor.

The two evening lectures in the 1966 series were given in Wightman Chapel, Scarritt College, and the Tuesday morning address in the Disciples of Christ Historical Society's Thomas W. Phillips Memorial building. Attendance at the morning lecture, including a number of out of state guests, strained the Society's facilities.

Following the first lecture, on Monday, a reception honoring Dr. Blakemore and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest F. Reed was held in the Historical Society's building. Mrs. Wayne H. Bell served as hospitality chairman for the lectureship.

The sessions were reported on by brotherhood and general news media. James C. Suggs of the Office of Interpretation of the International Convention personally covered the meetings as did Howard E. Short, editor of *The Christian*, and Samuel F. Pugh, editor of *World Call*.



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Dr. Blakemore and Dr. Louis Cochran exchange historical anecdotes following one of the lectures.



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Mrs. Herman A. Norton, one of four hostesses at the reception following Dr. Blakemore's first lecture, serves refreshments to Gus Tenner of the Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville. Mrs. Wayne H. Bell, wife of the pastor of the Vine Street Christian Church, Nashville, was chairman of the reception committee.

THREE 1966 FORREST F. REED LECTURERS NAMED

Three scholars representing three religious groups stemming from common roots in the Reformation of the nineteenth century will speak in the second annual series of Forrest F. Reed Lectures. The 1966 lectureship will be held in Nashville on Monday and Tuesday, November 7 and 8.

Speakers in the lecture series will be Robert O. Fife, David Edwin Harrell, Jr. and Ronald E. Osborn.

Howard E. Short, editor of *The Christian* and chairman of the Society's 1966 lectureship committee, announced the speakers during the inaugural series.

He said each lecturer had been asked to examine "contributions of his group to the church universal and the current status of the group's relationship to the church."

Robert O. Fife

Dr. Robert O. Fife, professor of history and philosophy at Milligan College, will represent churches associated with the North American Christian Convention.

He is a graduate of Johnson Bible College, Christian Theological Seminary and Indiana University. Before joining the Mil-

ligan College faculty in 1954, Dr. Fife held pastorates in Nebraska, Washington, Indiana and Tennessee and served as a chaplain during World War II. He has been active in the Consultations on Internal Unity and is a member of the executive committee of the World Convention of Churches of Christ.

David Edwin Harrell

David Edwin Harrell, Jr., associate professor of history at East Tennessee State University at Johnson City, Tennessee, will speak as a member of the church of Christ.

Dr. Harrell's first book *Quest for a Christian America* will be published this spring. He is presently working on a second volume on Disciples' social thought. He is a graduate of David Lipscomb College and Vanderbilt University.

Ronald E. Osborn

Dr. Ronald E. Osborn, dean and professor of church history at Christian Theological Seminary, will represent churches related to the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ).



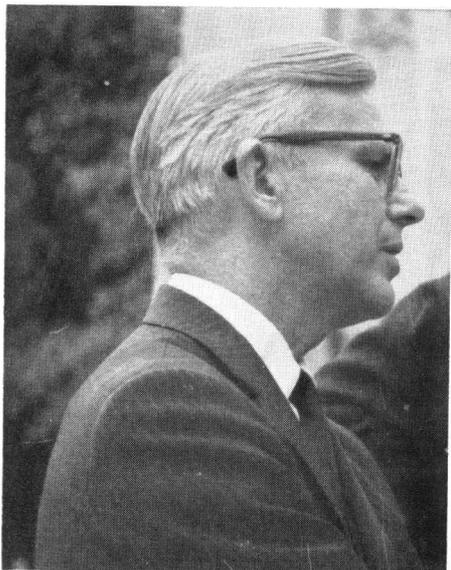
Dr. Fife



Dr. Harrell



Dr. Osborn



Dr. Short

He is a graduate of Phillips University and the University of Oregon. Dr. Osborn is the author of a number of books, the latest of which is *A Church for These Times*. He is editor of *Encounter*.

During the last half of 1965, the speaker was visiting professor of church history at Union Theological Seminary in Manila, the Philippines.

The 1966 Forrest F. Reed lectures will climax the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Planning of the year's activities, including the 1966 lectureship, has been assigned to a special committee. The committee consists of John E. Hurt, Henry K. Shaw and Chairman Howard E. Short. Also serving on the committee ex officio are Willis R. Jones and Forrest F. Reed.

EIGHTEEN RESEARCHERS AT DCHS, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1965

Use of DCHS facilities and resources reached a peak load during the last two months of 1965. Those who came to pursue research studies were as follows: Robert L. Adams, instructor, George Peabody College, Nashville; E. Randall Bector, student, David Lipscomb College, Nashville; Stephen D. Boyd, student, David Lipscomb College; Robert S. Brewer, instructor, Department of Speech, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; G. M. Elliott, professor, Cincinnati Bible Seminary, Cincinnati; Carroll Ellis, professor, David Lipscomb College; Ronald B. Flowers, graduate student, State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

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Stancliff, instructor, Middle State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Gerald L. Tribble, student, Milligan College; A. C. Tull, layman, Harrison, Arkansas; Robert L. Watson, student, the Divinity School, Vanderbilt University, Nashville.



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Claude E. Spencer, left and James DeForest Murch confer in the Indexing Room on the progress of the Christian Standard Index. At the present time there are more than five thousand entries in the Index.



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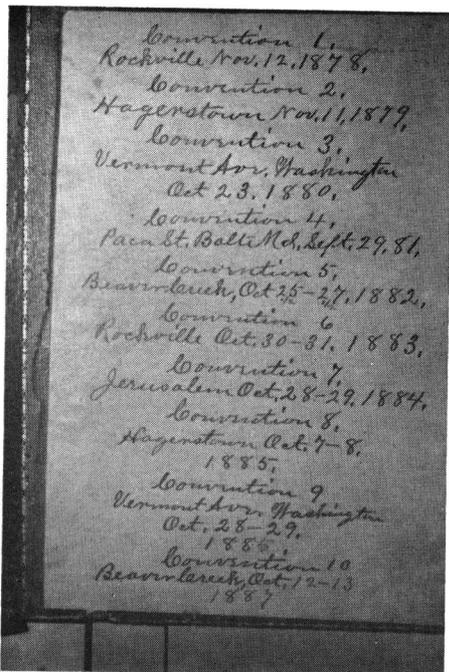
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Arthur A. Azlein, of Washington, D. C., has contributed a number of valuable items to the Society's growing file on the Capital Area. One of the most interesting is this notebook containing minutes of the first conventions of Disciple churches in the nation's capital. The first convention was held November 12, 1878.

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NEW STAFF MEMBER



Miss Clara Jones of Taylor, Texas, moved to Nashville on September 1, 1965, to take up her duties as general secretarial assistant in the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Retired after a secretarial career at the Ford agency in Taylor, Miss Jones is serving as office secretary and is in charge of arrangements for building tours and visitations. She is the author of a history of the First Christian Church, Taylor, Texas, and has written a second volume entitled "Pillars of Faith" presenting one hundred biographical sketches of members of that church now deceased. Miss Jones is the aunt of Mrs. William E. Wright, whose husband is pastor of the First Christian Church of Wichita Falls, Texas.

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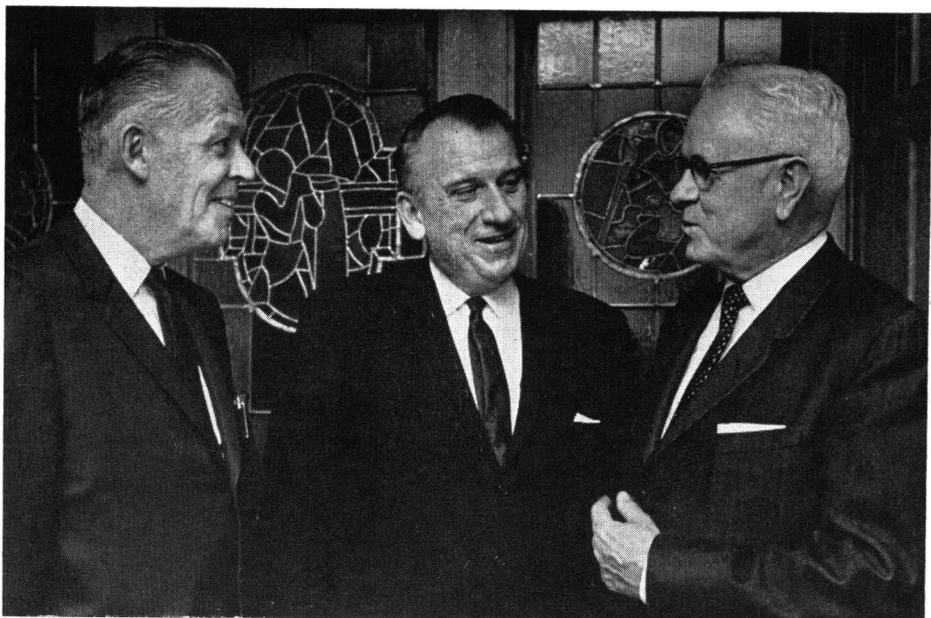
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Three leading participants in the First Annual Series in the Forrest F. Reed Lectureship are seen here in conversation before the first lecture. They are, from left to right: Hugh M. Riley, pastor of the Douglass Boulevard Christian Church, Louisville, Kentucky, and chairman of the 1965 Forrest F. Reed Lectures Committee; William Barnett Blakemore, dean of the Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago and first lecturer in the series; and Forrest F. Reed, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society and donor of the lectureship.

Personal papers of James A. Crain, retired executive secretary of the department of social welfare of the United Christian Missionary Society, were presented to the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in November, 1965. Materials included were sermons, addresses, some correspondence and a scrapbook. Dr. Crain recently moved from his former home in Williamsport, Indiana, to live near his son in Branson, Missouri.