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The Cenotaph in the forecourt of the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial symbolizes the sustaining strength and enduring values of the Disciples of Christ Historical Foundation.

The current Report of the Disciples of Christ Historical Foundation, as printed in this issue of *Discipliana*, includes details on the status of the Foundation as of March 31, 1972 and news of a program of deferred giving through the Foundation.



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The Disciples of Christ Historical Society was established in 1941 "to maintain and further interest in the religious heritage, backgrounds, origins, development, and general history of Disciples of Christ, Christian Churches, Churches of Christ, and related groups."

Members of the Society receive DISCIPLIANA quarterly, along with other benefits. Annual membership categories are as follows: annual, \$7.50; student, \$2.50; participating, \$25; sustaining, \$100. Life and Life Patron Memberships are also available in single payments of \$100 and \$1000, respectively.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

Two situations have recently come to my attention which reflect the problems and difficulties of preserving historical records of local congregations. I hope each person who reads this will examine the situation in his own church to see whether these records are subject to the same hazards.

In the first instance, the church building burned, and most of the old church records were lost in the fire. There is literally nothing that can be done to replace these. Even if some of the charter members of the church are still living, most of them do not have any written records of the church and must rely on their memory of its early history, a rather unreliable source of information.

In the second instance, the records were kept for many years by a very faithful member of the church. Upon her death, however, the records of the congregation could not be found. Whether they had been misplaced or had been destroyed is not known. They cannot be found and again the church is without any record of its early history.

The Disciples of Christ Historical Society would like to suggest to each local congregation that such records as the list of charter members, original minute books, and other records of this kind be sent to the Society for deposit in its archives. The Society can microfilm them and send a copy of the film to the church if so desired. It is the policy of the Society that it will pay for microfilming the first 200 pages of records for any one church. We ask the church to pay the small amount of additional expense if it has a great many records to microfilm. In this way, the original records can be preserved in our archives, and a copy made available to the church.

How safe are your church's records?

HUGH E. WILLIAMS

## DCHS TO BE REPRESENTED AT NORTH AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION

The Disciples of Christ Historical Society will again be represented at the North American Christian Convention which meets in Cincinnati, July 11-14, 1972. Features of the Society's activities at the Convention will include a booth in the exhibit area and a dinner for persons interested in the work of the Society.

The primary theme for the Society's booth at the North American Christian Convention this year will be the issuance of the Index to the *Christian Standard*, one of the leading magazines of the Christian Church. This magazine was started in 1866 with Isaac Errett as the first editor. Claude E. Spencer, who retired as Curator of the Society in 1965, undertook the project for indexing the first 101 years of the magazine under a grant from the B. D. Phillips Charitable Trust. The work was done under the supervision of Dr. Spencer and a number of indexers and typists working at the Society. This index, which will be the most comprehensive of any church magazine, will have approximately 600,000 entries and will be printed in six volumes. The first volume will be on display at the Society's booth and the other volumes

will be available later this year. This index will prove a very valuable tool of research for scholars of the work and thought of the Christian Church over the past 100 years and will be for sale through the Society at a later date. Persons interested are invited to come to the Society's booth to see the index, copies of microfilm of the *Christian Standard*, and exhibit showing the way the Index was prepared and made ready for printing.

A second feature of the Society's activities at the Convention will be the third annual dinner, sponsored by Mrs. B. D. Phillips, one of the trustees of the Society. Robert O. Fife of Milligan College will be the toastmaster for the dinner, and Enos E. Dowling of Lincoln Christian Seminary will be the featured speaker. Dr. Claude E. Spencer will present the first volume of the *Christian Standard Index* to Edwin V. Hayden, present editor of the magazine. The President of the Society, Hugh E. Williams, will also present Life Membership certificates to Dr. Hayden and to Ralph M. Small, Vice-President and Publisher of Standard Publishing.

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### *Society Offers Complimentary Memberships to Seminary Graduates*

As one means of stimulating interest in the work of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, a free complimentary membership for one year is being offered to all 1972 seminary graduates. It is hoped that this will help young ministers learn more about the Society, its resources and activities and may stimulate them to continue as members after completion of the first year.

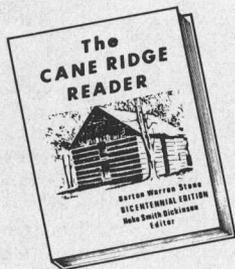
Since many graduates will be moving after completion of their seminary education, it has not always been possible to offer this membership to all those entitled to it. If anyone knows of a graduate who did not receive the membership offer, it would be greatly appreciated if his or her name and address is sent to the Society so that arrangements can be made to extend this offer of membership.

The following persons have already been added to the Society's membership under this seminary graduate offer:

Anderson, Wayne, Jr., Abilene, Tex.  
Averitt, John B., Pratt, Kan.  
Bell, Howard K., Minneapolis, Minn.  
Case, Philip W., Frankfort, Ky.  
Clark, Robert Warren, Fort Worth, Tex.  
DeFor, Stephen A., Joliet, Ill.  
Duncan, Harold D., Jr., Dallas, Tex.  
Eddins, J. Tom, Evansville, Ind.  
Hall, Rev. Virgil E., Jr., Lockport, Ill.  
Howard, Will Walker, Jr., Memphis, Tenn.  
Judd, Billy L., Pana, Ill.  
Lindsay, Donald E., Hazel Green, Ky.  
Moeller, Harold C., Sun Valley, Calif.  
Monhollen, Steven A., Nashville, Tenn.  
Mooty, Michael W., Winston-Salem, N.C.  
Murray, Dennis, Cherokee, Okla.  
Robbins, Larry, Tulio, Tex.  
Robinson, Wallace H., Des Moines, Iowa  
Smith, Gregory R., Highland, Kan.  
Soine, Tyler S., Pendleton, Ore.

## BARTON W. STONE BICENTENNIAL

In this, the 200th anniversary year of the birth of Barton Warren Stone, the Cane Ridge Preservation Project has announced a multi-faceted celebration, including publication in one volume of the fundamental documents of Cane Ridge, plans for a memorial museum at the Kentucky site, and a Christmas Eve vesper service in honor of Stone's birth.



*The Cane Ridge Reader* to be published later this year will contain in one volume the *Autobiography of Barton Warren Stone*, the *History of the Christian Church in the West* by Stone, *Observations on Church Government* and the *Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery*.

The 460 page book, edited by Hoke S. Dickenson, curator at Cane Ridge, may be ordered till October 1 at a pre-publication price of \$3.50. After that date the book will be \$3.95 plus forty cents for postage and handling. Orders should be sent to the Cane Ridge Preservation Project, Route 3, Box 38, Paris, Kentucky 40361.

The Board of Trustees of Cane Ridge have also released plans of a proposed Barton W. Stone Memorial Building to be constructed on the site of the Cane Ridge Revival, where 20,000 to 30,000 people gathered in 1801. The building would serve as hospitality center as well as provide space for administrative offices. The memorial would cost approximately \$40,000.

On Christmas Eve, the bicentennial of Stone's birth on December 24, 1772, a vesper service will be celebrated in the old Cane Ridge meeting house, near Paris, Kentucky.

## NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Baird, Mrs. Alberta B., Covina, Calif.  
Campbell, Frank W., Noblesville, Ind.  
Chapman, Graeme Lewis, Woolwich,  
New South Wales, Australia  
Dahilig, Juan F., Wahiawa, Hawaii  
The Friendship Class, First Christian  
Church, Marshall, Tex.  
Ice, Rhoderick D., Lynchburg, Va.  
Johnson Bible College Library, Knox-  
ville, Tenn.  
Lewis, Elmer C., Fayette City, Pa.  
Mann, Mrs. C. Frank, Jr., Louisville, Ky.  
Parks, Dr. Norman, Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
Swihart, Mr. and Mrs. C. F., Oklahoma  
City, Okla.  
Voss, Mrs. W. H., Little Rock, Ark.  
Williamson, Mrs. R. G., Nashville, Tenn.

## NEW STUDENT MEMBER

Stokes, Thomas E., Jr., Milligan Col-  
lege, Tenn.

## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

414. Webb, Dr. Henry E., Johnson City,  
Tenn. (given in his honor)
415. Eubanks, Dr. David L., Knoxville,  
Tenn. (given in his honor)
416. Small, Ralph M., Cincinnati, Ohio
417. Hayden, Dr. Edwin V., Cincinnati,  
Ohio

## Joseph A. Malcor

Recently the Society received a gift of \$1,000 to establish a Life Patron Membership in memory of Joseph A. Malcor from his wife, Mrs. Dorothy D. Malcor. These funds were used to establish a Permanent Fund in the Disciples of Christ Historical Foundation in memory of Mr. Malcor.

For many years, Mr. Malcor was an active member of the Christian Church in California. At the time of his death, he was an elder in

the First Christian Church in Alhambra, California. He attended Chapman College and was one of several students from Chapman who assisted in organizing the Baldwin Park Christian Church in Los Angeles. Mr. Malcor worked for the *Los Angeles Times* newspaper throughout his active career.

Mr. Malcor is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Malcor, a son, Joe V. Malcor of Alhambra, and four grandchildren.



# REPORT OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

As of March 31, 1972

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST HISTORICAL FOUNDATION REACHES \$131,000

At the end of March 1972, the value of the assets of the Disciples of Christ Historical Foundation was \$131,280, an increase of \$75,846 over the value as of a year previously.

This increase is a result in large part of the receipt of stocks from the estate of Miss Anne M. White of Richmond. Miss White was a lifelong active member of the Christian Church. In her will, she left numerous bequests to various individuals and organizations. The remainder of her estate was divided equally among the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Lexington Theological Seminary, and Lynchburg College. The Society's share amounted to approximately \$71,000 at the time it was received. This has been placed in the Foundation where it will serve to provide an income for the support of the work of the Society for future years.

The Disciples of Christ Historical Foundation was established in 1961 as a means of providing long-term support for the work of the Society and individuals. This is a permanent trust fund with the First American National Bank of Nashville as the Trustee. The corpus of the Trust may not be used by the Society. Income from it is turned over to the Society to assist it in carrying out its program.

Any one who is interested in supporting the work of the Society is invited to contribute to the Foundation. Gifts of \$500 or more may be used to establish a Named Fund in the Foundation. These are developing funds and additional gifts may be made through these Named Funds. Gifts in any amount may be made to the Foundation as well. Many persons do this as a memorial to a relative or friend. Contributions to the Foundation are deductible from both federal and state income taxes. In giving property or securities, the market value of the gift is deductible for income tax purposes. Furthermore, no capital gains tax is paid on the amount by which the present value exceeds the cost of the securities or property.

As indicated on page three of this report, the Board of Trustees of the Society has approved the development of a program of deferred giving to the Foundation. This is being done in the expectation that some may want to make provision for the Historical Society from their estate and others may want to provide for the Society but at the same time receive income during their lifetime. Further details on this program are given later in this report.

The components of the Foundation are shown on the following page.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
1101 NINETEENTH AVENUE, SOUTH  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37212

## COMPONENTS OF THE FOUNDATION

	No. of Shares	Book Value
Board of Church Extension Notes	6	\$ 600
First American National Bank Common Trust Fund A	2,318	28,334
First American National Bank Common Trust Fund C	2,665	26,473
Avery Building Association	2	200
First and Merchants Corporation	200	7,200
Richmond Corporation	302	14,345
DuPont de Nemours & Company	40	5,800
General Motors Corporation	160	12,720
International Business Machines Corporation	6	1,077
Standard Oil Company of California	8	468
Standard Oil Company of New Jersey	54	3,861
Sterling Drug Company	200	9,200
Texaco	100	3,200
Union Camp Corporation	300	10,050
Westinghouse Electric Corporation	66	5,874
Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company	112	1,442
First American National Bank Saving Account		436
Total		\$131,280

### Permanent Named Funds

(Each is a developing fund and open to additional gifts)

#### Gifts in total over \$70,000

Miss Anne M. White

#### Gifts in total from \$5,000 to \$10,000

Roger T. and Nancy M. Nooe

Harriet Plum Williams

#### Gifts in total from \$2,500 to \$4,999

Edgar DeWitt and Frances Willis Jones

Hazel Mallory Beattie Rogers

The Wrathier Fund

#### Gifts in total from \$1,000 to \$2,499

Edwin C. Earl

Lena J. Marvel

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Everts

J. E. and Addie F. Moseley

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Garrison

Virginia Elizabeth Osborn

Joseph Alexie Malcor

Wm. H. and Jennie Knowles Trout

#### Gifts in total from \$500 to \$999

Ivy Johnson Elder

Mr. and Mrs. J. Melvin Harker

Mrs. Dot Rogers Halbert

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#### Gifts in total up to \$499

Verne J. Barbre

Mayble Marie Epp

Dr. Charles E. Crouch

William M. and Mary Ann Greenwell

Clifford Reid Dowland

Dr. Clarence E. Lemmon

Dr. and Mrs. Frank K. Dunn

Franklin S. and Stella Riegel

Orra L. and Florence M. Watkins

### Gifts in Memory and Honor Given In

January 1971 through March 31, 1972

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Dr. William Hardy

Mrs. George Bissett, Sr.

Mrs. Lilian Higgins

Bebe Boswell

Joseph Holloway, Jr.

Edwin R. Burnley

Mrs. Archibald G. Huntsman

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Jack Lawrence

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Dr. James A. Crain

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Louise Keller Depew

Robert Trout Steindorf

John D. Estill

Chester B. Swander

Dr. Russell Hackney

Walter W. Trout

Mrs. William W. Trout, Jr.

# PROGRAM OF DEFERRED GIVING TO FOUNDATION AUTHORIZED

A gift to the Disciples of Christ Historical Foundation represents a unique way in which persons interested in the history of the Christian Church and the restoration/unity movement from which it developed can support the work of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in future years. As indicated above, the assets of the Foundation have grown to over \$131,000. This has come from gifts in memory of relatives and friends, donations, and wills. With a Foundation of this amount, the income from it will become significant in the financial support of the Society.

The Board of Trustees of the Society has approved an immediate goal of \$500,000 in the Foundation and an ultimate goal of \$1,000,000. Income from a Foundation of this size will enable the Society to expand its program significantly without requiring additional funds from churches.

In order to achieve these goals, the Board of Trustees also authorized the development of a program for deferred giving to the Foundation. There are several ways in which this can be done which may be of interest to different individuals. These are summarized briefly below.

1. *Inclusion of the Society in a Will.* In this way, a person can decide how much of his estate will go to the Society. At the same time, he is always free to change his will and to increase or to decrease the amounts which he may want to leave for different purposes. Wills have some disadvantages. Usually there is some time before the estate is settled and the bequest received. Also the bequest is subject to estate taxes above a certain amount.

2. *The Gift of Life Insurance.* Many persons find that as they grow older, their responsibilities are not as great and their need for life insurance decreases. They may want to support the work of the Society by making it the beneficiary of an insurance policy. If the Society is made the irrevocable beneficiary, the present cash value of the policy can be deducted on income tax returns as a

charitable deduction. If the donor continues to pay the premiums on the policy, the amount of the premium can also be deducted as a charitable contribution. The Society may also be made the revocable beneficiary of an insurance policy. While such an arrangement does not provide income tax deductions, there will be no estate tax paid on the amount because it has already been removed from the estate by the charitable gift.

3. *Gift Annuities.* A Gift Annuity is a legal contract. In return for an outright gift, the Disciples of Christ Historical Society agrees to pay a fixed assured income for the rest of the donor's life. The amount to be paid each year is fixed by his age at the time the agreement is made and, once fixed, does not vary. A Gift Annuity agreement can also be written to cover two lives if desired. A large portion of the gift is tax deductible in the year in which it is given. In addition, the income is largely tax free. Sample rates for several ages are listed below.

Age	Rate Paid
60	5.2%
65	5.6%
70	6.2%
75	7.0%
80	8.2%
85	9.7%
86 and over	10.0%

There are several kinds of annuity programs, each of which has certain advantages in certain situations. Arrangements are being made for handling annuity programs through the Christian Church Foundation. This unit of the Church has the professional staff and expert counsel to assist in developing the kind of annuity program that would be best suited for each person.

If you would be interested in further information about any kind of deferred giving program or in making a gift to the Disciples of Christ Historical Foundation, please write to the Historical Society at the address on the front of this report.

# DISCIPLES OF CHRIST HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

Donors for the Year 1971 through March 31, 1972

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Auxiliary to Postal Supervisors, Branch No. 32, Nashville, Tenn.

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Collins, Mrs. M. Thomas, Nashville, Tenn.

Crouch, Mrs. Charles E., Nashville, Tenn.

Crouch, Jordan J., Reno, Nev.

Dowland, Mrs. Grace D. (Mrs. C. R.), Nashville, Tenn.

Glenn, Robert, Paducah, Tex.

Graham, Ronald W., Lexington, Ky.

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Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Willis R., Nashville, Tenn.

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McCroskey, Mr. and Mrs. J. B., Nashville, Tenn.

Malcor, Mrs. Dorothy D., El Monte, Calif.

Mandrell, Mr. and Mrs. (deceased) W. F., Mobile, Ala.

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Spencer, Dr. and Mrs. Claude E., Nashville, Tenn.

Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Homer, Nashville, Tenn.

Sutton, David Nelson, West Point, Va.

Thompson, Dr. and Mrs. Ernest E., Indianapolis, Ind.

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Trimble, Mrs. Ina (deceased)

Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Harold R., Indianapolis, Ind.

White, Miss Anne M., Estate

Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E., Nashville, Tenn.

Witt, Mrs. J. L., Nashville, Tenn.

Wrather, Miss Eva Jean, Nashville, Tenn.

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## HAIL AND FAREWELL TO IRISH FRIEND OF DISCIPLES

With the death last September of T. G. F. Paterson, late Curator of the County Armagh Museum, Armagh, Northern Ireland, an entire generation of Disciples interested in exploring the Scots-Irish origins of our movement lost a mentor, guide, and friend. Among his own countrymen George Paterson was known as an historian and archeologist whose achievements and qualities of leadership won him recognition from the Royal Society of Irish Archeology and the Royal Academy of Dublin and caused him to be made a member of the Order of the British Empire by King George VI.

To this writer the news of his death sharply recalled the fortuitous beginnings of our American Disciple relationship with the Armagh curator more than three decades ago. It was on my first Campbell research trip abroad. A chance meeting on the boat train out of Glasgow led to my introduction to this truly remarkable antiquarian and historian. To him the yesteryears of Counties Antrim, Armagh, and Down appeared as vivid and alive as the headlines of the morning papers. If I mentioned a former student with whom Alexander Campbell spent the night on his return journey to Northern Ireland in 1847, George Paterson could show me the man's farmhouse still standing near Ahorey. If my question concerned the Richardsons of Richhill, he could produce articles which described even the flowers growing in the manor house gardens ca. 1806 when young Alexander was tutor to the Richardson children. Indeed, it was soon evident, this Irish curator's meticulous knowledge of the Campbells in their Ulster homeland was adding a new dimension to Disciple historical studies.

Because of this knowledge George Paterson was to become host and guide to a long succession of American Disciples desiring to tour the "Campbell Country" of Northern Ireland. Among these he was to count as special friends were fellow historians (and Disciples of Christ Historical Society Trustees) Ronald E. Osborn, Howard E. Short, and Lester G. McAllister; and he was equally gracious and generous in sharing his time and knowledge with touring groups of college students and interested Disciple laymen. At the time of my second quest for the Campbells in Ireland and, as it proved, of my last visit with George Paterson—following the World Convention of Churches of Christ in Edinburgh in 1960—he had already hosted



T. G. F. Paterson, late Curator of the County Armagh Museum in Armagh, Northern Ireland, as photographed in 1960 by the author, Miss Eva Jean Wrather. Mr. Paterson is seen at the gate of the Nathaniel Greer farm, where Alexander Campbell on his return tour of 1847 spent the night with an old pupil of the Richhill Academy, a school conducted by Thomas and Alexander Campbell.

one party of convention delegates from America and was looking forward to hosting another later that summer. In the same year Mr. Paterson retired from his active post as curator of the County Armagh Museum. But he continued his ties with American friends and his interest in the Campbells and the American religious movement whose roots were deep in his beloved Irish soil.

In appreciation and recognition of this long and fruitful association, the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in 1953 made Mr. Paterson an honorary member. When word of his death last fall reached the Historical Society, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, at its January meeting, authorized a letter to be written to the County Armagh Council expressing our gratitude for the life of this Christian gentleman and scholar. It was the further consensus of the meeting that the Disciple friends George Paterson had made across the years should be invited to make a gift to the Society in his memory. Such gifts should be designated for the "T. G. F. Paterson Memorial" and sent in care of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, 1101 Nineteenth Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee 37212. The funds received will be placed in the Society's Historical Foundation where they will serve through decades to come as a living memorial to our friend, this distinguished curator of County Armagh.

E.J.W.

## Ronald Osborn Honored by DCHS Trustees

Ronald E. Osborn, a member, trustee, and former president of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, has been honored by the Society with a Testimony of Appreciation. The printed resolution of the Society's Board of Trustees was presented by Marvin D. Williams, Jr. as a surprise feature during annual commencement ceremonies at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, June 2.

The Testimony of Appreciation honoring Dr. Osborn was prepared by another of the Society's Trustees Emeritus Dr. Henry K. Shaw. The resolution, as printed on the opposite page, is composed of titles representative of some 200 books, articles, and pamphlets written by Dr. Osborn.

In presenting the Testimony, Marvin D. Williams, Jr., Director of the Library and Archivist at the Historical Society, spoke of some of the influences of Ronald E. Osborn, as illustrated by materials in the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial. The following remarks are based upon Mr. Williams's presentation.

The very location of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in Nashville was the result of a decision by its directors when Ronald E. Osborn was its president in 1951. When the Society was planning its magnificent Thomas W. Phillips Memorial in the mid-1950s, Dr. Osborn was asked to serve on its Fine Arts Committee because he was deeply interested in Christian art. Along with his fellow trustees Miss Eva Jean Wrather and Howard E. Short, Dr. Osborn helped plan the stained glass medallions and shields sculptured in stone which add so much to the beauty of our Tudor Gothic building. More recently, Dr. Osborn was asked to share his vision of the significance of Christian art and did so in his stimulating address "The Third Eye," delivered at the Historical Society dinner at the 1962 International Convention in Los Angeles.

In 1966 Ronald E. Osborn spoke at the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial as one of three Forrest F. Reed lecturers, Dr. Osborn representing churches belonging to the International Convention. The Reed Lectures were established to provide "a series of lectures by history scholars objectively interpreting some phase of [Disciples] church history." But Dr. Osborn did not need this assignment to establish himself as a recognized church historian; he was already long since regarded as such. The author of many books and articles, editor of *Front Rank* and *The Reformation of Tradition*, founding editor of *Encounter*, Dr. Osborn's contributions to print are duly listed in the various files of the Historical Society.

Obviously, not all of these articles and books by Dr. Osborn are concerned with Disciples history; indeed they cover a wide variety of topics. Actually, his first article published in *The Christian-Evangelist* when he was only eighteen was entitled "Christian Unity—A Present Need," and the cause of Christian unity has never been far from his heart. He has devoted himself without reservation to the ecumenical movement, and his expertise in the field has been recognized by insistent demands by all kinds of unity groups, those within the Disciples, as well as regional, national, and world interdenominational councils. He has attended meetings of the World Council of Churches and its Faith and Order Commission at Lund, Evanston, Montreal, and Uppsala, as well as regional assemblies such as Oberlin. He taught at the Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies at Chateau de Bossey in 1954-55 and published some of the materials used there in *The Spirit of American Christianity*. He has represented the Disciples of Christ in the Consultation on Church Union and is active in the Council on Christian Unity of the Disciples of Christ.

Dr. Osborn is not merely an ecumenist, he is a dyed-in-the-wool Disciple, and his brotherhood has also asked him to serve in positions of great responsibility. He was president of the International Convention in 1967-68 when the decisive affirmative vote was taken on the Provisional Design for the Christian Church, and he presided as first moderator of the Provisional General Assembly.

Perhaps Dr. Osborn is best known to you as an educator. First a professor at Northwest Christian College in Eugene, Oregon where he taught church history, New Testament Greek, and religious education, Dr. Osborn was called in 1950 to be professor of church history at Butler's School of Religion. Then in 1958, when the school was reestablished as Christian Theological Seminary, he was asked to become its first dean and vice-president. In 1970 he asked to be relieved of administrative duties that he might devote himself entirely to his first love, teaching. Distributed throughout the biographical files at the Society are hundreds of mimeographed Christmas letters he has received over the years, and many of these have those touching handwritten postscripts which tell of the respect and love he has inspired in his students.

But I would not have anyone think of Ronald E. Osborn as some fuddy-duddy antiquarian, merely interested in the past of his church and the church catholic. As chairman of the editorial committee which readied *A Plan of Union*, he is vitally involved in helping to create what will hopefully be truly a Church of Christ Uniting.

# Disciples of Christ Historical Society

## TESTIMONY OF APPRECIATION

TO

### Ronald Edwin Osborn

*We Rejoice in God* that among *Disciples Serving Our Day* you have effectively labored in the cause of preserving *The Legacy of Our Fathers*. Embarked on *The Disciples Ecumenical Voyage in Grace and Faith* you have been *Following Jesus—The Light of the World*, in the best *Spirit of American Christianity*, or as they say in German, *Der Geist des Amerikanischen Christentums*.

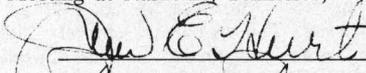
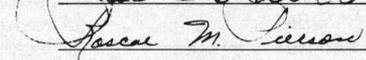
*We Praise God* that you could *Do a Good Job of Living* by perceiving your *Task for Tomorrow* as one of bearing the responsibility of being a Member, Trustee, and President of the *Disciples of Christ Historical Society*. Your appreciation of *The Church and the Fine Arts* is reflected in the beauty of our building. Your writings, from *The Preaching of St. Peter Damien: The Oratory of an Eleventh Century Rhetorician* to what will be your magnum opus, *The History of Preaching*, indicate many dimensions of *The Redemptive Work of Christ and the Ministry of His Church* in the *One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church*.

Seeing almost as with *The Third Eye* you have inspired your brethren to appreciate the need for *Corporate Integrity for a Free Church*. You have been *Our Evangelistic Witness* in the *Reformation of Tradition*. In a quest of *Rediscovering Christian Unity in A Church for These Times* you developed ways of *Finding Tomorrow's Church for Today*. Among *Men of God* and *Voices for God* your illumination has *Shed Light for Our Darkness*. Your interest in *The Church, Its Ministers, and Their Education* has demonstrated that *Christianity is Thrilling in The Fight to Set Men Free*.

In the *Wisdom of God* you have projected *Hope Beyond History and Fulfillment in History* for those who serve *In Christ's Place* as they travel *On the Road Toward a United Church. All This Is Ministry*. One and all we acclaim *Thy Paths Our Chosen Way. What We Want Most of All* is that this Testimony will express our appreciation to one who has had so much to do in *Defining the Unity We Seek in The Structure of Cooperation of the Disciples of Christ*. Truly, you have been instrumental in the *Shaping of the American Spirit* toward the *Totality of Christ's Lordship and the Wholeness of His Church*.

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Words in italics are representative titles from some 200 books, articles, and pamphlets written by Dr. Osborn.

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## GOAL OF 5,000 MEMBERS SET FOR DCHS

The Disciples of Christ Historical Society has a goal of 5,000 members, a substantial increase above the present number. This goal has been set in the hope that a broader based membership will stimulate interest in the history of the Christian Church and in the history of local congregations. In reality, this is a rather modest goal since it is the equivalent of only one member in each local congregation.

To help achieve this goal, each local congregation is urged to establish the position of Church Historian and to appoint a person interested in the history of the church to this position. The Society urges the church to send the name of the church historian to it and to make the Church Historian a member of the Society. Annual dues for this are only \$7.50, and the church is urged to include this small amount in its budget for the coming year.

Ministers are also urged to suggest to other members of their churches that they become members of the Historical Society. There are many members of local congregations who know much about the history of their church and are interested in it.

Members of the Historical Society receive the quarterly DISCIPLIANA and other information of interest. Members also receive discounts on most of the books published or distributed by the Society. Since dues form a significant part of the financial structure of the Society, members help sustain and extend its work with their dues.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Historical Society or if you know of anyone who is, please send your application and membership dues today.

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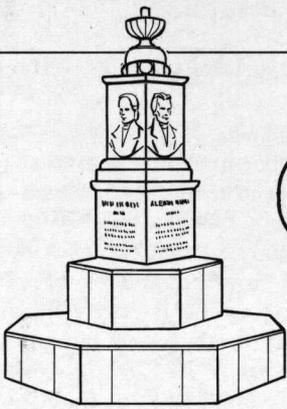
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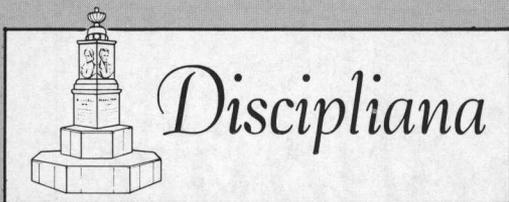
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Monday, November 13, and Tuesday, November 14, 1972

**SPEAKER: DR. M. NORVEL YOUNG**

The Forrest F. Reed Lectures for 1972 will be presented at the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial November 13 and 14 by M. Norvel Young. For more information on the lectures and the lecturer see the inside pages of this issue of *Discipliana*.



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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

We welcome Dr. M. Norvel Young, Chancellor of Pepperdine University, as the lecturer for the Reed Lectures for 1972. Dr. Young has had a distinguished career as a minister, educator, college president, and now chancellor of Pepperdine University, which is currently in the process of building a new campus at Malibu, California. Dr. Young's subject will be "What's Going on in the Churches of Christ."

The Reed Lectures were established in October 1964 to provide a series of lectures by history scholars objectively interpreting some phase of church history pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society which provides, "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 Church, Churches of Christ, and related groups." These lectures are published by the Society for those who wish to add them to their library or who cannot come to Nashville to hear them.

The Lectureship is financed from a trust fund established by the Society with a gift from Forrest F. Reed, one of our trustees. This gift was placed in trust with the First American National Bank and only the income from the trust may be used by the Society for these lectures.

Over the years, these lectures have provided an opportunity for scholars to make a significant evaluation of the history of various phases of the Restoration/Unity Movement. In this time of change in religious philosophies, structure, programs, and modes of operation, it is helpful from time to time to analyze the history of some phase of this movement and to attempt to evaluate its effect on the course of the church today and in the future.

HUGH E. WILLIAMS

## M. NORVEL YOUNG TO GIVE REED LECTURES NOVEMBER 13-14

M. Norvel Young, Chancellor of Pepperdine University, will deliver the Sixth Series of Forrest F. Reed Lectures at the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial in Nashville, Monday and Tuesday evenings, November 13 and 14, 1972, speaking on the general topic "What's Going On in the Churches of Christ."

### The Lectures

This year there will be two lectures in the Series. The first of these, "Reaction and Action," is scheduled for Monday, November 13, at 7:30 P.M. and will look back on the history of the Churches of Christ.

The second lecture will be presented Tuesday evening, November 14, at 7:30. It will be entitled "The Past is Prologue" and will attempt to forecast where the Churches of Christ are going.

### The Lecturer

Dr. Young will draw upon his rich and varied background both within the Churches of Christ and beyond, as educator, minister, writer and editor, as well as community leader.

During his fourteen years as President of Pepperdine College, he guided the institution from precarious obscurity to vigorous good health. When Dr. Young assumed leadership of the small college on July 1, 1957, it had problems with finances and staff morale. By December 7, 1970, Pepperdine College had developed to the point it was ready to become Pepperdine University. The University now has a second liberal arts campus under construction in the Santa Monica hills; a newly accredited law school in Orange County; an established Year-In-Europe program in Heidelberg, Germany; a far-flung continuing education division; and a growing professional program complementing the established liberal arts college on the Los Angeles campus.

While guiding the institution into a phase of dynamic development, Dr. Young established a near record tenure among college and university presidents throughout California. Of ninety-eight four-year accredited institutions in the state, only two have presidents who had been on the job as long as he had. In March 1971, he accepted the position of Chancellor of Pepperdine University and Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

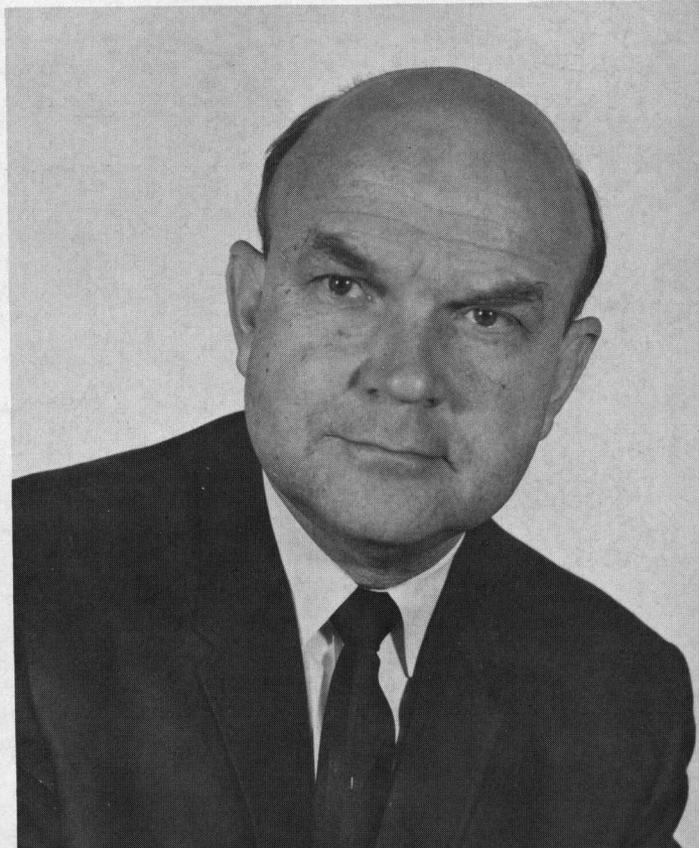
Before assuming the presidency of Pepperdine in 1957, M. Norvel Young preached al-

most twenty years in local Churches of Christ. Among the congregations served were York Boulevard, Los Angeles; Van Nuys, California; Granny White, Nashville; Broadway, Lubbock, Texas.

Dr. Young is an author and editor of note, editing *20th Century Christian and Power for Today*, and writing *A History of Colleges Established and Controlled by Members of the Churches of Christ*.

The man's supplementary activities are of unusual diversity. He is a trustee of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and serves on the Board of Governors for the Los Angeles County Museum of History and Natural Science. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, and was appointed by Governor Ronald Reagan to the California Coordinating Council for Higher Education.

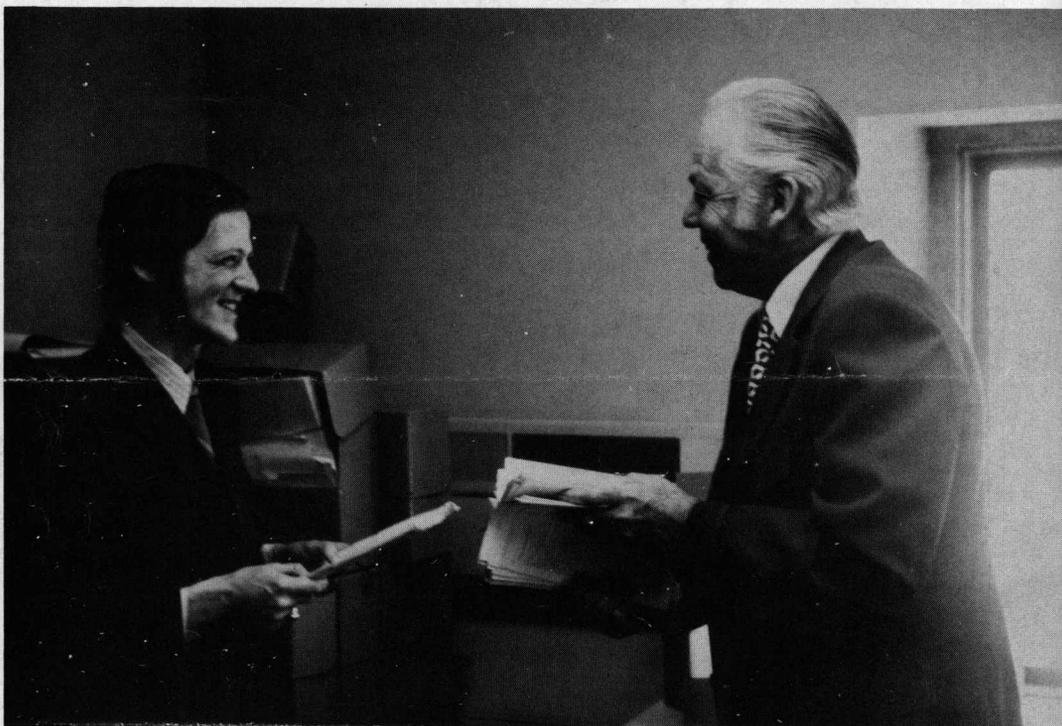
M. Norvel Young holds degrees from Abilene Christian College (B.A.), Vanderbilt University (M.A.), and George Peabody College for Teachers (Ph.D.) and has taken additional course work at David Lipscomb College, Columbia University, and the University of Southern California.



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Hugh E. Williams photo

Hugh M. Riley (right), a trustee of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, and Marvin D. Williams, the Society's Director of the Library and Archivist, discuss some of the materials deposited at the Historical Society by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Southern California and Southern Nevada. Dr. Riley, an Associate Pastor in the Regional office who has been instrumental in sending the official records to the Society, spent several days at the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial this summer organizing the Regional archives and some personal papers he has also deposited.

The next issue of *Discipliana* will include a review of these and other significant materials received during the last two years.

The Disciples of Christ Historical Society is happy to announce that it has just received a check for \$10,000 from the estate of Dr. and Mrs. Winfred E. Garrison. This gift is appreciated very much as it reflects the interest which Dr. and Mrs. Garrison always had in the work of the Society. A decision as to the use of this money will be made at a meeting of the Society's Board of Trustees in November.



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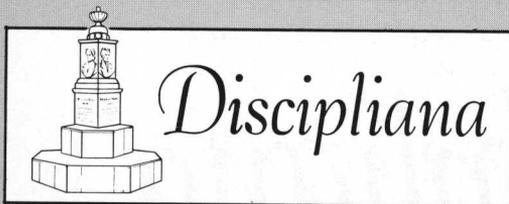
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The Unified Promotion archives shelved on the fifth stack level of the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial represent just a portion of the tons of materials that come to the Disciples of Christ Historical Society each year. This special issue of *Discipliana* is a report of the many significant library and archival acquisitions received in the biennium July 1, 1970-June 30, 1972.



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Editorial

This special issue of DISCIPLIANA is devoted in its entirety to a review of the many significant acquisitions of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in the period from July 1, 1970 to June 30, 1972. While such a report may incidentally provide some satisfactions to the librarians and archivists at the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial, it is really addressed to the thousands of readers of our magazine.

At least three publics have been considered: the many donors who have sent materials, a wider group of members and friends of the Society, and, finally, the general academic and professional communities. In the first place, while it has been impossible to list by name many of the 1,494 contributors who have sent 1,894 lots of materials in the two year period, we hope all our donors will accept this as a sincere "Thank You." Secondly, this is a report to the one thousand plus members and many other supporters of the Society of acquisitions received. Finally, this statement will hopefully inform students of potential sources for research topics and professors who will be advising students on such matters. We hope it will also be of interest to colleagues in the library and archival professions.

In some ways this is a successor to the rather detailed annual reports of acquisitions that appeared in the *Year Book and Directory of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)* until 1970. If the response of our readers is positive, the Society hopes to resume such reports in some form or other, perhaps expanding them to encompass the whole range of Society activities.

*Marvin D. Williams, Jr.*

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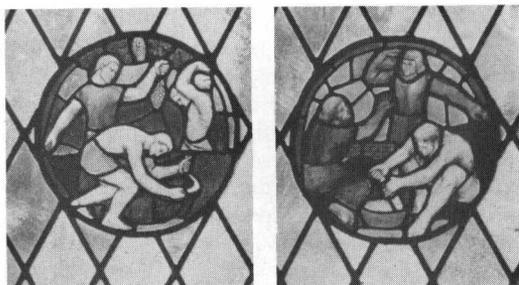
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# GATHERING IN AND DISPENSING

A Report of Significant Acquisitions  
by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society  
(July 1, 1970-June 30, 1972)

By MARVIN D. WILLIAMS, JR.

Just inside the entrance porch of the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial are a pair of stained glass medallions which symbolize the two central functions of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society: making historical materials available and the use of those materials. Basing his imagery on the Old Testament story of Joseph in Egypt, artist Gus Baker depicts in the first window three figures gathering in the harvests of the vineyards and the fields of grain. The companion medallion, entitled "The Dispensing," shows another group of three men making use of the fruits of the harvest, the Bread of Life as a symbol for knowledge.



In the two-year period, July 1970-June 1972, the Disciples of Christ Historical Society has been quite busy gathering in and dispensing. While the average number of acquisitions has decreased slightly, the quantity of materials has increased and reflects a shift in sources. Though the Society continues to receive a major portion of its acquisitions from individuals, the number coming from churches and organizations shows a significant increase. The growing activities of the Society as an archives is both confirmed and contributory to the shift.

This report to members and friends of the Society will emphasize its function of making historical materials available for use through collecting, cataloging, and preserving, but will refer as well to its other goal, the use of the materials through research and writing.

## Library

The library of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society now contains over 15,500 cataloged books, pamphlets, and other materials;

an estimated 10,000 volumes of serials; plus a mass of material in biographical, local church, organizational, educational, bibliographical, and other files. During the last two years many items of great research value have been added in all these categories. In order to give some idea of what is currently being received, where it is coming from, and how it is used, this inventory will be organized according to types of sources.

Members and friends of the Society are responsible for sending some of the best items in the library. One source for books are dozens of author-supporters who send their works to the Society. Based on an informal count of donors in the period, some forty-three writers have donated their works. Some of the better known are James D. Bales, Batsell Barrett Baxter, "Joe" Belcastro, Paul Benjamin, Congressman Charles E. Bennett, Pat Boone, the late Carl R. Brown, James W. Carty, Jr., Lowell G. Colston, Mrs. Edith Deen, Robert O. Fife, Jack Finegan, Senator J. William Fulbright, Robert W. Funk, Mr. Noel Keith, Charles F. Kemp, Loren E. Lair, Allan W. Lee, Lester G. McAllister, Edna McGuire, Miss Harriet-Louise H. Patterson, Earl T. Sechler, and Chester A. Sillars. Other persons sent copies of pamphlets or articles they had written, including Earl Eugene Eminhizer, Joseph B. Fitch, C. H. Hamlin, Edward G. Holley, Wayne C. Lee, Hugh T. Morrison, Leonard Merlin Norris, Mrs. Agnes M. Smith, and H. R. Taylor.

A number of students sent copies of their theses. Among these were papers by Charles Grover Caldwell III, William C. Creasy, Paul Abernathy Crow, Jr., Mr. Gail B. Dunning, Herman A. Norton, Harry Milton Sippel, and David Ellis Walker, Jr.

Another group of friends of the Society send a variety of materials on a more or less regular basis. Among these are Lea Earl Acuff, Ben R. Bidy, James W. Carty, Jr., Mrs. Edgar H. Duncan, J. A. Floyd, Jr., Allan W. Lee, Dr. and Mrs. J. Edward Moseley, and Ben E. Schiller. One of the most loyal of these supporters was the late Bruce Nay.

Still another source of books is weeding of libraries. Some people sending books, pamphlets, and magazines were Mr. and Mrs. Creighton Ashton, the late Amelia Elizabeth Cooper, Willis R. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kuhn, the late James E. McKinney, Mrs. W. A. Means, Orval D. Peterson, and Woodrow W. Wasson. Books from the libraries of the late Peter Ainslie, Jesse M. Bader, and George Swann were also received. Over a hundred titles published on the Bolenge Press in Zaire were presented by Miss Gertrude M. Shoemaker. Long runs of periodicals were received from Edmund C. Short.

One field of some popular interest now is hymnody. Recently song books have come from Enos E. Dowling, J. A. Floyd, Jr., Mrs. E. R. Larson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clyde Lawder, Mrs. J. B. Templeton, and Hazel Wiley. Allen B. Stanger sent good Virginia material for biographical, local church, and Lynchburg College files. Paul Benjamin sent materials on Key 73, another topic of current interest.

In order to catalog these and other materials properly and efficiently the Society needs to



Almost a thousand churches regularly send their newsletters and worship bulletins to the Society where they will be preserved yet available to researchers. To facilitate the filing of these materials, congregations are encouraged to send these publications in quarterly, semiannual, or annual packets. Pictured here are some of the million plus such local church newsletters already on file.

strengthen its bibliographical collection. Some bibliographical tools were received from Roscoe M. Pierson (*The National Union Catalog*), Robert H. Stone (*Cumulative Book Index* and *The Publishers' Trade List Annual*), and Ben R. Bidby (*Books in Print* and *American Book Publishing Record*).

#### Local Church Materials

Approximately 43 percent of the Society's acquisitions come from local churches. While it certainly would be impossible to describe in detail the tens of thousands of items coming from over a thousand congregations, it is possible to discuss the types of materials received and some of the sources. These materials come from all segments of the Disciples of Christ, Christian Churches, and Churches of Christ and are sent by church historians, pastors, secretaries, and others. This brief review of local church materials is provided not only as a summary of items received, but as a suggested list of materials the Society would like to receive.

Between 800 and 1,000 churches send their newsletters and worship bulletins to the Disciples of Christ Historical Society for preservation and use. While many congregations continue to send these publications individually, an increasing number are heeding the Society's appeal to send them in quarterly, semiannual, or yearly packets so that they may be filed more easily. A few churches even bind their newsletters or bulletins for permanent reference.

Of great value in tracing the history of a church are programs of special events in the life of the congregation. Among the occasions for such programs are ordinations, installations and anniversaries of pastors, dedication and mortgage burning services, anniversaries, organ recitals and dedications, homecomings, missionary rallies, banquets, prayer vigils, ecumenical worship services, recognitions and dedications of church school teachers and officers.

Though anniversaries may be the occasion for special interest in the history of the congregation, the work of the church historian should be year-round, year in, year out. Local church historians may write formal histories or historical summaries and should file reports periodically. Of course, church anniversaries are important and may result in special programs, booklets, and pageants and may elicit letters from former members and ministers.

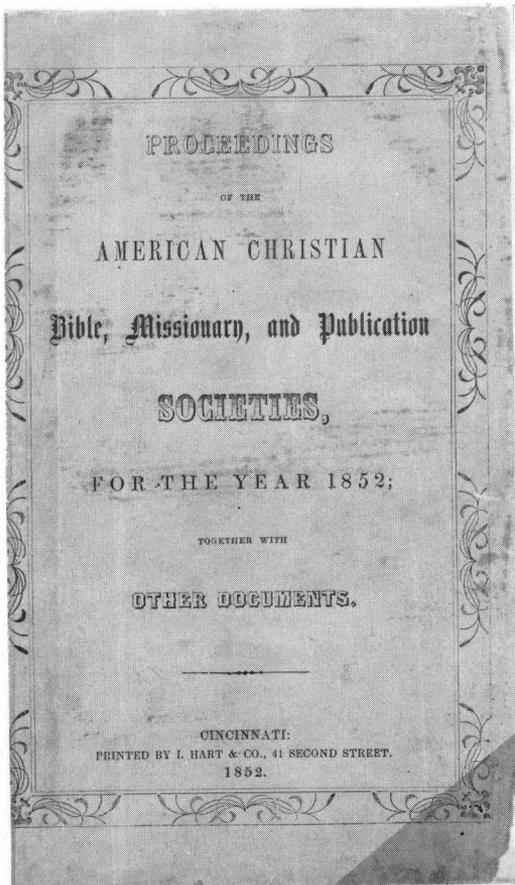
Among the various types of materials sent by local churches are newspaper clippings; brochures; youth papers; church mailings; constitutions and bylaws, church covenants, and articles of incorporation; yearbooks; correspondence files; devotional booklets such as those for Advent and Lent; memorial gift booklets; retreat materials; badges; eulogies; letters of transfer; wedding record books; building plans; commitment cards; calendars; bookmarks; pictures, photographs, and post cards; directories; sermons; and membership rolls. The annual meeting of the congregation results in various materials, including reports, minutes, and ballots.

Officers and various bodies in the church create materials too. For example, the General Board will produce rosters, minutes, agendas, reports, and planning booklets. Church officers and committees will submit reports and prepare minutes and reports of their meetings. The minister should report regularly and in writing. Of course, there will be financial reports and materials aplenty, including budgets. Local church librarians weed their collections and send excess books to the Society. The Christian Women's Fellowship of the church may produce a variety of materials, including reports, yearbooks, directories, and histories. Church school classes may publish class books, minutes, and yearbooks.

#### Organizational Supporters

Many organizations send materials to the Society on a regular basis. Among the items in such a shipment might be reports, minutes, agendas, yearbooks, serials, newspaper clippings, packets, press releases, promotional mailings, catalogs, directories, brochures, folders, audits, books, programs, pictures, histories, lists, calendars, speeches, etc. Among the organizations may be publishers, colleges, regional offices of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), independent missions, associations and societies, ecumenical bodies, and Christian Church agencies.

Some publishers send books, pamphlets, magazines, and curriculum items they print, and these strengthen the Society's library. Among these publishers were the C.E.I. Publishing Company, Christian Board of Publication, College Press, Gospel Advocate Company, Lincoln Christian College Press, Seminary Press, Standard Publishing, Sweet Publishing Company, Texas Christian University Press, Transylvania Printing Company, Upper Room, and Westport Press.



One of the most important acquisitions of the Society was a copy of the hitherto unlocated *Proceedings of the American Christian Bible, Missionary, and Publication Societies, for the Year 1852*. This rare booklet has been microfilmed and prints of the film may be purchased.

One of the greatest caches of materials recently received was a small package from Standard Publishing, the outstanding piece being a copy of the hitherto unlocated *Proceedings of the American Christian Bible, Missionary, and Publication Societies for the Year 1852*. Among the other two and a half dozen items were tracts and magazines from the mid-nineteenth century.

The Society received cards for the Disciples Union Catalog from the Graduate Seminary of Phillips University and manuscript inventories from Christian Theological Seminary. Of great value in keeping track of new publications are accession lists received from the libraries of Christian Theological Seminary, David Lipscomb College, Lexington Theological Seminary, and York College.



In September 1971 the Society published a *Preliminary Guide to Black Materials in the Disciples of Christ Historical Society*. This thirty-eight page booklet lists over 625 books, pamphlets, periodicals, theses, personal papers, and archives, as well as a number of files, including educational institutions, biographical, organizational, and the church in local and regional manifestations. Single copies of the Guide are free upon request; additional copies are fifty cents each.

#### Black Materials Project

During the biennium, the Society published a *Preliminary Guide to Black Materials in the Disciples of Christ Historical Society*, hoping to publicize its holdings in this popular field and elicit additional materials. In some ways the response has been rather disappointing on both scores. Only a few people have sent new materials for the collection. John Long sent good photographic coverage and J. F. Whitfield, assorted materials, including worship bulletins from Black congregations. More frequently, assistance has come in the form of titles to be included in supplements to the Guide. Among those helping in this way were William L. Miller, Jr., J. Edward Moseley, and Claude E. Spencer.

#### Personal Papers

In the last two years the Disciples of Christ Historical Society received a number of strong collections of personal papers from individuals, reflecting a wide variety of activities. These ranged from a number of large cartons to single items and included diaries, reminiscences, correspondence, manuscripts, sermons, prayers, notes, theses, clippings, etc.

Particularly well represented were missionaries of the Christian Church. Among these and their mission fields were Robert B. Lemmon and Samuel S. McWilliams (Latin America); Alexander Paul and Miss Stella Tremaine (China); Harry C. Saum (India); and Emory Ross, missionary to Africa and spokesman for Africa to America.

Among educators whose papers are at the Society are William Mentzel Forrest, long-time head of the University of Virginia Bible Chair; Allen B. Stanger, Lynchburg College chaplain; and Lester G. McAllister, including records of his service as National Director of Young People's Work for the United Christian Missionary Society. Earl T. Sechler deposited papers, including diaries for 1927-70 upon which he based his *Leaves from an Ozark Journal*. Other ministers sending materials were Allan W. Lee, General Secretary of the World Convention of Churches of Christ, and Myron C. Cole, who sent papers from his early ministry.

Six men, all deeply involved in the work of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, have sent papers to the Society and these deal with Historical Society as well as general activities: Ben R. Bidby, W. P. Harman, J. Edward Moseley, Hugh M. Riley, John Rogers, and Henry K. Shaw.

Among other persons whose papers were recently received were Carl R. Brown, Miss Hazel Cunningham, and Louis A. Warren. Accretions were made to a number of already established collections, including those of Jesse M. Bader, James A. Crain, W. E. Garrison, Raphael H. Miller, Roger T. Nooe, Ronald E. Osborn, Walter W. Sikes, Daniel C. Troxel, and H. T. Wood.

In some cases an acquisition may consist of a file on a narrowly defined subject or of materials of a particular type. The following examples illustrate some of the papers coming to the Society.

- Letters written to William T. McConnell by William H. Edwards and Edgar DeWitt Jones
- Sermons of Alonzo Willard Fortune, transcribed from the Braille by Mrs. DeLoris Stevenson
- A notebook of Edgar Fay Daugherty's sermons in manuscript
- A packet of letters from "Distinguished Disciples" to A. T. DeGroot, including letters from the late Lyndon Baines Johnson and General Omar N. Bradley
- Four scrapbooks from Arthur E. Elliott on the seventh International Conference of American States in Montevideo in 1933
- Scrapbooks kept by Mmes. Anna (Anderson) Clark, Mary Mann, and Mollie L. Meeks
- Sermons of William A. Shullenberger

- Two volumes of J. W. McGarvey's *Class Notes* with holographic notes by the late William H. McKinney
- Typescript of passages from Ellsworth Faris' diary
- Correspondence between Russell M. Bythewood and Orval D. Peterson regarding the establishment of Woodhaven Learning Center
- Charles Willard's file on his work on the Michigan Association of Christian Churches' Historical Commission
- Correspondence of Bruce Cooley with B. D. Phillips and Mrs. Grace Phillips Johnson on Restructure (1968-70)
- Records of Restoration Discussion meetings in the Greater Oklahoma City area around 1970

Single pieces from early Disciple leaders can be important, for example, Xerox copies of letters of Alexander Campbell to John Richardson (June 20, 1828) and to Mrs. Selina Huntington Campbell (January 8, 1830). Lester G. McAllister presented a check from Alexander Campbell to his brother-in-law, E. W. Bakewell, dated August 28, 1833 in the amount \$800. Barton W. Stone is represented by a typescript copy of an original holographic sermon on 2 Timothy 3:5.

Some acquisitions raise as many questions as they answer, for example, the holographic manuscript of an address to Bethany College

alumni on July 3, 1850, speaker unknown, or two large ledger books of sermons, carefully handwritten by an unidentified preacher.

Manuscripts of books and articles, published and unpublished, are also received. The Society received from Standard Publishing the manuscript of an apparently unpublished work by Walter Scott Athearn entitled "The Mind We Teach and How to Teach It." Manuscripts of published volumes were also received from Marion H. Duncan, Herman A. Norton, and Clifford H. Plopper, as well as articles by Don Reece.

Single letters can be of interest, for example, one to Rex Garfield regarding the position of the Watseka, Illinois First Christian Church on the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday (February 12, 1958); another from Bess Wolfen recounting her early experiences in the church; and still another from the late Arthur Ford to Roscoe M. Pierson (October 30, 1970).

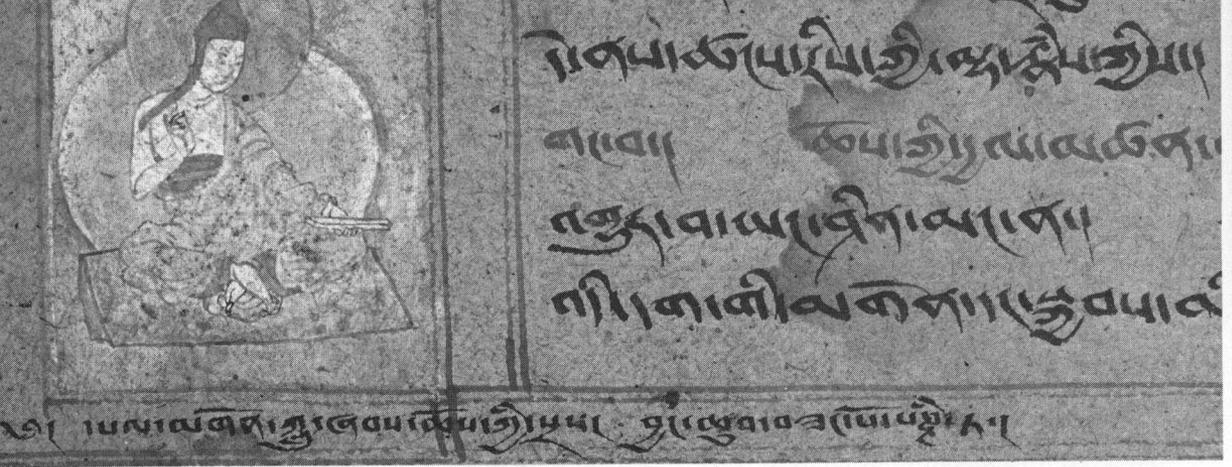
Diplomas and certificates are of assistance in biographical study. Among others, the Society received a preaching certificate of James F. McCoy, diplomas and certificates of Charles Henry Dutcher and Miss Grace Darling Phillips, and the high school diploma of Henry Miles Reardon.

#### Archives of the Christian Church

The magnitude of the expanding role of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society as the archives of the Christian Church is dramati-

In the pioneer period of the Disciples movement, ministers were often employed to preach or evangelize in a local church on the basis of subscriptions received from members of the congregation. In 1828, fifty-three persons in the Warren, Ohio church (now Central Christian Church) pledged \$136 in money or kind to employ Adamson Bentley to preach half-time for the congregation. This subscription list and letters addressed to the Mahoning Baptist Association from six local churches for the Association's 1823 meeting in Youngstown, Ohio were presented to the Historical Society by Ronald R. Reed.

We the subscribers for the purpose of employing Elder  
 Adamson Bentley to preach to the Church and Congregation  
 one half of the time or every other Lords Day for the Term  
 of one year commencing September the first 1828  
 do promise to pay to the said A. Bentley the several sums  
 annexed to our names in money grain or the new paper  
 for a Gannuley use at the market prices, to be paid half yearly  
 on the first of our Sinds Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1828  
 Subscribers James \$11 Subscribers James \$11  
 Benajah Austin paid 7 00 Simon Drake paid 2 00



This illuminated decoration of the Buddha is from a Tibetan religious work found in the archives of the United Christian Missionary Society. The staff of the Society has conjectured that this and two other Tibetan works originally may have been acquired by the United Society to be part of a library of Tibetan literature at the College of Missions.

cally illustrated by the front cover of this issue of DISCIPLIANA. The Unified Promotion archives pictured there represent only a portion of the tons of archival material that come to the Society each year. Obviously, to receive these materials is not enough. They must be appraised, arranged, described, housed, and serviced to be of maximum value both to the agencies that created and still refer to them and to the researchers who study them.

Archives are the records of an organization's daily operations and usually include correspondence, memorandums, minutes, reports, journals, account books, and other documents. Such materials are irreplaceable, and it is the Society's responsibility to see that these primary research sources are preserved.

Among the units of the Christian Church to transfer records to the Historical Society during the last two years were the Board of Higher Education, General Office, National Benevolent Association, Pension Fund, Unified Promotion, and the United Christian Missionary Society. While it would be impossible to list in detail all these materials, some examples can be cited.

Records of four mission fields of the Department of East Asia of the Division of Overseas Ministries have been received, processed, and are available to researchers. These include the archives of Disciples work in China, India, Japan, and Tibet. Archives of other fields have also been received but are not processed as yet, including records for Africa, Latin America, and the Philippines, as well as the Office of Materiel Services.

Many records have been transferred from the Division of Homeland Ministries and some

of these have already been used by scholars, for example, those dealing with Home Mission work with Black churches. The archives of the Department of Church in Society are being processed now. Another department which sent records was Christian Education.

General departments of the United Christian Missionary Society have also sent records, including those of the Secretary, Treasurer, and the Office of Service. Of special interest were files of Mrs. Anna R. Atwater from around 1920.

Howard E. Short, editor of *The Christian*, continued his long-standing practice of periodically transferring office files of his magazine. Extensive records of *World Call* have also been sent through the courtesy of its editor, James L. Merrell, and former associate editor, Mrs. Louise Moseley.

Some specialized agencies of the Christian Church have begun to send records for preservation and use at the Historical Society. These include archives of the Colorado Christian Home in Denver. Files were also received from the General Office such as those of its Office of Communication and the now defunct Commission on Cooperative Policy and Practice.

Hugh M. Riley, a trustee and former chairman of the Society's Board, implemented the transfer of the archives of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of the Southern California and Southern Nevada Region where he is now Associate Pastor. In the summer of 1972, Dr. Riley came to Nashville to help organize the records for use. Another region sending archival materials is the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana, in-

cluding records of its History Commission (1962-65). One city organization, the Disciples Council of Greater St. Louis, continues to send minutes and correspondence files.

While hundreds of local churches regularly send materials for preservation and use at the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, relatively few use the Society as repository for their archives. Among the congregations which have in the last two years, six will be mentioned. The Ninth Street Christian Church, Washington, D.C. sent extensive records, as did the Christian Church of Middletown, Kentucky and First Christian Church, El Paso, Texas. The Northview Christian Church, Kokomo, Indiana placed on permanent loan at the Society records of its predecessor, the Rich Valley Christian Church. More limited but of interest were record books of the Young America, Indiana Sabbath School and the Church of Christ at Shrewsbury, Kentucky.

#### Audio-Visuals

The field of audio-visual materials is ever-changing as new techniques are developed, the latest such trend being the use of cassettes in local church programs.

Among those sending photographs were Mrs. Betty Brown, who sent a photograph of her father, Wallace R. Bacon, and other missionaries in China in 1923. Mrs. Henry G. Bowden sent numerous old pictures as well. The Office of Audio-Visual Services presented copies of their filmstrip and motion picture releases. Slides, of either the older glass or more modern



Marion H. Duncan recently presented to the Society over a hundred negatives of Tibetan people and scenes, including this one of the hospital at Batang taken in 1929. Dr. A. L. Shelton and a number of other Disciples served the Tibetan Christian Mission before the missionaries were withdrawn in 1932.

acetate film types, were sent by Ross and Agnes Burghardt, Miss Georgia E. Lockenour, and Frank Coombs Neal, some including accompanying scripts. Slides and movies were received from the Board of Church Extension and the World Convention of Churches of Christ.

Audio materials were also received. These additions to the Society's oral history collection include phonograph records of William Hamilton (Bill) Alexander, tape recordings of George G. Beazley's remarks at a ministers' retreat at Santa Barbara, California, a tape of a sermon by Theo O. Fisher, and an eight track tape of the retirement service of Harrison McMains.

#### Museum Materials

During the last few years the Disciples of Christ Historical Society has received a number of museum items, some of which may be used



An oil portrait of Jesse M. Bader, first General Secretary of the World Convention of Churches of Christ, was presented to the Historical Society by the World Convention. This portrait was painted by Felix De-Rocher, a Dutch artist living in New York from photographs of Dr. Bader. Both Allan W. Lee and Mrs. Bader assisted in the transfer of the portrait from New York to Nashville where the painting now hangs.

in displays in the future. Some of these came from individuals and others from churches or organizations.

The Society received items from the estates of three Disciples: several paintings of local churches from Matthew J. Votruba; and mementos, robes, etc., from Samuel B. Braden and W. A. Shullenberger. Allan W. Lee sent convention badges as did Mrs. J. Eric Carlson, Glenn B. Lacy, and William W. McDermot III.

A communion set belonging to Benjamin S. Ferrall was sent by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Tisdall, who included a silver chalice used at Forest Avenue Christian Church, Buffalo, New York



The Disciples of Christ Historical Society, headquartered in the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial, 1101 Nineteenth Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee 37212, is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Upon prior appointment, researchers may also be served on Saturdays.

It is suggested that researchers requiring the use of manuscript and archival materials write or telephone a few days in advance of their arrival.

till about 1912. The Society also received a goblet and tray from the York, Nebraska Christian Church and a small individual plastic communion cup from the historic first provisional General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at Kansas City, Missouri in 1968. Congregations sent commemorative church plates, including Mount Pleasant Christian Church, Hall, Indiana; Church of Christ, Bedford, Ohio; and First Christian Church, Houston, Texas.

Finally, the World Council of Christian Education presented to the Historical Society a large color portrait of Robert M. Hopkins, pioneer religious educator.

### The Dispensing

Throughout this report the emphasis has been on acquisitions, the gathering in, and only incidentally on the dispensing. The Disciples of Christ Historical Society, however, is not merely an acquisitive society, it is a service organization as well.

In the period July 1, 1970-June 30, 1972, ninety-four persons came to the Society to do research. Some of these carried out research in real depth, at least five resulting in doctoral dissertations. One of the three Ph.D. theses was written by Hap C. Lyda at Vanderbilt University and is the first doctoral dissertation on the history of the Black Disciple church. Dr. Lyda used many sources at the Society unavailable elsewhere.

Over 600 persons received letters from the Society in response to mail inquiries. While the Society's ability to handle these mail re-

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Signed: Marvin D. Williams, Editor

quests is necessarily limited by staff time and, sometimes, the lack of data, this is an important and far-reaching service.

The Historical Society serves churches and organizations as well as individuals. As repository for records of congregations and agencies, the Society not only preserves materials but is a place where people come for information on the history and current status of the Disciples of Christ, Christian Churches, and Churches of Christ.

The Historical Society serves congregations through working with local church historians in performing their duties, through preserving church records in the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial, and through providing historical data.

As stated in the Constitution of the Historical Society, it is "responsible for the receipt and retention of permanent records, and for providing advice and assistance on records management programs for local congregations, regions, agencies," etc.

The Disciples of Christ Historical Society has a big job as it seeks to gather in and disperse. It desires to do even more and needs the help of all its members and friends as it equips itself for the work. The Historical Society respectfully asks this assistance, both in terms of research materials and the financial undergirding to support its program.

## NEW STAFF MEMBER



Hugh E. Williams photo

Margaret W. Slack is the newest member of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society office staff. Mrs. Slack works two days a week in the office, typing letters, taking care of the list of local church historians, and helping with other activities.

Before she became an Office Assistant in September 1972, Mrs. Slack worked for about twenty-one months with the *Christian Standard* Indexing Project, retyping cards at first and then shingling cards for photolithoprinting.

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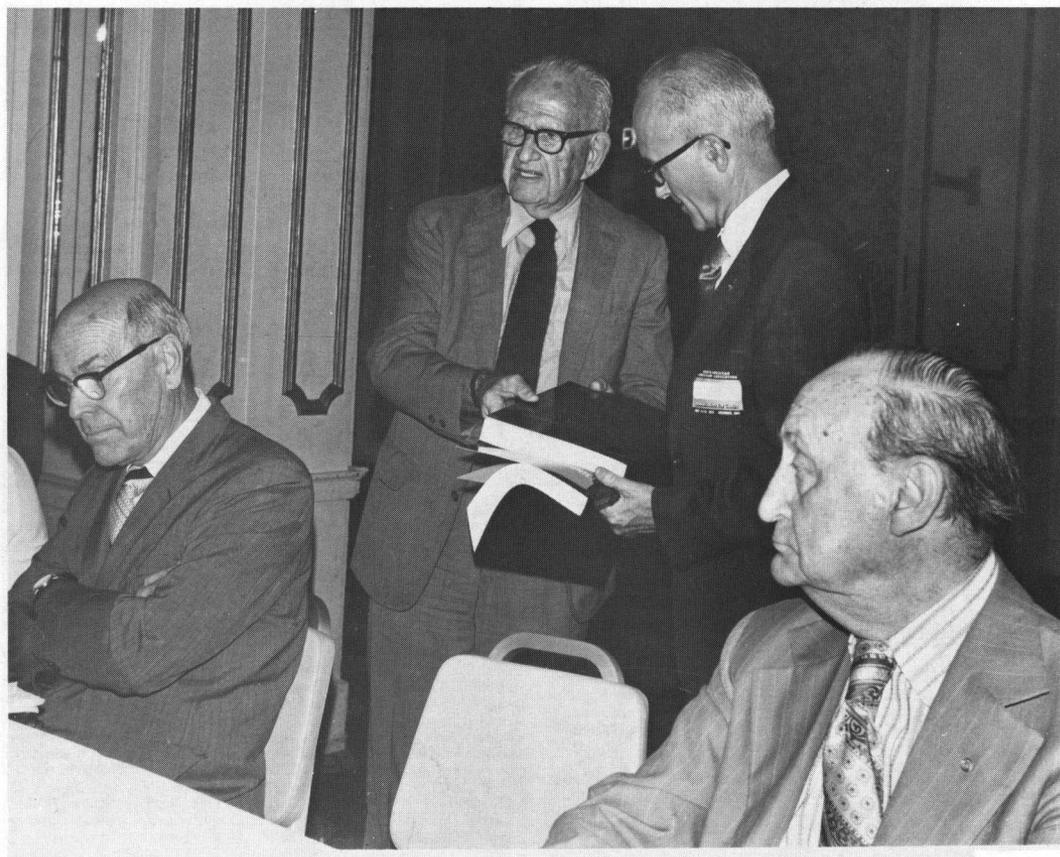
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## CHRISTIAN STANDARD INDEX IS READY



On July 13, 1972 Edwin V. Hayden, (center right) editor of the *Christian Standard*, received the first copy of volume one of the *Christian Standard Index*. The presentation was made by Claude E. Spencer at the Disciples of Christ Historical Society dinner during the North American Christian Convention in Cincinnati. Pictured here from left to right are Enos E. Dowling, dean of Lincoln Christian Seminary and speaker for the Historical Society dinner; Dr. Spencer, who directed the *Christian Standard* Indexing Project; Dr. Hayden; and James DeForest Murch, consultant on the Indexing Project.

In late December the last of the six volumes in the *Christian Standard Index* was delivered by the printers and complete sets are now available. The *Christian Standard Index* appears in six volumes, consisting of 3,500 pages and containing over 600,000 entries. The cost of the Index is \$100 per set.



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The Entrance Porch of the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial in Nashville is the cover picture for this issue of *Discipliana*, containing news of recent developments in the life of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Among the stories on the inside are the following:

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Members of the Society receive DISCIPLIANA quarterly, along with other benefits. Annual membership categories are as follows: annual, \$7.50; student, \$2.50; participating, \$25; sustaining, \$100. Life and Life Patron Memberships are also available in single payments of \$100 and \$1000, respectively.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

I have resigned the Presidency of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, effective February 15, 1973. I did this after considerable thought over a number of months.

When I came to the Society in September 1970, it was with the hope that my experience as a layman in the Christian Church and my administrative experience in the Federal service could be useful to the Society in expanding and developing its program. I found that the Society faced a dilemma. It needs to expand and broaden its program of collecting historical records of present-day churches, schools, and organizations. This is imperative, both because these will be the raw material for future historians and because much of it will be lost if it is not collected as it is generated. Equally important, service to the present-day church will make people aware of the Society and its programs and help build support for it within the total church.

To carry out this kind of a program, however, requires more money than the Society now receives. Since funds received from churches through Unified Promotion cover only slightly over one half of its budget, which is a minimum one, the remainder must be raised through membership dues, foundation earnings, grants, sales, gifts, etc. With inflation increasing the cost of operations on the one hand and a stabilized level of receipts from churches on the other, it has become increasingly apparent that the Society will have to increase its fund raising from other sources if it is to increase its program or even continue at its present level of operation. Since this is not my primary interest in the Society, nor do I feel that I would be effective in this kind of work, I have resigned to allow the Board of Trustees to select a new President who can operate more effectively in this area.

I have enjoyed my work with the Society. I extend my best wishes to Harry M. Davis as he becomes interim President and ask that all members of the Society support him.

HUGH E. WILLIAMS

## HUGH E. WILLIAMS RESIGNS AS DCHS PRESIDENT



Mr. Williams

Hugh E. Williams, President of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society for the past two and one half years, has resigned effective February 15, 1973. A layman in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Mr. Williams retired from employment as a financial manager for the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington, D.C. to take the position as head of the Historical Society, one of the eleven major units of the Christian Church.

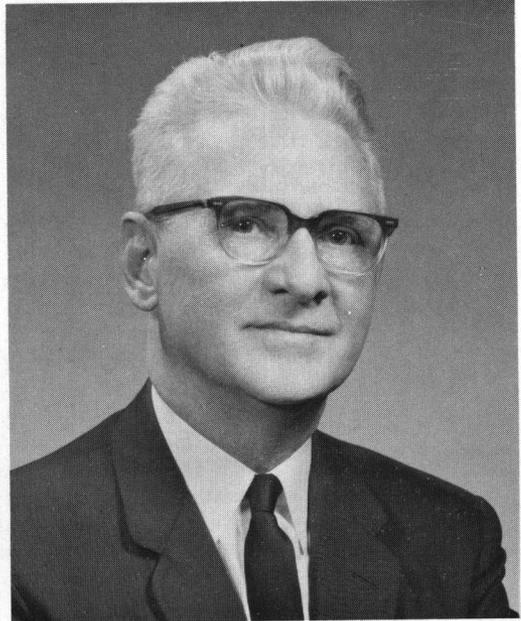
Hugh E. Williams expressed appreciation for the experience with the Society and for the support and friendships afforded him in the position. He stressed the need of a president to succeed him who has strengths particularly in the areas of financial promotion and development.

A. Dale Fiers, General Minister and President of the Christian Church, and John E. Hurt, chairman of the Historical Society's Board of Trustees, both expressed deep appreciation of Mr. Williams's service to the Society.

Mr. Hurt said a special committee has been appointed to search for a successor to Mr. Williams. This committee will be chaired by Lester G. McAllister and will include Paul A. Crow, Jr. and Forrest F. Reed.

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## HARRY M. DAVIS TO BE INTERIM PRESIDENT



Mr. Davis

The Disciples of Christ Historical Society will be given temporary leadership by Harry M. Davis, who becomes interim President February 15, 1973. According to an announcement from John E. Hurt, chairman of the Society's Board of Trustees, Mr. Davis will serve while a committee searches for a successor to Hugh E. Williams as President.

Harry M. Davis, a retired minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and former chairman of the Historical Society's Board, has just completed an interim ministry with Central Christian Church, Decatur, Illinois.

A life member of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Mr. Davis has been a member since 1954, trustee since 1955, chairman of the Board from 1959 to 1962, member of the Executive Committee continuously from 1957 until 1972, and has served on numerous committees of the Board.

Born in Fulton, Kentucky, and reared in Memphis, he is a graduate of Transylvania University and Lexington Theological Seminary. Among the congregations he has served were First Christian Church, Greenville, Kentucky; Central Christian Church, Crestwood, Kentucky; Central Christian Church, New Albany, Indiana; First Christian Church, Springfield,

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## HELEN BRACEY NAMED ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN

Mrs. Helen P. Bracey joined the staff of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society as Assistant Librarian, October 23, succeeding Mrs. Mary K. Knight, who had resigned earlier in the summer. Mrs. Bracey was formerly on the staff of Joint University Libraries in Nashville.

In her work as Assistant Librarian at the Historical Society, Mrs. Bracey is responsible



Mrs. Bracey

for cataloging materials for the library, indexing weekly issues of *The Christian*, keeping track of new acquisitions, corresponding with individuals seeking information, and assisting researchers who come to the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial.

A graduate of Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Mrs. Bracey also holds a Masters degree from the School of Library Science of George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville. From 1934 to 1949 she worked in the Cookeville office of the U.S. Employment Service. Prior to coming to the Society, she had worked for seven years at Joint University Libraries, including employment in its Serial Cataloging Department.

Since 1950 Mr. and Mrs. Smith Herbert Bracey have made their home in Nashville, where Mr. Bracey is a civil engineer and building contractor.

## HUGH E. WILLIAMS

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In announcing his resignation, Hugh E. Williams commented, "My work with the Historical Society has given me a broad perspective of the work of the Christian Church and all of the other groups within the restoration/unity movement. I appreciate the support and friendship which I have had during this period. I hope to be able to continue to work effectively for the church in some way."

Born in Boise, Idaho, Mr. Williams spent thirty-one years in government service. He holds a master's degree in public administration from American University, Washington, D.C.

He worked with the Tariff Commission in Washington, D.C. in 1939 as a clerk, later serving with the Civil Service Commission and with the U.S. Army in World War II. He was budget analyst for the Civil Service Commission from 1946 to 1950 when he joined the Bureau of Reclamation in Denver. He was budget analyst for the Oak Ridge Operations Office, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, for nine years before accepting the Federal Aviation Administration position in 1961. His last post in the Federal government involved development of budget policies and procedures, including that for a program to automate the air traffic control system.

Mr. Williams is a former chairman of the official board of National City Christian Church in Washington, D.C. and has served in various other capacities in local congregations.

### IN MEMORIAM

To the many loyal members of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society  
who have died during 1972

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## NEW LIFE PATRON MEMBER

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418. Mills, John, Chicago, Ill. (given in his honor)  
419. Vernon, Bob J., Beverly Hills, Calif. (given in his honor)  
420. Vernon, Bill D., Springfield, Mo. (given in his honor)  
421. Vernon, Don, Springfield, Mo. (given in his honor)  
422. Vernon, Buel J., Springfield, Mo. (given in his honor)  
423. Walz, Mrs. Myriam Reed, Harlingen, Tex. (given in her honor)  
424. Hager, Mrs. Hazel M., Cedar Falls, Iowa (given in her honor)  
425. Dungan, T. Miller, Houston, Tex. (given in his honor)  
426. To be announced  
427. Preston, Dr. Robert A., Lexington, Ky. (given in honor of Dr. Paul G. Preston)  
428. Paskins, Cloyd Woodrow, Troy, Ala.  
429. Watkins, Mrs. Evelyn N., Indianapolis, Ind. (given in her honor)  
430. Cayce, D. D., III, Hopkinsville, Ky. (given in his honor)  
431. Meece, Bernard C., Sarasota, Fla.  
432. Morrison, Mrs. Chloe Dill, Omaha, Nebr. (given in her honor)  
433. Maxfield, Don R., San Clemente, Calif. (given in his honor)  
434. Money, Henry Thomas, Atlanta, Ga. (given in his honor)

## NEW PARTICIPATING MEMBER

- Cox, Mrs. Mildred, Globe, Ariz.

## ANNUAL MEMBERS INCREASING TO PARTICIPATING MEMBERS

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Gibbs, Earle B., Medina, Ohio  
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Tucker, Dr. William E., Fort Worth, Tex.  
York, W. T., Nashville, Tenn.

## NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

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Billips, W. W., Nashville, Tenn.  
Briscoe, Edward Eugene, San Antonio, Tex.  
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Dulworth, Mrs. C. J., Floyds Knobs, Ind.  
Dunbar, Miss Laura L., Chicago, Ill.  
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Mackey, Archie, Ocala, Fla.  
Midwest Christian College Library, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
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Powell, Miss Evelyn D., Enid, Okla.  
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Restofski, Mrs. Elizabeth B., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Shanks, Mr. and Mrs. John W., Little Rock, Ark.  
Tate, Mrs. Neil Martin, Heavener, Okla.  
Updegraff, John C., Ocala, Fla.

## NEW STUDENT MEMBERS

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Atwood, D. James, Nashville, Tenn.  
Gruber, Glen P., Indianapolis, Ind.  
Johnson, Charles M., LaCenter, Ky.  
Lesick, Larry, Nashville, Tenn.  
Matney, Jerry, Nashville, Tenn.  
Ringgold, William, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Rollmann, Hans, Nashville, Tenn.  
Tabbernee, W., New Haven, Conn.

## NEW TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

In balloting this spring, members of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society voted for officers of the Society's Board of Trustees, selected three other trustees to serve along with the officers on the Executive Committee, and named trustees, including two new ones, to three year terms on the Board. The officers and other members of the Executive Committee all serve for one year. The election was conducted by mail ballot of the membership, with David Edwin Harrell, Jr., chairman of the 1972 Nominating Committee, in charge. Of the 1080 ballots mailed out, 390 or 36 per cent were returned.

### Executive Committee

John E. Hurt, senior partner in the law firm McNutt, Hurt & Blue with offices in Martinsville and Indianapolis, has been elected to a third term as chairman of the Society's Board of Trustees.

Lester G. McAllister, Professor of Modern Church History at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, was named vice-chairman of the Board. Other officers elected were Roscoe M. Pierson, librarian of Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, Kentucky, secretary of the Board and Harry E. Dodd, Jr., comptroller of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, Society treasurer.

The Executive Committee is composed of the four officers and three other members of

the Board of Trustees. This year the following Nashville trustees are serving on the Committee: Herman A. Norton, Forrest F. Reed, and Miss Eva Jean Wrather.

### Two New Trustees

Charles E. Crank, Jr., Executive Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



Dr. Crank

in West Virginia, has been elected a new trustee of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Dr. Crank is also Administrative Secretary of the Conference of State and Area Secretaries and Board Chairmen. A graduate of Lynchburg College and Lexington Theological Seminary, he was awarded the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Bethany College.

The second of the new trustees is Claude Walker, pastor of Central Christian Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Walker has divided his time between administrative, pastoral, and academic activities.



Mr. Walker

Upon graduation from Lexington Theological Seminary in 1959, he became Program Director of Mount Beulah Christian Center, Edwards, Mississippi. Since then he has been minister of Gay-Lea Christian Church, Nashville and also

served his alma mater Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, where he was Associate Director of Religious Life and College Pastor. Mr. Walker recently assumed the presidency of the National Convocation of the Christian Church.

These new trustees fill vacancies created when two long-time trustees of the Society asked not to be renominated. Louis Cochran, who resides in Nashville, has completed six years of service on the Board. Well known to Disciples as author of several biographical novels of early Disciple leaders, Dr. Cochran has more recently coauthored with his writer-wife, Bess White Cochran, a popular history

In later developments, Risley P.



Mr. Lawrence

Lawrence was named Society treasurer and trustee at the November 14 meeting of the Board. The vacancy was created when Harry E. Dodd, Jr. moved from Nashville. A graduate of Montgomery Bell Academy and Vanderbilt University, Mr. Lawrence has spent his entire business career with the Third National Bank of Nashville where he is now Executive Vice President in charge of the Branch Office Division. He is active in the life of Vine Street Christian Church in Nashville and community organizations.

of the movement entitled *Captives of the Word*. A member of the Board since 1963, Loren E. Lair retired last year as Executive Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Iowa. Dr. Lair's latest book, *The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and its Future* was published in 1971 by the Bethany Press.

## HARRY M. DAVIS

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Illinois; First Christian Church, Hopkinsville, Kentucky; and First Christian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee. He was a chaplain in the U.S. Armed Forces for three years during World War II, including twenty months of overseas duty. During the year 1967-68, he returned to Lexington Theological Seminary to engage in study and research in the field of Christian stewardship. Since his retirement in 1970, Mr. Davis makes his permanent home in Earlington, Kentucky, but has served interim ministries in Kentucky, Maryland, and Illinois.

Mr. Davis was chairman of the board of trustees of the Board of Church Extension in 1963, President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky in 1964-65, has served on many brotherhood committees, and been active in ecumenical councils.

Mrs. Davis is the former Mary Kathleen Trover of Earlington, Kentucky and has been a leader in Christian Women's Fellowship activities. They have two daughters, Mrs. D. L. Lollis, Manhattan, New York City, and Mrs. Vance VanderBurg, of Rocky Point, New York.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Roscoe M. Pierson, a life member and trustee of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, will head a committee to select nominees for election as officers and trustees of the Society with terms beginning May 1, 1973. Other committee members appointed by Society chairman John E. Hurt are Charles E. Crank, Jr., Huntington, West Virginia, and Paul A. Crow, Jr., Princeton, New Jersey.

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

Three year terms of the following trustees expire this year: Harry M. Davis, Earlington, Kentucky; William M. Ellis, Orlando, Florida; William F. Greenwood, Nashville; John E. Hurt, Martinsville, Indiana; Forrest F. Reed, Nashville; William E. Tucker, Fort Worth, Texas; James B. Washburn, LaBelle, Missouri; and Miss Eva Jean Wrather, Nashville.

The terms of all officers, who are elected annually, also expire. Present officers are John E. Hurt, chairman; Lester G. McAllister, vice-chairman; Risley P. Lawrence, treasurer; and Roscoe M. Pierson, secretary. The Executive Committee is composed of the officers and three other members. The additional members now are Herman A. Norton, Forrest F. Reed, and Miss Eva Jean Wrather.

All trustees, officers, and members of the Executive Committee are eligible to succeed themselves.

### Board of Trustees of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society

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## M. NORVEL YOUNG DELIVERS REED LECTURES

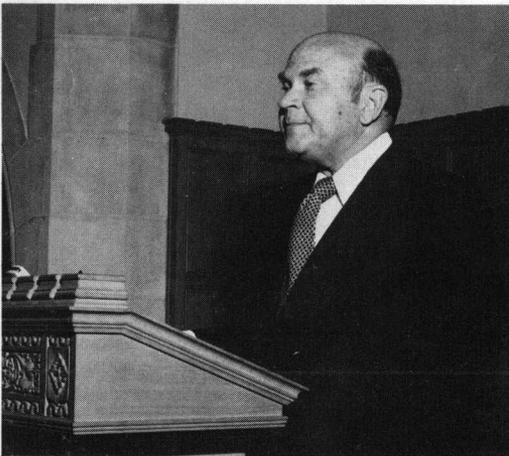
M. Norvel Young, Chancellor of Pepperdine University, presented the Sixth Series of Forrest F. Reed Lectures at the Thomas W. Phillips Memorial in Nashville, November 13 and 14, 1972, speaking on the general theme "What's Going On in the Churches of Christ."

In the first of his two lectures, Dr. Young traced the history of the Churches of Christ since 1906 when the U. S. Bureau of the Census officially recognized a division which had been developing for fifteen or twenty years within the Disciples movement. Since their origin in the first decade of this century, the Churches of Christ have grown from only

159,658 people in 2,649 congregations, one fourth of which owned no building at all, located in thirty-three states but mainly of the South and Southwest, until today the Churches of Christ have a world-wide membership of two and a half million in 19,000 congregations.

The title of Dr. Young's first lecture, "Reaction and Action," was based on his belief that "the isolation which, on the one hand, kept the Churches of Christ from being involved in the great struggle that was going on in Protestantism in general . . . on the other hand, perhaps provided them with a certain amount of resilient energy when they came out of this period of reaction into a period of action." He sees such turns from reaction to action following World War I, and, even more, after the depression and World War II. During this period, the molding of mass opinion was done through journals and college lectureships, as well as by outstanding leaders.

In his second lecture, "The Past is Prologue," Dr. Young spoke of "the present, some of the trends, and some of the predictions that I can see." The growth and evangelistic spread in the Churches of Christ has led from their small beginnings to their stature today. For example, starting with eight small schools with only seventy-three teachers, the Churches of Christ now control twenty-one colleges and one university with millions of dollars in plant. Their independent congregations support around 600 missionaries and thirty or forty orphan homes.



Tucker's Studio

Dr. Young speaking from the podium on the first evening of his Reed Lectureship.

The Society's interim President, Harry M. Davis, will be speaker for the fourteenth annual Disciples of Christ Historical Society Tennessee Assembly breakfast to be held at 6:45, Saturday morning, May 5, 1973, at the Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis. Mr. Davis's subject will be "A Report and Challenge." Reservations are being handled through the State Office.