

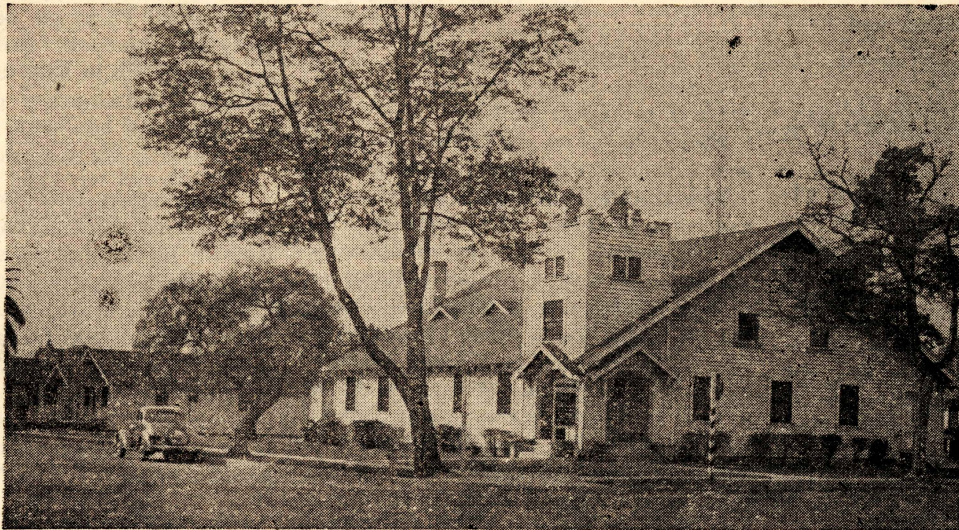
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OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12th, thru TUESDAY, AUGUST 16th, 1949

92nd STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

1473 E. 92nd Street, Los Angeles, California

ELDER C. W. ARNOLD, Host Pastor

Convention Theme: "The Restoration of the New Testament Church"

Thursday, August 11th, 1949, 7:30 p. m.

Pre-Convention Musical by "The Sally Martin Famous National Singers"
and the Choirs of 92nd St., 28th St., 23rd St., and Pasadena Churches.

Sermon Invitation Offering Benediction

Friday, August 12th, 1949

9:00 A. M.—Special Board Meeting. All members are to be present.

11:00 A. M.—Devotion and Sermon..... Elder A. G. Nelson
Chairman of Eangelism, Kansas City, Missouri

LUNCH

2:30 P. M.—Devotional..... Mississippi

2:50 P. M.—Sermon..... Elder C. J. Malcolm, Pasadena, Calif.
SUPPER

7:30 P. M.—Program by the Local Church. Music by the Sally Martin
Singers and Choir of 92nd Street Church of Christ.

Saturday, August 13th, 1949

Breakfast

9:45 A. M.—Devotional..... Ohio

10:15 A. M.—President's Annual Message..... Elder R. F. Hayes
Little Rock, Arkansas

11:00 A. M.—Sermon..... Elder David Cole, Kentucky

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EDITORIAL

The National Christian Preaching Convention of Churches of Christ stands upon the following propositions. First. No book but the Bible. Second. No creed but the Christ. Third. No name but the Divine.

The National Christian Preaching Convention invite all believers in Christ to accept the simple, fundamental position of the New Testament Church, renouncing all human names and institutions, and to join with us in the preaching of the pure Gospel of Christ, without fear or favor Its Program: The Restoration of the New Testament Church in its teaching, ordinances and life.

Its Objective: The Unity of all Christians. Its Motive: That the world may believe that Jesus is the Christ.

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- A Resurrected Jesus. Acts 2:32.
- A Creed all can believe. Matt. 16:16.
- A Confession all can make. Acts 8:37
- A Baptism all must have. John 3:5.
- A Church all can enter. Acts 2:47.
- A Name all can wear Christian Acts 11:26 1 Peter 4:16

NASHVILLE, TENN.

The Alameda Street Christian Church. Elder R. C. Maloy, Minister We are happy to report that the work here is progressing. Every department is at work. Doing our evangelist period we had seven additions all by baptism. We do not believe in no open membership. We have the largest Christian Endeavor Society in the state of Tennessee among the Disciples. The average attendance of our prayer meeting is 15 each Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. We are struggling to erect a new church home. May 29th we raised \$500.00. The Vacation Bible School will begin July 11th. We have a wonderful leader, a devout man, conscientious and giving all his time to the work. We thank God for our leader. Brethren pray for us.

Mrs. Annette Jackson, Reporter

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Woman's Day

The Women of Emmanuel Christian Church observed Woman's Day Lords Day July 17th, for the benefit of the pastor's trip to the National Christian Preaching Convention, Los Angeles, Calif. They wish to thank all members, friends and visiting churches for the help they gave to make the day a success.

COMMITTEE

Mrs. Annie L. Taylor, Mrs. Virginia Parker, Mrs. Pearl Wilson, Mrs. Viola DeLillye, Mrs. Emma Laws, Mrs. Edmonia Foard, Mrs. Arnita Ford, Miss Elizabeth Ford, Secretary.

Men's Day

The men of Emmanuel Christian Church observed Men's Day, Lord's Day, August 7th, for the benefit of the pastor's trip to the National Christian Preaching Convention, Los Angeles, California. They wish to thank all members (the Sisters) friends and visiting churches for the help they gave to make the day a success.

COMMITTEE

Bro. Jasper Ford, Bro. Raymond Puryear, Bro. John Parker, Elder W. E. Laws, Bro. Godwin DeLillye, Elder J. W. Stanley, Elder W. H. Taylor, Pastor.

The pastor was given enough money to go and return by air plane or railroad pullman.

LONNIE BRANCH SAYS:

"The wages of sin is death". This strange sentence of just ten little words carries a lesson that humanity and nations of the world must sooner or later learn. You will notice that there are just three hard, knotty and disagreeable nouns-wages-sins-death. There are no qualifying adverbs or adjectives; just enough other parts of speech to hold them securely together. Like an arrow goes straight to the mark and hits with a ringing noise, "the wages of sin is death".

Long before Paul penned it, it had been written down in the spirit of men that any breaking of the natural orders of life brings a penalty and that is always death. The graveyards is for all human short-comings. And for nations who deny the Creator. Many nations of the world are on their way to the graveyard. We are told that the only remedy, the only thing to stop this precession to the tomb is democracy.

Democracy is the brass serpent in the wilderness offering a life for a look. It knows nothing of a citizenship won by privilege. Its chief thought is of a society without castes or classes. It speaks loudly.

Thus a greater understanding and appreciation of our objectives are achieved.

Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Brother Taylor,

The Lord bless you in your faithful work for "The ancient order of things".

Faithfully yours,

Elder R. E. Elmore

Enclosed you will find my subscription and a donation for the Informer.

Mrs. M. E. Langs, Greenwood, M ss.

I am sending a donation and my renewal for the Christian Informer.

Mrs. Lammie K. Hill, Greenwood, M ss.

Warren, Ohio

Glad to get my Informer We are going to start our church building in ten days

Yours in H's name,

Elder R. L. Sercy

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2:30 P. M.—Devotional Michigan Sermon Elder W. J. Bryant, Los Angeles, Calif.

3:30 P. M.—Business Period SUPPER

7:45 P. M.—Devotional..... Kentucky

8:00 P. M.—Music..... The Sally Martin Singers

8:15 P. M.—Sermon..... Elder Saul D. Armstrong, Detroit, Michigan

9:00 P. M.—Music Offering Announcements Benediction

Lord's Day, August 14th, 1949

9.30 A. M.—Bible School..... Supt. S. Spencer, Presiding

10:55 A. M.—Morning Worship Special Music Sermon..... President R. F. Hayes, Arkansas DINNER

3:00 P. M.—Devotional Elder O. C. Davis, California Sermon..... Elder H. E. Fowler, Ohio, Secretary LORD'S SUPPER Benediction

7:30 P. M.—Music Sally Martin Singers and Combined Choirs

8:30 P. M.—Scripture Arkansas Sermon..... Elder W. H. Taylor Baltimore, Maryland, Editor of the Christian Informer Invitation Offering Announcements Benediction

Monday, August 15th, 1949

9:45 A. M.—Devotional Maryland Sermon..... Elder J. S. Johnson, Detroit, Michigan Business Period Lunch

2:30 P. M.—Devotional..... Elder A. D. Henry, California Sermon Elder J. A. Johnson, Kentucky

3:30 P. M.—Business Period for all unfinished Business

7:30 P. M.—Special Music..... Sally Martin Singers Devotional..... Elders J. F. Irvin and C. J. Malcolm, Calif.

8:00 P. M.—Message Elder A. G. Nelson, Missouri Invitation Offering Announcements Benediction

Tuesday, August 16th, 1949

10:00 A. M.—Devotional Elder Simms Spencer, Calif. Sermon Elder E. W. Faulkner, California

11:30 A. M.—Lunch and Outing

7:00 P. M.—Devotional Elder R. R. Turnage, California Special Music..... Sally Martin Singers

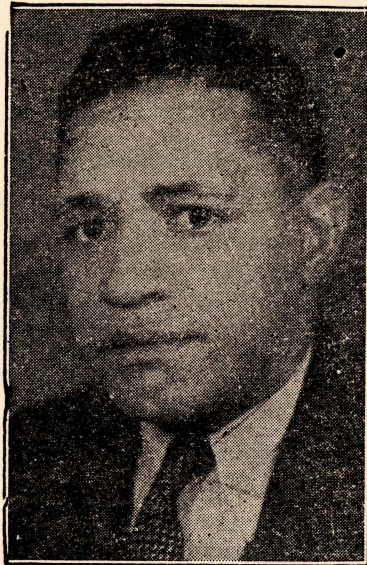
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Warren Ohio, National Evangelist

Invitation Offering Benediction

Three meals will be served each day, the time of each meal will be announced.

Registration for the Convention will be \$15.00 this takes cares of lodging and meals.



Los Angeles, California
June 14th, 1949

Dear Pastor and Members:—

The National Preaching Convention of Churches of Christ will meet here in Los Angeles with the 92nd Street Church of Christ, August 12th to 16th. We are urging all pastors and church members who still believe in New Testament Christianity to attend this great meeting. Any pastor or member of the Christian Church is welcome and will be treated the same regardless to race or nationality. We are calling for men and women who believe and practice the PLEA OF CHRIST CHURCH.

You will find Los Angeles to be the greatest city in America and a splendid place to enjoy a fine vacation for yourself and family and at the same time have the fellowship of men and women of "like precious faith."

The registration fee will be the same for all delegates over twelve years old, for those over twelve it will be \$15.00 and for children below twelve \$6.00. But for those who desire to come early and remain for a few days after the convention close will not have to pay any extra, this applies to any member of the Christian Church who will be here for the convention. You may arrive August 10th and remain until and through August 21st, without any extra cost. **WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A REAL VACATION IN THE GARDEN SPOT OF THE WORLD.**

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many to expect from your congregation, how and on what day they will arrive. We have seven Churches of Christ in this city and three non instrumental churches, so there will be thousands of Christians only to welcome you. Our churches out here are not near divided as some would have you believe.

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Yours in Christ,
C. W. Arnold Minister

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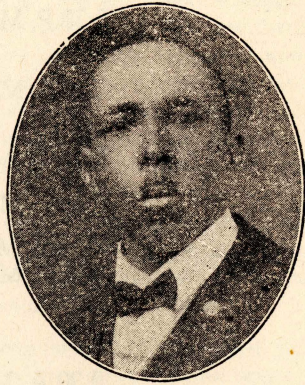
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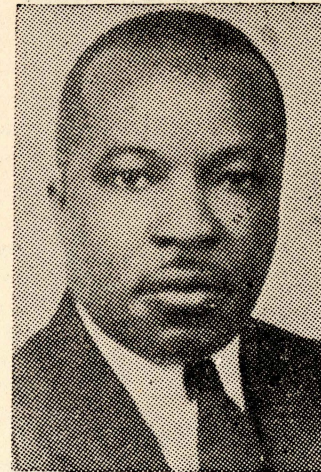


Elder S. D. (Uncle Saul) Armstrong
Detroit, Michigan

Tradition is oral communication etc. (unwritten history) handed down from ancestors to posterity, people to people, nation to nation. The two outstanding denominations south of the Mason and Dixon Line, is the Methodist and Baptist. The exslaves got their first idea of Methodist or Baptist from their masters. If their masters were a Baptist or a Methodist all of his slaves had to be what he was or be whipped. Here is where tradition comes in. You might ask an old exslave why are they Baptist or Methodist and they will readily say, my master was a Baptist or a Methodist; and that is all they know about it, that by no means is a Biblical reason it is a traditional reason. You might ask the exslaves children why they are Methodist or Baptist and they will tell you my mother or father or my people were Methodist or Baptist. So it dropped from slave tradition to family tradition, no Biblican reason involved.

The above reasons were good in their time (age), but in this enlightened age we should have a more logical reason. Why are we Christians? We are Christians because the New Testament tells us to be Christians. Acts 11:26. We are Christians because we believe in the doctrine and teachings of Christ. The church is the body of Christ. Many members one body, all fitly joined together. I am an Armstrong, because the last master that owned by father and mother was an Armstrong. The only name we know anything about is our last master's name.

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH



by Elder W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor
Editor of the Christian Informer

Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ, Himself, being the chief corner stone.

Ephesians 2:20

The New Testament Church is not a human institution. It is divine. It was divinely planned, divinely purchased and divinely built. This cannot be said of any other church in the world.

The Apostle Paul said in first Corinthians 3-10:11. Let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Realizing this we should give attention to that which is written in the New Testament about the church: so that we may not only believe in Christ's church, but know why we believe in it.

The Church of Christ (Christian Church) is the church we read of in the New Testament, because Christ said in Matthew 16:18. Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch. Acts 11:26. The apostle Peter said, Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify on this behalf. First Peter 4:16. King Agrippa said unto Paul. Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. Acts 26:28.

There were many opinions concerning who Jesus was. Some people thought He was John the Baptist come back to life, others thought perhaps He was Elijah.

Jeremiah, or one of the prophets who had returned from the grave. After Jesus had heard these reports from His disciples, He asked them who they thought He was. Simon Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

This confession that Peter made, the fact that Jesus is the Son of God, is the foundation upon which the New Testament Church is built. Jesus told Peter that this confession he had made had been revealed to him by God. In other words, the divinity of Christ is a divinely revealed fact. God, Himself spoke in confession of Jesus as His Son when at Jesus' baptism the voice out of heaven said, "This is my beloved Son; in whom I am well pleased." The foundation stone, the fact that Jesus in the Christ, the Son of the living God, is firm because it is affirmed by God himself. The miracles Jesus did were signs God gave to prove that Jesus is His Son. These miracles serve as strong assurance that the foundation of the New Testament Church is sure and secure.

The foundation of the New Testament Church is a firm foundation, we have the statement of Jesus in Matthew 16:17, saying that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. We need not apologize when we say, "I belong to the Church of Christ (Christian Church or the New Testament Church)" "for that church is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." That church is built upon a foundation against which ever death could not prevail. Its foundation is solid rock, indestructible and everlasting.

The church belongs to Christ. This should be plainly evident to any one who has studied the New Testament. It is His because He built it. He said, "I will build my church." The church belongs to Christ because he claimed it. He said, "I will build my church." The church belongs to Christ because He paid for it. He told His disciples how He must go up to Jerusalem and suffer and finally be killed. This was the price that must be paid for the church. In Acts 20:28, Paul speaks of the church of God, which he has purchased with his own blood.

Since the church belongs to Christ, there are some definite conclusions which we can draw. One is that He claimed only one church. It would be well for us to study the New Testament carefully to see just what this church was like, and be

sure we are in the church. We can also conclude that since the church belongs to Him, He is the sole authority in it and no one has any right to change or alter in anyway the church Christ owns. Another conclusion we can draw is that it the church belongs to Christ it should wear His Name.

The church is His bride. Rev. 21st chapter. The bride should wear the name of the bridegroom. It is also reasonable to believe that the church which Christ will come to receive when He comes again is the church which belongs to Him. That is the church we must place our confidence.

Some have the mistaken idea that the building in which people meet to worship is the church. Of course, we know that this is not true. Certainly this was not what Jesus had in mind when He said He would build His church. Paul tells us that the church is the body of Christ, the church is the body of the people who believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, who have repented of their sins, who have confessed Christ before men, who have been buried in Christian baptism, and who live to serve, obey and glorify.

Christ upon earth. Those who form the church continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayers. Acts 2:42.

Christ is not only the foundation, but He is the head of the church, and He is the only authority in the church. If we believe in this church, we are going to be loyal in our attendance of its services. We are going to fellowship with those who are members of it. We are going to support it with our means and we are going to strive to bring others into it.

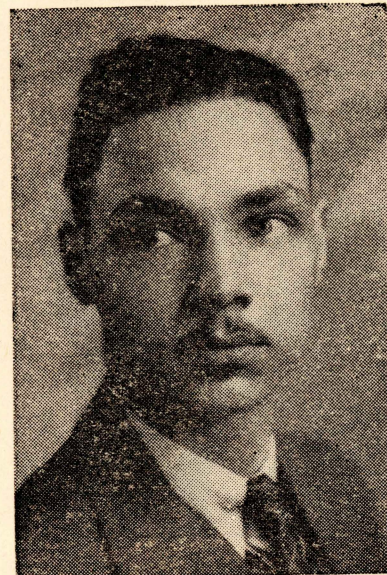
On thy Church, O Power divine,
Cause thy glorious face to shine,
Till the nations, from afar,
Ere her as their guiding star;
Till her sons from zone to zone,
Make thy great salvation known.
Then shall God, with lavish hand,
Scatter blessings o'er the land;
Earth shall yield her rich increase,
Every breeze shall whisper peace,
And the world's remotest bound
With the voice of praise resound.



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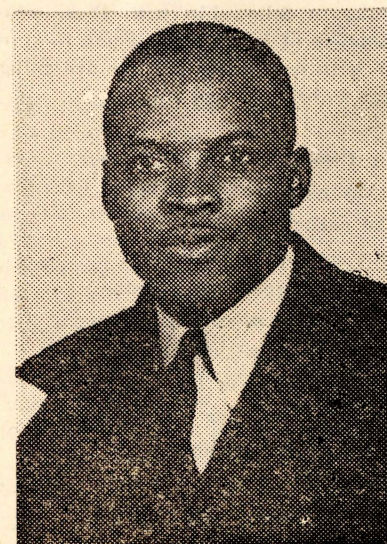
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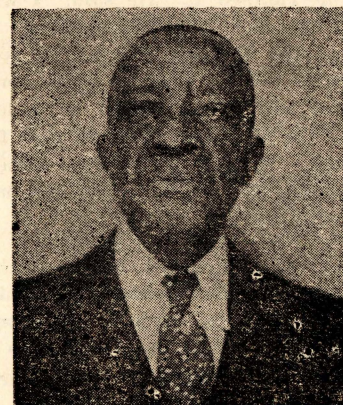
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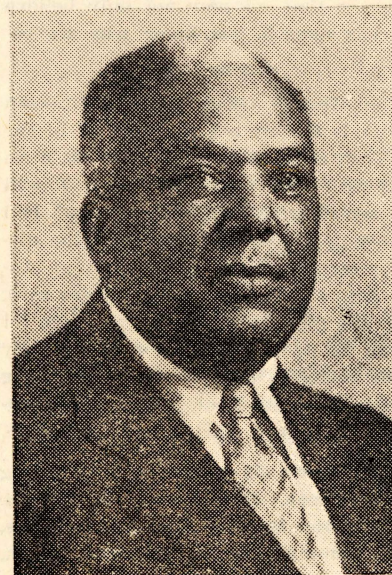
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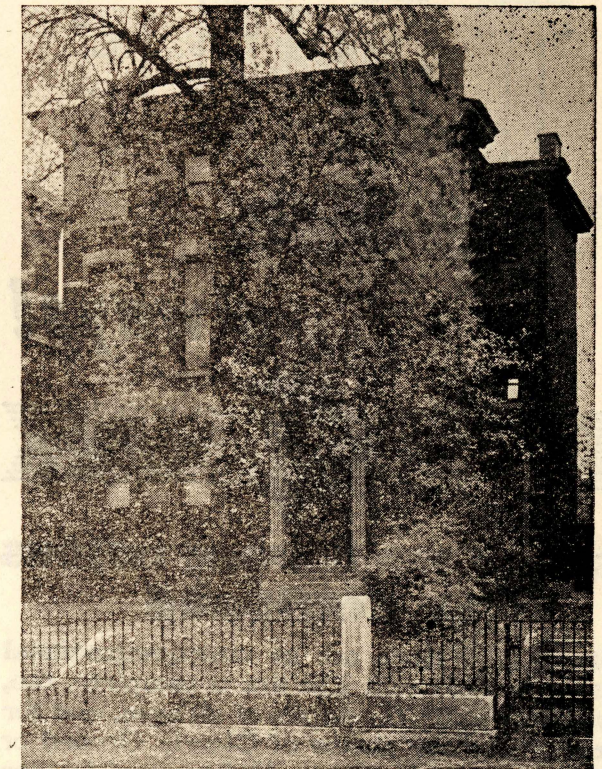
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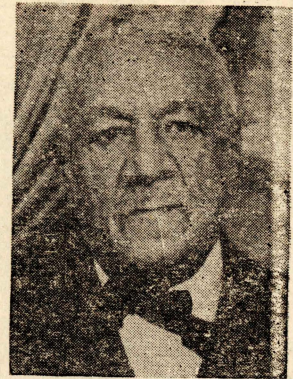
Dear Elder Taylor,

I received my Informer this A. M. After reading the Editors note and the compilation of the paper, it seems like I have had a face to face conversation with the brethren; and well wishers of the paper. It keeps me informed of what is going on among the brethren in their var-

ious fields of labor. I am thinking of California. You will find enclosed a donation for the Informer, to help keep the brethren informed. I love to talk with the brethren through your paper.

Yours in Christ,

Elder Saul D. Armstrong,
(Just an old fashion New
Testament preacher)



Carbondale, Ill.

Brother Taylor:

Greetings to all. Received the Informer. You are right about the prefix "Reverend". Am sick (not confined). I am almost blind cannot discern 20 feet away. Sight very dim. The Convention is too far away (cost too much) why not meet in a central area.

Regards and best wishes to all,

Elder A. C. Chichon

THE CHRISTIAN INFORMER

Emmanuel Building

1702 Madison Avenue

Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Please accept my thanks for the copy of the Christian Informer (Vol. 6) which came to my desk today. I have read with great interest the article concerning Brother George Calvin Campbell.

It was my privilege to be serving at the Euclid Avenue Christian Church in Cleveland in 1926-27 and Brother Campbell came to Cedar Avenue soon after that, where he fellowshipped with Brother J. H. Goldner of Euclid Avenue, who probably was at Hiram College at about the same time as Mr. Campbell. I suspect that Mr. Campbell was classmate of J. H. Goldner and A. W. Fortune. Might be 'out' on those dates, but probably they were all there at about the same time. A grand fellowship.

His was a truly useful, full-ranged Christian life and ministry, and Christendom is the richer for his having lived and ministered.

Again, my thanks to you for sending this issue of the paper.

Very truly yours,

William J. Lineback