

Boyd: First we try to correct some statements in Harmon's speech before the Midland Missions Forum. Gladwin is mentioned twice and also the name of the church which has a name which sounds like "Speaker."

> Black: SPEAKER is the church we know of today as Yale. Speaker is a small village four miles north of Yale. They never had a preacher but took care of things themselves. They had visiting preachers which came in occasionally. It began sometime after 1915, I would say around 1920. This was not made up of southerners moving north, but of neighboring people of the area. There had been a Christian Church in Yale and many had gone there until they became dissatisfied, my father-in-law among them. It never really caught on and eventually closed up. the Christian Church got weaker and weaker and I do not know if it is going now or not. The Speaker members went to YALE where they bought a building from some denomination and that's where they are still meeting. It was going going full bloom - about as well as it ever had - when I got married. I married a girl from there - my first wife. That was in 1927.

Boyd: I see the first listing of Gladwin in the directory was really Lansing.

Black: Back in 1936 I heard about and sent to the Department of Commerce and obtained three, cloth-bound volumes of the history of every church in the country, its doctrines, its origin, etc. This is right from the horse's mouth. I used that, but I do not know whatever happened to those books. I think I gave them to somebody. I gave away everything with fine print so it would not hurt my eyes. There was another printing, skipping 1946 because of the war, in 1956. The book was a good source and it was from here that I got the information about the government in 1906 DIVIDING the Churches of Christ from the Disciples and for the first time recognized us as a separate entity. Before that it was all considered the Christian Church. Our present brotherhood starts in 1906 as far as the government is concerned. But we know better!

> I've thought a lot about what Jerry Rushford dug up over at Kalamazoo and the

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