

From the Editor –

Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Matthew 5:15

Dear ACSQ subscribers,

We are very pleased to present this special double issue focusing on the Israelite House of David and Mary's City of David communities in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Our readers are no doubt familiar with these groups, as we have featured many articles about them through the course of our twelve volumes, and also published Henry M. Yaple's authoritative *Descriptive Bibliography of Imprints from the Israelite House of David and Mary's City of David, 1902-2010*. Despite Yaple's exhaustive work, it has recently come to light that many more Israelite imprints exist than he was able to document. This was made possible by the lifting of the bushel basket that has heretofore obscured the rich archives remaining at the House of David.

Brian Ziebart and Shannon McRae are now the curators (in the literal sense, as caretakers) of the Israelite legacy at the House of David. Through their painstaking work they have discovered, cataloged, and conserved thousands of printed and manuscript items, as well as photographs, ephemera, and even buildings—including Shiloh itself!

Our issue begins with Yaple's astonished account of his visit to Shiloh, and a report on its remarkable restoration. Next we have McRae and Ziebart's illustrated supplement to Yaple's *Bibliography*, which they have compiled from imprints held by the House of David that Yaple was unable to access. Finally, Ziebart himself describes the discovery of the Holy Grail of bibliographic ghosts among Israelite imprints, *The Free Press of the House of Israel*, Benjamin and Mary's first publication of 1894.

Ziebart and McRae are to be commended for the amazing work that is ongoing in Benton Harbor. Those of us at Hamilton College are grateful for their cooperation in our mutual ongoing efforts to conserve and digitize Israelite materials. Presently, the work of organization and cataloging continues at the House of David. Finally, the collections there will be made accessible to those researching the incredible story of Benjamin and Mary Purnell and their respective communities.

— Christian Goodwillie