

From the Editor –

Dear *ACSQ* subscribers,

The summer got away from us a little. Work continues on the Shaker Bibliography project, and much time and energy were devoted to new monographs by noted scholars of Shakerism Robert J. Emlen and Stephen J. Paterwic (out soon!). Necessarily, the *ACSQ* took a backseat.

But, we're so glad it did! Thanks to the delay we can bring you brand new scholarship from Julieanna Frost on the short-lived Columbian Phalanx. By sheer coincidence our previous issue (13.2) featured a broadside advertising the auction of this community's property upon its failure. Little did we know that Frost would present us with a concise summary of its history. Accordingly, we have published the image of the broadside again.

The next item in this issue is Stephen J. Paterwic's annotated edition of a Shaker manuscript that is both a poem and travelogue, and offers unique insights into the personalities of Shakers from the Enfield, Connecticut, community. It also sheds light on the dalliance between Shakers and recently "disappointed" Adventists who were exploring Shakerism in 1846. In keeping with this theme our cover features two woodcuts from an Anti-Millerite periodical of 1843, lampooning both William Miller and his predicted Second Advent.

Our third entry is Richard Marshall's comparative survey of Shaker fiction and visitor's accounts. Marshall finds much in Shaker fiction that was clearly influenced by biased accounts from largely uninformed visitors who perpetuated negative stereotypes about the Shakers. Additionally, he cites many works published by our own Richard W. Couper Press, which is great news for us because it means that somebody is reading this stuff!

Finally, stalwart scholar of communalism Peter Hoehnle purged himself of the ghost of his nineteenth-century doppelgänger, the journalist Charles Nordhoff. Over the course of many years Hoehnle has documented Nordhoff's visits to the communities he surveyed for his monumental 1875 work *Communitic Societies of the United States*. Hoehnle tracks reactions to Nordhoff's work from communitarians, as well as the general public. He leaves only one question unanswered, now that he has laid Nordhoff's ghost to rest—will he shave his Nordhoffian beard?

Have a great autumn!

— Christian Goodwillie