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Dear Vern,

Bette Huckaby has just suggested that I send to you this 1953
Catalog of Michigan Christian College. Hopefully, some one will see
to it that these facts will be included in the History of M. C. C.

In 1950 there were about a dozen young preachers in the Chicago
N.T.
area who were saying that the Bible is not to be used as a RULE BOOK;
but that it is to be used as a collection of love letters from God to
His people!

Hobart Ashby &
George Ford, the dentist, became very concerned that this idea
might be taught at Michigan Christian. At this point, Strathmoor
dropped out of the leadership; and George Ford took over!

In recent issues of Christian Chronicle & Image Magazine, Tom
Olbricht of Pepperdine & Randy Fenter of San Antonio have been telling
us that today most of our Christian universities & leading churches are
N.T.
saying that we are not to use the Bible as a RULE BOOK; but as a col-
lection of LOVE LETTERS, (even using the same WORDS that WE used ⁱⁿ/1950s.)

Now, isn't this amazing? Forty years ago, our young preachers
in Chicago, Rockford, Detroit, etc. were fifty years ahead of their
times. They were right on target! It has taken our churches forty
years to catch up to her leaders. ^{We have been vindicated.} Each day I thank God that I have
been allowed to live long enough to see the arrival of this day.

After 100 years of legalism, the Churches of Christ are now
free from her shackles! Our preachers can now be free from harass-
ment. (For me, it means freedom, after 56 years of ATTACKS.) I am happy
to have had an aggressive part in bringing about this freedom.

Today, We spend most of our time & money on World Bible School! Am
thrilled that you are doing much of the same. God Bless *Norm*
N. H. Beaman

While these paragraphs are also historical facts; there may be some one, who may not want to publish them publicly, for some reason. If this is the case, that is O.K. for now! But eventually our churches will have to face up to the realities about ourselves; or we will not survive.