

*Orbis 1740: Associate
Presbyterian / Separates
1747: Anti-Burgher (45) -4
1806 Old Light, New Light
(Conf of Faith)*

C. Thomas Campbell...the Disciples

1. Brief Historical Notes:

a. Thomas Campbell 1763-1854

A very interesting life much obscured by the prominent life of his son, Alexander. The latter has more to do with the formation of the "disciples" than the former but Thomas is the moving force with which we deal. I will treat his life quickly on these lines:

*Separates
Anti-Burgher
Old Light, Anti-Burgher,
Separates, Presby
Church*

REFORM
BEYOND THE
EXISTING
BODY

- (1) background and ecclesiastical growth *Island to Glasgow*
- (2) ministry *independents: Haldane*
- (3) move to the United States *1807*
- (4) life in the Chartiers presbytery *a Buffalo Creek*
- (5) disenfranchised! *1809*
- (6) the Christian association and its main ideal *Declaration of Address
Faith 1809*

*1791
ordained*

*two tough
years*

Alexander

b. Converging ideas:

- (1) Barton Stone
- (2) Dissenters in Scotland *W. Scott*
- (3) independency moves.

2. Aspirations:

- a. a non-sectarian body
- b. totally biblical in form and ideal
- c. a two-point essentialist Christian faith
- d. a fellowship...not a firm

*South
separates }
separates*

3. Perceptions:

- a. a schismatic...
- b. a heretic

4. Reality:

- a. A much larger company of followers including some four bodies today numbering about 5,000,000 persons. But orthodoxy has suffered and the vast majority in the group are not near the spirit of Campbell.
- b. Major bodies touched withdrew and became more set in what were thought to be objectionable practices.
- c. Held by much of Christianity as sectarian and segmented in spite of claims otherwise.

*Disciples
Christian Church
Church of Christ
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III. CONCLUSION

When we have finished our study we have no final conclusions...save to know that the Lord is building the church, He will not be frustrated, we are charged to be faithful and commit the truth to others...and to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (to endeavor, that is).