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Just outside of its borders, was a humble cottage surrounded by a few acres of land, in which, more than a hundred years ago, two worthy young people, Thomas and Jane Campbell, began life together. Both were blessed with a noble ancestry, and brought into the home a treasure of more value than wealth or title, a deep religious purpose and sterling qualities of character. At the time of the birth of their first-born, Alexander, in , the future offered little encouragement to them. The early life of Alexander Campbell found its development in an intensely religious atmosphere, and in the family Christ was something more than a name. He was an abiding Guest, and his word was a treasure whose aroma filled the home with fragrance. A part of the home regime was the daily memorizing of the scriptures by the younger members of the family. The early schooling by his parents and later instruction in nearby academies proved only a partial success. For discipline, he was put to work on a farm, which proved to be no small factor in the making of the man, for under the invigorating influences of out- door life, he gained in health and developed that iron constitution that served him so well in the unremitting labors of later years. His father continued to personally superintend his education, and it was here at the fireside university that the genius of Alexander Camp- bell began to display itself. He accepted Christ, and accepted him for service, imme- diately uniting with the Presbyterian Church to which his father ministered. After much prayerful consideration, it was finally decided that Thomas Campbell should immediately embark upon a voyage across the Atlantic, and as soon as a suitable location had been found in the New World, the other members of the family should follow. He left his native country in the spring of and proceeded to Western Penn- sylvania, where several of his old neighbors had located. This proved to be an opportunity for young Campbell to enter the University of Glasgow, and by his capacity for work in addition to his studies, helman- aged to defray his expenses teaching private classes in Latin, grammar, and arithmetic. On August 3, , the family finally left for America. The father, Thomas Camp- bell, had provided a home in the village of Washington, Pa. Alexander now availed himself of every opportunity for self-improvement, and his desire to express his high ideals led him to contribute to the Washington Reporter. These writings brought about many an argument and conflict. At the age of twenty-two, Alexander seems to have taken a prominent part in public worship, and during the summer of , preached his first sermon. To him, life was full of great problems, and the choosing of a wife who was to share in their solution was not the least serious business before him. Brown, he promised some favorite books, and later sent them by his son, Alexander. It was then he met Miss Margaret Brown, who became his wife on March 12, 1. Later this old home of the Browns was given to Alexander Campbell and his wife, Margaret, to induce them to stay along old Buffalo Creek, and give up new plans for Christian work in Ohio. People came here from far distant points, even Europe, not to stay a day or two, nor even a week, but for weeks and months, thus keeping the capacious old edifice occupied to its limits, and all this without money and without price; and this has been the spirit of the old home in which some members of the Campbell family have lived since The old portion of the house is entirely covered over with the newer parts, but is still in a good state of preservation. The foundation is excellent, and the weather-boarding of oak is sound ; all else is the same as when built. Even the nails that were made by a nearby blacksmith from iron brought over the mountains on pack-horses are sound. The ceilings are low and are covered with walnut both side wall and ceilings. This now valuable wood is in perfect condition and is tongued and grooved same as our lumber is finished to-day; but all hand- work â€” a grand place in former days. It was built by an old millwright, who married a woman who had been rescued from the Indians. The front door of this small, old edifice remains as it was originally placed , opening into the hall of the big house ; great strap iron hinges that reach across it are of much interest to the visitor. In the old house â€” a very small part of the big mansion â€” Alexander Campbell was married March n, During the year 18 19, the big part of

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the home as you now see it was erected for the purpose of accommodating students and friends. The original wall paper in this room which was the newest thing of the times is to-day in perfect condition and of great interest to all visitors. VIII It illustrates history and romance, and must have beguiled the fancy of many a guest. Old and young forgot their embarrassment by interest in these varied scenes, in which were idealized West Point pictures and ancient legends "all in quaint old colorings, and to-day this room is the charm of the great home. Garfield, then an active young man, interested in the great thought movements of the day, and a great admirer of Alexander Campbell. The door in the centre of the picture leads to the old dining-room, where it is possible to seat fifty guests, "it is a long room, quaint and beautiful, and suggests the generous hospitality of the Campbell family. The portrait at the right of the picture is that of Alexander Campbell. The scenic pictures above the piano are paintings by Mrs. Barclay made during times of foreign travel. All these treasures, together with great stores of old keepsakes, make one harmonious whole, the preservation of which is due to the thoughtful care of Mrs. Barclay is, and just what a wealth of good cheer and gentle spirit she has at heart to respond to your greeting, this brief sketch would not be necessary. Barclay is the tenth child of Alexander Campbell, and wife of J. Barclay "a descendant of a family which, from the time of President Washington down to , held consular positions of much importance. Thirty years of their lives were spent in Alabama, being near neighbors to General Joe Wheeler; and for a number of years they owned and occupied the home of Thomas Jefferson at Monticello, and now for many years they have occupied the old Campbell house, and due to Mrs. Barclay are the thanks and love of all the Christian Church for preserving and maintaining the grand old home in the way it was always known to have been kept. On the day following, she will meet many of her old classmates of Pleasant Hill Seminary, some of whom she has not seen since graduation day, X In our picture, the old spinning-wheel may mislead some into believing that the use of it was one of her accomplishments. Barclay is entertaining, lovable, and altogether the dearest elderly person I have ever met. Show her how you appreciate her old keepsakes, and she will warm to you with all her heart; and from her you feel the spirit of the old day hospitality and realize much of what the old home must have been while the venerable sage of Bethany lived. Millions are consumed on the lusts of men for thousands that are laid up on deposit in the Bank of Heaven. Alexander Campbell X In the left of this picture is the favorite parlor chair of Alexander Campbell ; in the center, on the table, lies his Bible, written in eight languages ; on the right, the favorite chair of James A. Garfield, who spent many weeks at the Campbell home. Garfield was nominated for president by Archibald Campbell. Alexander Campbell XII The above picture is of the house where the "Millenia] Harbinger" was printed for a number of years, and is still in a good state of preservation. It is owned by Mrs. Richardson, a relative of the Campbell family. In some of the rooms are worn places in the floor caused by continued work about the presses. The publication ceased as a regular issue about It is impossible to convey any adequate conception of Mr. Campbell as a preacher. He was not a sermon writer, and nothing but the barest outlines of a few of his sermons have been preserved. But even if we now possessed his discourses in full, they would fail to reveal the secret of the spell the great preacher was able to throw about his audiences. There is an element in the public address which, like the fragrance of the flower, cannot be preserved. The thoughts remain, but the personality of the thinker is gone. Our knowledge of one whose voice has long been silenced must come from those who have felt the power of his eloquence. Campbell was its first minis- ter, and his grandson, William, is at present a deacon. In , the present building, shown in the cut, was erected. The congregation numbers about four hundred, con- tributes to all missionary enter- prises, and is in a prosperous condition. Biddle is the minister. Campbell r ceived a pressing invitation from both Houses of Congress to deliver an address in the Capitol. It is doubtful if such a scene has ever been witnessed in our National Capitol before or since. The House of Representatives was filled to overflowing. Here, after a hymn and prayer, Mr. Campbell was introduced and addressed the assembly from John 3: I wish you to be intelligent, pure, and influential on earth; loving and beloved as far as mortals like you can be. Be ornaments to the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, respectful and respected, honor- able and honored, good and happy, as my daughters ought to be. On you all God has bestowed good mental capacities, powers of acquiring and

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communicating knowledge, fine feeling, and many excellencies, capable of much improvement, and of rendering you very useful in society. Now, let me say to you that you are thereby under great responsibilities, and let me remind you that you should seek to be more intelligent, more amiable, and more exemplary every day. I do not say this as though I did not think you as much so now as any of my wide and extended acquaintances, but because I wish you to be of unrivalled excellence. Campbell was about to step down from the pulpit at the close of his last public address he said: No ; the soul is ever onward, thirsting for the fountains of righteousness that make glad the city of God. Its exact location as found to-day is about a half mile from any public road, on a high hill. Where the building stood is now entirely grown over with a small growth of trees and, but for a few visible blocks of limestone appearing mysteriously in regular lines, forming a rectangle, the location of this place would be difficult. Thus far the meetings had been held wherever opportunity afforded, generally in the houses of its devoted members. But the steps recently taken made a fixed meeting place indispensable to the permanent success of the movement. The members, therefore, set to work diligently in the construction of a rude building at Brush Run. So rapidly was the work prosecuted by these willing hands, that by June 16, , Alexander Campbell was able to preach his first sermon in the new meeting-house. But the chill and cheerlessness of their surroundings found compensation in the ardor of their devotion and the warmth of their affection, which had been elevated above the love of party by the love of Christ. In , after several years of disuse, the old church building was moved to the village of West Middletown, a distance of about four and a half miles, and was used as a blacksmith shop, store, postoffice, and for other purposes until now it is back of the main street and the property of a colored man. Myers arranged a meeting with Mr. Alexander Hanen and William Keenan to locate the place of baptism of the Campbells and other members of the first church. It is described by Mr. Hanen, who on that memorable occasion was but a babe in arms, and was handed about while his father and mother were baptized. The mother of Mr. Hanen had often pointed out to him during his childhood and youth the exact location at which she and his father were baptised. Although the big sugar tree has disappeared and the bank of the creek is somewhat worn away, yet near by is the old mill race and the pool as landmarks of the scene. Jane Campbell McKeever, a sister of Alexander Campbell, it was for years the foremost school for girls among the Disciples. Aunt McKeever, as she was familiarly called by the young ladies, was a fine instructor and was well versed in the Bible, which was a daily study in the school. At first, she was assisted by James Campbell and an able corps of teachers, afterwards by T.

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Their first child, a daughter, was born on 13 March. He ultimately concluded that scripture did not support the baptism of infants. He came to believe that individuals had to choose conversion for themselves and baptism was not appropriate until they did so. After disagreements over some issues, they allied with the Mahoning Baptist Association. He met some of the leading politicians of the day and was invited to preach in several churches in the capital city. He believed that the clergy should be college educated. Many future leaders of the Disciples of Christ and Churches of Christ graduated from the college, although some latter congregations did not attach the same value to theological study and professional clergy. During the trip he gave public lectures in England and Scotland. He went to Ireland to deliver funds that U. Restoration Movement churches had raised for relief in the Great Famine. While at Glasgow, he was challenged by James Robertson[which? As a result of the fierce exchange, Robertson sued Campbell for libel. The American denied the charge, but he was arrested and imprisoned for ten days. Campbell was released when the warrant for his arrest was declared to be illegal. The case was ultimately tried, and the jury decided in his favor. The first was the Christian Baptist, which he edited from through. He became less active in it during the s. He encouraged contributions by writers who thought differently from him, and the journals encouraged a lively dialogue about issues in the reform movement. Campbell expanded his printing operation in for the Millennial Harbinger. Differences of opinion were arising between Campbell and the Baptists, and in many cases Baptist associations were expelling persons connected with the Campbell movement. He was concerned that "Christian Baptist" " " which he considered to be less appropriate than the biblical term "Disciples" " " was becoming the de facto name of the group. He also wanted the new journal to have a more positive tone, promoting reform and preparing the world for the millennium and the second coming of Christ. He also wrote hymns, including "Upon the Banks of Jordan Stood". John Walker, a Baptist preacher, at Mount Pleasant, Ohio, on baptism, and since then, regularly participated in debates. Some of them gained national and international attention after their transcripts were published. In, he debated with Rev. Rice, who represented traditional Presbyterianism.

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When he protested these innovations during a sermon at Lea Avenue, his home church in Nashville, Tennessee, the Lea Avenue organist played loudly enough to drown him out in response. Many felt that given the prejudice they faced, without white support and philanthropy their efforts would eventually prove futile. In there were , enslaved Africans in the United States. A handful joined the Stone-Campbell Movement, the harbinger of greater things to come. Blacks and whites connected in complex ways within the movement. White believers owned slaves who attached themselves to the movement, and talented black preachers caught the interest of sincere and well-meaning white Christians. In the mids, yet a third Alexander Campbell, an ardent black preacher, presided over a congregation in Midway, Kentucky. Generous white Christians purchased Campbell so that he could give his time and talent solely to preaching. His wife, Rosa, a convert of pioneering white preacher John T. By the population of enslaved Africans had grown to 3. Alexander Cross , a gifted enslaved preacher from Kentucky, came to white attention at this time. But Cross contracted malaria and suddenly died. Black believers would not remain in such large numbers for long. As the Civil War approached, many enslaved Africans escaped northward and flocked behind Union lines, leaving the religion of their masters behind. By , black membership numbered only around 7, After the Civil War, Samuel W. Womack of Tennessee emerged as a pivotal leader. Hogan convinced 95 members of his Disciples church to leave. Black Disciples called the police and put him out of their building. Around the same time, J. Paradoxically, while African American preachers in Churches of Christ were attacking the organs and organized missionary efforts of African American Disciples, they relied on these organ-playing foes to receive a college education, since white Church of Christ colleges barred them a prejudice Hogan lambasted, writing harshly against segregated schools and racism. Meanwhile, Samuel Robert Cassius was fighting both worship innovations and white racism in Oklahoma and beyond. Born into slavery, Cassius converted to the Stone-Campbell Movement in the s. After being ordained by white leaders, he lived and labored for three decades in Oklahoma. There he filled various roles: His Third Birth of a Nation responded to D. You have Africa at your door. It marked a changing of the guard, as that year Keeble announced that his evangelistic campaigns had resulted in over 1, baptisms. Cassius and Keeble both had strong faith in God, a passion for the lost, and a hatred for religious error. But Keeble had one thing that Cassius did not: Such an approach garnered generous support from white believers, enabling him to travel extensively and establish congregations across the United States. Not everyone followed Keeble. One was George Philip Bowser , a former Methodist minister. By it fizzled out. Two decades later, he began the Bowser Christian Institute, but lack of funds doomed this school as well in Together, both schools formed the next generation of African American leadership. That formation led to a new era: Supporters of New Wineskins chose, instead, to address economic, social, and racial conditions obliterating African American families. Next articles Marshall Keeble preached a strong and uncompromising gospel Edward J.

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