A Short Biographical Sketch of George Calvin Campbell

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George Calvin Campbell (1872 – 1949)

When we present a few details of the life of G. C. Campbell, we think you will admire his accomplishments and learn some not-so-well-known history of the Stone-Campbell Movement.

Born in North Carolina in 1872, Campbell’s early religious affiliation was with the Church of Christ, Composed of Disciples, also called Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, and Disciples Assemblies. This New Testament based-fellowship also practiced feet washing and observed communion quarterly (later monthly) rather than weekly.

Campbell’s family valued education. He received an academy education and further taught himself by reading. At seventeen he received a school teaching certification, began teaching, and saved enough money to be able to attend the preparatory department at Hiram College, completing a high school diploma in three years.

He was ordained around 1898. Over the years Campbell ministered in Carlisle and Lexington, Kentucky; Columbus, Ohio; Nashville, Tennessee; and Chicago, Illinois. At each of these locations he attended seminaries or universities. During his ministry with the Armor Avenue Christian Church in Chicago, he attended the University of Chicago, completing the A.B., M.A., Ph.B. and B.D.

Additional educational leadership positions included President of Goldsboro Christian Institute (1922 – 1926); field representative for the National Home Finding Society (1937 – 1942); he was Dean and Vice-President of College of the Scriptures, an African American college affiliated with the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ, from 1945 until his death in 1949.