

The St. Andrew's Seven by Stuart Piggin and John Roxborough, Edinburgh: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1985 (5 Quotes selected by Doug Nichols)

1. Visitation, Sunday Schools, and Relief for the Poor.

In 1819 he set up the 'St. John's Experiment' in which, with the help of a highly organised and enthusiastic laity, he implemented his ideas on systematic visitation, the use of Sunday schools, and poor relief. [page 6]

2. Through the Gospel Society is Changed as Well as Man.

Rather than distinguishing between the 'spiritual' and the 'material', Chalmers sought to apply Christian insights to a number of social issues: economics and poor relief, the needs of the working classes, the ethics of the business community, famine relief, and the compatibility of the Christian faith with applied science and technological change. Through the Gospel, then, society is renovated as well as man. [page 7]

3. Christianity Influences Philosophy and Science, -- all inseparable.

Chalmers' refusal to restrict religion to limited areas of human endeavor arose from a deep conviction, derived from his study of the writing of the great American Evangelical theologian of revival, Jonathan Edward, that truth was a great whole, of which philosophy, science, and revealed religion were inseparable parts. His students quickly caught the vision of their new professor's 'grand design'. [page 7]

4. All Things Through Christ

Our response to Christ's commands should be determined by what we can do in His strength, not by what we might fail to do in ours. [page 14].

5. Long Use of Romans Commentary.

[Robert] Haldane's explosive combination of the biblical doctrine of the Reformation period and intense fervor may be savored today since his Commentary on Romans is still being published. [page 19]