



Editorial

On June 17 2011 a symposium to honour Professor James K. Cameron was held at St Mary's College, St Andrews. Colleagues, former students, friends, family and those sharing an appreciation for Professor Cameron's work and his enduring interests gathered in celebration of his career.

Born in 1924, James K. Cameron was awarded an MA in 1946 and a BD in Ecclesiastical History in 1949 at the University of St Andrews. He was Jacobus Research Fellow at Hartford Theological Seminary in Connecticut in 1949 and completed a PhD in 1953. His ordination to the ministry of the Church of Scotland took place the same year. He was Lecturer in Church History in the University of Aberdeen in 1955, Lecturer in Ecclesiastical History in the University of St Andrews in 1956, then Professor of Ecclesiastical History from 1970–89, Dean of the Faculty of Divinity from 1978–83, and, finally, Emeritus Professor in 1989.

His contribution to the field through various articles and books, including a splendid edition of the letters of John Johnston and Robert Howie, is crowned by his edition of the First Book of Discipline as well as his involvement as an editor of the great *Theologische Realenzyklopädie*. He was recognized just after his retirement by a fine Festschrift: *Humanism and Reform: The Church in Europe, England and Scotland 1400–1643* (ed. James Kirk; Oxford, 1991).

We are pleased to be able to publish four papers associated with the symposium.

In the first of these, Mark W. Elliott provides an introduction to the work of Professor Cameron. This is then followed by Professor Euan Campbell's paper on the relation of the Renaissance and Reformation, Professor Bruce Gordon's recollections of post-graduate study and, finally, Professor Ian Hazlett's paper on the participation of King James VI in theological debates.

To conclude this issue, in counterpoint, Paul Ede offers a reflection on the relationship between contemporary ecology and Christology. His paper, *Waste Land: Theological reflection on brownfield*

rehabilitation, draws on his experience of involvement with Clay Community Church in the practicalities of restoration of a brownfield site in Possilpark, Glasgow. The paper expresses much of his personal passion about encouraging charismatic and Pentecostal communities to discover the value of creation care within the mission of the Church, especially in post-industrial urban areas.

You are invited to respond to any of the above papers at the following weblog:

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