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In the summer of Bunyan lost both his mother and his sister Margaret. There are few details available about his military service, which took place during the first stage of the English Civil War. A muster roll for the garrison of Newport Pagnell shows him as private "John Bunnian". When I was a Souldier, I, with others, were drawn out to go to such a place to besiege it; But when I was just ready to go, one of the company desired to go in my room, to which, when I had consented, he took my place; and coming to the siege, as he stood Sentinel, he was shot into the head with a Musket bullet and died. Marriage and conversion[edit] Within two years of leaving the army, Bunyan married. The name of his wife and the exact date of his marriage are not known, but Bunyan did recall that his wife, a pious young woman, brought with her into the marriage two books that she had inherited from her father: He also recalled that, apart from these two books, the newly-weds possessed little: They would have three more children, Elizabeth, Thomas and John. One Sunday the vicar of Elstow preached a sermon against Sabbath breaking, and Bunyan took this sermon to heart. That afternoon, as he was playing tip-cat a game in which a small piece of wood is hit with a bat on Elstow village green , he heard a voice from the heavens "Wilt thou leave thy sins, and go to Heaven? Or have thy sins, and go to Hell? The women were in fact some of the founding members of the Bedford Free Church or Meeting and Bunyan, who had been attending the parish church of Elstow, was so impressed by their talk that he joined their church. A year later he married an eighteen-year-old woman named Elizabeth. Deciding not to make an escape, he was arrested and brought before the local magistrate Sir Francis Wingate, at Harlington House. The Act of Uniformity , which made it compulsory for preachers to be ordained by an Anglican bishop and for the revised Book of Common Prayer to be used in church services, was still two years away, and the Act of Conventicles , which made it illegal to hold religious meetings of five or more people outside the Church of England was not passed until Bunyan was arrested under the Conventicle Act of , which made it an offence to attend a religious gathering other than at the parish church with more than five people outside their family. The offence was punishable by 3 months imprisonment followed by banishment or execution if the person then failed to promise not to re-offend. Elizabeth, who made strenuous attempts to obtain his release, had been pregnant when her husband was arrested and she subsequently gave birth prematurely to a still-born child. But Bunyan remained resolute: There were however occasions when he was allowed out of prison, depending on the gaolers and the mood of the authorities at the time, and he was able to attend the Bedford Meeting and even preach. His daughter Sarah was born during his imprisonment the other child of his second marriage, Joseph, was born after his release in He also had at times the company of other preachers who had been imprisoned. Thousands of nonconformists were released from prison, amongst them Bunyan and five of his fellow inmates of Bedford Gaol. Bunyan was freed in May and immediately obtained a licence to preach under the declaration of indulgence. Instead he devoted his time to writing and preaching. His preaching also took him to London, where Lord Mayor Sir John Shorter became a friend and presented him with a silver-mounted walking stick. Firstly he became embroiled in a scandal concerning a young woman called Agnes Beaumont. When going to preach in Gamlingay in he allowed Beaumont, a member of the Bedford Meeting, to ride pillion on his horse, much to the anger of her father, who then died suddenly. His daughter was initially suspected of poisoning him, though the coroner found he had died of natural causes. Continuing to London to the house of his friend, grocer John Strudwick of Snow Hill in the City of London, he was caught in a storm and fell ill with a fever. His widow Elizabeth died in Between , when he published his first work, Some Gospel Truths Opened a tract against the Quakers , and his death in , Bunyan published 42 titles. A further two works, including his Last Sermon, were published the following year by George Larkin. Six years later Doe published The Heavenly Footman and finally in Relation of My Imprisonment was published, giving a total of 58 published titles. It remains the book for which Bunyan is best remembered.

Even his characters, like the Evangelist as influenced by John Gifford, are reflections of real people. The site was chosen by Boehm for its significance as a crossroads. Bunyan is depicted expounding the Bible, to an invisible congregation, with a broken fetter representing his imprisonment by his left foot. Christian at the wicket gate ; his fight with Apollyon ; and losing his burden at the foot of the cross of Jesus. Some other churches of the Anglican Communion, such as the Anglican Church of Australia, honour him on the day of his death 31 August. Please help improve this section by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. A revised edition was published in

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Thursday, 14 March Nineteenth-century studies: Meek Evangelical Protestantism in its Highland garb was deeply indebted to seventeenth-century English Puritan writers such as Richard Baxter of Kidderminster, whose *Call to the Unconverted* was translated into Gaelic in 1773, thus establishing a literary genre which has continued, though in diminishing form, well into the twentieth century. Back in my boyhood days in Tìree, I was a regular attender at Gaelic church services, which were held by both the Baptist church and the Church of Scotland in the island. The sermon was always the test of my boyhood stamina. In addition to paying close attention to the fine woodcuts of coal-carrying puffers and other steamships which had been cut into the pews of the most popular church buildings by an earlier generation of homiletic enthusiasts, I used to find some degree of relaxation from doctrinal tedium in the many anecdotes, illustrations and citations with which the best sermons were equipped. Sometimes no source would be given for the anecdote, but occasionally the source would be provided, in order to strengthen the argument. It was not uncommon for the preacher to appeal to a certain John Bunyan, who was apparently one of the greatest storytellers and wisdom figures of all time. He was, in fact, an Englishman who had lived in the middle of the seventeenth century. Indeed, I remember seeing a wonderful Gaelic edition with woodcuts which showed Christian fighting Apollyon. Its pages were becoming damp and mouldy, and I can still recollect its smell and texture. I might add that, when I came to Edinburgh in 1873, I noticed that a coal-merchant called John Bunyan had a yard close to Haymarket Station, and I used to reflect wryly on how another John Bunyan, far removed in time and place, was a major supplier of fuel for sermons and books in the Highlands and Islands - and far, far beyond. In the course of my forays into Highland church history, I came to realise that John Bunyan was perhaps the religious writer who had been most frequently, and most consistently, translated into Gaelic. Interestingly, the translation of his works had been undertaken mainly in the first half of the nineteenth century, at a time when the evangelical movement, spearheaded by ministers and missionaries of various kinds, but especially by schoolmasters, was touching the farthest corners of the Highlands and Islands. Evangelicalism did not make a noticeable impact on the island of Lewis until the 1840s. As part of the burgeoning evangelical movement, literacy in Gaelic was spreading, particularly through the labours of the Gaelic School Societies, the first of which was established in Edinburgh in 1807. These societies aimed to make the Gaelic people sufficiently literate in Gaelic to be able to read the Gaelic Bible, which had been completed in 1752. The Gaelic Bible was the key text in these schools, but it is clear that a taste in reading beyond the Bible was also stimulated. The Bunyan books, in their Gaelic forms, represent a critical stage in the important exchange between donor and receptor cultures in a missionary context. It is much closer to the everyday Gaelic of the people themselves Meek a. The work was undertaken by Patrick MacFarlane, a schoolmaster in Appin, Argyll, who lived from 1780 to 1850. Schoolmasters were very important figures, not only in spreading the evangelical message, but also in translating key works of the evangelical movement. In this respect, they were more important than the ministers. They had a zeal for routine translation which the ministers, on the whole, lacked. To put it another way, ministers were more inclined to translate high-prestige works, such as the Gaelic Bible, which was undertaken by a succession of ministers. Ministers preferred to write Gaelic prose, rather than translate it, and they made a massive contribution to original Gaelic prose writings. Schoolmasters, on the other hand, undertook the more mundane tasks of translating catechisms and Puritan texts, though the distinction is not entirely rigid, as we shall see. In addition, he produced a collection of Gaelic poetry in 1825, and a Gaelic vocabulary in 1830. This in itself is sufficient to show that evangelicalism was paying attention to the secular, as well as the spiritual, needs of the Gaelic people. Because of his various excursions into Gaelic culture, MacFarlane had a particular sensitivity to Gaelic language levels. Once in print, his translation became a firm favourite in the Highlands and Islands. It went through thirteen editions in the course of the century, and has retained its pre-eminent place to the present day.

In a translation by Dr T. This was the work that contained the woodcuts which I remember from my boyhood. Dr Malcolm MacLennan, and published in Edinburgh in It was reprinted in with a memoir of the translator by the Rev. In this translation, then, the tinker of Bedford speaks with the cadences of a Lewisman! What greater honour could possibly be bestowed upon him? His cultural apotheosis is most surely complete! Several other Bunyan texts were translated into Gaelic in the first half of the nineteenth century, and it is instructive to observe the pattern. These were as follows: The first period was in the s, in the wake of the creation of the Gaelic school societies and the triumph of evangelicalism in the Outer Hebrides, and the second phase was in the s, immediately before and immediately after the Disruption of , when the Free Church of Scotland emerged from the Church of Scotland Meek There was a quickening pulse, so to speak, in both of these periods, and each seems to have been marked by the translation of Bunyan texts. The post-Disruption period witnessed the retranslation of two of the works, Sighs from Hell and Water of Life. Thereafter there were no significant translations of Bunyan until the twentieth century, although the earlier translations were regularly reprinted. It is worth noting who translated some of these texts. One of the translators was a certain Robert MacDonald b. He published a collection of his own verse in , which contained some satirical sermons. But perhaps the most remarkable of all the translators is the man who undertook the translation of several of the volumes published in the s, including Grace Abounding â€” John MacKenzie. The Beauties of Gaelic Poetry, which was first published in , and is still regarded as a major source of Gaelic poetry and information about the poets. This fits conveniently with the general scholarly perception â€” a modern misperception in my opinion â€” that there was some sort of unbridgeable gulf between the evangelical movement and the secular world, and that evangelicals helped to destroy Gaelic culture. My own view is that the supposed antipathy of evangelicals to Gaelic culture has been greatly exaggerated, largely because of the effect of the quarrels within the Free Church in the later part of the nineteenth century, and the narrowing of spiritual horizons caused by the creation of the Free Presbyterian Church in Whatever evangelicals may have thought about the more decadent aspects of Gaelic culture which they tried to eradicate, they participated in literary creativity and in Gaelic scholarship throughout most of the nineteenth century Meek There was two-way traffic between Gaelic culture and the evangelical movement, and that is splendidly signalled by the work of John MacKenzie of Gairloch. We should note too that the creative interest in Bunyan which is evident by the s is connected with the northern Highlands, and particularly Ross-shire, as the work of John MacKenzie so clearly indicates. The first translation of a Bunyan text, however, was made in Appin, Argyll, by Patrick MacFarlane, and published in Enthusiasm for Bunyan had thus moved north by , probably because of the popularity of the text. As Ross-shire was a focus of evangelical Calvinism in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, it is fascinating to see Bunyan finding such a firm place in that quarter in the first half of the nineteenth century. Inverness also stands out very prominently as a publication centre for Bunyan texts, producing as many translations as Edinburgh. The influence and appeal of Bunyan in the Highlands and Islands can be detected in ways other than the citation of places of publication and the names of translators. It can be seen in poetry and in preaching too, especially in the first half of the nineteenth century. In the field of hymnology, for instance, the influence of Bunyan can be detected on Peter Grant c. Grant, who was an ardent evangelist and itinerant preacher who travelled the length and breadth of the northern Highlands and Islands on preaching tours, became perhaps the most popular of all composers of Gaelic hymns in the nineteenth century. One of the themes that he pursues fairly frequently in his compositions is the journey of the Christian from the fragile and perishing world of humanity to the Heavenly City. The path is strewn with snares and difficulties of all kinds. Perhaps the most conspicuous of these was the Rev. Robert Finlayson , a native of Latheron in Caithness. Thereafter he became minister of Knock in Lewis, and then moved to Lochs. Note again, in the bygoing, the northern location of Bunyan, this time in Caithness and Lewis. He had the intriguing habit of addressing Biblical characters by name in the course of his sermons. What a wonderful Admiral you, of this Ark! I provoked my Lord and He claimed that I would be guilty of denying Christ! Bunyan also provided a model for individual believers, by offering a paradigm for faith â€” and perhaps even for revolutionary politics. We can observe this in Lewis, in comments made by the Gaelic poet, John Smith of Iarsiadar in Lochs, one of the finest of the many Gaelic poets of the nineteenth-century Highlands, and a radical voice in the reaction to oppressive landlordism. He

also turns his spotlight on the contentious, introverted and gloomy kind of religious experience with which he was apparently familiar in Lewis by the s. He provides a word picture of the Christian who is committed to that sort of creed:

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Bunyan had very little schooling but learned the rudiments of reading and writing. From boyhood on, Bunyan experienced private visions that fed his brand of Christian devotion. He saw devils and heard inner voices talking about Christ and later in life felt driven to pray to trees and broomsticks. These visions and dreams would later serve as an inspiration for his writings. At the behest of his wife, Bunyan began to read the Bible and attend church on a regular basis. Bunyan was received into the Baptist Church in Bunyan advanced his knowledge of the Christian faith and scriptures by fasting and practicing solemn prayer. After bearing Bunyan four children, Margaret died in Two years later, Bunyan remarried. A pious young man, his strong sensitivity to sin was self-imposed and self-enforced. His personal standards were harsh and unforgiving. Bunyan did not commit many sins, but he did confess to using profane language, having danced, and having rung the bells of his local church without permission. Their growing power culminated in civil war and the installation of the Puritan Oliver Cromwell as Lord Protector of Britain in For many years, the country was in the grip of a religious fundamentalism. Religion in the seventeenth century was also highly political. When Bunyan joined the Baptist Church, he began preaching to his own congregation without a state license to do so and was jailed in by the Church of England for this infraction. Bunyan and other outspoken Protestants were not simply discriminated against but were persecuted and imprisoned. The book was later published in Bunyan also drew on personal experience when writing and preaching in public. After Bunyan was eventually freed from prison in , he began to preach again and became a pastor of the Bedford church. In the six years between Parts I and II, his confidence as a writer grew visibly. Early editions of his work were often on cheap and coarse paper, bought mainly by the poor. Bunyan thus had a hand in educating the class from which he himself came. Christian, Christiana, Great-heart, and Hopeful, to name a few. Bunyan is buried in the cemetery at Bunhill Fields in London.

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