Sweeney's Booknotes: A Collection of Essays on Jonathan Edwards
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This privately published set of essays is "an experiment," writes the Rev. Matthew Eveland (Senior Pastor of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, NC). "Edwards and theologians..." write the editors and many others.

My favorites were the essays by Sarah Boss, Rob's daughter and a recent college graduate, who contributed a lovely piece on "Edwards and Therapeutic Typologies of Lakes"; and Chris Westreich, the son of immigrants from Poland and Guatemala, who asked a question based on the work of Robert Jenison (a well-known Lutheran theologian), "Jonathan Edwards: America's Theologian?" A Latin Essay of Jonathan Edwards's Hermeneutics, other readers will surely find different chapters to love.

Here's the volume's table of contents:

1. "Introduction," by Matthew Eveland (Senior Pastor of Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, FL).
5. "Did Jonathan Edwards Help Shape American Religious Movements?", by Rob Tyler Todd (Associate Pastor of Students at Zorn Baptist Church in Batesville, AR, LA).

I shall add the editors' hope that "this volume will not be alone, but will be followed by other publishing ventures that focus on Edwards, while simultaneously providing a voice to the rising generation of Edwards scholars" (p. 1). If these first fruits of their labors are a reliable indicator, such future publishing ventures will offer an edifying showcase for original work on Edwards by ecclesial theologians.

Many thanks to the members of the Jonathan Edwards Society for this promising publication.


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