

that seek unto Him as ever He was.” This is what preserves Jeremiah from being “swallowed up of too much despair and sorrow” (p. 292). This not only gives security and strength in the present, but it also gives a sure and certain hope for the future. In the second sermon on Lamentations 5:8–12, Dickson says,

The unchangeableness of God is an argument that the kirk shall stand stable. Albeit He correct the kirk ... yet still He will raise up a new generation to serve Him and from age to age shall have a kirk as Himself, enduring forever.⁸¹

Dickson indicates that bright hope for the church lies in the way of repentance. “We see that when God gives repentance to an afflicted kirk or person, He can make them in as good case as ever. God can repair all the kirk’s ruins and wash the dirt off her face and rub away their shame” (p. 294). There is hope if we are mourning for sin,

Let not the bitterness of your stroke grieve you so much as sin, but mourn for sin when you are stricken, and it shall be mended... If you be mourning for sin and seeking reconciliation with God, you shall have His favor, which is better than life [cf. Ps. 63:3].⁸²

Spurgeon never had the benefit of Dickson’s exposition of the book of Lamentations. This has been limited to those who were able to access it in manuscript. It is here published for the first time, and gives an insight into the way in which Dickson unfolded the meaning of Scripture in the pulpit as well as in print. It would be a great blessing to the church if David Dickson’s plain but practical and searching sermons were used to engage us with this book of Scripture in a deeper way. Although dead, he still speaks through this exposition. Perhaps it has been brought to the attention of the church at the very time that we most need the repentance and restoration to which it directs us?■

81. See pages 292–293.

82. See page 63.

DAVID DICKSON: A PROVISIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

David Dickson (c. 1583–1662) was one of the most significant ministers and theologians of the Second Reformation.¹ He taught theology at both Edinburgh and Glasgow and was the first to produce a commentary on the Westminster Confession.² Dickson also had produced and inspired many commentaries on Scripture.³ He had a leading role in the events surrounding the signing of the national covenant in 1638 and the Glasgow Assembly. John Livingstone describes him as

a man singularly gifted with an edifying way of preaching, and whose painfull labours were eminently blessed with success... He made great help at the Reformation 1638, and thereafter some books, printed both in Latine and English, declare in part what a man he was...⁴

Robert Wodrow reports that Livingstone was once asked: “whom he took to be the greatest Gospell Minister in all Scotland? He said he thought Mr Dickson was the greatest he ever knew.”⁵ He was a prolific author but it does not seem that a full list has been collected of his published and unpublished writings.⁶

1. This bibliography was first published in *Scottish Reformation Society Historical Journal* 9 (2019), 1–15, to which several additions have since been made. Since it may be of considerable interest to readers, it has been appended to the prior article on Dickson’s *Sermons on Lamentations*.

2. “Caputi confessionis fidei de Scriptura continet articulos decem assertiones 33 theses controversas,” translated by George Sinclair and published as *Truths victory over error*, (Edinburgh, 1684). It was reprinted on various occasions and is currently published by The Banner of Truth Trust.

3. For background on Dickson’s published expositions of Scripture and his project involving fellow ministers see George Christie, “Scripture exposition in Scotland in the seventeenth century,” *Records of Scottish Church History Society* I (1926) 97–111

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5. Robert Wodrow, *Analec̄ta: Or Materials For A History Of Remarkable Providences Mostly Relating To Scotch Ministers And Christians*, (1843) Vol. 3, pp.8–9.

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8. *A brief explication of the first fifty Psalms by David Dickson, Professor of Divinity in the colledge of Edenburgh. Imprimatur, Edmund Calamy, Nov. 15. 1652*, (London: T.M. for Ralph Smith, at the Bible in Cornhill, neer the Royal Exchange, 1653).
9. *A brief explication of the other fifty Psalmes, from Ps. 50 to Ps. 100 by David Dickson*, (London: Printed by T.R. & E.M. for Ralph Smith, 1653).
10. *A brief explication of the last fifty psalmes, from Ps. 100. to the end by David Dickson* (London: Printed by T.R. and E.M. for Joseph Cranford, 1654).
11. Preface 'To the Reader' in George Hutcheson, *A Brief Exposition of the Prophecies of Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephaniah* (London: Ralph Smith, 1654).
12. *Therapeutica sacra, seu, De curandis casibus conscientiae circa regenerationem, per foederum divinarum prudentem applicationem. Authore Davide Dicsono SS. Theologiae Professore in Academia Edinburgena. Libri tres*, (Londini: Impensis Societatis Stationariorum, 1656).
13. *An exposition of all St. Pauls epistles together with an explanation of those other epistles of the apostles St. James, Peter, John & Jude: wherein the sense of every chapter and verse is analytically unfolded and the text enlightened* (London: Printed by R.I. for Francis Eglesfield, 1659).

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7. Contained in William Scot, *An Apologetical Narration of The State And Government of The Kirk Of Scotland Since The Reformation* (Edinburgh: 1846), pp.303-4.

8. This publication was identified by Wodrow in 1726 but now seems impossible to trace. See Wodrow's biographical preface, dated 5th January 1726, in various eighteenth-century editions of *Truth's Victory over Error*, and partly included in *Select Biographies*, Vol. 2, pp. 5-15 (p. 14).

9. For a recent discussion and transcription of this, see Carol Williams, "The True Comfort of a Christian, or Food for a Distressed Soul: David Dickson's Overlooked Work," *Reformation & Renaissance Review*, Vol. 9 (2007): 173-210.

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20. *An exposition of the tenth chapter of Job*, preached at Irvine 1635. Published in *Select practical writings of David Dickson*, vol. 1 (Free Church of Scotland, 1845). For the manuscript copy see New College, MS DIC.

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21. At a humiliation before the communion (Zephaniah 3:1–2).

22. For preparation to the communion (2 Timothy 2:19)

23. On the first communion Sabbath (Isaiah 52:13–15)

24. On the Monday for direction (Isaiah 41:14–15)

25. On the second Sabbath for the communion (Philippians 3:7–8)

26. On the Monday following the communion (Philippians 3:11–12).

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29. with James Durham, *A brief Sum of Christian Doctrine A Brief Summary of Christian Doctrine, contained in Holy Scripture, and Holden Forth in the Confession of Faith and Catechisms Agreed upon by the*

Assembly of Divines at Westminster, and Received by the General Assembly of the Kirk of Scotland [commonly known as *The Sum of Saving Knowledge*]; included in *The confession of faith, and the larger and shorter catechisme first agreed upon by the Assembly of Divines at Westminster. And now approved by the Generall Assembly of the Kirk of Scotland, to be a part of uniformity in religion between the kirks of Christ in the three kingdomes*, (Edinburgh: printed by Gedeon Lithgow printer to the University, of Edinburgh, 1650), pp.255–308.

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33. With Robert Douglas and George Hutcheson, 'A Letter to the L. Broghill, President of the Councill', Edinburgh, 30 January, 1656, pp.184–187

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14. See Peterkin, *Records of the Kirk of Scotland*, pp. 349, 368

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 52. With Robert Douglas, James Wood, Hugh Mackail, George Hutcheson and Thomas Garven, 'Letter to Mr. Sharp', Edinburgh, 6 January 1657, pp.268–271
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 69. With Robert Douglas and George Hutcheson, 'Letter to Col. Jones', 29 September 1657, Vol II, pp.121–122.
 70. With Robert Douglas and George Hutcheson, 'Letter to the Right Honourable Mr Secretary Thurloe', 29 September 1657, II, p.122.
 71. With Robert Douglas, 'Letter to Lord Broghill', 27 February 1658, Vol II, p.137.
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79. With Robert Douglas, James Wood, John Smith, James Hamiltoun, Mungo Law, A Kerr and George Hutcheson, 'Instructions for our Reverend Brother Mr James Sharp', 7 February 1659, Vol II, pp.149–150.

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81. 'Petition' (1638), (NLS, Wod.Qu.XXIV, f.29).

82. 'Exercitationes aliquot de casibus nonnullis conscientiae et animae renovatae iis nimirum potissimum qui ad statum conditionemque novae creaturae pertinent. XVIIth century'. (University of Glasgow, MS Gen 363).¹⁵

83. 'Caputi confessionis fidei de Scriptura continet articulos decem assortmentes 33 theses controversas', (Glasgow University Library, MS Gen 8) [evidently the latin lectures of *Truth's Victory*, At end of text: 4 Sept. 1651 finis. Charles Mouat—presumably from Glasgow].

84. *Tyronis concionaturi preparatio* (?ca. 1651), (NLS, Wod.Oct.XI, f.15).¹⁶

85. 'Opinion on Patronage', (? ca. 1651), copy, early 18th cent, (NLS, Wod.Oct.XI, f.33).

86. 'A freindlie Conference betuixt two ministers D and B anent the gesture of Communicants in the act of receiving the holie elements of the Lords Supper', [although written by Robert Baillie this includes Dickson's arguments against kneeling] (NCL, Bail MS 1).

87. 'Sermons upon Jeremiah's Lamentationes gathered from Master David Dickson's mouth by one of his hearers: from the beginning to the end thereof. XVII century' (c.1628), (Glasgow University Library, MS Gen 3).¹⁷

88. Sermon on 2 Samuel 23:5 (University of Glasgow, MS Gen 32).¹⁸

89. Sermon on Romans 5:20 (University of Glasgow, MS Gen 32).

90. Sermon on Isaiah 56:6 [1 July, 1660], (NLS, MS.1759, ff.21–26). The sermon notebook was apparently the property of Sir Hugh Campbell of Cessnock.

The following sermons are from copy made in 1673 (probably by John Veitch, minister of Westruther) by (c.1638–9), NLS, Wod.MSS.8, qto.

91. Nine sermons on 1 Timothy 1:5 preached at Irvine (f.1).

92. Sermon on 1 Peter 5:8–10, Irvine 1637 (f.66).¹⁹

93. Sermon on Job 36:11–12, 1639

94. Sermon on Psalm 122:6–9, Irvine 1638 (f.106).

95. Sermon on Matthew 10:29–32 Irvine 1638

96. Sermon on 2 Chronicles 20:1–4

97. Sermon on 2 Chronicles 20:10–11.

98. Sermon on Job 36:21–25, Irvine 1638 (f.143).²⁰

The following are summary notes recorded by George Maxwell in or around Glasgow (Mitchell Library, Glasgow, T-PM/114/1).

99. Summary notes of a sermon on Isaiah 12:1, 22 January 1648. (Mitchell Library, Glasgow, T-PM/114/1).

100. Summary notes of a sermon on 1 Corinthians 11:23, 22 January 1648, preparatory sermon before a communion. (Mitchell Library, Glasgow, T-PM/114/1).

101. Summary notes of a sermon on Lamentations 3:30, Glasgow, 15 May 1648. (Mitchell Library, Glasgow, T-PM/114/1).

102. Summary notes of a sermon on Lamentations 3:30, Glasgow. (Mitchell Library, Glasgow, T-PM/114/1).

103. Summary notes of a sermon on Lamentations 3:41, Glasgow. (Mitchell Library, Glasgow, T-PM/114/1).

104. Summary notes of a sermon on Ephesians 5, Edinburgh, 12 February 1654 (Mitchell Library, T-PM/114/4).

15. This treatise has a close connection with *Therapeutica Sacra* whether or not it is a draft for that treatise.

16. Wodrow speaks of possessing this in 1726; *Select Biographies*, Vol. 2, p. 15.

17. This volume has been transcribed and published by Naphtali Press and Reformation Heritage Books (2020).

18. This MS is entitled 'A collection of seventy valuable lectures and sermons preached mostly in the time of the late persecution by these eminent servants of Jesus Christ'. Transcribed by Jo. Howie from several old manuscripts about the years 1778–79 &c.

19. The NLS catalogue records a sermon on 2 Cor 3:17–18 but this is not in the body of the manuscript.

20. The NLS catalogue suggests that two sermons that follow could be by Dickson but they are unattributed and by no means likely to be by him. They are on Song 6:1 and Song 6:2–3.

105. Maxwell records that he heard a sermon by Dickson in Edinburgh on the afternoon of 25 January 1657 on the person of Christ, why God and why man both in one person (Mitchell Library, T-PM/114/6).

106. Sermon by Dickson in Edinburgh on 1 John 3:23–4 1 February 1657 (Mitchell Library, T-PM/114/6).

107. Sermons on 1 Timothy 1:5–7 NLS, Wod.MSS.8 copy made in 1673, ff.1–45

108. ‘The doctrine of the catechism or a short explanation of the commandes [Ten Commandments], the beliefe [Apostle’s Creed] and the Lords prayer,’ [1641] (NLS, MS.15950). The exposition of the commandments appears to have been begun in Irvine on 29 April 1640 and concluded in 1641. This is likely to be the same as what Wodrow refers to as ‘The Grounds of the true Christian Religion, by way of catechism for his congregation of Irvine.’ It is not certain that a separate document of this title does not exist which may be a catechism in itself.²¹ These short expositions appear, however, to have accompanied occasions of catechising.

109. ‘No Separation of the well-affected from the Army of Covenanters defending Covenant and Kingdom against the factioun of sectaries oppressing both within the land,’ (?1651) (NLS, Wod.Qu.XXXII, f. 57).

In his 1726 preface, Wodrow says, ‘Several of his MSS. remain unprinted. Besides some of his original letters, I have his Preparatio Tyronis Concionaturi, which I suppose he dictated to his scholars at Glasgow,—his Summarium Libri Jesaiae ... I am not sure but some of these may be in print. They are generally pretty large papers, of several sheets in writing.’²² He lists the following as being in his possession, of which there is now no obvious trace in the Wodrow Collections:

110. ‘Summarium Libri Jesaiae’

111. ‘Letter on the Resolutions’

112. ‘First Paper upon the Public Resolutions’

113. ‘Reply to Mr Patrick Gillespie and Mr James Guthrie’²³

Regarding the following, Wodrow says, ‘These I have not seen, but I know they are in the hands of ministers’

114. ‘Precepts for a daily Direction of a Christian’s Conversation’

115. ‘A Compend of his Sermons upon Jeremiah’

116. Sermons on the first nine chapters of the Epistle to the Romans.

117. There is also a sermon in Glasgow University Library MS Gen 441 on [? book hard to decipher] 7:23.

118. In a letter dated 1644, Robert Baillie expresses a desire that David Dickson’s MS ‘Covenant and Method of Preaching’ might be printed, which appears never to have happened. D. Laing (ed.), *Letters and Journals of Robert Baillie* (3 vols., Bannatyne Club, Edinburgh, 1841–42), Vol. 2, p. 196.

UNPUBLISHED LETTERS²⁴

119. Letter (24 May 1647) to Thomas Wyllie then Minister of Mauchline, (NLS, Wod.Qu.XXIX, f.75).

120. Letter (28 June 1647) to Thomas Wyllie then Minister of Mauchline, (NLS, Wod.Qu.XXIX, f.76).

121. Letter (30 June 1647) to Thomas Wyllie then Minister of Mauchline, (NLS, Wod.Qu.XXIX, f.78).

122. Letter (7 July 1659) to Thomas Wyllie, (NLS, Wod.Qu.XXIX, f.231).

123. Letter (5 May 1660) to Thomas Wyllie, (NLS, Wod.Qu.XXIX, f.239).

124. Letters and Papers (1651) (NLS, Wod.Qu.XXXII, ff. 65,149, 155).

125. Letter (1657), (NLS, Wod.Oct.XL, f.20v).

126. Draft letter, Edinburgh, 17 March [1660], of David Dickson, Robert Douglas and George Hutchison to James Sharp, concerning church government, (NLS, Wod.Fol.XXVI, f. 171),

127. Draft letter and postscript, Edinburgh, 20 March [1660], of David Dickson, Robert Douglas and George Hutchison to the Earls of Crawford and Lauderdale and Lord Sinclair, concerning the release from custody of the recipients, (NLS, Wod.Fol.XXVI, ff. 172–173).

128. Scroll letter, 4 June [1661] of David Dickson, Robert Douglas, James Hamilton, John Smith, Thomas Garvine and George Hutchison to Lauderdale concerning fears about a change of church government (NLS, Wod.Fol.XXVI, ff. 116–117).

Letters in University of Glasgow Library

The descriptions provided by the Library catalogue. The letters are of interest in relation to the response of leading churchmen in Scotland to the Restoration. They relate to the activities of James Sharp as their representative in London which would prove to be duplicious. Most of these are referenced and summarised in

21. *Select Biographies*, Vol. 2, p. 15

22. *Select Biographies*, Vol. 2, p. 15

23. It is possible that this is *A Reply To the late Printed Answer Given to the Letter, Directed by the Protesters To Their Brethren, Who are for carrying on of the Publick Resolutions, and for the Authority of the late Pretended Assemblies* (Evan Tyler, Leith, 1653).

24. Lady Anne Halkett apparently records a meditation in relation to David Dickson persuading her to marry James Halkett 1659–1660 (NLS, MS 6489, pp.47–55).

Robert Wodrow's *History of the Sufferings of the Church of Scotland*.²⁵

129. Copy of letter to General Monck from Mr David Dickson & Mr [Robert] Douglas (MS Gen 210, p. 1) Edinb: January 10 1660. Concerning the passing of information about the 'state of this church' to 'Brother Mr James Sharp' [Notes at the bottom of the page in another hand stating that the General before receiving the letter had 'some thought to this same purpose for [recording?] information of the affairs relating to Scotland']

130. Copy of 'Instructions for Mr Sharp'. From 'Mr David Dickson, Rot Douglas, James Wood, John Smyth, Geo: Hutcheston, An: Ker' (MS Gen 210, p. 3). 6 February 1660. Instructions include details that Mr Sharp is to '[?] the 'prejudice this church doth suffer by the [?] of the banking stipends' and that they should be applied according to the '20 act of parliament 1644'. Also he is to endeavour that ministers 'may have the benefits of the 39th Act of the Parliament [?] Act'

131. Copy of letter to L. General Monck From 'Mr David Dickson, Mr Rot Douglas, Mr Ja: Wood, Mr John Smyth, Mr Geo: Hutchestone' (MS Gen 210 - Item: pp. 3-4), Edinb:1656 [not a copy of no. 37 above. Glasgow University Library catalogues it as 1666 in error], Letter includes thanks to the Lord General for the 'passe' for Mr Sharp and the confidence that he will 'suffer no prejudice is so necessary and so innocent and undertaking.'

132. Copy of letter to 'Coll. Wotham [sic]' from 'Mr David Dickson, Mr Robert Douglas, Mr James Wood, Mr John Smyth, Mr Geo. Hutchestone (MS Gen 210, p. 5), 'Edinb: 1660' Mr Sharp to be sent to Lord General Monck and Collonell Wotham in the hope that 'the Lord who hath put one opportunity into your hands, will help you to [impress?] upon it for the advantage of the Gospell'. Hoped that through Mr Sharp's negotiations and their help relief will be given to 'this poor nation'

133. Copy of letter to Mr Calamy and Mr Ash from 'Mr David Dickson, Mr Robert Douglas, Mr Ja: Wood, Mr John Smyth, Mr Geo: Hutchestone', Edinburgh 6 February 1660, (MS Gen 210, pp. 5-6). Discusses Mr. Sharp in London.

134. Copy of letter to Mr. Sharp from Mr. David Dickson, Mr. Robert Douglas and Mr. George Hutchesone.

(MS Gen 210, pp. 24-25), Edinburgh March 17 1660. Noting surprise at goings on in London concerning them and their 'brethren' and their judgement on the coming government. States that 'We do now wonder at the information' as some of the group had never spoken to 'those who speak so in our name'. Appear to defend themselves against 'stories' regarding their opinion on the government. Summarised in Wodrow, *History*, Vol. I., p.11

135. Copy of letter to General Monck from Mr. David Dickson, Mr. Robert Douglas and Mr. George Hutchestone, (MS Gen 210, pp. 25-26), Edinburgh March 17 1660. Acknowledges the 'favourable return to our last (letter), wherein so much is expresses of your respect not only toward our selves in particular, but toward our office and calling and the work of the Gospel'. Discusses the settlement of the nation and the authors' high opinion of General Monck.

136. Copy of letter to the Earles of Crawford and Lauderdale and Lord Sinclair from Mr. David Dickinson [sic], Robert Douglas, James Hamilton, John Smyth and George Hutchestone. (MS Gen 210, pp. 32-33), Edinburgh [20]March 1660. Concerns the release of the recipients from the Tower of London. States that 'It hath not a little refreshed our spirits & encouraged us to bless the Lord our God that we hear of your Honours Liberation from your long captivity.' (see no.123 above).

137. Copy of letter to Mr. Sharp from Mr. Dickson and Mr. Douglas. (MS Gen 210, pp. 42-43), Edinburgh 24 March 1660. Summary of contents of letter from Broghill (12 March 1660).

138. Copy of letter to L. Genll. Monck from Mr. Dickson and Mr. Douglas. (MS Gen 210, p. 43), Edinburgh 24 March 1660. Concerns letter from Broghill and possibility of Sharp going to Broghill in Ireland. Suggests that Monck could give this some consideration.

139. Copy of letter to Lord Broghill from Mr. David Dickson and Mr. Robert Douglas. (MS Gen 210, pp. 43-45), Edinburgh 27 March 1660. Concerns the possibility of Sharp going to Ireland, stating that Broghill shall either see or hear from Sharp, noting that 'He (Sharp) is able to give you an account of the Generalls undertakings'. Also discusses the parliament, the government and the church.

140. Copy of letter to Lord Broghill from Mr. David Dickson, Robert Douglas and George Hutchestone. (MS Gen 210, pp. 45-47), Edinburgh 28 March 1660. Thanks Broghill for last letter and states that could not miss opportunity of messenger going straight to Ireland 'to express jointly some of the thoughts of out heart.'

25. Robert Wodrow *The history of the sufferings of the church of Scotland from the restoration to the revolution*, ed. Robert Burns, 4 vols. (Glasgow: Blackie, Fullarton & co., and A. Fullarton & co., Edinburgh, 1828-30), 1.4ff. See *Register of the Consultations of the Ministers of Edinburgh and Some Other Brethren of the Ministry: 1657-1660* (Edinburgh, 1930), vol. II p.193ff., for supplementary passages.

Discusses mutual sympathies such as the state of the church and religion and the settlement.

141. Copy of letter to the King Majesty from Mr. Robert Douglas, David Dickson, James Hamiltoun, John Smyth and George Hutcheſtone. (MS Gen 210, pp. 94–96), Edinburgh 8 May 1660. Short note before the letter states that ‘Receive the inclosed to the Kings Matie, with a true copie thereof for your ſelf to read. Deliver the letter at a fitt opportunity.’ Letter begins with comments of veneration toward the King, ſtating that they hope ‘to enjoy your majeſties perſone in your own domains, as a bright ſunſhine after a long and tempeſtuſous night.’ Discusses role which Sharp has played in events. States that the miniſters of ‘this church’ will ‘continue in their loyalties to authority and the maintenance of your full rights.’ Reproduced in Wodrow, *History*, Vol. I., pp.22–23.

142. Copy of letter to The King Majesty from Mr. Robert Douglas, David Dickson and George Hutcheſtone. (MS Gen 210, pp. 102–104), Edinburgh 10 May 1660. Discusses message from the King to the Houſes of Parliament. They wiſh to take the opportunity the expreſs their affection for the King and ſtates that they can inform the King of their afflictions whiſt under bondage. Expreſses pleaſure at the reſtoration of the King. Also diſcusses the Kings adherence to Presbyterianism. Reproduced in Wodrow, *History*, Vol. I., pp.24–25.

143. Copy of letter to Mr. Calamy, Aſh and Manton from Mr. David Dickson, Robert Douglas, James Hamiltoun, John Smyth and George Hutcheſtone (MS Gen 210, pp. 106–108), Edinburgh 12 May 1660. States that in paſt correſpondence have been reſreſhed regarding the English miniſters ſympathies toward their cauſe. Therefore, ‘we hold it our duty to pour out our hearts unto you upon occaſion of this ſignall revolution of affairs’. Continues that the Lord ‘is putting in our hands a bleſſed opportunity of advancing his Kingdome’. Discusses the King and the fate of Presbyterianism in England. Also concerns their obligations regarding the Covenant and the ſettling of the Government. Reproduced in Wodrow, *History*, Vol. I., pp.26–27.

144. Copy of letter to Mr. Sharp from Mr. David Dickson, Robert Douglas, James Hamiltoun, John Smyth and George Hutcheſtone. (MS Gen 210, pp. 124–125), Edinburgh 7 June 1660. States that they regard it as their duty, on account of their ‘ſolemne engagement to God, and of our brotherly affection and...to expreſs the thoughts of our hearts to ſome Reverend Miniſters of the City of London, for our owne exoneration, reſolving no further to intermeddle in the affairs of others.’ Discusses Sharps activities in London. Continues ‘We ſupport it is not

a deſperate work humbly to deal with Maj. (who is ſo excellent and moderat a prince) for the preventing of Episcopacy and the liturgy, which by experience they have found ſo bitter and prejudicial to themſelves, & many others in England.’ This ſeems to be the letter related in Wodrow, *History*, Vol. I., pp.34–35.

145. Copy of letter to Mr. Sharp from Mr. David Dickson, Mr. Robert Douglas, Mr. James Hamiltoun, Mr. John Smyth and Mr. George Hutcheſtone. (MS Gen 210, pp. 125–126), Edinburgh 9 June 1660. Discusses the ſettling of the Church.

146. Copy of letter to Mr. Sharp from Mr. David Dickson, Mr. Robert Douglas, Mr. James Wood, Mr. James Hamiltoun, Mr. John Smyth and SS Kerr. (MS Gen 210, pp. 138–139), Edinburgh 21 July 1660. States ‘Since his Matie hath thought it fitt that you ſhould returne and give us information of the ſtate of his affairs there (which we pary the Lord may be happily ſettled for the glory of his great name), the hone of the King Matie and the good of his ſubjects we are ſatisfied with your home coming upon that account.’ Says that they never intended to preſs Presbyterianism upon other Kirks. Again diſcusses the uſe of the ſervice book, preclacie and the ſynod of Divines.

147. Copy of letter from the ‘preſbyterie of Edinburgh their humble Returne to his Majeſties.’ (MS Gen 210, pp. 189–191), Edinburgh 20 September 1660. Acknowledges receipt of letter from the King ‘and, in obedience to your Royal command, therein contained, have tranſmitted copies thereof to all the preſbyteries in this your Matie ancient Kingdome’. States that it has revived their ſpirits to know that their church will be preſerved and protected without violation. Discusses how good people are comforted in the expreſſions for moderation, ‘your abhorrence of profanity and your tender favour to faithful miniſters’. Also concerns the ſettling of the Church Government. 32 ſignatories including Douglas, Dickson, Hamiltoun and Smyth. This ſeems likely to be the letter printed in Wodrow, *History*, Vol. I., pp.82–83.

148. Copy of letter to the Earle of Middletoun from Mr. David Dickson, Robert Douglas, Robert Lawrie, Geo: Hutcheſone & John Smyth. (MS Gen 210, pp. 195–197), Edinburgh 13 November 1660. Letter begins ‘Tho we have not had the opportunity theſe years paſt to expreſs to your Lo/ how much we ſympathizes in your afflictions which you chearfully endured amongſt others in his Matie cauſe of ſervice’ ſtates that they conſidered it their duty to let Middletoun know of their affections. Discusses Middletouns poſt as Commiſſioner for the King.

149. Wodrow references a letter written by Dickson and Hutcheson to Lauderdale on 10 November 1660, Vol.I, p.86

POETRY

In addition to the poems already mentioned [items 1, 4, 15, 18], Wodrow attributes the following to Dickson. It is likely that these were printed as chapbooks or broadsides because printed copies do not seem to have survived.

150. *Sight through a Glass, and Face to Face.*

151. *The Christian Sacrifice.*

152. *O Mother Dear Jerusalem!*²⁶

MISATTRIBUTED

The Advantage Of Being In The House Of Mourning (1818)²⁷

CONCLUSION

Dickson was prolific in his published writings, but a fuller picture of his writings has not been possible thus far due to the lack of a bibliography of this nature. This brief note has identified many more than one hundred items. Some items clearly identified as extant during Robert Wodrow's time may well still emerge in a more

thorough search and indexing of the archives held by various libraries and institutions. Items such as the expositions of Isaiah, Jeremiah and the bulk of Romans would be particularly attractive to those who have valued his other publications.

In the meantime, fruitful avenues of research are possible. It is a little strange that Dickson has been neglected while there have been scholarly intellectual biographies of Dickson's contemporaries such as Samuel Rutherford, Robert Baillie and Alexander Henderson. Indeed, there has been little direct focus on his writing beyond a focus on his covenant theology and aspects of his writing on the subject of conscience. He was a central figure in the movement resisting the Articles of Perth, the Second Reformation and the Public Resolutions controversy.²⁸ He was a key theologian and preacher during this period. There is extensive correspondence available for those who may wish to explore the events of the Resolutions controversy and the political repercussions leading up to the Restoration.

Dickson's preaching has received little attention, yet he was regarded as one of the foremost expositors of his time. An appreciation of the wider body of material available for research should help to facilitate this sort of study. ■

26. The history of this poem is complicated. The earliest English version is probably that of William Prid, *The glasse of vaine-glorie: faithfully translated (out of S. Augustine his booke, intituled, Speculum peccatoris) into English* (London, 1585), p. 60ff. A related poem by 'F.B.P', beginning 'Hierusalem my happie home', is nearly contemporary, and shares common patristic sources; see J. Julian, *Dictionary of Hymnology* (London, 1907, reprinted 1957), pp. 580–583. The version attributed to Dickson seems to be a combination of these two. For further discussion, see Horatius Bonar in *The New Jerusalem: a hymn of the olden time* (Edinburgh, 1852), pp. xxi-xxii; William C. Prime,

O Mother Dear Jerusalem! The Old Hymn, its Origin and Genealogy (New York, 1865), pp. xxxi-xxxii.

27. This was a sermon preached in 1818 by Rev David Dickson (1780–1842), Nathan D. Holsteen incorrectly identifies it as by the earlier Dickson.

28. David Stevenson identified Dickson as belonging to what he calls 'the radical Kirk party' which was associated with opposition to read prayers and promotion of conventicles. David Stevenson, "Conventicles in the Kirk: The Emergence of a Radical Party, 1619–37," *Records of the Scottish Church History Society*, 18 (1974), pp.99–114.