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Standing back from the specific content of the book, two final comments from this reviewer might be in order. One is that Burns triumphantly demonstrates the merits of the patient, sensitive study of Church institutions, contrary to the tendency to see institutions as, at best, dull, mechanical and ultimately marginal aspects of historical religious experience. Through Burns's work, as well as that of some other recent church historians, we can begin to see how different the practice of late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Anglicanism really was from the historical mythologies that have fed the ecclesial identities of the different "parties" within Anglicanism. The other comment is that Burns's work, taking its place as it does alongside that of Peter Nockles, Stephen Taylor, Cohn Haydon, Nigel Yates, Frances Knight and other historians working broadly on the same period, demands in turn the production of a new synthesis on Victorian Anglicanism, a new version of the great two-volume history by Owen Chadwick, The Victorian Church (1966 and 1970), that would inevitably now describe a narrative remarkably different from that offered by Chadwick. Without such a synthesis, I suspect that students, ordinands and others will continue to parade the exaggerations and simplifications that Burns has helped so effectively to demolish.