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ORTHCOMING EVENTS * MAY LECTURE*

Aidan Mackay of the G.K. Chesterton Study Centre will give a talk on George MacDonald – His Influence upon G.K. Chesterton and C.S. Lewis The lecture will take place at 6.30 on Wednesday May 13th in Room 27c King’s College, Strand WC2.

Tickets are £2 (to include a glass of wine after the lecture) and are available in advance from Margaret Richardson, 64 Albert Street, London NW1 7NR (Cheques payable to the George MacDonald Society) or on the evening (but please ring Margaret to say you will be coming on 071 405 2107 or 071 387 7940).

This promises to be a very interesting evening and also a good opportunity to meet other society members. All readers are encouraged to attend – non members welcome.

JUNE 2nd

John Docherty will be speaking to the Oxford C.S. Lewis Society on MacDonald, Charles Williams and Lewis Carroll, developing some of the ideas expressed in Gwen Watkins’ talk published in the last issue of North Wind. The meeting will be held at Pusey House, St. Giles at 8.15 pm.

BOOK NEWS
MASTERLINE BOOKS

These quality hardback reprints are now being offered to U.K. readers for the bargain price of £13.95 for the set of four + £2.95 p & p. Single copies are available at £6, inclusive of p & p.

* Ronald MacDonald gives a fascinating portrait of his father which is very
different from the better known biography by his brother Greville.

* **Rolland Hein**’s full length study, from a Christian viewpoint, contains many penetrating insights.

* **Richard Reis**’ study has been described as the best general work on MacDonald’s fiction.

* **David Robb** devotes most of his attention to the relation of MacDonald’s novels to his Scottish background.

Copies are available from John Docherty, 9 Medway Drive, Forest Row, East Sussex RH18 5NU.
NOVALIS TRANSLATION

Temple Lodge Press are reported to be going ahead with the publication of Macdonald’s translations of Novalis with an introduction by William Webb.

HARVEY DARTON AWARD 1992

This award was recently established biennially for the most notable contribution to the history of children’s literature. This year Raphael Shaberman’s *George MacDonald: A Bibliographical Study (1990)* was runner up. The book (reviewed in *North Wind* 10) did not win the award as it did not deal exclusively with children’s literature. The presentation was made in January by Brian Alderson, the children’s book critic, to Marjorie Moon for her bibliography of Benjamin Tabart (1802-1825)

THE LIBRARY, KING'S COLLEGE, STRAND, LONDON WC2R 2LS

William Webb’s study of Mary Marston and Home Again has recently been donated to the collection.

INFORMATION LEAFLETS

Distributed with this issue are revised information leaflets. These are for display on appropriate noticeboards or for passing on to people who express interest in MacDonald and the Society. A leaflet emphasizing the Christian aspect of MacDonald’s writing is in preparation and will be more suitable for Church groups.

THIRD WAY
The following paragraph, which makes reference to MacDonald’s theology, appeared in the April edition of Third Way magazine as part of the Mile Miles column “Milestones”.

The novelist-seer George MacDonald was grilled by the orthodoxy of his day for airing his distaste for the torture of the ungodly. He beat the rap by creative reinterpretation of hell flames as the shattering shame experienced when we stand revealed in all our complex, petty nastiness before an absolute holiness that overwhelms us with its blazing love, laser-cruising into the private recesses of self-glory and ego-pus to holy us. In MacDonald’s Purgatory, so thought his pupil C.S. Lewis, the fateful gift of self-determination remains. We’ll be free to hug our faith and to flee the scouring fire of love, burning fiercer the further we run.

All pretty speculative. A good moment to hand you back to the studio where someone, somewhere, is having her toes methodically

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Future Dates 1993: June 13 Conmemoration Service in Christ Church, Oxford July 23-26 Convention in Somerville College 10 October Commemoration at opening of Canterbury Festival

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Keep June 13 as a date for an event--anyone wishing to read/sing play/otherwise perform please contact me soon. The next Bulletin will appear out of May but beginning June. Best wishes, Christopher Dean.
NORTH WIND BACKNUMBERS

We regularly receive requests for back numbers of North Wind and have now run out of most issues. If you have back issues which you are sure you will no longer require, we would be grateful to have them. Please send back issues to John Docherty.

MACDONALD IN PRINT (UK)

MacDonald’s short fantasy stories continue to be reprinted, as do the popular Princess books and At the Back of the North Wind. Sadly the three editions of Phantases (Everyman, Eerdmans and Lion) have recently been discontinued. Lilith remains in print (now only available from Allison and Busby). The Landlady’s Master is the only Scottish novel available.

However, it is encouraging to note the MacDonald’s tales are often selected for anthologies such as The Daedalus Book of Fantasy, The Golden Key and The Green Life and most recently Tales of Enchantment.

Deadline for next issue: 17th August

Many thanks to all who contributed to this issue.

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