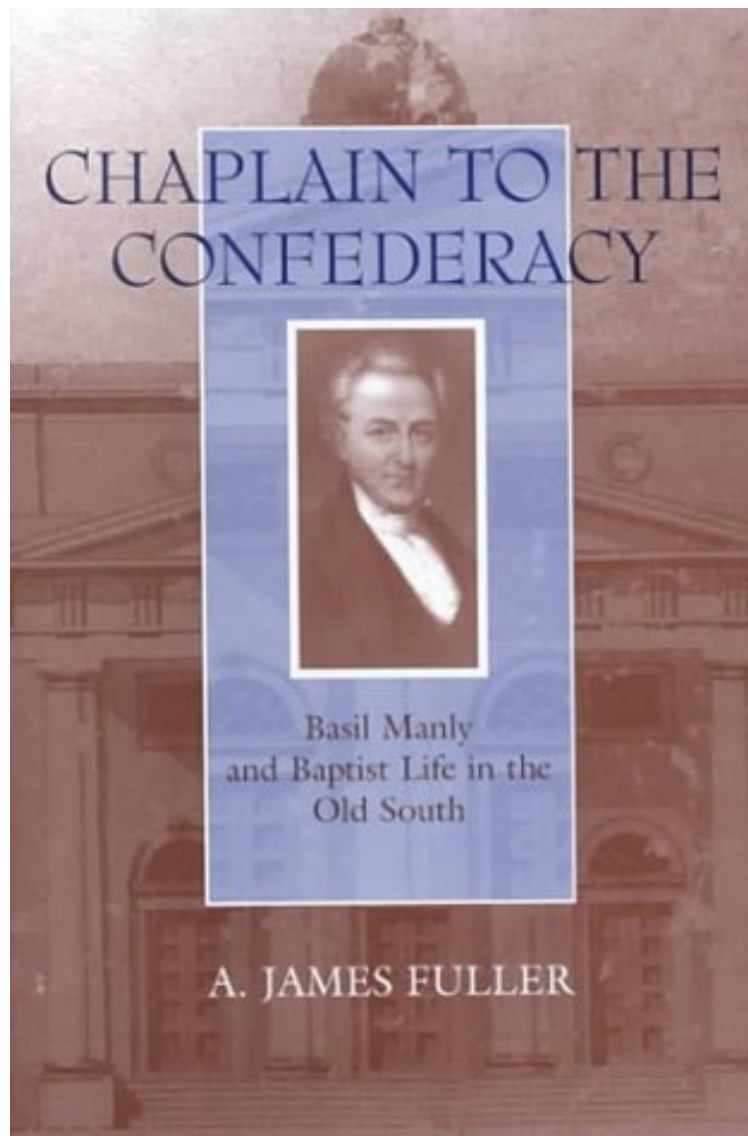


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and, perhaps more importantly, evangelical Protestantism in the decades before the Civil War. Fuller captures the religious mood of the future Confederacy by examining the life of Manly. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. A readable biography of a neglected figure

By A Customer I usually don't write reviews of the books I read, but I thought I should come to Mr. Fuller's defense after seeing what a previous reviewer wrote. I, too, had the privilege of hearing the author speak, but my impression was that he was a very sincere and humble man who was genuinely interested in the study of history. He was humorous and self-deprecating, not arrogant. He was also very knowledgeable about the subject. This is a readable book by an academic. It is not a novel. It is not for everyone. I am a pastor of a church and I found this to be a sympathetic and balanced biography of a Baptist minister who has been neglected by historians. It was clear to me that Mr. Fuller did not agree with Manly on many issues--such as slavery--but he treated his subject with respect. And he treated Evangelical Christianity with respect, which is far too rare among academics. I think the other reviewer's personal attack is unfounded and should be ignored. Even if it is true, it says nothing about the quality of this book, which will be valuable for historians and for many others interested in the Civil War, the South, and the history of Baptists in America. And, from what I know, this is not Mr. Fuller's only publication and I'm looking forward to reading his future books as well as recommending this biography to my fellow pastors.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. An Insightful Study of an Important Southern Figure

By A Customer Historians have long argued about the causes of the Civil War. This biography of Basil Manly, a neglected-but-important Southern Baptist minister and educator, illuminates our understanding of how the Civil War was a culture war. Manly's long career as a preacher and university president, his experiences as a father, husband, and slaveowner, all show the complexities of life in the Old South. Fuller argues that Manly resolved the many tensions and problems in his life through a steadfast reliance on Calvinist theology, especially the doctrines regarding Christian duty. Duty as a Christian intertwined with the ethics of Southern honor, allowing Manly to develop a sense of Christian gentility. Throughout his career, Manly worked hard to establish a distinctive Southern culture, including separate institutions. Thus he led the movement to form the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845, as well as helping to found Southern schools like Furman University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1861, Manly helped found the Confederate States of America, serving as official chaplain to the Confederate congress in Montgomery and delivering the prayer at the inauguration of Jefferson Davis as president of the new Southern nation that the Baptist viewed as the fulfillment of God's plan for history. This well-written book provides a detailed study of a working minister, delves into nearly every aspect of life in the South, including family life, gender relations, slavery, economics, and higher education. It is a must read for Southern historians and anyone interested in how and why the Civil War came.

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Born in 1798, Manly was one of the leading ministers and educators of the nineteenth century. He headed several large urban congregations in South Carolina and Alabama, helped to spearhead the secession of the Southern Baptist Convention from the national denominational organizations in 1845, and played a critical part in the

development of Baptist education. He was instrumental in founding several southern schools -- including Furman University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary -- and was himself a university administrator and teacher, spending eighteen years as the president of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Fuller argues that Manly brought together the various themes of the broader culture into his own conception of Christian gentility, including his actions as the official chaplain to the Confederate government. In Manly's eyes, the Confederacy was the incarnation of God's plan for the South. A planter, slaveholder, and staunch defender of the peculiar institution, he hoped to temper the brutality of bondage by promoting the Christian duties of masters as well as slaves. In practice he tried to reconcile the traditions of honor and evangelical virtue, the contradictions of white liberty and black slavery, the ideals of the individual and the need for community in matters both sacred and secular. On a more personal level, he was also patriarch of his family and sought to balance the traditions of masculine authority with changing notions of affection and sentimentalism. More than an intimate portrait of an active pastor, Fuller's splendid biography offers firsthand accounts of neglected events in Baptist denominational history, new interpretations of important religious revivals, and a case study in how evangelicals moved from the fringe to the mainstream of American society. Chaplain to the Confederacy makes a considerable contribution to the literature on southern culture, shedding new light on religion, politics, economics, slavery, family life, education, and reform in nineteenth-century America.

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