

John Fletcher

John Fletcher, was born in Switzerland in 1729. He was of noble birth, and was educated at the University of Geneva. Not conforming conscientiously to all Calvinistic doctrines, he forsook the clerical profession, and entered military service. Peace being proclaimed, he went to England as a tutor. He joined the Methodist society, and received orders from the Church of England. Though presented with a good living, he declined saying “that it afford too much money for too little work>” The poor and suffering were his charge, and in a region of mines and mountains, midst opposition and persecution, he labored with charity and devotion. He visited France, Switzerland, and Italy, and on his return was president of a theological school, but his advocacy of Wesleyanism sundered the connection. He afterward devoted his life to parished duties, making long missionary journeys with Wesley and Whitefield and to the preparation in writing of their peculiar doctrines. His death occurred in 1785.