

Elisabeth Sanders Arbuckle (1928-2019)

Elisabeth Arbuckle was President of the Martineau Society and a much-loved scholar and colleague. Born in Pasadena, California, on 8 August 1928, Elisabeth Marie Sanders (known to her friends as Betsy) studied at the University of Edinburgh for her PhD, and taught literature at the University of Puerto Rico. She was a regular visitor to London most summers, spending much of her time in the British Library, and presenting papers at the Martineau Society's annual conferences. She is best known for her meticulous edition of Harriet Martineau's letters to Fanny Wedgwood, published by Stanford University Press in 1983, and for *Harriet Martineau in the London Daily News: Selected Contributions 1852-1866* (Garland Publishing, 1994). Both of these works have been invaluable to Martineau scholars, and were due to be supplemented by a substantial biography which Elisabeth had been working on for many years, when we were saddened to hear of her death on 3 April 2019. Her son Michael Arbuckle has made available the whole typescript to the Martineau Society, which we will be publishing in instalments on this site. We welcome discussion of this monumental work, which will be a valuable addition to the body of existing scholarship on Harriet Martineau.

