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EDITORIAL

The Architectural Legacy of English Dissent

The editor considers C.F. Stell's volume on the Nonconformist Chapels and Meeting Houses in Eastern England, English Heritage 2002

A BAPTIST PIONEER: The exhibition of film to London's East End working classes 1900-1918

Dean R. Rapp, Professor of History, Wheaton College, Illinois

The Revd Alfred Tildsley, pastor of Poplar and Bromley Tabernacle, was a creative pioneer in exhibiting commercial films. He regularly showed them as an entertaining, educational and moral counter-attraction for the unchurched working classes of his East End neighbourhood. The article is a case study analysis of his film exhibitions between 1900 and 1919.

JOHN LINNELL, THE WORLD OF ARTISTS AND THE BAPTISTS

Ernest A. Payne, a posthumous paper edited by Roger Hayden, past and present presidents of the Baptist Historical Society

John Linnell, artist and friend of William Blake, was a member of the Particular Baptist Church in Keppel Street, central London. He made portraits of a number of Baptists of the day, including William Newman, first principal of the Stepney Academy, and John Martin, pastor at Keppel Street. Later the church withdrew from Linnell and his wife.

'BE SUBJECT': Paul and the State

Michael V. Jackson, minister of Blenheim Baptist Church

Paul's teaching in Romans 13.1-7 has exercised great power in Christian social theory in understanding the dynamic between Church and State. Its overtly conservative and subjectionist stance has encouraged governments to act as if they have carte blanche to rule as they please, and the governed to believe it is their duty to submit to whatever is handed out to them. Paul's teaching has shaped whole cultures, such as Lutheran states in their reluctance to resist authority per se, irrespective of its character, on the assumption that the authority of the state is underwritten by divine fiat. The passage is examined in its cultural and social context, exegetically, and finally hermeneutically.

MOSES RICHTER

Having completed his research, Roland Fleischer has sent a translation, by Christopher Bentley, of the entry in the Biographisch-Bibliographisches Kirchenlexikon, XIX, Herzberg 2001. It appears with permission of the publishers, Traugott Bautz.

SIX LETTERS OF ROBERT ROBINSON: a suggested context and a noble footnote

Clyde Binfield, Professor Associate in History, University of Sheffield

The letters, which figured in the previous issue of the Baptist Quarterly, prompted this response, supplying further background to the people involved.

REVIEW ARTICLE: MEDICAL MISSIONARY PRACTICE UNDER SCRUTINY

Brian Stanley, Director, Henry Martyn Centre, Cambridge, on Nancy Rose Hunt, *A Colonial Lexicon of Birth Ritual, Medicalization and Mobility in the Congo*, Duke University Press, Durham NC, and London, 1999, 475pp.

REVIEWS

Peter Baines and Govilon Village History Group, Llanwenarth Baptist Church 1652-2002: The History of the Oldest Baptist Fellowship now existing in Wales, Govilon 2002. Reviewer: Michael J. Collis, Minister, Sarn Baptist Church, Powys

SOCIETY NEWS

Details of THE PAYNE MEMORIAL ESSAY COMPETITION 2005: 'The Development of Baptist Life and Thought in Continental Europe within the period 1700-2000'

BAPTIST ASSEMBLY MEETING 2003: Seminar on Saturday, 3 May, at Cardiff. Speaker: the Revd Roy Jenkins of Cardiff.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LECTURE 2003: Thursday, 22 May, at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London. Tea at 5 pm, AGM 6 pm, Lecture by the Revd Dr Ian Randall of Spurgeon's College.

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EDITORIAL

The Decline of Congregationalism in the Twentieth Century. The Editor reflects on the Congregational Lecture for 2002 by David Thompson

BLACK BAPTISTS IN BRITAIN 1640-1950

David Killingray, Professor of Modern History, Goldsmiths College, University of London

Britain has had a small Black population since 1500; this increased in size during the 18th century. The earliest known record of a Black Baptist is from the 1640s. Jamaican and African-American Baptists visited during the 19th century as part of the abolitionist crusade. Black men became ministers of British churches, students at Spurgeon's College, and also missionaries and evangelists. British and Baptist history has largely ignored the presence and contribution of Black people, although this did not prevent contemporaries discriminating against them on grounds of race.

JOHN RYLAND AT SCHOOL

Timothy Whelan, Department of Literature and Philosophy, Georgia Southern University, USA

John Ryland, as a pupil at his father's school, wrote an 'Account of the Rise and Progress of the Two Society's at Mr.Rylands and at Mrs Trinders Boarding School in Northampton.....' The spiritual concerns are those of the High Calvinist schoolboy. Several of his schoolfellows also became well-known Nonconformist figures.

BAPTIST BEGINNINGS AT BEESTON HILL

Roger J.Owen, Education Consultant

There were several attempts to establish Baptist work in Holbeck, near Leeds. Eventually the mission there, associated with the South Parade church, acquired its own building and for a time flourished.

REVIEW ARTICLE: MAKING A DENOMINATION

Keith Clements, former editor of the Baptist Quarterly, and now secretary of the Council of European Churches on Peter Shepherd, *The Making of a Modern Denomination: John Howard Shakespeare and the English Baptists 1898-1924*, Paternoster Press 2001, pp.220

REVIEW

The Armies of the Lord: the Spirituality of Andrew Fuller by Michael Haykin, Dundas Ontario, Joshua Press, 2002 Reviewer: Brian Talbot, minister, Cumbernauld Baptist church

MISCELLANEOUS

Baptist Quarterlies for Europe

Publication notice: *My Ancestors were Baptists* by Geoffrey Breed (revised and enlarged 2002)

An amendment to "Baptist membership in Leicestershire between the two world wars" (BQ 39, October 2002)

Notice of BHS AGM & Lecture on May 22nd, 2003

"John Ryland at School", note of availability of larger version of article

July 2003 Vol 40 No. 3

EDITORIAL

Civilising Subjects: Metropole and Colony in English Imagination, 1830-1867

The Editor considers Catherine Hall's book about missionary activity and colonial attitudes in Jamaica, and the place of Birmingham as a centre of Empire trade and missionary spirit.

A FORGOTTEN MISSIONARY LINK: The Baptist Continental Society in France (1831-1836)

Sebastien Fath, historian of the Baptists of France and researcher at the Groupe du Sociologie des religions et de la Laicite, Paris, France.

This paper looks at the short-lived yet effective work of a Baptist missionary society in the early development of Baptist life in France.

THE SPANISH GOSPEL MISSION: Its Origins and Response to the Spanish Civil War

Frederick Hale, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa

Percy J. Buffard, who trained at Regent's Park College, was a leader in founding the anti-Catholic Spanish Gospel Mission, supported by English Protestants, Nonconformist and Anglican. Sympathetic to the revolution of 1931, the missionaries returned to Britain when the Civil War broke out and, under Buffard's leadership, joined in the public debate about Spain.

"THE MAGIC NAME": Charles Haddon Spurgeon and the evangelical ethos of Australian Baptists part 1

Ken.R.Manley, former Principal of Whitley College, Melbourne, Australia and a Vice-President of the Baptist World Alliance

Although C.H. Spurgeon never visited the Antipodes himself, his influence was considerable, transmitted through his sons, the students of his College, and by his published sermons.

GENERAL BAPTIST ASSEMBLY: Occasional Papers

The General Baptist Assembly published occasional papers of interest not only to its own (now Unitarian) constituency but also to the wider Baptist family. Leonard Maguire kindly furnished this information.

GILBERT BOYCE: a further note

A further note from Alan Betteridge, retired Baptist minister, formerly pastor of Queen's Road Baptist church, Coventry

REVIEWS

Martyn Lloyd Jones (1899-1981) and Twentieth Century Evangelicalism by John Brencher, Paternoster Press, 2002, pp267 Reviewer: Derek B.Murray, Lecturer in Church History at the Scottish Baptist College

Bound for Glory? God, Church and World in Covenant, ed.Anthony Clarke, Whitley Publications 2002. Reviewer: Peter Shepherd, minister of Broadway Baptist church, Derby

The Gospel in the World: International Baptist Studies, Paternoster Press, 2002, pp.339. Reviewer, Brian Talbot, minister of Cumbernauld Baptist church

Studies in Evangelical History and Thought and Paternoster Biblical and Theological Monographs. Reviewer, Derek B.Murray, lecturer in Church History at the Scottish Baptist College.

MISCELLANEOUS

Baptist Quarterlies for Eastern Europe

John Ryland at School: an addendum

Publication notice: A Protestant Catholic Church of Christ: Essays on the history and life of New Road Baptist Church, Oxford ed.Rosie Chadwick 2003

October 2003 Vol 40 No. 4

EDITORIAL

Creative Ecumenical Education: Learning from One Another

The Editor comments on Simon Oxley's book which challenges the churches with the possibilities of seeing education as a way of transforming people and situations rather than transmitting knowledge.

BAPTIST PRAISE AND WORSHIP

The Revd Michael Ball was a member of the Editorial Committee, Chairman of the Music Sub-Committee for Baptist Praise and Worship, and latterly a Psalms and Hymns Trustee

In this article he reflects on the experience of compiling Baptist Praise and Worship, published in 1981 but already out of print, and the thinking that shaped the choice of contents, words and music.

"THE MAGIC NAME": Charles Haddon Spurgeon and the evangelical ethos of Australian Baptists Part 2

Dr.Manley, former Principal of Whitley College, Melbourne, Australia and a Vice President of the Baptist World Alliance

Continuing the paper begun in July 2003. Although C.H.Spurgeon never visited the Antipodes himself, his influence was considerable, transmitted through his sons, the students of his college, and by his published sermons. His Australian followers did not all adopt his brand of Calvinist theology. They were sympathetic over his Downgrade stand, but did not feel the need to copy his withdrawal from denominational life. His influence was strongest in New South Wales.

THE LABYRINTH OF THE WORLD AND THE PARADISE OF THE HEART: insights on European Baptist spirituality

Keith G.Jones, Rector of the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Prague

Comenius' spiritual classic provides the starting point to explore the worship and spirituality of Baptists in central and eastern Europe. Spirituality often develops in response or reaction to the world around the church. Some cross-fertilization might refresh the rather different spirituality of the west.

STILL GOING STRONG

Matthew Hill of the Spanish Gospel Mission provides an update as a supplement to the article by Frederick Hale in Volume 40, July 2003-12-02

JONAS THURROWGOOD OF HERTFORD AND LITTLE PARNDON: an 18th century minister in Hertfordshire

Stephen Copson is Regional Minister for the Central Baptist Association and Secretary of the Baptist Historical Society. Stephen Hulcoop is a member of Potter Street Baptist Church, Harlow.

Thurrowgood moved from Independent to Baptist views and served as a faithful pastor. He was a close friend of Benjamin Wallin.

REVIEWS

Fearless for Truth: A personal portrait of the life of George Raymond Beasley-Murray by Paul Beasley-Murray, Paternoster Press, 2002, pp.244. Reviewer Raymond Brown, former Principal, Spurgeon's College

Churches, Chapels and the Parish Communities of Lincolnshire 1660-1900: A History of Lincolnshire Vol IX, The History of Lincolnshire Committee, 2000, pp.274. Reviewer J.H.Y.Briggs, Editor, Baptist Quarterly

Against Cheap Grace in a World Come of Age: An Intellectual Biography of Clayton Powell, 1865-1953 by R.G.Clingan, Peter Lang, 2002, pp.122. Reviewer: John Briggs

Baptists in a Colonial New Zealand: documents illustrating Baptist life and development ed.Martin Sutherland, New Zealand Baptists Research and Historical Society, pp.224. Reviewer, Roger Hayden, President, Baptist Historical Society

Holiness in Nineteenth-Century England by D.Bebbington, Paternoster, pp.100. Reviewer, J.H.Y.Briggs

Radical Christian Writings: a reader ed. Andrew Bradstock and Christopher Rowland, Blackwells, 2002, pp.349. Reviewer, Stephen Copson, Secretary, Baptist Historical Society

MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICE: BAPTISTS IN OXFORD - book and exhibition

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Guest Editorial:

William H. Brackney on 'Roger Williams Redivivus' to mark the 400th anniversary of the birth of the American Baptist pioneer.

Baptist Alignments and the Restoration of Immersion, 1638-44, Part 1

Dr Stephen Wright, a freelance research historian, seeks to re-interpret the account transcribed by Benjamin Stinton of the origins of the Calvinistic Baptists. It suggests that they adopted immersion a few months later than Thomas Lambe, Edward Barber and others later described as General Baptists; that an Englishman, Timothy Batte, may have been involved; and that before the London 1644 Confession signalled the emergence of two denominations, General and Particular, London congregations were otherwise aligned.

"No Pogroms Here": The Wickham Market Riots, 1810

Malcolm R. Thorp, Professor of History at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA, is writing a book on religious violence in the nineteenth century. Here he writes of a serious breach of law and order in a Suffolk village, sparked off by the attempt of a Baptist preacher and Independent minister to establish a nonconformist place of worship there. The paper was first given to the BHS Summer School in Manchester.

"Extinct Volcanoes": Faith in a Wales without the chapel

Roy Jenkins, Baptist minister and former Senior Producer, Religious Programmes, BBC Wales, picks up a phrase of Nye Bevan's and looks at the present state of religion in the principality. This is the paper that was presented to the BHS meeting at the Baptist Assembly in Cardiff, 2003.

Henry David Inglis

Derek B. Murray, Lecturer in Church History at the Scottish Baptist College, writes about Inglis, one of a number of early Scotch Baptists who were well educated and well connected. A lawyer, Inglis found ways to marry his skilled advocacy to his dissenting concerns, as well as gaining access to condemned prisoners.

Reviews:

John Briggs reviews

K. Clements, *The Churches in Europe as Witnesses to Healing*, 128pp, WCC Publications, 2003, £10-50;

'*Sledgehammer: Daniel Hughes, The Sledgehammer Pastor, 1875-1972*', Journal of the National Library of Wales Vol.XXXII, no.2, Winter 2002;

A How-to Manual for your Church's History, ed. Charles de Weese, Baptist History and Heritage Society, Brentwood, Tennessee, 120pp + other materials. \$36.

Derek B. Murray reviews

The Rise of the Laity in Evangelical Protestantism, ed. Deryck W. Lovegrove, Routledge, 2002, £24-99. ISBN 0415271932.

April 2004 Vol 40 No. 6

Editorial:

Theology, Ministerial Training and the Challenges of Ministry, 1825-1925

Reviewing Dale A. Johnson, *The Changing Shape of English Nonconformity 1825-1925*, OUP1999, 248pp, £9-95.

From William Carey in India to Rowland Hassall in Australia: A Missionary Correspondence (1808-1813)

Ken Manley, former Principal of Whitley College, Melbourne, Australia, looks at a short series of letters, previously unpublished, from Carey and his colleagues at Serampore to Rowland Hassall, former London Missionary Society secretary, then living in Sydney, NSW. They

reveal Carey's concern for the Gospel in Australia, long before there were Baptists in the colony, as well as his keen desire to receive flora and fauna specimens. The letters are reproduced with permission of the Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales.

Baptist Alignments and the Restoration of Immersion, 1638-44, Part 2

Stephen Wright completes his paper. Before 1644 there existed alignments which, though more fluid and more provisional than those later established, did amount to a recognizable pattern based upon divisions not over theology but rather over the proper means of church formation. This temporary pattern of inter-congregational allegiance cut across, and is to be contrasted with, the familiar later bipolar division into General and Particular Baptists.

1665 and All That: The Five Mile Act and Monksthorpe Chapel

Alan Betteridge, formerly minister of Queen's Road Baptist Church, Coventry, considers a popular Baptist myth, examining the facts associated with Monksthorpe Chapel in particular.

Marjorie Reeves MA PhD DLitt FBA CBE 17 July 1905-27 November 2003

The editor supplied an appreciation of this 'Anglican Baptist' scholar.

Society News

The Society's Financial Position and Subscriptions

The Treasurer, Thornton Elwyn, explains the need to raise subscriptions and to supply the index to the Baptist Quarterly in digital form in future.

Reviews

John Briggs reviews

Prophecy and Passion: Essays in Honour of Athol Gill, ed. D. Neville, 427pp, Australian Theological Forum;

P. Beasley-Murray, *Building for the Future*, 2003, 41pp, £2-50, from the Revd Dr Paul Beasley-Murray, Central Baptist Church, Victoria Road South, Chelmsford CM1 1LN.

The editor also supplied a Bibliographical Note on Southern Baptist History Book Publications.

Derek B. Murray reviews Ian J. Shaw, *High Calvinists in Action: Calvinism and the City - Manchester and London, 1810-1860*, OUP 2003, £55. ISBN 0199250774

Stephen Copson reviews *A Protestant Catholic Church of Christ: essays on the history and life of New Road Baptist Church, Oxford*, ed. R. Chadwick, Oxford, 2003. ISBN 0954479904. £15 from the Church Office, New Road Baptist Church, Bonn Square, Oxford OX1 1LQ or via Amazon.

Thornton Elwyn reviews *Reformed Ministry: Traditions of Ministry and Ordination in the United Reformed Church*, ISBN 0853462178. United Reformed Church, 86 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RT, £12-99.

July 2004 Vol 40 No. 7

Editorial

Nichola Morris, *SISTERS OF THE PEOPLE: The Order of Baptist Deaconesses, 1890-1975*, Centre for Comparative Studies in Religion and Gender, Research Paper 2, University of Bristol, 2002, 58pp £3 (the sub-editor has acquired some copies: cheques payable to Faith Bowers, 89 Brockenhurst Avenue, Worcester Park, KT4 7RH).

Lee Canipe, THAT MOST DAMNABLE HERESIE: John Smyth, Thomas Helwys, and Baptist ideas of freedom

Smyth and Helwys are often described by theologically moderate Baptists in the USA as strident advocates for religious freedom who grounded their claims in radical notions of human rights and the ultimate autonomy of individual believers. Such a description is anachronistic. These modern, Enlightenment ideas were not part of the prevailing intellectual vernacular of early 17th-century England. This article takes a fresh look at their work in historical context.

Lee Canipe is a doctoral fellow in the J.M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies at Baylor University, Lee Canipe is a member of the First Baptist Church of Waco, which is affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Baptist General Convention of Texas, and Southern Baptist Convention

Douglas C. Sparkes, THESE CHAINS ...

The slave chains, representing the part Baptists played in emancipation, are proudly shown to visitors to the Baptist Union. The caption on them is not quite accurate but the story behind them is well worth preserving.

Douglas Sparkes is a former Deputy General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and a Vice-President of the Baptist Historical Society

Jim Grenfell, THE ZOMBO BAPTIST CHURCH IN ANGOLA: Encountering cults and prophets in the pioneer period (1900-1925)

Why did the Kimbanguist movement not wreak havoc in the Zombo church as it did in Baptist churches of the Lower Congo? Experience when challenged by various cults and prophet movements had made this church resilient.

Jim Grenfell was a BMS missionary in Angola 1954-61 and Zaire 1961-70. After home ministry in Nottingham, he returned to Angola and Zaire 1975-80, and was Tutor at St Andrew's Missionary College, Selly Oak, 1980-91. He gave this paper to the BHS Summer School in 2002.

Larry Kreitzer, THE ELECTION IN THE GUILDHALL: A satirical glimpse of Oxford politics in the 17th century

First published as a pamphlet in connection with the Museum of Oxford's exhibition, 'Dissenting Voices: The Story of Oxford Baptists 1653-2003', (13 April-31 May 2003). Primary Sources: City Council Proceedings 1663-1701 (B.5.1), folios 256-275; Oxford Charter of James II, 15 September 1688 (I.43); Quarter Sessions Clerk's Notebook 1687-1701 (O.2.1, folio 18 verso); Wood MS D 7 (5), page 142. Text and photographs © Larry Kreitzer, tutor at Regent's Park College, Oxford

Don Black, THE CASSOCK CLUB

Don Black remembers the influence of the Revd Neville Clark on a life-long study group of former Regent's Park students

Geoffrey R. Breed, THE DOVE

In the mid 1840s the Baptist Missionary Society decided that, rather than pay for the passage of missionaries and materials to Fernando Po, an island in the Bight of Biafra off the West Coast of Africa, they would commission a ship of their own to be built, The Dove.

Geoffrey Breed is archivist of the Kent Baptist Association and formerly minister, Sittingbourne Baptist Church

REVIEWS

Wendy Freer and Gill Foster, *Canal Boatmen's Mission*, The Railway and Canal Historical Society, from Atlantic Publishers, Trevithick House, West End, Penryn, TR10 8HE. 72pp. £12-50. Reviewer: Thornton Elwyn

John Colwell, *Living the Christian Story: The Distinctiveness of Christian Ethics*, T&T Clark, Edinburgh, 2001. Reviewer: Robert Ellis, Tutor, Regent's Park College, Oxford

N. Losskey et al., eds, *Dictionary of the Ecumenical Movement* (2nd edition), 2002, WCC Publications, 1296pp, £58. Reviewer: John Briggs

'*Studies in Evangelical History and Thought*' series by Paternoster Press. Note by Stephen Copson

October 2004 Vol 40 No. 8

EDITORIAL:

VARIETIES OF STRICT BAPTIST: The ministry of both the self-taught and the learned. John Briggs considers four recent studies:

Ian Shaw, *High Calvinists in Action: Calvinism and the City - Manchester and London, 1810-60* [OUP, 2002, 413pp, £55]

B A Ramsbottom, *William Gadsby* [Gospel Standard Trust Publications, 12b Roundwood Lane, Harpenden, Herts AL5 3DD, 352pp., £2 + p&p]

Maurice Wiles, *Scholarship and Faith: A Tale of Two Grandfathers* [166pp, 2003. Obtainable from Biograph, Studio 4, Hope Street Yard, Hope Street, Cambridge, CB1 3NA, £12.50 incl. UK p&p].

Kenneth Dix, *The Akeman Street Story* [Fauconberg Press, 38 Frenchs Avenue, Dunstable, Beds, LU5 4HR, 2003, 70pp £4]

JOSEPH ANGUS AND THE USE OF AUTOGRAPH LETTERS in the Library at Holford House, Regent's Park College, London

Timothy Whelan, who teaches in the Department of Literature and Philosophy at Georgia Southern University, USA, considers Joseph Angus and Thomas Raffles both collected autographs. For Angus the signatures of authors were a means of enhancing the academic dignity of the college collection. Transcripts of his letters to Raffles are included, along with photographs of the Holford House libraries.

VAVASOR POWELL AND HIS BAPTIST CONNECTIONS

Barbara Coulton, an Honorary Research Fellow in the Department of History, Lancaster University, takes a fresh look at Vavasor Powell. Powell grew up among Shropshire puritans but then adopted gathered church principles. A millenarian, he was on friendly terms with a number of Baptists and was baptized as a believer, although he continued to pastor independent gathered churches.

BAPTIST PACIFISTS IN NEW ZEALAND: Creating division in the fight for peace

Laurie Guy, who teaches at Carey Baptist College, Auckland, presented this paper at the third ICOBS conference in Prague, 2003. He looks at the strong militaristic sympathies of New Zealanders generally in the early 20th century, including many Baptists, although others were leaders in the unpopular peace movement. Were two Baptist pacifists right to force a motion about freedom of conscience at a church meeting, knowing it was likely to cause a damaging split?

REVIEWS:

Geoffrey R. Breed, *Particular Baptists in Victorian England*, Baptist Historical Society, Didcot 2003, pp.xiv + 348. Hardback ISBN 0 903166 33 X, £20-00, paperback ISBN 0 903166 34 8 £15-00. Reviewed by Alan P.F. Sell.

Leslie Brooke, *Baptists in Yeovil: history of the Yeovil Baptist Church*, The Yeovil Baptists 2002, 171pp, soft bound. £10 + p&p from Mrs June Sharp, 36 Kenmore Drive, Yeovil, Somerset, BA21 4BG. Reviewed by Roger Hayden.

Ed. J. Harvey, Edmund Jones, *The Appearance of Evil: Apparitions of Spirits in Wales*, [1780], 164pp, University of Wales Press, 2003, £15.99. Reviewed by J.H.Y. Briggs.

eds. David Bebbington and Timothy Larsen, *Modern Christianity and Cultural Aspirations*, Lincoln Studies in Religion & Society 5, Sheffield Academic Press, 2003, ISBN 0-8264-6262-6. www.continuumbooks.com. Reviewed by Faith Bowers.

Brian R. Talbot, *The Search for a Common Identity: The Origins of the Baptist Union of Scotland 1800-1869*, Volume 9 Studies in Baptist History and Thought, Paternoster, Carlisle 2003, 402pp. ISBN 1 84227 123 7. £24-99. Reviewed by John R. Barclay.

Sharon James, *In Trouble and in Joy: Four women who lived for God*, Evangelical Press, 284pp, £13-95/\$22.99. Reviewed by John Briggs.

Baptist Sacramentalism eds. Anthony R. Cross and Philip E. Thompson (Carlisle and Waynesboro GA: Paternoster, 2003). ISBN 1-84227-119-9. 278 pp. £19.99. Reviewed by Paul Sheppy.

Michael J. Quicke, *360-Degree Preaching; Hearing, Speaking and Living the Word*, Baker Academic, 2003, ISBN 0-8010-2640-7, \$16.99. Reviewed by Brian Haymes.

A.P.F. Sell and A.R. Cross, eds., *Protestant Nonconformity in the Twentieth Century* (Carlisle: Paternoster Press, 2003), 398 pages. ISBN 1-84227-221-7. Reviewed by Ian Randall.

I.M. Randall, *Spirituality and Social Change: The contribution of F.B. Meyer (1847-1929)*, Carlisle: Paternoster, 2003, ISBN 1-84227-195-4. £24-99. Reviewed by Brian Talbot.

The History of Historical Societies: John Briggs appreciates a special edition of the American Baptist Quarterly.

Society News

Society notes cover the Payne Memorial Essay Competition 2005 (submissions to reach the Secretary by the end of 2004) and availability of the index to volume 40, which concludes with this issue.