

# Baptist Quarterly Volume 42

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#### **EDITORIAL: BAPTIST THEOLOGY SURVEYED AND EVALUATED**

The Editor considers W.H. Brackney *A Genetic History of Baptist Thought, with special reference to Baptists in Britain and North America*. Mercer University Press, 1400 Coleman Avenue, Macon, Georgia 31207, USA. 2004. \$40, xvi + 592pp.

#### **GATHERING STRUGGLES: Creative Tensions in Baptist Worship**

**Christopher J. Ellis**

The liturgical theologian considers the tensions always present and helping to determine the nature of Baptist worship. He identifies these as relevance and identity, representation and participation, structure and freedom, expression and impression, being and becoming, in and out.

#### **THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH: *The Sword and the Trowel* and *General Baptist Magazine 1865-1891: Part 2* Kara Blankenship**

The nineteenth century afforded women opportunity to work beyond the home in society and church. This can be seen in the *General Baptist Magazine (GBM)* and *The Sword and the Trowel (S&T)*, which reflect differences in mainstream Baptist theology - Evangelical Arminianism and Evangelical Calvinism respectively. Both show that, while allowed a certain informal 'functional' role in the church, women were not recognized in formal church order.

#### **A 'FAMOUS PRANK' IN OXFORD: The Jacobite Riots of 1715 and the Charge of Sexual Scandal Larry J. Kreitzer**

In May 1715 riots in Oxford severely damaged a number of Dissenters' meeting houses, including that used by Baptists. This occasioned the publication of an anonymous pamphlet in which charges of sexual impropriety were levelled at one of the Baptist ministers. This article explores the circumstances surrounding the production of that pamphlet, determines its author and notes the response of the Baptist leadership to such a scandalous charge.

**ROBERT THORNER R.E. Davies**

Thorner, connected by marriage to the Hollis family, was another generous dissenting layman.

#### **COTE BAPTIST CHAPEL, OXFORDSHIRE**

Information from the Historic Chapels Trust

#### **REVIEWS:**

Stephen Copson reviews: David F. Neil, *The Baptists of North East England*, 2006. From the author, 54 Bradley Avenue, Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne & Wear DH5 8JY, £8-50. ISBN 0-9552715-0-9. Christopher Ellis, *Gathering: a theology and spirituality of worship in Free Church tradition*, SCM, 2004. pp viii + pp.326. ISBN 0-334-02967-8. Roger E. Olson, *A-Z of Evangelical Theology*, SCM Press 2005, ISBN 0-334-04011-6, np

Derek Murray reviews: Jim Purves, *The Triune God and the Charismatic Movement*, Paternoster: Carlisle 2004. xxiii+245 pp. £19.99 pb. ISBN 1-84227-321-3

Michael J. Collis reviews local church histories: Donald Cross, *The First One Hundred Years: A History of the Northumberland Heath Baptist Church*, 2002, pp.204, £8.00 Patrick Goodland, *The Greening of Wild Places: English Village Life over two centuries –The story of Gorsley Baptist Church 1800- 2002*, pp.viii + 136. £4.95 + £1.95 p & p [cheques payable to P.J. Goodland (Books)] from the author, The Copper Beech, Gorsley, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 7SJ Tony Hopkins, A

History of Griffithstown Baptist Church 1875- 2000. Griffithstown Baptist Church, Commercial Road, Griffithstown, 2000, pp. vi + 104, £5.00.

John Briggs describes the Baptist Heritage Library series of booklets, published by the Baptist History and Heritage Society [PO Box 728, Brentwood, TN37024-0728, USA, priced \$1.75-\$4.15.

Larry Kreitzer also provides information on the portrait of William Kiffin, 1667.

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### **SUE MILLS: A tribute by the Editor**

#### **THE PLACE OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY IN THE MODERN UNIVERSITY**

Paul S. Fiddes, Principal of Regent's Park College, Oxford, considers the place of Christian theology in two new nineteenth-century universities prompts consideration of its place in our universities today.

#### **SPURGEON'S CHILDREN**

Peter Shepherd, President of the Baptist Historical Society, is minister of Broadway Baptist Church in Derby, and author of two books on English Baptists, *The Making of a Modern Denomination* and *The Making of a Northern Baptist College*.

*This paper, originally given at the International Conference of Baptist Studies held at Acadia University, Nova Scotia, in July 2006, tells of the creation in 1867 and early history of the Stockwell Orphanage, founded by C.H. Spurgeon to provide a home and education for 500 fatherless boys and girls. It was, in many respects, ahead of its time in the care provided.*

#### **WOMEN IN CULTURAL CAPTIVITY: British Women and the Zenana Mission**

Karen Smith, tutor in church history and spirituality, South Wales Baptist College and the University of Cardiff, Wales, tells how British women set up the Zenana Mission to take the gospel to the women of India since male missionaries could not penetrate the women's quarters. Through this work the British women began to break out of their own rather different but real cultural captivity.

#### **'I AM THE GREATEST OF THE PROPHETS': A new look at Robert Hall's mental breakdown, November 1804**

Timothy Whelan teaches in the Department of Literature and Philosophy at Georgia State University, USA.

A document recently found among Joseph Angus's papers in the Angus Library provides for the first time an eyewitness account of Robert Hall's mental disturbance in 1804.

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#### **'TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH': Regent's Park College and Australian Baptists**

Ken R. Manley, formerly Principal of Whitley College, Melbourne, Australia, traces the various Regent's Park alumni who have contributed to Baptist life in Australia.

#### **BAPTIST MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT: A supplementary note**

D.W. Bebbington, Professor of History at the University of Stirling, updates earlier articles in this journal, adding to - and subtracting from - his record of Baptist MPs, both those known and those thought to belong to this denomination.

### **SHAKESPEARE'S WALK BAPTIST CHURCH, LONDON**

Geoffrey R Breed, former minister of Sittingbourne Baptist Church and archivist to the Kent Baptist Association, draws on manuscript sources, to tell the story of a nineteenth-century association church plant in a location afflicted by planning blight.

### **A DEACONESS MARRIES**

Faith Bowers, sub-editor of the Baptist Quarterly, asked Jim Bishop if he had any material on Baptist deaconesses. He produced a typescript of the speeches given at the Farewell Meeting for his mother, Sister Ruth, at John Street Baptist Church, Holborn.

### **BEING HUMAN: Review of the Whitley Lecture 2006**

Ruth Gouldbourne, Minister, Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church considers Being Human: A Black British Christian Woman's Perspective, the Whitley Lecture 2006 by Kate Coleman, President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain 2006-7

Note on availability of CUMULATIVE INDEXES TO BAPTIST QUARTERLY

### **REVIEWS**

Tom Nettles, *The Baptists: Key People involved in forming a Baptist Identity*, Volume 2: Beginnings in America, Fearn: Mentor, 2005. £17.99. 510pp hardback. ISBN 1-84550-073-3. Reviewed by Brian Talbot, Minister, Cumbernauld Baptist Church

Brian Bowers, *In trust and by faith: the first hundred years of the London Baptist Property Board*, London Baptist Association, 2006, 100pp £10.00 inclusive. Reviewed by J.H.Y. Briggs

Alan P.F. Sell, *Confessing and Commending the Faith: Historical Witness and Apologetic Method*, University of Wales Press: Cardiff, 2002. £45.00 hb, xii + 550pp. ISBN 0 7083 1747 2. Reviewed by Anthony R. Cross, Fellow of the Centre for Baptist History and Heritage, Regent's Park College, Oxford

Christopher Evans, *The Kingdom is always but coming: a life of William Rauschenbusch*, Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, Michigan and Cambridge UK, 2004, 348pp, £19.99pb. Reviewed by J.H.Y. Briggs.

Mark Hopkins, *Nonconformity's Romantic Generation: Evangelical and Liberal Theologies in Victorian England*, Studies in Evangelical History and Thought, Carlisle, Paternoster Press, 2004. np. pbk. xii + 284pp. ISBN 1-84227-150-4. Reviewed by Christine Lumsden, research student, New College, Edinburgh.

T.A. Askew and R.V. Pierard, *The American Religious Experience*, Baker Academic, 2004, 288pp, £21.99]. Reviewed by J.H.Y. Briggs

Keith Farrer, *William Carey: Missionary and Botanist*, Carey Baptist Grammar School, 349 Barkers Road, Kew, Victoria, 3191, Australia, 2005, 156pp. Reviewed by John Briggs

*Unsinkable Faith: 'A memoir of Mrs Charlotte Davies ... including a full account of the shipwreck on the island of Palma, 1838*, reprinted by the South African Baptist Historical Society under the new title, 2005. May be ordered from Kevin Roy, [kevin@ctbs.org.za](mailto:kevin@ctbs.org.za), at R40.00. Reviewed by John Briggs

David W Smith: *Transforming the World? The Social Impact of British Evangelicalism*, Paternoster Digital Library, 2005 [reprint of text of 1998] 146pp. Reviewed by John Briggs

D.M. Thompson, *Baptism, Church and Society in Modern Britain* (Carlisle: Paternoster, 2005). Reviewed by Peter Morden, senior minister, Shirley Baptist Church, Solihull

D.W. Bebbington, *The Dominance of Evangelicalism: the Age of Spurgeon and Moody*, [The History of Evangelicalism Vol 3], IVP 2005, 284pp, £16.99. Reviewed by J.H.Y. Briggs

John E. Colwell, *Promise and Presence: An Exploration of Sacramental Theology*, Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2005; pp. xiii + 284, £13.99, 1-84227-44-7. Reviewed by Anthony Clarke, Tutor in Community Learning, Regent's Park College

*The Cambridge History of Christianity, Volume 9: World Christianities c. 1914-c.2000*, edited by Hugh McLeod, Cambridge University Press. 2006. £100. ISBN 0521815002. Reviewed by Ian M. Randall, Tutor, Spurgeon's College and Senior Research Fellow, IBTS, Prague

Stephen Copson notes:

*The Blackwell Companion to Protestantism*, ed. Alister McGrath and Darren Marks, Blackwells, 2006, pp.512, £24.99 pbk. ISBN 1-4051-5746-1.

Nicholas McDowell, *The English Radical Imagination and Revolution*, Oxford, pp219, ISBN 0-19-926051-6

*Enlightenment, Ecumenism, Evangel: theological themes and thinkers 1550-2000* by A.P.Sell, Paternoster (2005) pp xxviii + 421.

*Religious Politics in Post-Reformation England*, ed. Kenneth Fincham and Peter Lake, Boydell Press, 2006, pp 252, ISBN 1 84383 253 4, £50.00

*Fear, Exclusion and Revolution: Roger Morrice and Britain in the 1680s*, ed Jason McElligott, Ashgate, xi + pp 228, 2006, £55.00, ISBN 0-7546-5682-9

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### **THE WORKS OF ABRAHAM BOOTH 'FIRST COUNSELLOR OF OUR DENOMINATION'**

Editorial

Ed. Michael and Alison Haykin, *The Works of Abraham Booth Volume I, Confession of Faith and Sermons*, Particular Baptist Press, 2766 W. Fr 178, Springfield, Missouri, 263 pp, 2006, 65810

### **ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: re-reading A Short Declaration of the Mystery of Iniquity in London in 2005**

Brian Haymes

Brian Haymes was successively Principal of both Northern and Bristol Baptist Colleges and then minister of Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London, retiring in November 2005.

The Baptist Historical Society's Annual Lecture for 2007 first expounds and examines a formative early statement of this Baptist conviction. The affirmation is then examined in the context of the London bombings and related contemporary issues. Religious liberty is an immense topic, with huge political, philosophical and moral implications. Dr Haymes reflects, albeit briefly, on the nature of some current issues as a contribution to what will be a long-running debate among the nations and the religions.

### **POLISH ANABAPTISM IN THE 16th CENTURY: A story little told.**

Michael I. Bochenski

Michael Bochenski is the Rector of the Warsaw Baptist Theological Seminary, Poland

Polish Anabaptism was a vibrant and lively movement in the Poland-Lithuanian Commonwealth of the 16th century. The first two to three decades of the movement should not be confused with the Socinianism of the 17th century into which it later flowed. Early Polish Anabaptism represented a significant expression of Evangelical Protestant Reform in a State then refreshingly open to freedom of religious thought and practice. Anabaptism in

Reformation Poland is examined with particular reference to believer's baptism, non-violence and a biblically-based Trinitarian faith.

### **THOMAS HOLLIS AND FAMILY. Baptist Benefactors**

R.E. Davies

Dr Davies is a retired Baptist minister who lectured for 34 years at All Nations Christian College. His PhD study was on the missiology of Jonathan Edwards, whose correspondence led to an interest in the Hollis family.

The influence of lay people and of families is often neglected when studying Christian history. An eighteenth-century Baptist family, the Hollises, had a considerable influence which repays study today.

### **WOMEN IN CULTURAL CAPTIVITY British Women and the Zenana Mission**

Karen E. Smith

• This completes the article which appeared in the April issue, Baptist Quarterly 42, pages 103-113. Unfortunately the sub-editor did not realize that the text which came by email at the last minute was incomplete. We apologize for this and can only add the concluding pages here.

### **REVIEWS**

D. Bebbington, K. Dix and A. Ruston, *Protestant Nonconformist Texts: Volume 3, The Nineteenth Century*, Ashgate 2006, 420 pp, £75. Reviewed by John Briggs

J.W. Wolffe, *The Expansion of Evangelicalism: The Age of Wilberforce, More, Chalmers and Finney* (Leicester: IVP, 2006). Reviewed by Peter Morden, Senior Minister, Shirley Baptist Church, Solihull

*Cambridge History of Christianity 1: Origins to Constantine*, eds. Margaret M. Mitchell, Frances M. Young, Cambridge: CUP, 2006. Reviewed by Jean-Paul Lotz

Robert W Oliver, *History of the English Calvinistic Baptists 1771-1892*, Banner of Truth, 2006, 410pp. £16.50 hardback. ISBN 0 85151 920 2. Reviewed by Brian Talbot, Minister, Carbrain Baptist Church, Cumbernauld.

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## **October 2007 Volume 42 No 4**

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### **THE BAPTIST RIVER: Editorial**

The editor considers *The Baptist River: Essays on Many Tributaries of a Diverse Tradition*, ed. W. Glenn Jonas, Mercer University Press, 288pp, 2006.

### **BAPTISTS AND THE CAMPAIGN TO ABOLISH THE SLAVE TRADE**

Professor John Briggs, Senior Research Fellow in Church History, Regent's Park College, Oxford, and

Editor of the Baptist Quarterly, delivered this paper at the Baptist Historical Society seminar during the Baptist Assembly 2007 at Brighton. Although some Baptists were early and active campaigners against the slave trade, many dissenters were slow to embrace the cause. He examines four sermons delivered in 1788-89, by James Dore of Maze Pond, Abraham Booth of Prescott Street, and John Liddon of Hemel Hempstead, all in London, and John Beatson of Hull. A fuller version will be available on the Baptist Historical Society website.

### **BAPTISTS, ANTI-SLAVERY AND THE LEGACY OF IMPERIALISM**

Brian Stanley, Director of the Henry Martyn Centre and a Fellow of St Edmund's College, Cambridge, looks at the complex attitudes involving slavery, missions and imperialism are examined. He begins with two sermons from 1788, by Robert Robinson of Cambridge and Abraham Booth of Little Prescott Street in 1792. The paper was given to the Joppa Group at the Baptist Assembly 2007.

### **MOSES ROPER (1815-?): An African-American Baptist in Victorian England (1835-44)**

Paul Walker, minister of Highgate Baptist Church, Birmingham, looks at Moses Roper. The availability on the internet of Moses Roper's life narrative, some of his other writings, details of Baptist churches at which he lectured, and a list of those he was in contact with while in Britain, opens up opportunity for research into his activities as an anti-slavery lecturer. This short article gives brief details of Roper's life and points to some of the exciting opportunities such web sites offer.

### **BAPTIST CHAPLAINS' REVIVALISM AT THE FRONT (1914-1918)**

Neil E. Allison, an army chaplain currently serving as the Joint Force Senior Chaplain in Afghanistan, has researched Baptist Military Chaplaincy during the Great War (1914-1918), the Baptist churches' forgotten history. It was during this period that Baptists played an important part in the 'revivals' that took place amongst those serving at the 'Front'. Ken R. Manley adds Edward Bushell Woods (1861-1957) to his list of Regent's Park men who ministered in Australia (See Baptist Quarterly 42, April 2007, pp.130ff).

### **REVIEWS**

Stephen J. Stein, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Jonathan Edwards*, Cambridge Companions to Religion Series, Cambridge University Press, 2007, 398pp, hb ISBN 0521852900 £48-00, pb ISBN 0521618053, £15-99. Reviewed by R.E. Davies, retired Baptist minister and missionary college lecturer, whose PhD (1988) was on the missiological thought and practice of Jonathan Edwards

Geoffrey A. Oddie, *Imagined Hinduism: British Protestant Missionary Constructions of Hinduism, 1793-1900*, Sage Publications: New Delhi, Thousand Oaks and London, 2006. 378 pp. £45 hb (ISBN 0-7619-3448-0); £14.99 pb (ISBN 0-7619-3487-1). Reviewed by Brian Stanley, Director of the Henry Martyn Centre, Cambridge.

Jane Shaw, *Miracles in Enlightenment England*, 244p, 2006, Yale University Press, £25. Reviewed by John Briggs

Alan P.F. Sell, *Nonconformist Theology in the Twentieth Century*, Carlisle: Paternoster Press 2006, 239pp. ISBN-13: 978-1-84227-471-2. Reviewed by Keith Clements

William Lamont, *Last Witnesses: the Muggletonian History 1652-1979*, 2006, pp xiv + pp 268, Ashgate ISBN 0 7546 5532 6, £55.00. Reviewed by Stephen Copson

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This year marks the Centenary of the Baptist Historical Society. A two-part article tells the Society's own history and meetings in the summer will have a celebratory nature.

### **EDITORIAL: MODERN MONASTICISM: The Baptist Contribution**

The Editor reviews Community of the Resurrection: the Journey of a New Monastic Community, by Paul Dekar, 2008, 162pp, Cascade Books, 199 West 8th Avenue, Eugene, OR97401, USA, \$23

### **CENTENARY HISTORY OF THE BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Part 2: 1966-2008**

Faith Bowers completes the story as recorded in the Society's minute books. Part 1 appeared in January 2008, p.325ff. A shorter version appeared in the journal of the American Baptist Historical Society in 2003.

### **HOLY TRANSFIGURATION MONASTERY**

Paul R. Dekar, Niswonger Professor of Evangelism and Mission at Memphis Theological Seminary, Tennessee, considers a Baptist monastic community in Breakwater, Geelong, Australia, and how its relationship with the local church has developed. Dekar and his wife are members of the Greater Community of the Holy Transfiguration Monastery.

### **CANADIAN BAPTIST MISSIONARIES AND THE BRITISH RAJ**

James Elisha Taneti, PhD student at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond VA, looks at the relationship of Canadian Baptist missionaries in the Northern Circars of India with the British colonial administrators, with the local rulers, and with the Dalit community. These relationships were in distinct contrast with those of other Protestant missionaries to the Indian subcontinent.

### **BMS MISSIONARIES IN MID-TWENTIETH CENTURY CHINA: A Review Article**

Brian Stanley, Director of the Henry Martyn Centre in Cambridge and a Fellow of St Edmund's College, reviews two books on China missionaries:

William S. Upchurch, *A Prevailing Wind: the Memoirs of Rev. William S. Upchurch*, 333 pp, published by author, 2007. £8 + p&p from Mr P. Bleasby, 5 Orlando Close, Hitchin, SG4 9LF, [joycepeter10@hotmail.com](mailto:joycepeter10@hotmail.com), proceeds to BMS World Mission.

Audrey Salters (ed.), *Bound with Love: Letters Home from China 1935-1945*, 360 pp, St Andrews: Agequod Publications, 2007, £12.50 + £3 postage, from [www.boundwithlove.co.uk](http://www.boundwithlove.co.uk) ISBN 978-0-9557536—0-2.

### **REVIEWS:**

Peter Morden, Tutor in Church History and Spirituality, Spurgeon's College, London, on Bob Holman, *F.B. Meyer: 'If I had a Hundred Lives...'*, Fearn Christian Focus, 2007, 208pp, ISBN 878 1 84550 243 0, £7-99

Michael I. Bochenski, Rector of the Warsaw Baptist Theological Seminary, on Ruth Gouldbourne, *The Flesh and the Feminine: Gender and Theology in the Writings of Caspar Schwenckfeld*, Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2006, 248pp, £19.99

Keith W. Clements, Baptist minister and writer on ecumenics, on David M. Thompson (ed., with J.H.Y. Briggs and John Munsey Turner), *Protestant Nonconformist Texts Volume 4: The Twentieth Century*, Ashgate: Aldershot 2007. xvi + 416pp. £75.00 hb. ISBN 978-0-7546-4013-4.

Roger Pooley, School of Humanities, Keele University, on Ann Dunan-Page, *Grace Overwhelming: John Bunyan, The Pilgrim's Progress and the Extremes of the Baptist Mind*. Oxford, Bern, etc: Peter Lang. Religions and Discourse series Vol. 22. 2006. £39. ISBN 3039100556.

Clint Bass, Regent's Park College, Oxford, on Richard Bonney and D.J.B Trim, eds., *Persecution and Pluralism: Calvinists and Religious Minorities in Early Modern Europe 1550-1700*. Oxford: Peter Lang, 2006.

John Briggs on Ian Chandler, *The Church of England in the Twentieth Century: the Church Commissioners and the Politics of Reform, 1948-98*, The Boydell Press, 2006, 542pp, 5 hb;

Albert Wardin, *The Twelve Baptist Tribes in the USA: a Historical and Statistical Analysis*, Baptist History and Heritage Society, 168pp, 2007;

N. and C. Webb, *The Earl and his Butler in Constantinople*, Legini Press, 29 Well Street, Langham, Oakham, Rutland LE15 7JS, 2006, 240pp, £11.99.

Stephen Copson notes

ed. Christopher Durston and Judith Maltby, *Religion in Revolutionary England*, Manchester University Press, 2006, pp xvi + 286, £60.00;

John Coffey, *John Goodwin and the Puritan Revolution* (2006), Boydell, ix + pp336, ISBN 1 84383 265 8

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### **EDITORIAL: FRIENDS AT WORK**

Edward Milligan, *Biographical Dictionary of British Quakers in Commerce and Industry, 1775-1920*, The Sessions Book Trust, Ebor Press, Huntington Road, York, UK, YO31 9HS, 624pp, 2007, £30 + £5.00 p&p UK, or £7.50 p&p overseas

### **BAPTISTS AND CREATION CARE Keith G. Jones**

In spite of a few outstanding exceptions, Baptists down the years and into the present have not focused much on care for the created world. Dr Jones challenges individuals, churches and BUGB to address these concerns seriously. This paper was given to the Baptist Historical Society seminar at the Baptist Assembly, Blackpool 2008.

Keith Jones is Rector of the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Prague, Czech Republic

### **ROBERT JAMES McCracken: Theology of Mission. Kenneth Roxburgh**

This paper explores the life and ministry of Robert James McCracken, a pastor and theologian from Scotland whose ministry in Scotland, Canada and New York City illustrates the importance of a theology of mission that connects the gospel of Jesus Christ with the contemporary world.

Ken Roxburgh is Armstrong Professor and Chair of Department of Religion at Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama. He was formerly Principal of the Scottish Baptist College.

### **THE PEOPLE CALLED GHANAIAN BAPTISTS Frank Adams**

The late Frank Adams was General Secretary of the Ghana Baptist Convention. He presented this short history to the Heritage Commission of the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Durban, South Africa, in 1998. Frank Adams' doctoral studies were undertaken through the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies. The article has been updated from the 'Brief History of Ghana Baptists' delivered by Kojo Osei-Wusuh at the BWA Heritage and Identity session in Ghana, July 2007.

### **REVIEWS**

Sibyl Phillips, *Glorious Hope, Women and Evangelical Religion in Kent and Northamptonshire, 1800-1850*, Northampton, Compton Towers Publishing, 2004, ISBN 0-954547-0-2

Reviewed by Karen Smith, Tutor, South Wales Baptist College

*The Theology of John Smyth* by Jason K. Lee (2003) Mercer University Press, xiv + pp310

Reviewed by Stephen Copson, Secretary, Baptist Historical Society

Anthony R. Cross, *The Evangelical Sacrament: Reforming Baptism*, Friends of Bloomsbury Inaugural Lecture, London: Bloomsbury Baptist Church, 2007.

Reviewed by John E. Colwell, Spurgeon's College

Aurel Mateesco, *Persecution in Romanian Baptist Life*, Emanuel University Press, 137pp, 2007. Obtainable Dr Dr Cornelius C. Simut, [perchoresis@emanuel.ro](mailto:perchoresis@emanuel.ro).

Reviewed by John Briggs