Academic Theses on or related to Baptist Studies (3)

The Baptist Movement in England in the late 17th century as reflected in the life and thought of Benjamin Keach. (W. E. Spears, Edinburgh Ph.D., 1952-3).
The theology of Andrew Fuller. (A. M. Kirkby, Edinburgh Ph.D., 1955-6).
The rules of baptism and admission of catechumens according to the liturgy and history of the Church of Scotland. (W. D. Baillie, Belfast Ph.D., 1959-60).
The organisation of missionary societies and the recruitment of missionaries in Britain and the role of missionaries in the diffusion of British culture in Jamaica 1834-65. (London Ph.D., 1959-60).
Robert Robinson (1735-90), with special reference to his religious and political thought. (L. G. Schell, Edinburgh Ph.D., 1950-51).
German Chorales and 18th century English hymnodists. (S. Turck, Durham M.Litt., 1954-5).
Dr. Benjamin Evans of Scarborough, 1803-71; his influence local, national and international. (C. Paine, Leeds M.A.).
The social conscience of English Baptists in the later 19th century with special reference to the work of John Clifford. (P. R. Hart, Edinburgh Ph.D.).
The Ulster Revival 1859. (A. R. Scott, Dublin Ph.D.)
Recusancy and Nonconformity in Devon and Somerset, 1660-1714. (K. M. Beck, Bristol M.A.).

Evangelism Year Book 1968-1969. Published by the Baptist Union of Great Britain & Ireland, August 1968. 16 pp. 3s. 6d.

In magazine format and with a glossy four-colour cover this symposium consists of thirteen articles by as many contributors. Its stated aim is to provoke thought and action following the Presidential call to be “renewed for mission” with special reference to the possibilities for evangelistic action in Holy Week 1969. A brief foreword by the President commends the articles as having “something for everyone to adapt and apply”. The writers represent a variety of ministerial experience and of theological viewpoint but they are one in their sense of urgency and concern for the effective communication of the Gospel in the contemporary world whether it be in the city, the new area or the village. At the outset there is a timely reminder that evangelism is the continuous function of the local church and that it is not to be restricted to special efforts. Nevertheless, it is recognised that there are seasons of special opportunity for which specific planning is necessary. So, while the Year Book has much to say about basic principles, attitudes and motives, there are several useful suggestions which will prompt ideas and action.

In the nature of the case such a publication lacks the continuity, cohesion and depth which would characterise a more substantial volume. But within its obvious limitations it is a useful document to put into the hands of local church leaders. The quiz on the place of organisations could produce a revolution! Some of the material might well form the basis of a series of sermons or house group studies. At the end of the magazine there is a list of relevant books with brief reviews.

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