that it was the Church's task to seek to be *as perfect as it could*. Incidentally, it is noteworthy in his generation that, in spite of the Pauline injunction requiring women to be silent in church, he believed that if the men were silent the women might publicly rebuke an entire erring congregation.

It was important too that Robinson lined up firmly with the Calvinism of Dort and wrote against the General Baptists to defend that position. He was prepared also to insist that even a baptism derived from a false Church did not need repetition: an issue which had disturbed the Separatists for many years and was to play an important part in Baptist polemic for the next generation.

In all this book, with its confident and intelligent criticism of secondary authorities and its careful and thorough exposition of its main subject, is a model of its kind. (The printers will want to take account of 'presumptious' for 'presumptuous' on p.172 and 'precipitous' for 'precipitate' on p.179).

B. R. WHITE

SPURGEON TERJUBILEE

Saturday, 8th September, 1984

A Day Conference organised by the Baptist Historical Society to mark the 150th Anniversary of the birth of Charles Haddon Spurgeon will be held at HISTON BAPTIST CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE, starting at 10.30 a.m.

Lecturers include:

Mr J. H. Y. BRIGGS, M.A., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S.
Department of History, University of Keele

Revd M. K. NICHOLLS, B.D.
Tutor, Spurgeon's College

Revd J. J. BROWN, B.D.
Past President of the Baptist Union

It is hoped to arrange a visit to Isleham Ferry, where Spurgeon was baptized, in the afternoon.

The fee will be £4-50 inclusive. The conference will finish about 8 p.m. Overnight accommodation available with Histon churchmembers if required.

We hope many members of the Society will take advantage of the opportunity to meet on this day.

WRITE FOR FULL DETAILS AND APPLICATION FORM TO THE SECRETARY

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