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REVIEW

A Guide to the Manuscript Collection in the American Baptist History Society compiled by W. H. Brackney and S. M. Eltsder, 1986, 78pp.

This volume provides a useful guide arranged by author to the American Baptist Archive Centre at Valley Forge. The largest collections are the papers of Walter Rauschenbusch, E. T. Dahlberg and W. B. Saunders. Quite a few British Baptists appear in the lists though the number of items for each is small: William Carey, Morgan Edwards, John Foster, W. B. Gurney, Robert Hall, Samuel Hubbard (Seventh Day Baptist farmer), William Knibb, John Rippon, John Ryland, C. H. Spurgeon, John Stanford, William Steadman, William Walton (Yorkshire Baptist) and John Williams all appear, whilst such as James Manning from the American side maintained an ongoing correspondence with British Baptists. Whilst Mexico and El Salvador are separately indexed, unfortunately neither Great Britain nor the United Kingdom are, but Wales is.

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or campaigns, and perhaps one of the strengths of the present Scotreach activity is that it is designed for just such an approach. Time will tell whether the growth of the 1980s will prove to be as steady as that experienced in the first two decades of the present century.

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REVIEW

Kenneth W. Bennett, *Men in the Service of God: 70 years of the Baptist Men's Movement*, BMM, 93 Gloucester Place, London 1987. 64pp. £1.50.

The Baptist Housing Association, Operation Agri, the Missionaries Literature Association have one thing in common: they originated in the vision of laymen who co-operated together in the Baptist Men's Movement, founded in 1917 as a direct result of the National Laymen's Missionary Movement call from the conference at Edinburgh, 1910. Sir Alfred Pearce Gould, W. Parker Gray and Alec Tyler were the inaugurators of what became the BMM.

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J. H. Y. Briggs, ed., *Faith, Heritage and Witness: A supplement to the Baptist Quarterly, published in honour of Dr W. M. S. West*, Baptist Historical Society, 1987, 64pp. £4.00.

Dr West, we hear, was as delighted by the gesture of a Festschrift in his honour as by the contents. An account of his career, as student, minister and college principal, by his colleague of many years, Harry Mowvley, is complemented without overlapping or repetition by Neville Clark's study of his role as servant of the Baptist Union, both in its internal affairs and in its relations with other Churches. John Briggs explores trends within the Baptist constituency during the past four decades. Morris West's contribution to the Faith and Order Commission is reflected in Mary Tanner's survey of the W.C.C.'s recent history, with special reference to the Lima statement. His work on the Bench is recognised by a sermon preached by Professor Bottoms in Manchester Cathedral before H.M. Justices (not many generations ago Baptists would have been as astonished at one of their pastors being a magistrate as they would at such a book having a Foreword by the Archbishop of Canterbury!). Two essays recall Dr West's contribution to Church History: one from Barrie White on Baptist leaders of the mid-seventeenth century, the other from the late Gordon Rupp. This last article from that great and gentle Methodist scholar is entitled 'The Old Man Luther', and is a wry and occasionally hilarious appreciation by one veteran, who obviously enjoyed his old age, of the later years of the great Reformer, just too busy, too overwhelmed by crowds of visitors and friends, by epistolary demands and special commissions, to know whether he had in fact retired or not. Now it is Morris West's turn to savour Brother Martin's experience and to reflect that for ecclesiastical statesmen it is ever thus.

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