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School for the education of later generations of male Stanger's presumably testifies both to greater financial ability and lingering Free Church sentiments. Mr Stanger refers to a large number of documents and books in his possession, mostly derived from the Venerable John of Bessels Green and from the Higgs family of Gloucester. It would be a pity if, having survived so long, these were either dispersed or lost, and thought ought usefully to be given to depositing them either in the Kent County Record Office or in the Angus Library of Regent's Park College, Oxford.

From the same publishers comes *A Farningham Childhood*, ed. S. B. Black (1988, x + 126pp, £7.50), which contains a part-edition of the first four chapters of *A Working Woman's Life*, the autobiography of the Baptist journalist, Marianne Farningham, preceded by 70 pages of contextual biography, an earnest of the larger study Ms Black has in preparation. Born Mary Ann Fearn, Marianne Farningham was nothing if not prolific in her writings which included frequent contributions to *The Christian World*, the editing of *The Sunday School Times*, a long list of popular biographies (published under the pseudonym of Eva Hope), children's stories, editions of the poets, and other writings, together with a quantity of verse which takes her into many a hymnbook as the author of 'Just as I am, Thine own to be'. Ms Black tells me that she has been unable to trace copies of her biographies of Queen Victoria, Livingstone, General Gordon and Queens of Literature (Harriet Martineau, Charlotte Bronte and Elizabeth Barrett Browning), all written under the Eva Hope pseudonym. From publishers' lists and copy on my own shelves I am able to add to the oeuvre further biographies of Stanley and Spurgeon. Readers who might have copies of these are invited to get in touch with the editor so that he can put them in touch with Ms Black. All these words, about the bulk of which Marianne Farningham, in her mature years a member of College Street, Northampton, was justifiably worried, proceeded from the pen of a girl whose cultural background was a deprived rural home in North West Kent where her only education was that associated with the rather Particular local Baptist church, of the life of which she gives a sympathetic but not uncritical youthful view.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

M. Luther King, *The Measure of Man*, Fount Paperbacks, 1989, 57pp. £1.95.

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