

- 58 *ibid.*, pp.8-11.
- 59 *ibid.*, pp.12-15.
- 60 *ibid.*, pp.15-16.
- 61 Payne, *Baptist Union*, p.200, omits Martin's presence in the BU delegation, but Laws corrects this, 'The Edinburgh Conference: What was the good of it?', *BQ* 9, 1, January 1938, p.21. Laws was evidently right, for the official report lists Martin as 'Delegate. Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland', ed. L. Hodgson, *The Second World Conference on Faith and Order held at Edinburgh, August 3-18 1937*, 1938, p.297. Martin was one of those appointed by the Conference to the Continuation Committee, again identified with BUGBI, and therefore was an official BUGBI delegate, see Hodgson, *op.cit.*, p.371.
- 62 West, 'Aubrey, III', p.331, and 335 n.45. West includes Dr John MacBeath of Hillhead, Glasgow, among the BUGBI delegates, but omits J.H. Rushbrooke. Dr McBeath, however, was a delegate for the Baptist Union of Scotland according to Hodgson, *op.cit.*, p.297. McBeath served on Section 2 'The Church of Christ and the Word of God', Laws and Le Quesne on Section 3 'The Church of Christ: Ministry and Sacraments', Martin and Aubrey on Section 4, Hodgson, *op.cit.*, p.307. West makes only one other reference to Martin, so little further light is shed on his friendship with Aubrey as they worked as colleagues denominationally and ecumenically.
- 63 Martin, *Edinburgh 1937: The Story of the Second World Conference on Faith and Order held in Edinburgh August 3rd-8th, 1937*. 1937. A brief review by W. Taylor Bowie appeared in *BQ* 9, 1, January 1938, pp.62-3.
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- 65 *ibid.*, pp.21, 32-3.
- 66 M.E. Aubrey, 'What Edinburgh meant to me', *BT* 20 January 1938, pp.42-4; G. Laws, 'The Edinburgh Conference', *BQ* 9, 1, January 1938, pp.21-9. E.A. Payne, 'Baptism in Recent Discussion', in ed. A. Gilmore, *Christian Baptism: A fresh attempt to understand the rite in terms of scripture, history and theology*, 1959, p.16, noted that at Edinburgh it proved possible to make more elaborate statements regarding the sacraments than previously.
- 67 West, *To Be A Pilgrim*, p.67.
- 68 I am grateful to Dr Morris West for these suggestions in a discussion on 10 February 1997 and for his help with this article.
- 69 See the relevant chapters in the present writer's Keele PhD thesis, chiefly sections III and IV.
- 70 Aubrey, 'What Edinburgh meant to me', p.43. On Aubrey's address to the Convocation of York, see West, 'Aubrey, III', pp.331-2.
- 71 See also Martin, *Edinburgh 1937*, pp.57-71.
- 72 *Report of the Commission*, p.27, cited by Laws, 'The Edinburgh Conference', p.24.
- 73 Reported by Martin, *Edinburgh 1937*, pp.58-62. It is important to note that this principle was claimed for children but not for others. This perhaps marks the beginning (or at least an early stage) of the growing awareness amongst Baptists which recognized that the 'Church' includes others than just believers - children of Christian parents, children brought to church and also adults attending church. This recognition became explicit in the 1966 report, *The Child and the Church*, published by a special study group set up by the Baptist Union Council in 1963.
- 74 Laws, 'The Edinburgh Conference', p.25.
- 75 *ibid.*, p.29.

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