John Clifford believed that theology was a 'progressive science'. He saw no real conflict between religion and science, nor had he any worries about biblical criticism or 'modern thought'. See P. Sangster, *A History of the Free Churches*, 1983, 154.


**W.M.S. WEST: BAPTISTS TOGETHER**

The Baptist Historical Society has published this collection of papers in memory of the late President who died last November. Edited by J.H.Y. Briggs and Faith Bowers, it contains the three completed chapters for his intended book on Baptists in the twentieth century, and reprints his paper on ‘The Child and the Church’: a study of how Baptists welcome infants in the church. Dr West’s autobiographical notes are reinforced by tributes from Robert Ellis and Harry Mowvley, and an appraisal of his ecumenical activity from Keith Clements. Anthony Cross provided a full bibliography of Dr West’s publications.

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**THE WHITLEY LECTURESHIP**

The Baptist Historical Society is among the Baptist bodies which support the Whitley Lectureship. This now arranges each year for a Baptist scholar to give one lecture at several venues. The lecture is also published. Copies of the current series are still available, price £2-50 each, inclusive of postage, from the Secretary, Mrs Faith Bowers, 89 Brockenhurst Avenue, Worcester Park, Surrey KT4 7RH: 1996-7: Nigel G. Wright, *Power and Discipleship: Towards a Baptist Theology of the State*; 1997-8: Ruth M.B. Gouldbourne, *Reinventing the Wheel: Women and Ministry in English Baptist Life*; 1998-9: Keith G. Jones, *A Shared Meal and a Common Table: Some reflections on the Lord’s Supper and Baptists*; 1999-2000: Anne Dunkley, *Seen and Heard: Reflections on Children and Baptist Tradition*.

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