
Editorial

FOUNDATIONS is not the only journal to mark the centenary of C H Spurgeon's death in late January 1892. We do so by opening with a challenge by Paul Cook entitled, *WHERE IS THE GOD OF SPURGEON?* Here is a salutary reminder of the significance of Spurgeon's theology and ministry for our own day. We hope it will whet your appetite for an article by David Boorman, which we hope to include in our next issue, on *Spurgeon and the Downgrade Controversy*.

A stimulating comparative review of *BIBLE VERSIONS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP* is next provided by Robert Sheehan. In our *EXEGESIS* series, Michael Haykin expounds the subject of *PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT*, from Jude 20, seeing it primarily as a *Bulwark Against Apostasy*.

Two contemporary issues are then tackled. First of all, the subject of *FEMINISM AND THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN*, in which Ken Brownell makes a valuable, balanced survey and assessment of recent writings in the United States. Here is a subject we will need to return to often in the future. Then follows a review article, entitled *PLURALISM AND TRUTH*, by John Ross of the book, *Dissonant Voices*, by Harold Netland. This is a scholarly discussion of the pressing questions raised by religious pluralism about the certainty of absolute truth. The reviewer's knowledge of the missionary scene makes his introduction to a helpful book even more valuable.

Recently, the FIEC adopted an up-dated Doctrinal Statement, called *What We Believe* and they have now published a commentary on and exposition of that Statement under the title, *WHAT EVANGELICALS BELIEVE*. The current BEC Executive chairman, Peter Milsom, welcomes this small book and makes some observations on its contents and usefulness. Neil Richards concludes this issue of *FOUNDATIONS* with two reviews, one on *EVANGELICAL SPIRITUALITY* and the other on *UNITY IN TRUTH*. The latter, especially, is warmly recommended; the book consists of messages originally given under the auspices of the BEC (1967-71, 73, 77 and 79). In editing this book, the Rev Hywel Jones writes that the addresses 'deal with questions which are not only central to the matter of unity ... but also to the quality, strength and usefulness of true faith and to the preservation and propagation of authentic Christianity' (p 18).

Pressure on space this time means that the promised article on the origin and development of *Liberation Theology* will appear next time, in November 1992. We trust you will find this issue of the journal both challenging and satisfying.
