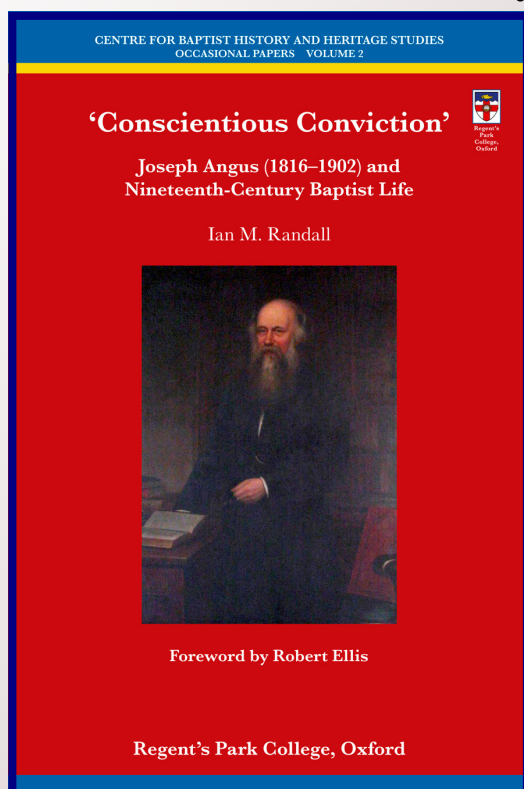


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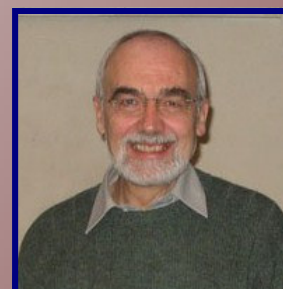
‘Conscientious Conviction’ Joseph Angus (1816-1902) and Nineteenth-Century Baptist Life

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