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# Editorial.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

The following have joined the Baptist Historical Society during the past quarter :

Rev. L. H. Brockington, M.A., B.D. Principal Henry S. Curr, M.A. Rev. G. Henton Davies, M.A., B.D. Mr. C. R. Dickens. Dr. A. R. Johnson. Herr Hans Oddestad. Rev. Douglas Stewart, M.A. Rev. H. J. White, M.M. Mr. Alfred R. Woollacott.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Society will be held at one of the historic Baptist Churches of London, "Upton," Lambeth Road, on Thursday, 28th April, at 4-15 p.m., followed at 4-30 by tea generously provided by the Church.

At the meeting the secretary's report and treasurer's statement for 1937 will be submitted, and officers and committee elected for the ensuing year. The present officers and committee, whose names are printed on the back cover, have been nominated. Any additional nominations should reach the secretary not later than Thursday, 21st April.

By gracious permission of the Archbishop of Canterbury, a visit to Lambeth Palace will precede the meeting. For over seven hundred years Lambeth has been the London address of the Archbishops of Canterbury, and a conducted tour of the present Palace, which was rebuilt about 1490, and the Library of over 30,000 volumes, should prove of great interest. Admission tickets are essential, and, to expedite arrangements, members are asked to return the accompanying card as early as possible.

#### LAMBETH CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS.

We have received from the Student Christian Movement Press three documents issued under the auspices of the Joint Conference of Anglicans and Free Churchmen which has met at Lambeth Palace during recent years, and we cordially commend them to the careful study of our readers.

#### 1662 and To-day (Twopence)

The Practice of Inter-Communion and the Doctrine of the Church (Twopence)

## Outline of a Reunion Scheme for the Church of England and the Evangelical Free Churches of England

(Sixpence)

They were prepared by the Committee of the Joint Conference; and, after being received by the Conference, were generally commended to the careful consideration of the Churches represented in the Joint Conference. It is unfortunate that the names of the drafting committee are not starred, as many will jump to the conclusion, as, indeed, some have done already, that the whole of the Joint Conference whose names are printed have equal responsibility. The Baptist representatives are the Revs. M. E. Aubrey, Charles Brown, Gilbert Laws and Hugh Martin, and it is certain they would not unanimously agree that "Baptism may be administered in infancy or upon profession of faith."

The drafting committee frankly state they do not expect the Reunion Scheme to be carried into effect in its present form, but they hope it may prove a useful basis for further work towards the attainment of reunion. The present proposals cut right across some of the most cherished beliefs of Baptists, and they raise again the question whether discussions which proceed from "Episcopacy to Creed, from Creed to Sacraments, from Sacraments to Episcopacy," are really worth the time that is being devoted to them.

### OUR SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS.

Two years ago, all our publications were offered to members at specially reduced prices. Several, both in this country and across the Atlantic, availed themselves of the opportunity thus given to complete their sets of the *Transactions* and the *Quarterly*. Except that some numbers of the magazines are now out of print, the full offer remains open, and the secretary will be pleased to send a list of the volumes to any member on receipt of a post-card.