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- bound set of Circular Letters in the Archive Room at the Fuller Baptist Church, Kettering, under the keeping of Mr J Pemble. Reference to the Letters in these footnotes will be by NBA followed by the Year.
- 2 Those who signed this letter were, Isaac Woodman (Sutton-in-the-Elms)(Moderator); Moses Deacon (Walgrave); Wm Walker; John Brown(Kettering); Robert Hall(Arnsby); John Evans(Foxton)(probably the writer of the Letter); Thomas Hull; Joseph Clayton; Chr. Hall; John Martin(Sheepshead); Wm Coles; Wm Dickens.
 - 3 NBA 1820
 - 4 NBA 1768
 - 5 NBA 1820
 - 6 Elwyn T S H. *The Northamptonshire Baptist Association A Short History 1764-1964*, Carey-Kingsgate Press. 1964. p.27.
 - 7 Opening sentence of Letter NBA 1819; Minutes NBA 1776; NBA 1774;
 - 8 NBA 1820
 - 9 For complete list see Appendix A in Elwyn op cit p 99ff.
 - 10 NBA 1780 p.5.
 - 11 NBA 1781 and many other years as well.
 - 12 NBA 1787 p.3.
 - 13 NBA 1816 p10.
 - 14 NBA 1784 footnote on p.7.
 - 15 Appendix to NBA 1816
 - 16 NBA 1789 p.14.
 - 17 NBA 1790 p.11
 - 18 NBA 1790 p.12.
 - 19 NBA 1804 p.3.
 - 20 NBA 1820 p.5ff.
 - 21 NBA 1804 p.6.
 - 22 NBA 1796 p.1.
 - 23 NBA 1796 p.3.
 - 24 NBA 1796 p.5ff.
 - 25 NBA 1796 p.5.
 - 26 NBA 1798 p.6.
 - 27 NBA 1796 p.7.
 - 28 NBA 1796 p.8.
 - 29 NBA 1816 p.2f.
 - 30 NBA 1816 p.5f
 - 31 NBA 1816 p.6.
 - 32 NBA 1816 p.8.
 - 33 NBA 1816 p.10.
 - 34 NBA 1816 p.11ff.
 - 35 NBA 1787 p.2.
 - 36 NBA 1787 p.3.
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 - 38 NBA 1787 p.3.
 - 39 NBA 1787 p.5f.
 - 40 NBA 1787 p.6.
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 - 42 NBA 1787 p.6.
 - 43 NBA 1820 p.4.
 - 44 NBA 1820 p.5.
 - 45 NBA 1820 p7ff.
 - 46 NBA 1820 p.10.
 - 47 NBA 1820 p.10.
 - 48 NBA 1784 p.12.
 - 49 Elwyn *op.cit.* p16f.
 - 50 Quoted by E A Payne in *The Prayer Call of 1784* p.2, where he states it is from the Circular Letter of the Association but gives no year. It is part of the resolution quoted above from 1784, and it is not clear whether Sutcliff wrote it.
 - 51 E A Payne *op.cit.* p.11f.

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NEW CONNEXION ORIGINS

Edwin Welch, honorary archivist of the Cheshunt Foundation, biographer of the Countess of Huntingdon, and a good friend of this Society, has contributed a short but authoritative article on New Connexion origins - 'The origins of the New Connexion of General Baptists in Leicestershire' - to *The Transactions of the Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society*, Volume LXIX, 1995, pp.59-70. Those interested in this strand of Baptist history will surely wish to consult this.

- batteries were much more efficient but more expensive and could not be recharged.
- 4 Another popular import was the ubiquitous HMV gramophone, which became a favourite entertainment in the villages, with breakable 78 records, very heavy arm, steel needles, wind-up handle, and a large shell-like speaker.
 - 5 Other women traded equally vigorously but never made a profit. They just enjoyed the social contact and market gossip. Husbands were quite happy with the arrangement.
 - 6 In the upper river society was definitely matriarchal. The key person was the 'sango botomali' - the 'father woman', i.e. the maternal aunt.
 - 7 Domestic slavery may well have been an indigenous practice, pre-dating the European slave trade.
 - 8 Palm nuts were also used to produce palm wine. This was very popular - but banned to church members!
 - 9 The secondary schools at Ngombe and Bolobo were not purely local schools but designed to serve all the churches in which the BMS was involved.
 - 10 The Belgian course was not only for language study but designed to impart Belgian culture and inform missionaries about Belgian colonial policy and administration.

Ruth Page died on 20 July 1996. 'Christian Connections UK-SA' have recently established a scholarship fund to train for Christian ministry dedicated women from backgrounds of poverty and deprivation in South Africa, and a few weeks before Ruth's death received her permission to name these Ruth Page Scholarships, in honour of a life devoted to educating Africans for Christian service.

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AN APPEAL FOR INFORMATION

Dr David Wykes of Leicester University is preparing an introduction for a microfilm edition of the Thompson List manuscripts in Dr Williams's Library. The List prepared by Josiah Thompson during the early 1770s is the most important survey of the strength and state of Dissent before the 1851 Religious Census. Josiah Thompson (1724-1806) was minister of the Baptist Church at Unicorn Yard, Southwark, until August 1761, when he retired from the active ministry to live on a substantial inheritance. In retirement he undertook to collect materials for a history and account of the contemporary state of dissenting congregations in England and Wales. The collections are of considerable importance, not only for the statistics recording the number of congregations and ministers in 1772-3, but for the histories of many congregations 'taken from their Church Books, the Testimony & Report of old People, private Papers, & other authentic Records', which are no longer available to the historian.

Part of the work for the new introduction involves identifying the different versions of the Thompson List. Four copies belong to Dr Williams's Library, all of which contain significant differences from the other volumes. Other copies are held by Bristol Baptist College and the British Library. A further copy of the List belonged to the Bunyan Meeting, Bedford, in the late 1940s, but this cannot now be located. Dr Wykes would be grateful for any information on the possible location of the Bedford volume, or indeed any other copies of the List, and for information on Josiah Thompson. He can be contacted at Department of History, University of Leicester, Leicester, LE1 7RH (0116-2522 818; messages, 2522 803).