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# Editorial.

## NEW MEMBERS.

The following have joined the Baptist Historical Society since our last issue :

Dr. Charles Brown.

Mr. E. J. Fasham.

Rev. H. Tydeman Chilvers.

Mr. D. Hay.

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## ANNUAL MEETING.

Excursions to places of historic interest have been much appreciated features of recent annual meetings, and it had been hoped to visit various centres in London during the forthcoming Baptist Assembly. In view, however, of the national situation, the desire of the Police that sight-seeing tours in the streets of the Metropolis should be avoided, and the restriction of the Assembly to three somewhat crowded days, it has been decided to dispense with the annual meeting this year. The treasurer's financial statement and the secretary's annual report will be printed in the July *Baptist Quarterly*, and the present officers and committee will serve during 1940/41. The Society's members will appreciate the wisdom of this decision, and hope that in 1941 the annual meeting will be held in happier conditions.

An opportunity for some of our members to meet is afforded by the summer gatherings at Winslow on Thursday, 6th June, referred to in Mr. Reid's article on Benjamin Keach. This tercentenary celebration should prove attractive, and the secretary will be glad to hear from those who hope to make the trip, so that the local friends may be informed.

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## BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

One hundred and fifty years lie between 1792 and 1942, and in these years Baptist missionaries have gone forth to India, China, the Congo, Jamaica, and elsewhere overseas. Here is something that evokes thanksgiving and calls for worthy celebration. Doubtless the B.M.S. will soon make a preliminary announcement of its plans for 1942, and take other steps that the thought of the whole denomination throughout that year

may be focussed on Christ's World Dominion. The Baptist Historical Society desires to co-operate by publishing full-length articles on missionary enterprise. The first appeared in the *Baptist Quarterly* of October, 1939, when the Rev. Herbert Anderson wrote on "The India of Carey and of To-day." In the current issue the Rev. C. E. Wilson contributes the first section of an article on "The B.M.S. and Bible Translation," which will be concluded in July. Other articles will appear in succeeding numbers.

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#### ATLANTA CONGRESS.

It is a misfortune that, owing to the war, our churches have largely missed the thrill of last year's Congress. In normal circumstances many of the delegates would be busily engaged recounting their experiences; they would enthuse churches and associations, and ministers and members would face their tasks encouraged by the vision of the Baptist Church that is making progress in practically every country but Great Britain. Fortunately, a worthy record of this greatest assembly of Baptists has been published by the Baptist World Alliance, and we suggest that our members should secure a copy. The title of the volume is *Baptist World Alliance, Sixth Congress, Atlanta, 1939*, and it can be obtained through the Kingsgate Press (10s.). It gives a complete record of the meetings, and is well illustrated.

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#### BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES, 1940.

At the close of the Spring Assembly a few years ago, a youthful don answered an enquiry concerning the meetings with the irreverent comment: "Same old smoke from the same old funnels." That could not be said of the forthcoming Assembly, as the programme just announced reveals that many will make their first appearance on the denominational platform. It is to be hoped that the unfortunate remark, "We must have So-and-so to make the meeting a success," has now been decently interred.