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An Account of the Estate of Mary Hall Deceased October 27 1714 is

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Nouem ^r	to John Sauage for a	
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	Expences at severall times	000 06 06
	to Coach heyr	000 01 06
	to the hurs & waishing clothes	000 08 06
	to Admnnisteration	001 13 10
14	to the vndertakers bill	014 05 00
	Due to George Jarvis in his Church Book	001 13 06
	to a Letter	000 00 04
	Spent on the praisers payd M ^r Hawkins	000 04 08 000 00 10
21	to Benjamine Johnson	010 00 00
22	to a letter	000 00 04
30	to mrs Arnold	000 10 00
	to Susannah Boucher	000 10 00
	to mrs Addams at Bednall green	000 05 00
	to mrs Humber	001 00 00
Decem ^r 21	to Richard Addams seni ^o his Legacy	010 00 00
	to George Addams his Legacy	010 00 00

	to William Addams his Legacy	010	00	00
	to Richard Addams junio his Legacy	010	00	00
	to Sarah Addams her Legacy	010	00	00
26	to Rent at pinners hall more then Rcd	000	15	09
28	to mrs turner	000	10	00
31	to the Apothecaryes bill	000	06	08
January	to John Haydon senior	001	01	06
24	to John Haydon Junior to mr Hawkings to mr Jarvis	000	10	00
		005	00	00
		005	00	00
March	to Jane Smith	001	00	00
15	to Mary Smith to Elizabeth Arnold to Tho North & his wife to Elizabeth Mickell to m ^r Thomas a minnester	001	00	00
		000	10	00
		001	00	00
		000	05	00
		000	05	00
March 18	Spent on mr farrant	000	01	00
1715				
27	to John fflowle to mr Batt for Edward Stennetts youse to Martha fflowle	001	10	00
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		001	00	00
Ap 19	to money payd mr ffarrant spent on mr ffarrant and mallory	001	01	06
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117:9:20	spent more on mr ffarrant	000	01	00
30	spent on m ^r mallorey and our selves	000	01	04
May 3	to Edith Addams to expense to mrs Hill spent	010	00	00
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An Account of the Estate of Mary Hall

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	to mrs Waters	000	10	00
	to expence	000	01	..
Dem ^r 28	to mr Hollis ffor Rent	001	00	00
28	to m ^r Humber for the vse of m ^r Turner in Chertsey	001	00	00
1716				
March	to George Jarvis to ballans			
28	his church booke	000	18	04
1716	to Severall disbursments for			
July 28	the vse ye congregation	005	07	06
1717	to money payd for vse of			
April 30	the Church	006	00	00
1718	Money payd for the vse of			
Novem 25	the Church	007	00	00
1721	Mony payd for the vse of			
Novem 9	the church	003	00	00
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January 17	the church	004	00	00
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	By two east India Bonds ffor	100	00	00
nouem ^r	By two months intrust on the			
30	bonds	001	00	00
Decem ^r 6	By three spoones sence ffor	001	13	06

12	By John Haydon ffor two books	000	10	00
20	By peate sould m ^r Marloe By Richard Addams for Dis- bursements on theyr Afayrs	013	05	06
March 2	By William Mason	003	00	00
1715	By m ^r Mayo	005	00	00
Ap 30	By m ^r ffox	001	14	00
may 4	By money Rcd of George Jarvis	020	00	00
octob 27	By m ^r Batt ffor candles on Judah Skipp act ^t	000	05	00
1716	By money Receiued of march 28 George Jarvis	005	07	06
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A document of this kind has interest for students of many kinds, and the economist may profit by comparing the expense in various ways, or by comparing with accounts of others executors. For our purpose it may be analyzed as to its Baptist information, with the explanation that the apparent executors were the deacons of the Pinners' Hall Sabbatarian church, who entered this account on spare pages of their minute-book. It is the more welcome, as there is no other entry between 1703 and 1726 except four cases of discipline just after Stennett's death in 1713.

Mary Hall had been baptized elsewhere, and joined this church on 12 April, 1690. In October, 1691, Hannah Hall was baptized and admitted, dying in 1713. The surname never occurs again. It is conceivable that they were related, and that they were connected with Samuel Hall, baker, known to Marius D'Assigny, in 1709 as a Baptist preacher in London.

Not much light is thrown on the internal history

of this church. It is a puzzle why ordinary entries cease in 1703; we are loath to believe that Stennett, who had just been invited to help the ordinary First-day Baptist Church at Barbican, neglected this church henceforward; but whereas he had added to the church 35 men and 78 women in the previous thirteen years, the roll from this time forward is not kept with dates annexed, and for the ten years remaining of his career, shows only 13 men and 15 women added. His death did galvanize the church to momentary energy, but no entry is made to deplore the loss of his services. Mary Hall's estate yielded £5 for Edward Stennett, probably his father, for Joseph was only 49 at his death, and no other Edward is known. The church evidently fell into financial difficulties, for 15s. 9d. was needed at the end of 1714 to make up the rent paid to the real lessees; and a year later £1 had to be paid to Hollis, the treasurer of that congregation. Then come many ominous entries, to balance the church book &c, till nearly £34 was absorbed in six years to meet the current expenses. The only clue to any ministerial aid, beside the funeral sermon by John Savage, Elder at Mill Yard, is a disbursement to Mr. Thomas. He may be Timothy Thomas from Wrexham, who was brought up by his grandfather John Evans, colleague of Dr. Williams, the brother-in-law of Stennett. Timothy had settled at Pershore in 1696, and it was from Tewkesbury that the next pastor came.

Other Sabbath-keeping Churches are glanced at here: Tewkesbury was centre of a group including a Haydon family, though the John Haydons here belonged now to Mill Yard. Upton-on-Severn was the home of William Hawkins in 1690. Mary Batt had joined from Salisbury, Edward Stennett was pastor at Wallingford, Turner belonged to the Chertsey Church. Mill Yard accounts for Mayo as well as Haydon and Savage.

Ordinary Baptist Churches of the Particular group, are represented in this account. Susannah Boucher, apparently of Huguenot descent like the Guills who figure in this church, and also as parents of Dr. Gill, had come from the Horsleydown Church of Benjamin Keach, as had also the Fowles. Indeed there had been a rather steady flow from this source, even Keach's own daughter, Hannah Green, having deserted him to keep the Sabbath here. He was so annoyed that he preached and published on the subject, without much arresting the flow. It is to his credit that the friendship of the ministers remained very close. From the church of his son Elias, had come William Arnold. The number of bequests to the Adams family suggests a possible relationship. Richard Adams seems to have been concerned with nearly every London Baptist movement, even in his old age; for as was shown in our volume II, page 161, he was pensioned off from Devonshire Square, and was corresponding with Portsmouth. It is somewhat curious that a member thence came to this church in 1741, and in 1767 a second Thomas Whitewood, perhaps grandson of Adams' friend, became pastor here for a few months.

So many sparks of light can be struck from a flinty old account, into a subject dry as tinder to many.