

Editorial.

IN 1938 the names of thirty-one new members of the Baptist Historical Society were printed. The following have joined since our last issue:

Rev. T. A. Bampton.	Rev. C. E. Martin (Queensland).
Mr. Herbert Chown.	Mr. J. G. Matthews.
Mr. H. E. Curtis, J.P.	Mr. P. W. Payne, F.C.A.
Mrs. E. Lake.	

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MEMBERS, PLEASE NOTE.

Subscriptions for 1939 are now due and should be remitted to the Treasurer, Mr. Allan H. Calder, 23 Brantwood Road, S.E.24. A remittance form accompanies this issue.

Several letters of appreciation of the Society's work and of the *Baptist Quarterly* have recently been received. Members are invited to translate this appreciation into action by putting in the persuasive word which will induce others to join. Hearty co-operation would easily result in the addition of fifty to the membership roll. The subscription for *Ordinary* membership is 10s. per annum; for *Honorary* membership £1 1s. per annum; for *Life* membership a single payment of £10 10s. and for *Permanent* membership for a Church a single payment of £15 15s. The possibility of securing *Permanent* membership should surely attract many of our churches. Mr. J. S. Hardman secured place No. 1 in the list for his church, Cloughfold. Which of our members will donate the necessary amount to secure place No. 2 for his church?

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The Society's annual meeting will be held on Thursday, 4th May, during the forthcoming Baptist Assembly at Birmingham. Our member, Rev. A. S. Langley, F.R.Hist.S., has the local arrangements in hand, and has secured the generous promise of Birmingham friends to provide charabancs to convey our members from the Town Hall to Bewdley and Bromsgrove. These ancient churches are anticipating our visit, and the Bromsgrove church cordially invites us to tea. Further details will be published in April, but it will help the officers in making

arrangements if members, when sending their annual subscriptions, will state if they hope to be present.

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A YORKSHIRE MANUSCRIPT OF 1687.

Mr. Frank Beckwith sends the following Addendum to his recent article on this manuscript (VIII. 168).

“In accounting for the gift to the Anglican church at Marsden of the 1687 manuscript of Mitchel’s *Difference betwixt Egypt and Canaan* it was conjectured that the gift might have been made, along with a number of other papers, in 1841. That this conjecture was correct is now proved by a note to be found in Canon C. A. Hulbert’s *Annals of Almondbury* (1882), p. 433, which expressly mentions this item as given to Mr. J. M. Maxfield, then incumbent of Marsden, by Mr. John Varley, of Slaithwaite, who died in 1843. It would be interesting to know where the other known manuscript copy is at present; it was lent to Henry Dowson in 1853 by his friend George Mitchell and recorded in the former’s history of the Bradford church, *The Centenary*.”

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DAN TAYLOR, 1738—1816.

A few days ago Baptists celebrated the 200th anniversary of the birth of Dan Taylor, the leader of the New Connexion of General Baptists. While his name can hardly be linked with those of Wesley and Whitfield, he was in the true evangelical succession and his flaming zeal was scarcely less than theirs. He itinerated widely, established many churches, and exercised a profound influence on Baptist life and thought. We are glad to print a bi-centenary tribute in this issue.

Centenaries, bi-centenaries and ter-centenaries take place in such numbers that it is impossible to notice all. Some that are approaching are of outstanding importance. September will bring the 250th anniversary of the Particular Baptist Convention of 1689, about which we expect to publish an article by Professor A. J. D. Farrer. Next year Broadmead, Bristol, will celebrate its 300th anniversary, as also will King’s Road, Reading. This generation is not exactly well-informed on Free Church history and principles. We hope, therefore, that these well-known churches will have something vital to say concerning the greatness of the heritage into which they entered as a result of the sacrifices and sufferings of those who did know their principles and were not afraid to avow them.