

"the mystery of the seven stars" and the seven golden candlesticks, representing the angels of the seven churches and the churches themselves (Rev. i. 20) a hint that the visible church was an outward mystical figure of the true spiritual invisible church. He desired the inquirer to compare this passage with Heb[rews] xii. 22, 23, 27, in which the heavenly Jerusalem the general assembly and church of the first born is indicated as made up of the spirits of just men made perfect, and as an institution of an abiding character that cannot be shaken. He may then have referred to Rev. xxi. 2, 27 in order to complete the picture he wished to conjure up in the mind of his reader of the spiritual church as the New Jerusalem coming down from heaven, free from all that defileth.

The references to this Conclusion or Proposition would thus be Rev. i. 20, Heb. xii. 22, 23, 27, compared with Rev. xxi. 2. 27.

Those readers who have a copy of Dr. Whitley's *The Works of John Smyth* may make the correction in the margin at page 744, and in my *John Smith the Se-baptist* at page 251. At any rate, these references are quite pertinent to the position Smith here desired to support.

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## Summary of Report for 1920.

YOUR committee deplores the loss of two members. Mr. Eustace Little of Prince's Risborough, whose long life has enabled him to master the antiquities of his county, laid us under great obligations in obtaining the minute books of Ford and Amersham for publication. Principal Gould of Regent's Park has been the invaluable President of this Society from its beginning, wise in counsel, rich in knowledge, fertile in suggestion.

The Baptist Union Publication Department is now proceeding rapidly with the printing of the Bibliography of British Baptists, 1777-1837. This second volume will be ready for subscribers in Class A during 1921.

The high cost of printing has seriously hindered the development of the Society's schemes. As extensive changes in the officers of the Society must be made in April, opportunity will be taken to outline a wider policy.