The Stinton Repository of 1712.

The first and second volumes of the Transactions of the Baptist Historical Society contained studies of Benjamin Stinton, his historical collection of thirty documents which formed the foundation of the history by his brother-in-law Thomas Crosby, four documents printed from that collection, and studies of the early London churches therein disclosed. The earliest text then available was a beautiful manuscript copied under the supervision of George Gould in Norwich by Thomas Keymer. We indicated then certain readings which appeared doubtful, and in our notes suggested others; also we argued from internal evidence that Stinton's own collection of thirty documents had been annotated and augmented by Crosby.

The book from which Keymer copied has now come to light. It was used by George Gould, some of whose studies still remain between its leaves. But the transcript was so much more legible that the original was stowed away with other ancient material used in the celebrated lawsuit about St. Mary's. It passed into the custody of George Gould's son, our late president, George Pearce Gould of Regent's Park. On his death it was discovered by his successor, H. Wheeler Robinson, and it will in future be lodged in the Angus Library at the college.

It is a large foolscap folio, like the book in which Keymer reproduced its contents, and like the book in which they were again reproduced from Keymer in 1904. We have carefully checked our printed pages by Stinton's own manuscript, and appreciate very highly the extreme accuracy of the Norwich scribe. There are not fifty errors of any kind, not five of any importance. Our inferences as to the original readings are borne out in nearly every case. When we study the way Crosby annotated and summarised Stinton's manuscript, our sense of his competence falls even lower than before. Stinton also reveals himself both a tiro in history, and
decidedly illiterate. Still we have to thank the two men for material which makes the early London history fairly well known.

Students who wish to have an accurate print of what Stinton wrote, though this indeed is not necessarily what he had before him, may correct the printed pages in our first and second volumes thus:—

214, line 6—Bernet

215, line 5—Prison in [blank] (now, a merchant's house again)

215, line 16—3d Month

216, signatures Wm } Ailce
   Tho } Harris
   Jane } Eliz
   } Sincop
   } Rebec

217, four lines from end—Delete "not 16"

219, line 14—Preacher at Dry [Drayton?]

220, line 2—& Mr Stanmore before said
   line 3—Bro: Morton & his Wife

224, line 4—Balfour ye Lieutenant
   line 23—Nowels

225, line 9—Can also then walking the Saints

232, line 4—of Baptism, yt alto

233, line 13—Words a Covenant)

234, line 7—Tho Shepard

235, Cancel the l in the marginal note
   line 4—Janr 27 Ailce Stanford

240, line 12—to depend on a Church wth its power:
   line 16—these not cleare

242, line 10—wherein all these are New,

243, line 17—3.19

244, line 17—Bayk
   line 25—Goteley
   line 27—Cancel G

245, line 6—Toldervy

II. 36. The two paragraphs:— "This Church . . . given
   them" are written by Crosby, squeezed in on page
   106, before the title *Numb: 23. The title of six
   lines is Stinton's; the title of three lines on page 37
   is apparently Webb's; Stinton has added marginal
   notes at the appropriate places, 1st Pastor Mr Hubert,
John Tombes figured twice in the minutes of the Westminster Assembly. From the 1874 edition, Dr. Powicke has copied both references:

"Sess: 561, Dec. 25, 1645, Thursday morning. Dr. Gouge moved about Mr. Tombes his book and the licenser and a committee to consider of something to be presented to the House of Commons about the late licensing of a book of Mr. Tombes by Mr. Batchelour, now ..."

"Sess: 618, April 9, 1646, Thursday morning. Mr. Marshall having this morning presented his book written against Mr. Tombes to the Assembly, and dedicated it unto them, it was moved that thanks might be given to Mr. Marshall for his great pains, and respect to this Assembly in his dedication which was accordingly done by the Prolocutor."

The book by Tombes included a criticism of Marshall's sermon on infant baptism; it reached Thomason's hands on 15 December. It much fluttered the dovecotes; two replies were out in two months, and six more by November.

"The remonstrance and resolutions of the Protestant army of Munster, now in Corcke," published there on 23 October, 1649, and preserved at Cambridge, will figure in the Baptist Bibliography as 99-649. The next place, 100-649, is assigned to "News from Powles, or the new reformation of the army: with a true relation of a cowlt that was foaled in the cathedral church of St. Paul in London, and how it was publiquey baptized by Paul Hobson's soouldiers."