

A Decade of "The Baptist Quarterly."

WITH this number the tenth year of our existence is completed. The "Transactions of the Baptist Historical Society" were begun in 1908, and continued until 1921, when they were incorporated in the present *Baptist Quarterly*, making a wider appeal by including matters of contemporary as well as of antiquarian interest. Any one who will look through the five volumes covering this decade can easily satisfy himself that the existence of the *Quarterly* has been fully justified. Through this difficult decade the Society has paid its way, a fact largely due to our Treasurer, Mr. F. J. Blight. We owe to our Secretary and Editor, Dr. W. T. Whitley, the parallel fact that the contents of the *Quarterly* have maintained so high a level of antiquarian interest and value. He has been assisted successively by Dr. Dakin and by Dr. Townley Lord in regard to the modern side of the magazine. During his absence from England, his own place was taken by Professor A. J. D. Farrer. To them all, as well as to the many contributors, the thanks of all members of the Society are most heartily given for so much disinterested and efficient service.

This year new editorial arrangements are being made, and the valuable energies of Mr. Seymour J. Price, well-known to us by his careful and thorough work on Baptist records, should be an accession of real strength. He will take over much of the work hitherto done by Dr. Townley Lord, who will in future concentrate on current literature. One of our aims is to give larger space to the review of books which are of special interest to Baptist readers. In this and other ways, we hope to reach a larger constituency. The work of the Society has always been characterised by unpretentious modesty, and it may be that we have not sufficiently advertised our activities in an age that is more or less a slave to the spirit of advertisement. But we believe that our Baptist convictions have still a real contribution to make to this rapidly changing and greatly perplexed age, and we venerate our past history chiefly because we find in it principles vital for the anxious times in which we are living. As a Society, we may fairly claim that the endeavour to combine the interests of past and present begun in 1922 has justified itself, and that the experience of the past decade warrants the expectation of continued and increased usefulness for *The Baptist Quarterly*.

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