The

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incorporating the Transactions of the

Baptist Historical Society

The New Volume.

WITH this number we begin the eighth volume of "The Baptist Quarterly," to which I was privileged to write an introduction in 1922, when it incorporated the previous "Transactions of the Baptist Historical Society" (which had itself run into seven volumes between 1908 and 1921). Hopes were then expressed of a wider appeal through the inclusion of a modern side. These hopes have been so far fulfilled that the Society has been able to pay its way, and to continue its most useful work. The Committee feel, however, that there is need and justification for a larger membership. This could easily be obtained if each member would make an effort to add *one* recruit. There are plenty of Baptists interested in our aims who do not seem to know of our existence. We could help them and they could help us.

There is a special reason, however, for rallying to the support of the Society at this juncture. Dr. Whitley's resignation of the office of Secretary was announced in our issue of last July, and he has now felt obliged to give up his editorial work, performed so generously and faithfully through the last twenty-seven years. The fourteen volumes of the combined work are a great and enduring monument of this devotion—both through his own signed contributions, and also through the large amount of valuable material which he has constantly added to the work of others, or as detached notes. We renew the expression of the Society's gratitude to him, its founder and its outstanding worker during so long a period. We hope that we shall still have both contributions and counsel from him for a long time to come.

We wish for the new editor, Mr. Seymour J. Price, a long and happy period of service. We all know his work and count ourselves fortunate that such a man is ready to succeed to Dr. Whitley. He is deeply interested in both the antiquarian and the contemporary work of the Society, and we are confident that

under his guidance "The Baptist Quarterly" will continue to fill a valuable place in the life and work of the Denomination. He has plans and aims of his own, with this object in view, and of these he will himself write. He expects and deserves the support of us all in extending our circle of readers through a substantial increase in the membership of the Society.

H. WHEELER ROBINSON.

EDITORIAL.

The President invites me to write of my "plans and aims," but they are somewhat nebulous. Programmes and promises may be dangerous, and are usually best left to politicians who don't object to leaving them unfulfilled. I would rather do three things:—

a. Emphasise the President's request that each member secure one recruit. It is urgent that the membership should be considerably increased.

b. Join in the expression of appreciation to Dr. Whitley. He stands supreme in his knowledge of our history, and I am much his debtor.

c. Thank all who have generously contributed in the past and invite them to continue. The Society is not in a position to remunerate its helpers. It has to rely, and has not relied in vain, on the goodwill of many.

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Mainly through the generosity of friends in Lancashire and Yorkshire who are contributing to the additional expense, this number of the *Quarterly* is enlarged. We are able to print *verbatim* the minutes of the meetings of the Yorkshire and Lancashire Association, held at Halifax, in June, 1764. The beautifully-written old exercise-book from which they are taken is indeed a "find."

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The treasurer, Mr. Allan H. Calder, of 23, Brantwood Road, S.E.24, will be glad to receive members' subscriptions for 1936.

S.J.P.