

Editorial.

The Editor desires most heartily to thank contributors for their willing and generous assistance. Many who had enriched the *Baptist Quarterly* in earlier years contributed valuable articles in 1936, and thirteen writers were welcomed for the first time. Contributions, archaeological or modern, are invited, and should be sent to the Editor, Baptist Quarterly, 19, Creswick Road, Acton, W.3. The service of all contributors, like that of the officers of the Baptist Historical Society, is honorary.

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Twelve months ago the President invited each member of the Society to make an effort to add *one* recruit to the membership roll. A few succeeded: others felt that, in the absence of a printed list of members, they could do nothing. It is gratifying, however, that the influx of new members has been sufficient to justify the enlargement of the present issue by sixteen pages. We thus have space to print the list of members, and the whole of Dr. Walker's well-documented article on *Dissent and Republicanism after the Restoration*. It will be a real help to the Society if members will study this membership list, and then use their persuasive powers with those whose names are missing. A considerable accession to the membership is needful before plans which are in mind can be matured. Subscriptions: ordinary membership 10s. Od.; honorary membership £1 1s. Od.; life membership £10 10s. Od. The accompanying form can be used in remitting subscriptions for 1937.

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The Committee recently received a suggestion that it should be possible for a Church to become a permanent member of the Baptist Historical Society, thus ensuring that the *Baptist Quarterly* and all other publications of the Society would be supplied as issued. It was pointed out that a Church in permanent membership would, in the course of a few years, accumulate a library useful not only to the minister and officers, but also to young persons studying the development of the Free Churches as part of their history courses. The Committee gladly adopted the suggestion, and fixed the membership subscription at £15 15s. Od. Mr. J. S. Hardman of Cloughfold, who made the suggestion, at once nominated his own historic Church as the first permanent member. Several of our members are in fellowship with churches to which they have rendered long and distinguished

service. This scheme gives them the opportunity to confer something of unending value on the churches which mean so much to them. All permanent membership subscriptions will be capitalised.

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The annual meeting of the Society will be held during the Spring Assembly on Tuesday, 27th April. Our members will be guests of the Cloughfold Church, and they can be sure that an interesting afternoon programme will be arranged. Full details will be given in April.

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Too much importance cannot be attached to the Christian training of young people, both before and after church membership, for leakages among senior scholars and junior members are far too frequent. Obviously a suitable booklet dealing with "fundamentals," which youth leaders could place in the hands of young people, should be of much service. Indeed there has been persistent demand for such a booklet, and it has now been admirably met by Dr. Townley Lord's *The Great Decision, An Outline of Christian Discipleship for Young People* (Kingsgate Press, sixpence), prepared at the request of the Baptist Union Publication Department Committee. In the course of twelve short chapters. Dr. Lord deals with Belief, the Church, Church Membership, the Sacraments, Prayer, and kindred subjects. His booklet should be placed in the hands of all senior scholars and junior church members. Any church purchasing sufficient copies for this purpose would make a gilt-edged investment.

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As the final page proofs of this issue are being passed, we have received a copy of Dr. F. Cawley's important work, *The Transcendence of Jesus Christ* (T. and T. Clark, 9s. net.) It is a study of the unique features of our Lord's Person, with special reference to the Fourth Gospel. An extended review, written by Rev. Henry Cook, M.A., will appear in our next issue, but in the meantime we suggest that any deacon looking for a New Year gift for his minister will not go wrong if he selects this volume.