Editorial.

In 1938 the names of thirty-one new members of the Baptist Historical Society were printed. The following have joined since our last issue:

Rev. T. A. Bampton.  
Mr. Herbert Chown.  
Mr. H. E. Curtis, J.P.  
Mrs. E. Lake.  

Rev. C. E. Martin (Queensland).  
Mr. J. G. Matthews.  
Mr. P. W. Payne, F.C.A.

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Members, please note.

Subscriptions for 1939 are now due and should be remitted to the Treasurer, Mr. Allan H. Calder, 23 Brantwood Road, S.E.24. A remittance form accompanies this issue.

Several letters of appreciation of the Society’s work and of the Baptist Quarterly have recently been received. Members are invited to translate this appreciation into action by putting in the persuasive word which will induce others to join. Hearty co-operation would easily result in the addition of fifty to the membership roll. The subscription for Ordinary membership is 10s. per annum; for Honorary membership £1 1s. per annum; for Life membership a single payment of £10 10s. and for Permanent membership for a Church a single payment of £15 15s. The possibility of securing Permanent membership should surely attract many of our churches. Mr. J. S. Hardman secured place No. 1 in the list for his church, Cloughfold. Which of our members will donate the necessary amount to secure place No. 2 for his church?

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Annual meeting.

The Society’s annual meeting will be held on Thursday, 4th May, during the forthcoming Baptist Assembly at Birmingham. Our member, Rev. A. S. Langley, F.R.Hist.S., has the local arrangements in hand, and has secured the generous promise of Birmingham friends to provide charabancs to convey our members from the Town Hall to Bewdley and Bromsgrove. These ancient churches are anticipating our visit, and the Bromsgrove church cordially invites us to tea. Further details will be published in April, but it will help the officers in making
arrangements if members, when sending their annual subscrip-
tions, will state if they hope to be present.

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A YORKSHIRE MANUSCRIPT OF 1687.

Mr. Frank Beckwith sends the following Addendum to his
recent article on this manuscript (VIII. 168).

“In accounting for the gift to the Anglican church at
Marsden of the 1687 manuscript of Mitchel’s *Difference betwixt
Egypt and Canaan* it was conjectured that the gift might have
been made, along with a number of other papers, in 1841. That
this conjecture was correct is now proved by a note to be
found in Canon C. A. Hulbert’s *Annals of Almondbury* (1882),
p. 433, which expressly mentions this item as given to Mr. J. M.
Maxfield, then incumbent of Marsden, by Mr. John Varley, of
Slaithwaite, who died in 1843. It would be interesting to know
where the other known manuscript copy is at present; it was
lent to Henry Dowson in 1853 by his friend George Mitchell
and recorded in the former’s history of the Bradford church,
*The Centenary.*”

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DAN TAYLOR, 1738—1816.

A few days ago Baptists celebrated the 200th anniversary
of the birth of Dan Taylor, the leader of the New Connexion
of General Baptists. While his name can hardly be linked with
those of Wesley and Whitfield, he was in the true evangelical
succession and his flaming zeal was scarcely less than theirs. He
itinerated widely, established many churches, and exercised a
profound influence on Baptist life and thought. We are glad
to print a bi-centenary tribute in this issue.

Centenaries, bi-centenaries and ter-centenaries take place in
such numbers that it is impossible to notice all. Some that are
approaching are of outstanding importance. September will
bring the 250th anniversary of the Particular Baptist Convention
of 1689, about which we expect to publish an article by Professor
A. J. D. Farrer. Next year Broadmead, Bristol, will celebrate
its 300th anniversary, as also will King’s Road, Reading. This
generation is not exactly well-informed on Free Church history
and principles. We hope, therefore, that these well-known
churches will have something vital to say concerning the great-
ness of the heritage into which they entered as a result of the
sacrifices and sufferings of those who did know their principles
and were not afraid to avow them.