

Editorial.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following have joined the Baptist Historical Society during the past quarter:

Mr. F. Barrett.

Rev. K. M. Preston.

Mr. F. Batty.

Mr. C. L. Wade.

Rev. Frank C. Morton.

Mr. H. F. Webb.

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BIRMINGHAM LIBRARY EXHIBITION.

The City Librarian of the Reference Library, Birmingham, is entitled to congratulations on the interesting exhibition arranged by him in connection with the recent Baptist Assembly at Birmingham. Minute books, manuscripts and various printed works of the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries were displayed in glass cases at one end of the extensive Reading Room. These are in the permanent possession of the Library and include one volume of particular interest, *A comprehensive account of the General Baptists with respect to principle and practice* . . . By a Mechanic, MDCCXCV. Apparently no copy was in the Libraries consulted by Dr. Whitley when he compiled his *Bibliography*. The exhibition was further enriched by the loan of many volumes from members of our Society, notably those from the Rev. A. S. Langley's library. By the courtesy of the City Librarian we are able to print a list of the manuscripts (page 436) which are either owned or on permanent loan.

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HORSLEY STREET, WALWORTH.

In his article on *Early Days at East Street* (ix. 366), Mr. Philcox said that frequently the church became the mother of another church. The Seventh Annual Letter of the Association of Baptist Churches in and about London, 1840 (not the present London Baptist Association) gives the following details of one such church:

"Horsley Street, Walworth, was formed March 13, 1833, by a secession from the church assembling in East Street, Walworth, on the decease of Mr. Richard Davis, the former pastor of that church. In 1834 the meeting-house was

enlarged, and vestries built. In 1836 a gallery was erected. There is connected with the Church a Sabbath School, an Auxiliary to the Baptist Mission, a Tract Distribution Society, and a Society for relieving the Sick Poor. There is a Library for the Sabbath School, and another for the use of the congregation. The pastors have been John Davis, now of Princes Risboro, Bucks, and R. G. Lemaire, the present pastor, who commenced his labours in July 1834." The church now worships in Arthur Street, Camberwell Gate, its property being leasehold expiring in 1950. Fuller details are given in Whitley's *The Baptists of London*, No. 128.

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DAN TAYLOR AND YORKSHIRE BAPTIST LIFE.

Mr. Beckwith sends the following addition to his article (ix., 300):

"From a manuscript note made by Rev. Alexander Gordon in his article on Dan Taylor in his own copy of the *Dictionary of National Biography* it is gathered that, according to a tombstone, Taylor was not born on December 21st, but on December 17th, 1738.

"Mr. Gordon had the distinction, all but unique, of having contributed to every volume of the *Dictionary*, and his biographies of nonconformist divines are particularly valuable. It is perhaps not so generally known to students of Baptist history as it deserves to be that the Unitarian College at Manchester possesses a set of the *Dictionary* which has been extensively "Grangerised" and annotated by Mr. Gordon. The College Library has a very valuable collection of nonconformist literature, which has been made all the more valuable in that, for example, the corrections noted by Mr. Gordon in his various reviews and researches have not only been collected together, but have been inserted by the present Principal (Dr. McLachlan) in the works themselves at the proper places. The Library is indeed a monument to the patient devotion of Dr. McLachlan. It may be added that properly accredited research students are admitted to work in the Library."