

## Editorial.

### NEW MEMBERS.

In 1940 the names of ten new members of the Baptist Historical Society were printed. The following have recently joined :

School of Religion Library, U.S.A.      Rev. C. E. Wilson, B.A.

Unfortunately we have to mourn the passing of five :

Mr. J. A. Attenborough.	Surgeon Rear-Admiral	Eric
Rev. A. W. Gummer Butt.	Pearce Gould, F.R.C.S.	
Mr. F. Gale.	Sir Adam Nimmo, K.B.E.	

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### SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The annual subscriptions for 1941 are now due, and the Treasurer, Mr. Allan H. Calder, 23, Brantwood Road, London, S.E.24, will be glad to receive them. Remittance form herewith.

We appreciate the many difficulties of war-time—reduced incomes, heavy taxation, increased cost of living. Nevertheless, we hope that all who can will continue their membership, as the Baptist Historical Society is entirely self-supporting. The Presbyterian Historical Society is voted £50 annually by the General Assembly, and the Unitarian Historical Society receives an annual grant of £5, but so far we have not needed denominational aid.

One or two members have transferred from honorary membership at one guinea to ordinary membership at ten shillings, and a few have intimated that they must withdraw for the period of the war. It would be a gracious act on the part of members who are prospering owing to circumstances out of their control if they would remit an additional amount, so that the *Baptist Quarterly* may be sent to the few who feel they must withdraw temporarily.

## BAPTIST QUARTERLY.

Letters appreciative of recent issues have been received from several members, including two from overseas. We hope to show our gratitude by maintaining the magazine throughout the war, despite the extreme difficulties of the times. Paper restrictions may cause a further reduction in the number of pages, and as an immediate economy we are temporarily abandoning the custom of commencing each article on a new page.

Some members, attracted by the illustrated articles of April and July, 1940, have expressed the hope that illustrations will appear frequently. We are sorry to disappoint, but that cannot be. Illustrations are expensive, and can be published only when they are of outstanding historical interest and not readily available elsewhere.

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## BAPTISTS AND OXFORD.

1940 saw important developments in connection with Regent's Park College. Professor A. J. D. Farrer, B.A. retired from the senior tutorship after forty years' faithful service. He did not court the limelight, but was content to plod along, giving ungrudging help to the College and successive generations of students. He has been succeeded by the Rev. Ernest A. Payne, B.A., B.D., B.Litt., who brings to his task a well-equipped mind and exceptionally valuable experience gained in the home ministry and on the headquarters staff of the B.M.S. Moreover, he has been secretary of the College throughout the important period which has seen the removal of the College from London to Oxford.

War's preoccupations have overshadowed much of the first importance, or there would have been public celebrations of the completion of the first section of the building scheme—the library, hall, lecture rooms, senior and junior common rooms, students' quarters. All who have seen the buildings have rejoiced in their quality, worthy both of Oxford and the world-wide Baptist Church. Generations to come will feel gratitude to Principal Wheeler Robinson and the College Council that, amid many difficulties, and despite luke-warmness in quarters from which hearty support might have been anticipated, they have gone forward undaunted in their God-given task.