

The Baptist Quarterly

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Baptist Historical Society.

Editorial.

THE editor deeply regrets that, owing to a variety of circumstances mainly arising out of war conditions, there has been considerable delay in the publication of this double number for January and April, 1942. It is hoped to publish another double number early in the Autumn for July and October. An endeavour will be made to resume the quarterly issues in January, but their size will depend on the paper situation, which does not grow easier.

One outcome of the delay has been to reveal the affection of the members of the Baptist Historical Society for the *Baptist Quarterly*, as enquiries have come from all parts of the country, and from one or two places abroad, asking when the next issue would be published. Some even expressed their dismay lest it had been needful to suspend publication for the period of the war. The editor thanks his correspondents; he takes the blame for the delay and hopes to do better.

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In 1941 the names of nine new members of the Baptist Historical Society were printed. The following have joined since our last issue :

Rev. Gwenyth Hubble, B.A., B.D.
Rev. S. W. Stanford, B.A.
Mr. A. E. Jones.
Mr. R. E. Pringle.

Subscriptions for 1942 are due and should be sent with the accompanying form to the Treasurer, Mr. Allan H. Calder, 90, Jermyn Street, London, S.W.1. The subscriptions are in four classes: Ordinary membership, ten shillings per annum; Honorary membership, one guinea per annum; Personal Life membership, one payment of ten guineas; Permanent membership for a Church, one payment of fifteen guineas.

DR. H. WHEELER ROBINSON. Dr. Wheeler Robinson's recently celebrated seventieth birthday gives us the opportunity of expressing the grateful regards and sincere good wishes of all the members of the Baptist Historical Society to one who has been our President for twenty years, and who in this and many other ways has rendered outstanding service both to the denomination and to the whole Christian Church. Of Dr. Robinson's service to Regent's Park College and to our ministry in general we hope to speak at a later date. Here we content ourselves with expressing the hope that he will be able, during many more years, to give us the benefit of his leadership and scholarship, and also our satisfaction that a fine oil-painting of him has now been hung on the walls of Regent's Park College, Oxford. Conditions at the present time are unfortunately unfavourable to the securing of portraits of this kind, and the College and the denomination are therefore the more to be congratulated that in this case the difficulties have been overcome. The painting, which has given great satisfaction to all those who have seen it, is the work of Mr. James Gunn, already known in Oxford for his portraits of Dr. Darwell Stone and Sir David Ross. A wider public is familiar with his "Conversation Piece: Belloc, Chesterton and Baring," which was in the Academy Exhibition of 1932, and with his portrait of Delius. The picture of Dr. Robinson shows him in his doctor's robes, standing at his desk in characteristic attitude. On the wall nearby there hang an architect's drawing of the new buildings of Regent's Park and a sketch of the five-pointed star, symbolic of the main points of Baptist witness, which Dr. Robinson himself designed for the Helwys Hall of the College. The painting has been photographed by Paul Laib, and we draw the attention of our readers to the fact that copies may be obtained, price 6s., post free, from the Rev. E. A. Payne, Regent's Park College, Oxford.

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THE REV. S. PEARCE CAREY. We understand (though it is not very easy to credit it) that our esteemed friend and occasional contributor, the Rev. S. Pearce Carey, M.A., has recently celebrated his eightieth birthday. We offer him our warm congratulations and good wishes, our almost envious good wishes, for advancing years seem to have made no difference to his enthusiasm and energy. We honour him for the name he bears, but also for his own sake. His contributions to Baptist history have made the whole Christian Church his debtor. The great life of William Carey has probably been more widely read than any contemporary work by a Baptist author, and it is a happy coincidence that in these very months so many will be re-reading

it. The biography of his other great-grandfather, Samuel Pearce, is also a glowing book which will continue for many years to kindle the hearts of its readers. Nor should *Dawn on the Kond Hills* and the more recent *Story of the Stockton Baptists* be forgotten. But Mr. Pearce Carey has also given us in *Jesus and Judas* and in *Jesus*, richly suggestive New Testament studies. Of his fruitful pastoral service in this country, in Australia and in India this is not the place to speak at length. His has indeed been a full and useful life, and he has won the regard and affection of us all. Many passages from his own beloved Browning come to mind in thinking about Mr. Carey. We do not think we are far wrong in suggesting that he would say to us with the poet :

Have you found your life distasteful?
 My life did, and does, smack sweet.
 Was your youth of pleasure wasteful?
 Mine I saved and hold complete.
 Do your joys with age diminish?
 When mine fail me, I'll complain.
 Must in death your daylight finish?
 My sun sets to rise again.

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PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN. A few years ago the Revs. B. Grey Griffith and C. E. Wilson were colleagues at the Mission House, as Home and Foreign Secretaries of the B.M.S. It is therefore peculiarly appropriate that in this Ter-Jubilee year they should fill the highest offices in the gift of the denomination, Mr. Griffith as President of the Baptist Union, and Mr. Wilson as Chairman of the B.M.S. Each will have a heavy programme of visits to churches and associations, but each will bring to his task a mind thoroughly equipped and richly stored with missionary knowledge. The sturdy evangelical appeal that is behind all missionary endeavour will be in the forefront of their messages—to the great enrichment of ministers and people. Our heartiest greetings and good wishes to these honoured brethren.