

Editorial Notes

THE Annual Meeting of the Baptist Historical Society will be held at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 27th April, in the Lounge at Bloomsbury Central Church, when it is hoped that members and friends will attend in good numbers. Following a short business meeting an address will be given by Mr. J. M. Ross, M.A., on "The Theology of Baptism in Baptist History." A distinguished Civil Servant, Mr. Ross is one of the best known laymen in the Presbyterian Church, and many will recall the outstanding address he delivered two or three years ago at the Free Church Congress. It is hoped to arrange for tea to be served and those who intend being present will help by notifying the Secretary well beforehand.

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In the hope that it may stimulate someone to embark on the field of study referred to, we reproduce the following paragraph from the essay "Nonconformist Architecture" by Mr. John Betjeman in his book *First and Last Loves* (John Murray, 1952): "The Baptists roused themselves in the late eighteenth century when they started their great missionary effort. The General Baptists (not to be confused with the Strict and Particular Baptists, who are small and Calvinistic) are the largest body of Nonconformists in the world and their largest following is in America. In England the Baptists made their greatest progress in the 1860's, when Spurgeon was one of the most famous men in England. They increased three-fold. Their new churches had some of the traditionalism of the Congregationals. They usually built large classic conventicles of which that at Newington Butts was, as it were, the cathedral. Their architecture has never been sufficiently studied and it would be a good thing if the Baptist Historical Society were to produce a record of their chapels as thorough as that produced by the Unitarians." Have we a member or group of members prepared to undertake such a task?

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In No. 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland possesses headquarters which are well-sited and not without historical associations. If most of its office accommodation is utilitarian enough, the Council Chamber is said to be the envy of other denominations. In the days when

Dr. S. H. Booth was Secretary two rooms in the old Mission House in Furnival Street sufficed the Baptist Union. But with the advent of John Howard Shakespeare into the Secretaryship came many far-reaching changes, and one result of his successful raising of the Twentieth Century Fund was the Church House. Since then the business transacted by the Union has enormously grown in volume and complexity. As the denomination this year observes the jubilee of the Church House it will certainly feel thankful for Shakespeare's enterprise and foresight and, no doubt, wonder what further changes the next fifty years will bring.

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Dr. Samuel Pearce Carey, who died at Dawlish on 10th February at the age of 90, bore, and added fresh lustre to, an honoured name. He was the second son of Rev. J. P. Carey, and his grandfather was Jonathan, the youngest of the sons of William Carey. His grandmother was the daughter of Samuel Pearce, who played so notable a part in the founding of the Baptist Missionary Society. Trained at Regent's Park College, which he entered in 1880, Dr. Pearce Carey held pastorates at Burnley, Wolverhampton, Loughborough, Melbourne (Australia), Stockton-on-Tees, Portsmouth and in the Isle of Wight with, appropriately, two years at Lower Circular Road, Calcutta. In Melbourne he became chairman of a Government Wages Board. In various ways he greatly helped the B.M.S. and in 1949 had the joy of presenting on its behalf the Carey lectern to the authorities of Westminster Abbey. Among his publications were a brief account of Stockton Baptists, a series of New Testament studies, the life-story of Samuel Pearce and the great biography of William Carey which first appeared in 1923. Of diminutive stature, Dr. Carey was a man of wide sympathies and generous heart who won the affection and admiration of a host of friends in many parts of the world.

Mennonite Quarterly Review, Jan. 1953, includes "The Zwickau Prophets, Thomas Müntzer, and the Anabaptists" by H. S. Bender, "The First Anabaptist Congregation: Zollikon, 1525" by F. Blanke and "Recent Tirolese Anabaptist Research" by P. Peachey.

Scottish Journal of Theology, March 1953, includes articles on the Servant of the Lord and Son of Man, Chiliasm, Missionary Vocation, Lund 1952, Marriage, Sacraments and on the Miracle of the Loaves.