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## Editorial

A NUMBER of our readers have told us of their pleasure concerning the July issue which was published in honour of Dr. E. A. Payne. A specially bound copy was presented to him on July 24th at Baptist Church House. Several members of the committee were present to represent the society and were joined by some of the Church House staff. Short speeches were made by the society's secretary and editor. In his reply Dr. Payne spoke of the way in which history had become one of the great interests of his life and told of the pleasure he had gained through his ties with the society.

With the commencement of Dr. D. S. Russell's work as General Secretary there begins another chapter in the history of the Baptist Union. We are glad to mark the occasion by publishing in this issue his article on recent studies in the intertestamental period in Biblical history. In fairness to Dr. Russell it should be said that he prepared this, at our request, nearly a year ago and it is possible that works have since been published of which he would have taken note. Nevertheless, it still stands as a most valuable survey which will be appreciated in its own right. On behalf of the society we seize the opportunity to assure Dr. Russell of our warmest good wishes, to pledge him our support and to express our hope that, in spite of the demands of his present office, there will be further contributions from him in this journal.