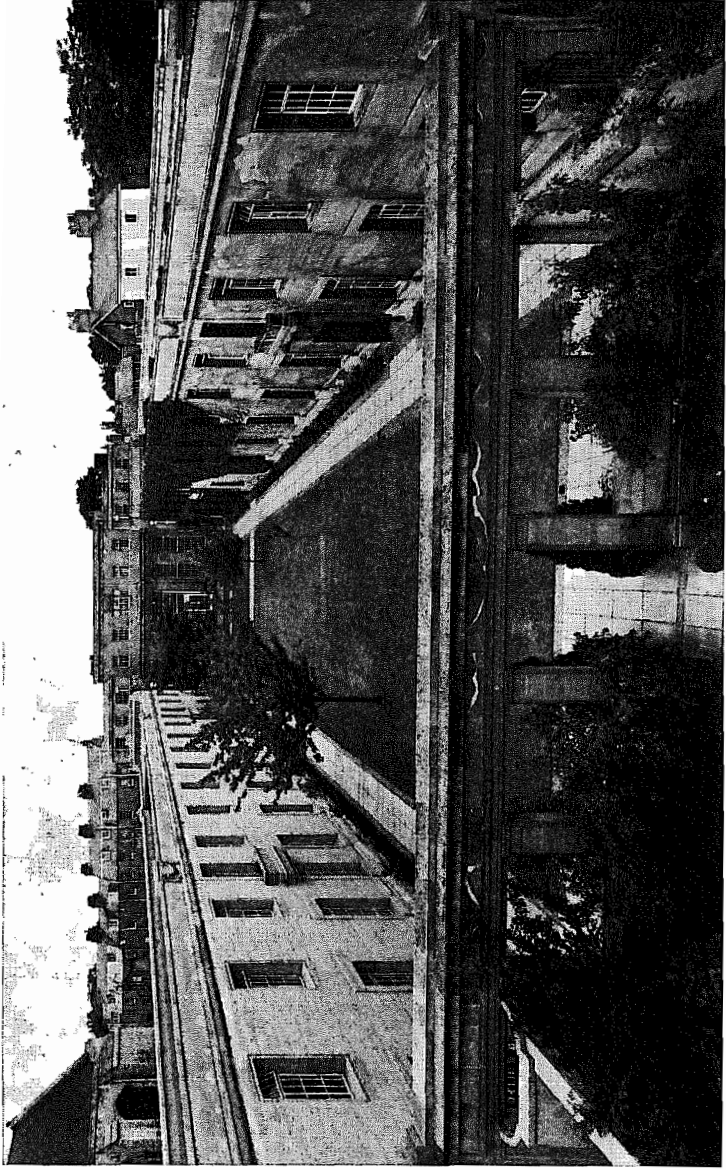




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Preface

THE COUNCIL of Regent's Park College is greatly indebted to the editor of *The Baptist Quarterly*, the Rev. G. W. Rusling, and to the officers of the Baptist Historical Society for their willingness to devote this current number to a Memorial of Henry Wheeler Robinson, ninth President of the College and author and organiser of its removal to Oxford.

Dr. Wheeler Robinson was born on the 7 February 1872, and the Council honoured the centenary by a lecture at the College on the great Principal, followed by a Luncheon, and by this series of essays written by his students and his friends in his honour.

After this Preface and my own reminiscences, Mr. Donald T. Forbes M.A., (Edinb.) a retired Headmaster, and an Honorary Deacon in Pitlochry Baptist Church, writes of Dr. Robinson's days at Pitlochry. Mr. Forbes, in company with Rev. Watson Moyes, his minister, searched through the files of *The Perthshire Journal*, "and we were rewarded by finding many references to his ministry and work in the community. These falsified ideas I had, shall we say, 'inherited'. He was not the recluse I had imagined, but a man who took an active part in the village affairs." Mr. Forbes refers to a lecture at Fincastle Hall, owned by the Barbours, and suggests that they may have been "hosts to the Robinsons on many occasions." One of the Barbours named Alexander Whyte of St. George's, and Mr. Forbes wonders if the two men ever met at Fincastle Hall. We are indebted to Mr. Forbes for a very interesting and original contribution.

The other contributors call for little comment, as the writers are well known and their themes representative. Mr. Child's contribution was, I believe, the very last thing he wrote, finishing it only a few days before his death. Professor Polley is a Professor of Religion at Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina, and spent a year in Regent's about 1963. He devoted his sabbatical year to research on Dr. Wheeler Robinson, and his essay is one of the examples of his work on this theme. The essay by Professor Porteous is the lecture he gave on February 8, 1972 at the College.

Those of us who remember Dr. Wheeler Robinson are ever becoming fewer in number, but all who do remember him will join with the contributors in this act of *pietas* and thanksgiving.

G. HENTON DAVIES.