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## Essay Competition

IN THE April 1970 issue of *The Baptist Quarterly* the Committee of the Society announced an essay competition, open to all members, in any aspect of English Baptist history before 1918. Essays were to be received by 31st December, 1971.

Mr. David Bebbington's essay on *The Rev. Baptist Wriothesley Noel* has been adjudged the best of those entered, and the prize of £30 has, therefore, been awarded to Mr. Bebbington, to whom we offer also our congratulations. However, two other essays received were of such a standard that they were adjudged *proxime accessit* and the Committee agreed to the examiners' recommendation that the authors, the Rev. David Milner and Dr. K. R. Short, M.A., should each receive £5. Their essays were on *J. P. Chown* and *The Jamaica Baptist Mission* respectively. In addition, the Rev. A. Betteridge, M.A., submitted a piece of research on *Early Baptist Work in Leicestershire and Rutland* which was highly commended.

We are grateful to all who submitted entries to the competition. It has stimulated the study of Baptist history and provided members with an opportunity to set down the results of their research. It is an exercise we shall hope to repeat some time in the future. Meanwhile all essays have been passed to the Editor, and we hope to see some of them in our journal in due time. Mr. Bebbington's is included in the present issue.

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