

ciation", *Trans. B.H.S.*, VI (1918-19), p. 46.

²³ *Ibid.*, p. 47.

²⁴ James Taylor (1774-1845), nephew of Dan Taylor. Quoted in J. H. Wood, *A Condensed History of the General Baptists of the New Connexion* (1847), p. 178.

²⁵ *Memoirs*, pp. 102-3.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 116.

²⁷ In the Minutes of the monthly Conference held by the ministers and officers of the Baptist churches in Leicestershire, which formed the nucleus of the New Connexion, there is a perplexing entry under 9th Oct., 1781: "Mr. Stanger from Moulton attended Conference and desires to join in our Connection. Advised to be taken into consideration" (*Trans. B.H.S.*, V (1916-17), p. 121). If this was John Stanger he had perhaps been back in Moulton because of his mother's death, and was concerned about the future of the church there. But the reference may be to some other member of the family.

²⁸ *Memoirs*, p. 117.

²⁹ This letter was preserved by one of Stanger's grandsons and was printed in full in the *Baptist Reporter*, July 1844, and again in John Taylor's *Biographical and Literary Notices of William Carey, D.D.* (1886), pp. 79-81.

³⁰ Quoted by S. Pearce Carey, *William Carey* (1934 edn.), p. 51.

³¹ *Baptist Annual Register*, I (1790-3), pp. 51-2.

³² *Ibid.*, II (1794-7), p. 33.

³³ See F. W. Butt-Thompson, "William Vidler", *Baptist Quarterly*, XVII (1957-8), p. 6.

³⁴ *I Thessalonians 2*, vv. 1-3.

³⁵ *Baptist Annual Register*, II (1794-7), p. 494.

³⁶ *Memoirs*, p. 125. Stanger was again the "scribe" when the Association met in Ashford in June 1801 and preached from Philippians 1, v. 27 (*Baptist Annual Register*, IV (1801-2), pp. 811-12).

³⁷ John Rogers, of Walworth, was ordained there 29th July, 1802. Stanger "asked the usual questions", his son, described as "itinerant for West Kent", gave out the hymns and Dr. Jenkins (Walworth), Mr. Upton (London) and Mr. Knott (Chatham) shared in the service.

³⁸ *Memoirs*, p. 126.

³⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 168.

⁴⁰ See E. A. Payne, *The Baptist Union: a short history* (1959), ch. 1.

⁴¹ *Memoirs*, p. 133.

⁴² *Ibid.*, p. 139.

⁴³ *Ibid.*, p. 157.

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WEST MIDLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

(Records in the Association Office, 12 Cherry Street, Birmingham)
 "Midland Association": assembly minutes 1850-84; committee minutes 1855-93.

Gloucestershire Association of Baptist Churches minutes 1849-68, 1870-85.

Shropshire Baptist Association minutes 1830-1912.

Warwickshire General Baptist Conference minutes 1844-88.

West Midland Baptist Association: annual meetings 1912-13; general committee and assemblies minutes 1894-1943; executive minutes 1935-43; finance sub-committee 1897-1916; other sub-committees 1897-1923, 1930- ; Forward Movement minutes from 1936; War

- emergency committee minutes 1940-4; extension fund grants committee minutes 1906-30; Birmingham district committee minutes 1900-25; women's work committee 1942-59; B.M.S. Birmingham Auxiliary minutes 1947-63.
- Baptist Union: general purposes committee minutes 1876-89; visit to Birmingham, 1939; scrap book of assemblies in Birmingham, 1876, 1889, 1902, 1920.
- Birmingham and District Baptist Ministers' Fraternal minutes 1920-38.
- Birmingham and West Midlands building fund minutes 1861-1966.
- Birmingham district, Bearwood sub-committee minutes 1904-30.
- Birmingham Baptist Forward Movement minutes 1925-61.
- Lay preachers' committee, record of lectures 1924-5.
- Spiritual welfare committee minutes 1912-24.
- Sewing Circle (Group B) minutes 1921-65.
- Women's Missionary Association general committee (Birmingham Auxiliary) minutes 1939-67.
- Deeds relating to: Luke Milner Trust; Wellington Baptist Church; Cradley Heath British School.
- Trust papers relating to: Circus Chapel Trust; Warwick Baptist Trust 1681-1848; Nuneaton Trust; W.M.B. declaration concerning Radford Semele.
- Aston-on-Clun.* Church meeting minutes 1929-64.
- Aston Manor.* Church meeting minutes 1909-11; sub-committee (W.M.B.A.) 1911-17.
- Birmingham*
- Highgate Park.* Church meeting minutes 1893-1906, 1915-33; deacons' meeting minutes 1906-34.
- Lodge Road.* Church meeting minutes 1860-9, 1905-54; deacons' meeting minutes 1888-97, 1903-34; Sunday School minutes 1861-1903; financial records 1885-92.
- Lombard Street.* Names of members with dates of admission 1817-1931; deeds.
- Temperance Hall Chapel.* Minutes 1858-9.
- Wycliffe.* Church meeting minutes 1936-58; deacons' meeting minutes 1872-85, 1893-1903, 1926-51; account book and sundry papers.
- Broseley.* Church register 1749.
- Monks Kirby and Pailton.* Church meeting minutes 1817-1939.
- Oakengates.* Treasurers' books 1915-45.
- Smethwick.* Central Baptist Mission minutes 1893-1956.
- Warton.* Minutes and papers.
- West Bromwich.* Church meeting minutes 1873-1918; deacons' meeting minutes 1871-97.
- Whitchurch.* Church meeting minutes 1848-1939; deacons' meeting minutes 1909-38; church book containing record of members and baptisms 1800-40.
- A collection of Baptist histories and souvenir brochures is also housed in the Association Office.