Notes and News

From time to time, the Baptist Quarterly has contained summary lists of church records, a practice which we hope may be continued. The summaries are intended to serve two purposes: first, to assist the historian to locate the records for which he is looking, or to bring them to his attention, and, secondly, to remind our readers of the importance of preserving church records. It will be noticed that a number of churches have deposited their older, or non-current, records in the local county record office. In the Editor's view, such deposits are most commendable. They ensure that the records will be fully listed and cared for. Not only can the historian then find and consult the records he needs but he can do so without troubling the church authorities. Furthermore, records deposited in a county record office will not stray and if they are in poor physical condition they will be repaired. It is much to be hoped that churches which have not yet taken this precaution will carefully consider the advantages of doing so.

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About forty members attended the BHS Summer School at Keswick Hall, Norwich, 13 - 16 July 1978. Papers were read by Charles Jewson on Joseph Kinghorn and the communion debate; Raymond Brown on discipline in Cambridgeshire churches; Deryck Lovegrove on Particular Baptist itinerant preachers; Faith Bowers on the Benhams of Bloomsbury; E. F. Clipsham on Walter Rauschenbusch; and the President on the efforts of the peacemakers before 1914. The Guest Lecturer, Dr. David M. Thompson of Cambridge, spoke on the early relationships of the Churches of Christ and Baptists. Friday afternoon was spent exploring Norwich, and on Saturday there was a coach trip to several old Norfolk chapels, culminating in tea on Mr. Jewson's lawn. After this Bessie Sellwood showed some of her slides of early meeting houses. There was also a discussion on the authority and value of history. A composite session comprised short contributions from J. K. Zeman on Baptists of Canada, Roger Hayden on Baptists in recent biography, and Brian Bowers on changing attitudes to church finance. As this school, unlike previous ones, did not have access to a Baptist College library, members were asked to bring books and documents to share, and these proved an interesting collection. On Sunday morning the members swelled the congregation at Carleton Rode Baptist Church, where Douglas Sparkes led worship. Those present all enjoyed the Summer School and were grateful to Thornton Elwyn and Charles Jewson, who were chiefly responsible for the arrangements.
10 Minutes of the Christian Organization Committee in the Lothian MS., Scottish Record Office, Edinburgh.
11 In an address to the National Free Church Council in 1924 cited in Jordan, Free Church Unity, p. 181.
17 A. Monod to D. Buxton, 10th December, 1937 (in author's possession).
22 M. E. Aubrey to D. Buxton, 5th April, 1937 (in author's possession).
23 M. E. Aubrey to D. Buxton, 23rd April, 1937 (in author's possession).
26 A. K. Lloyd to D. Buxton, 18th November, 1938 (in author's possession).
27 M. E. Aubrey to D. Buxton, 13th June, 1938 (in author's possession).
28 Reconciliation, January 1937.
29 Reconciliation, June 1937, “Baptist Union and War”.
30 Reconciliation, January 1939.
32 Cabinet Minutes, 25th September, 1938.

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BROOMHAUGH BAPTIST BURIAL GROUND

The burial ground at Broomhaugh in the parish of Bywell, St. Andrew, Northumberland, lies behind the Methodist (formerly Baptist) chapel in the centre of the village. Mr. D. Mason has transcribed the surviving memorial inscriptions and a copy of his list may be seen at the Library of the Baptist Union. The inscriptions range in date from 1752 to 1966 and record the deaths of over 80 persons with one or other of the following surnames: Angus, Batey, Chaundy, Carthorn, Horwood, Hutchinson, Johnson, Marshall, McLean, Slater, Smith, Usher, Wood.