

Dr. Ernest Payne

The death of the Reverend Ernest Alexander Payne, C.H., D.D., President of the Baptist Historical Society, occurred on 14th January 1980, just as this issue of the *Baptist Quarterly* was going to press. At this stage, it is not possible to do more than record the most profound sense of loss which the Baptist Historical Society shares with the denomination and with so many in the wider Church. Readers will naturally expect this journal, as soon as practicable, to attempt an appropriate record of his unique place in our regard, and to pay tribute to his outstanding work as scholar and servant of the Church. This is being given every consideration by the Committee of the Society.