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### Outwood Chapel 1834-1979

A small notebook, 7" by 4", concerning the origin of this chapel building on Outwood Common, in the parish of Bristow, Surrey, has recently been deposited in the Baptist Union Library.

On the oil-cloth cover the book is noted as the property of Mr George Brewer, Lower Road, Meadhill, Redhill. The first entry tells of a meeting at Dorman's Land, 12 May 1834, to discuss the decision to build.

In July 1839 George Chapman, of Dorman's Land, writes a commendation of the Outwood congregation urging the support of the neighbouring churches so that the £151 remaining debt can be extinguished.

The next entry is dated December 4th 1847 and signed by John Westcott. The Church had 100 members at this time. The Trustees, meeting on November 24th 1847, had decided to enlarge the chapel. There follows a list of subscribers, some for large sums, like Robert Skinner, who gave £5; most people gave between 2s 6d and 10s. Some members gave materials or help with the building. Mr Sharp provided carriage for the bricks; Mr Charlwood gave one load of stone. The cost of the works is noted in some detail. The timber, excluding oak beams, cost £27; the slates £8 8s; and the bricks £13 7s 8d.

The last service was held in the chapel, and the building sold in 1979. There was a small burial yard near the chapel, but no records of this are yet to hand.

### Baptist Union Handbooks

A number of back copies of the Baptist Union Handbook are at present being held in the basement at Baptist Church House. Any member of the Baptist Historical Society who is trying to make a collection of the Handbook/Directory would be welcome to copies. Enquiries should be made to: The Rev. G. W. Rusling, Department of Ministry, Baptist Church House, 4 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4AB.

A precise list of copies is not available, but Mr Rusling will answer specific queries. Cost of post and packaging will of course have to be met by the recipients.

eties of Gospel material. Biblical apocalyptic also has an inalienable hold on reality, never degenerates into phantasmagoria, is tied fast to universal history, signals renewal and restoration rather than final destruction and catastrophe. I confess I would have looked for some more explicit recognition that biblical apocalyptic does not always avoid the danger of what I would describe as eschatological overload, with a consequent blowing of fuses. But the main point is cogently argued, and surely stands.

Wilder's third thread seems to be his doughty recognition of the social and cultural dimensions and rooting of the biblical language modes. It is this characteristically American insight that distances him from the European preoccupation with the Word as "address" directed at the will and from the secular literary tendencies to insulate and isolate language from its full contextual range and depth. Indeed, apocalyptic and other language genres are not abstract, timeless types that float across the centuries.

A wise book, this, from a wise man. If theology awaits a "rebirth of images", then preaching awaits a rebirth of language. And, in the end, the two are one.

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C. H. Spurgeon was born in 1834. To mark his Ter-Jubilee the Society intends to hold a short summer school at Histon Baptist Church, Cambridge, in early September 1984. Further details will be given in the next issue.

A full Summer School is planned for 1985.

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### The Archives of the Devonshire Square Particular Baptist Church and of its Amalgamated Churches

The Minister of the Devonshire Square Church deposited these archives in the Guildhall Library, Aldermanbury, London EC2P 2EJ, in November 1982. They have been catalogued (Mss.20,228-49) and are freely available for consultation by researchers between 9.30 a.m. and 4.45 p.m., Monday to Saturday.

The Devonshire Square Church, originally in the City of London but since 1871 in Stoke Newington, London N16, is among the oldest and most notable of Baptist congregations and its archive is of great interest. It includes church meeting minutes in almost unbroken sequence from 1664, Deacons' meeting minutes from 1885, various registers of members between 1664 and 1891, accounts 1687-1934, and a minute book relating to the removal from the City of London in 1870-72. With it are the archives of amalgamated churches: minutes and membership lists of the meeting successively at Petty France, Artillery Lane, Walbrook and Turner's Hall, between 1675 and 1727, when it came to Devonshire