GERMAN BAPTIST HISTORY

In our last issue, mention was made in the editorial of the desirability of greater awareness of continental Baptist history, and of the need for more contacts between British Baptist historians and those across the North Sea. Mr F. M. W. Harrison reports that for the past few years he has been engaged in the study and translation of a number of works of recent German Baptist historiography. He has translated Günter Bladers's *Theurer Bruder Oncken* (a new, illustrated life of Johann Gerhard Oncken, the founder of the German Baptists) and *Dem Herr Vertrauen*, the largely autobiographical account of Eduard Scheve, one of the second generation Baptist leaders who was mainly responsible for founding the Cameroons Mission and the German Baptist deaconness movement. Copies of these translations have been placed with the Baptist Union Library (now of course being transferred to Regent's Park College, Oxford), and Mr Harrison has of course retained copies himself. He wishes that these translations should be available for use by researchers.

Mr Harrison is also working on Wiard Popkes's *Gemeinde, Raum des Vertrauens* and the book published on the 150th anniversary of the German Baptists last year *Ein Herr, Ein Glaube, Eine Taufe* which is particularly significant in its treatment of the German Baptists during the Hitler period.

Any enquiries relating to these works may be addressed to Mr F. M. W. Harrison, M.Phil., B.D., 20 Valley Drive, Newthorpe, Notts, NG16 2DT.

QUARTERLY PRODUCTION

This issue is the first to be produced using the Society's new IBM electronic typewriter. The Committee has known that members have been unhappy with the recent mode of production, and hopes the new format will prove more acceptable.

Since preparing this issue, a diskette module has been added, which gives word-processing facility with unlimited memory. This should eliminate the occasionally noticeable corrections still apparent here. It will also facilitate 'in house' preparation of other publications.

The Committee decided in faith that it was right to purchase really good equipment, which has cost over £2000. Readers will appreciate that this is a considerable investment for a Society of five hundred members. In the long term it will help to contain the cost of the Society's publications. Members who welcome the change may wish to send a thankoffering to the Treasurer, Revd T. S. H. Elwyn, 148 Greenvale Road, Eltham, SE9 1PQ.