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In this issue we look out to the world beyond our shores. The main focus is on the United States and the role of Baptists in the life of that country, looking back at the way church and state have developed there, and coming right up to date with Professor Pierard's final revisions bringing us into the Clinton presidency. British Baptists should know what is happening to their brothers and sisters overseas, and this issue is a modest contribution towards that end.

This year's unusual Annual Meeting at Elstow was well attended. Dr Brown's address will appear in the *Quarterly* in due course, although recently material has been flowing in to the editor so well that we can only apologize that page limitations necessitate some delay in publishing. The editor has this time foregone his usual editorial in favour of other reviews. Members should not, however, be discouraged from offering the fruits of their research to the editor. Remember too that short items can now be sent to the Secretary for the newsletter.

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