

are weakened by false and inaccurate thinking upon the vital elements of spiritual life.'

Henry Wheeler Robinson, as President of the Society, wrote the first editorial, appealing 'to all those who cherish Baptist convictions, and are prepared to love the past for the sake of the present, as well as to those who love the past for its own sake'. He claimed that Baptist history witnessed many common themes from the seventeenth century to the present day: 'the same devotion to evangelical truth, loyalty to the Scriptures, passion for religious and social liberty, which we like to think are ours still'. Three-quarters of a century later, the present editors echo his sentiments and believe that these underlie the ongoing success of the journal.

SOCIETY NEWS

We congratulate both the present editor and his predecessor on recent academic honours. John Briggs has been made an Honorary Professor in the School of History, Birmingham University, as he moves to become Principal of West Hill College of Higher Education. Keith Clements, now Secretary of the Council of European Churches, has been awarded an Honorary PhD for his published work by the University of Bristol.

For the new addresses of Professor Briggs and the Society's Secretary, the Revd Stephen Copson, see the inside front cover of this issue.

We are always glad to note members' academic achievements. Frank W. Rinaldi has just been awarded the PhD degree of Glasgow University for a dissertation entitled 'The Tribe of Dan. The New Connexion of General Baptists 1770-1891: A Study in the Transition from Revival Movement to Established Denomination'.

ANY ANSWERS?

The Secretary receives many enquiries relating to Baptist history. He would welcome any help readers may be able to give in relation to two of these. If you can assist, please contact the Revd Stephen Copson (address inside front cover).

1. Revd William Hughes and the African Training Institute in Colwyn Bay, 1889-1912. Does anyone have information on the whereabouts of the Institute's records?
2. Moses Richter, born in Chernovtsy in Romania between 1900 and 1910, was a Baptist Christian missionary to Jews in Bukovina. He was in England 1937-8. Any information about his subsequent life in England would be of interest.

- 20 *BQ* 34, 1991-2, p.80. 'London' takes the temperature of the denomination in the metropolis at several dates: 1641, 1691, 1741, 1841, and does not go much beyond the formation of the London Baptist Association in 1865. The lists of churches, ministers and sites of previous buildings at the end of the book are still valuable.
- 21 *Baptists of Yorkshire and the North West*, 1913, p.137.
- 22 *BQ* 23, 1969-70, p.212.
- 23 *BQ* 28, 1979-80, p.146f.
- 24 *History of British Baptists*, 1932 edition, p.214; *Calvinism and Evangelicalism in England*, 1933, p.33f; *The Doctrine of Grace*, 1932, p.170.
- 25 *BQ* 22, 1967-8, p.390.
- 26 *History of British Baptists*, 1923 edn., pp.324-5.
- 27 *Baptists of the North West*, p.284.
- 28 Instances of this would be his confusion of Normanton-on-Stour with Normanton le Heath (*BQ* 25, 1973-4, p.377), of Abraham with Timothy Ransome (*BQ* 12, 1967-8, p.175), and his omission of the Bedmond Road General Baptist Church from his London history.
- 29 B. R. White in *Journal of Theological Studies*, NS 19, 1968, pp.570f.
- 30 *BQ* 26, 1975-6, p.151; B. R. White, *English Baptists of the Seventeenth Century*, p.66.
- 31 *Transactions of the Baptist Historical Society*, 1, 1908-9, p.219f.
- 32 *ibid.*, 6, 1918-9, pp.50-9.
- 33 *ibid.*, 2, 1910-11, pp.255f.
- 34 *History of British Baptists*, 1923 edn, pp.201, 178.
- 35 *Baptist Bibliography I*, 1916, p.218.
- 36 *History of British Baptists*, p.215. Stephen Copson, however, believes that Baptist difficulties after 1689 were more likely due to lack of resources, both financial and administrative (*English Baptist Records*, 3, *Northern England*, 1991, pp.6-9).
- 37 *Transactions* 4, 1914-5, pp.129-44.
- 38 *ibid.*, 2, 1910-11, p.95f.
- 39 *History of British Baptists*, 1932 edn, p.viii.
- 40 *Missionary Achievement*, 1908, pp.21, 52, 69, 101, 154, 181.
- 41 *ibid.*, pp.141, 145, 154, 198-9, 227-9. See also *History of British Baptists*, 1932 edn., p.80.
- 42 *Missionary Achievement*, p.173.
- 43 Christianity, Whitley believed, had one supreme advantage over all its rivals: it had a message for women. *ibid.*, pp.40, 94, 142.
- 44 *ibid.*, pp.51, 87, 216. 'Studies' describes the missionary as a 'passing phenomenon'.
- 45 *Missionary Achievement*, pp.105, 188. There is in this book a marked anti-Germanism, directed both against German Higher Criticism, 'conducted in a spirit which has nothing Christian about it', and against the Kaiser's patronizing the Islamic world.
- 46 ed. K.W. Clements, *Baptists in the Twentieth Century*, 1983, p.56.
- 47 *History of British Baptists*, p.214.
- 48 Whitley's correspondence on this and other matters has never been properly sorted and indexed but is to be found in the Angus Archivist's Room, Box II 390/391.
- 49 *BQ* 6, 1932-33, pp.370f; 7, 1934-35, pp.227f.
- 50 *BQ* 10, 1940-41, p.369f.

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CUMULATIVE INDEXES

Cumulative Indexes to Volumes XXI-XXXI and to Volumes XXXII-XXXVI will be available from mid August on disc in ASCII format. These will cost £10-00 each and may be obtained from the Treasurer, Revd T.S.H. Elwyn, 28 Dowthorpe Hill, Earls Barton, Northampton, NN6 0PB.

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THOMPSON LISTS Dr D.L. Wykes of the Department of History, University of Leicester, Leicester LE1 7RH, tel: 0116 252 2802, is preparing an introduction to the Thompson List for a microfilm edition to be published by Dr Williams's Library. This is taking some time to produce because there are so many versions of the List. Dr Williams's has four, the British Library another, and Bristol Baptist College yet another. He has so far failed to locate the copy which was at the Bunyan Meeting, Bedford, in the late 1940s. He would welcome any information on the location of Thompson manuscripts and details about Thompson himself.

Obituaries etc of Dissenting Ministers in the *Gentleman's Magazine* in the Eighteenth Century

Alan Ruston, Editor of the *Transactions of the Unitarian Historical Society*, describes his latest publication, a side-product of an earlier book, as 'not a major piece of research but could prove useful to historians of the Three Denominations in the eighteenth century'. Most entries are for Presbyterians but the Baptists are second in numbers, especially the ministers of the Maze Pond Church, with Independents well behind. In terms of social standing the Baptists were not really in the purview of the editor of the élitist and Anglican *Gentleman's Magazine*, so it is surprising how many Baptist ministers appear. Copies may be obtained from Alan Ruston, 41 Hampermill Lane, Oxhey, Watford, Herts WD1 4NS, phone and fax 01923 232110, price £2-85 inclusive.