

Report for 1914.

THE seventh year of the Society's work has shown steady progress. It is pleasant to find that churches and individuals in quest of light on the past, are turning without hesitation to claim the help which the Society is increasingly able to afford. One western church, whose story was somewhat of an enigma to itself, placed its documents at our disposal, and when the skein had been unravelled, held a special meeting to hear the result, forwarding a resolution of thanks: the result is published in our April number. Co-operation of this kind, the Society is always glad to enter upon.

A list has been made of the Stuart State Papers which have to do with Baptists, and it is hoped that these may be published at intervals in the Transactions. The printing of the works of John Smyth has been delayed by the war, but it is hoped that the two volumes will be issued together before Christmas, from the Cambridge University Press.

Your committee has negotiated with the Congregational Historical Society for an interchange of Transactions to all subscribers; and a special resolution will be submitted to you on that point.

A large gift of books from the library of the late Evan Edwards of Torquay has been very welcome, and as others have come from Mr. Chadwick, it has become necessary to acquire a large case in which to store similar gifts. Members are reminded that these are available for research. Our file of Baptist Magazines still lacks bound volumes between 1866 and 1884. Sets of Association circular letters are also desirable, and other official reports which have lost

their living interest, but which are invaluable for historical purposes.

On behalf of the Committee,

G. P. GOULD, *President*,

W. T. WHITLEY, *Hon. Secretary*.

Treasurer's Account, 1914.

To	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1913	9	10	6
Subscriptions and Donations	105	12	0
Sales through the Trade	2	2	0
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	£117	4	6

By	£	s.	d.
<i>Transactions</i> —Printing and Publishing—			
Vol. IV, parts 1 and 2	34	9	3
Charges on special volume for 1913	8	10	0
Book-cases for Society's Library	8	0	0
Research expenses, works of reference, &c.	5	19	0
Advertising, circulars, stationery, and stamps	2	14	6
Bank charges	1	3	7
Balance forward	56	8	2
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	£117	4	6

Signed, J. W. THIRTLE, *Hon. Treasurer*.

Audited and found correct,

HAROLD KNOTT, *Hon. Auditor*.

March 16th, 1915.