

119. Thus the impulse was given which led to the founding in the same year of the Society for the Relief of Aged and Infirm Protestant Dissenting Ministers, with Gurney, Gutteridge, Hughes, and Newman on the committee.

120. On 25 December, W. Belsher late of Worcester was ordained over this church of Burton Street, which had been formed on 17 September 1817 by the dismission of 31 members from Keppel Street. Shenston blundered in making up the list of 1820; some corrector has put it right, and inserted here the Christian name.

121. A blank page follows, then the new rules in the handwriting of new secretary A, annotated and altered by C. New secretary B wrote half the minutes on April 25 and kept on till September, after which neither entered anything for 26 months, when A began again. A study of many phenomena suggests that A is Pritchard, B is W. Shenston, C is J. B. Shenston.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR 1917.

	£	s.	d.
Credit balance from 1916	11	3	3
Annual Subscriptions	86	10	0
Sales of Smyth's Works	19	15	2
Total receipts ...	<u>£117</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>
Printing and Publishing <i>Transactions</i> , Vol. V., Parts 2 and 3	65	8	8
<i>Bibliography</i> , part purchase money	25	0	0
Part Repayment of Loan	21	0	0
Printing, Stationery, Stamps, &c.	1	18	9
Balance in hand, 31st December	4	1	0
Total ...	<u>£117</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>
LIABILITIES.			
On <i>Bibliography</i> Vol. I.	23	16	8
Balance of Loan	29	0	0
Total due ...	<u>£52</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>

J. W. THIRTLE, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct, HAROLD KNOTT,

Feb. 28th, 1918.

Baptist Historical Society.

REPORT for 1917.

THE tenth year of the Society's existence has seen its work carried steadily forward. The *Transactions* were published in a single issue, thus effecting a slight economy in distribution expenses: appreciative reviews have appeared in the *Times*, the *English Historical Review*, the *American Historical Review*, the *American Journal of Theology*. Enquiries continue to come from all quarters, including Sweden and America, and in every case the enquirers have been aided with information which otherwise would have been unattainable.

The printing of the *Bibliography* is proceeding more slowly than last year, but your Committee hopes that the second volume will be available about the end of 1918. The *Transactions* appearing this spring will again be a double number of 128 pages, containing a large variety of original records and of articles by many contributors. Other students are at work on other topics, so that members may be assured of good issues next year.

Your Committee deploras the loss from its ranks of the Rev. John Haslam, D.D., F.R.Hist.S., whose knowledge of Yorkshire was minute; also from the Society of the Rev. J. Wolfenden, D.D., with experience in America and Australia. It welcomes the accession of members from the Strict Baptists, whose history till a century ago was so closely interwoven; and it looks forward to enrolling others of yet other communions, and other countries.

GEO. P. GOULD.

19th February, 1918.