Baptist Ministers in England about 1750 A.D.

The middle of the eighteenth century saw, not only the birth of the Evangelical Revival and Methodism, but also a purging of the older Free Churches from the spirit of Socinianism. It gave to the Baptists a New Connexion, and a new spirit to churches which were decaying. What was the position before this development? There are materials upon which we can base our judgments.

I. The Particular Baptists.

The Rev. J. Ivimey, in his "History of the Baptists," refers twice to a manuscript written by the Rev. John Collett Ryland, in 1753, giving an account of the Baptist Churches in London, etc. This is to be found in the Warwick Church Minute Book, written by Ryland himself while pastor of the church at Warwick. A transcript of this has been taken and is now presented with annotations. There were some made by Ryland and these are indicated by italics. The present editor's notes are in square brackets, thus [ ]. There is no attempt to correct the geographical classification of Ryland's list. It reads as follows:—
A List of the Calvinist Ministers of the Baptist Denomination in England, and the present state of the Ministry amongst the Particular Baptists.

January 9th, 1751. Warwick.


4. Benjamin Wallin [1711-82. M.A. Maze Pond, Southwark 1740-82. Published 41 vols., one of which was "Evangelical Hymns on Various Views of the Christian Life."].

5. William Anderson [1700-67. Grafton St. 1749-67. He was ordained pastor in Glass House St. 1743. In 1749 the church moved to their new meeting house in Grafton St., towards the cost of which the pastor was a large contributor, being a person of some property. Author.].


8. Thos. Llewelin [1720-83. L.L.D. Prescot St. Not pastor but occasional preacher. Treasurer of the Baptist Fund. It was said of him that he “had more classical learning than any minister among Protestant Dissenters.” Tutor at Bristol and bequeathed the College the whole of his splendid library, valued at £1,500. Published an “Historical account of the British or Welsh Versions and Editions of the Bible,” 1768; prominent in establishing a Baptist Mission for North Wales in 1776.]


10. Josiah Thompson, Junr. [1724-1806. Unicorn Yard 1746-61. It is said that three times he presented addresses to the throne, on behalf of the Protestant Dissenting Ministers. To him we owe the valuable survey of English Nonconformity in 1773, known as Thompson’s List, which is among the MS. treasures of the Dr. Williams’ Library.]


12. [John] Stephens [or Stevens. 1722-78. Devonshire Square 1750-60. Removed to a new meeting house built for him in Red Cross St. Mr. Brine’s colleague as Lecturer at Great Eastcheap. Author 7 vols.]

[William Collins settled at Petticoat Lane 1748. It admitted of mixed communion and united with the church in Angel Alley, Whitechapel, for a time, but is back at Petticoat Lane in 1755.]
Andrew Gifford 1700-84. Native of Bristol. Little Wild St., 1730-5. Formerly assisted Rev. G. Eaton at Nottingham. Eagle St. 1735-84. During a visit to Edinburgh was honoured with the freedom of the city. D.D. of Aberdeen 1754. Assistant librarian of the British Museum 1757-84. Numismatist. His collection of coins purchased by George II; left books, manuscripts, and pictures to Bristol College. Interred at Bunhill Fields, upwards of 200 ministers present on the occasion. Published 5 vols.]

[... Russell. White St. Refused admission as a member of the Baptist Board 1742. Still he was pastor when he died in 1758. Church dissolved 1765.]

[Prescot St., the oldest church, had lost Samuel Wilson by death in October 1750. The church, meeting in the morning, at Devonshire Square, dissolved in 1751, Clendon Dawkes going to Hemel Hempstead. The church at Pinners' Hall under James Foster D.D. was mixed in communion and Socinian in doctrine. The church at Angel Alley, lately under Edward Ridge-way, had apparently not united with Petticoat Lane, under William Collins. The church at Church Lane, Limehouse, had lately lost Aaron Spurrier and was about to call Aaron Blount, one of its own members, who was received as an approved minister by the Baptist Board, April 23, 1751. The church meeting at Pinners' Hall in the afternoon, under John Weatherley, who died May 31st, 1752, was evidently reckoned Socinian.]

The above in London.

13. [John] Sterne. Norwich [Stearne died July 1755.].
17. [Samuel] James. Hitchin [Succeeded his father at Hemel Hempstead 1751. Then moved to Hitchin, which was mixed communion, where he remained until 1773. Published 2 works.]
27. Guy Medley. Warwick. [This name does not occur in any of the church books of Warwick other than this one entry.]

28. Mr. [Francis] Lewis. Newbury. [From Llanwenarth. Died 1780.]

29. Mr. Thomas Whitewood, Reading. [1749-66. Formerly of Portsea and later of Curriers Hall. Sabbatarian. Died 1767.]


31. Mr. [John] Nick. Downton. [Succeeded Fanch at Romsey 1774-1802.]

Mr. Munn, Lyme.
[Benjamin Messer, 1727-72, settled at Lyme Regis in 1753, and remained there until he removed to Grafton St., London, Sept 1763.]


33. Mr. [John] Lacy. Portsmouth. [Lacey, of Portsea, pastor nearly 50 years, died April 13th, 1781. Published 3 works.]

34. Mr. Dan'l Whitewood [Portsmouth. Assistant and deacon 1733-1765.]

35. Mr. Miles. Guilford [has been erased.]

36. Mr. Blake. Salisbury.

37. Mr. Robt Parsons. Bath. [Published a work in 1774. Died February 1790.]

38. Mr. [Thomas] Chesterton. Colnbrook.

Mr. Pope. Bradford. [But compare 10, in Section II, which is correct.]

Mr. Weston, at Bratton [1747-66].

[Michael Bligh. Sevenoaks. Had been G.B. pastor at Bessd's Green, but his preaching on John iii. 7 gave great offence, and he was censured by the church. New cause began 1748. Board asked to help to build 1767. He died between 1794 and 98. Published 2 works.]

[John Chamberlain. 1723-92. Guilford. Funeral sermon preached by Dr. Rippon.]
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[David Chapman. Colchester. 1753.]
[Joseph Clayton. 1710-90. Stevington. Settled in 1751.]
[David Evans. Great Sansden 1749-51.]
[James Fall. Watford 1736-63. Published 3 works.]
[Nicholas Gillard. Collumpton.]
[George Green. Ashford 1753-61.]
[Hopkins. Whitchurch, Hants till 1757.]
[John Kent. 1707-96. Broughton, Hants. Baptised by Mr. Henry Steele and became assistant to him and his successors 1732-85.]
[Samuel Marson. Luton.]
[Joseph Palmer. Bildeston, Suffolk 1746-75.]
[Richard Rist. Harlow, Essex.]
[Charles Rogers. Rye 1750-58.]
[Samuel Sleap. Chesham. Died 1774.]
[Jonas Thurrowgood. 1678-1753. New Mill, Tring 1717-53, who was known for his medical skill, and through it helped Rev. B. Wallin, M.A., when a boy, who preached his funeral sermon.]
[Edward Trivett. Worstead 1734-92. During his ministry baptized 391 persons, and of these eleven were called to the work of the ministry. In 1752 obtained leave to preach in the G.B. meeting house at Yarmouth, there being at that time no church in existence there. Church formed July 21st, 1754. He published "Hymns and Spiritual Songs," in two books 1755.]
[Francis Walker. Olney.]
[Thomas Wanstall. Folkestone 1750-59.]

II. In Bristol and West of England. Dec. 27th, 1753-


3. Hugh Evans. [1712-81. M.A., helping Foskett 1733 whom he succeeded at the Church in 1753 and as tutor 1758. The Academy was reconstituted by him in 1770 as the Bristol Education Society. Father of Dr. Caleb Evans. Wrote Circular Letters of the Western Association 1754 and 70. Published 3 sermons. Funeral procession covered half a mile in length.]

Mr. Thomas [John Tommas 1724-1800. Native of Barnoldswick. Sent forth as a preacher 1745. Settled at Gildersome 1747 in response to call signed by 53 members. In 1752 invited to become co-pastor with Revs. J. Beddome and J. Needham, at Pithay, Bristol, but there was some trouble and he did not settle until August 1753 when Needham was at Callowhill. Published 2 works and wrote Circular Letter for the Western Association in 1760. Preached at the ordination of Caleb Evans 1767.]

Mr. Austie [Joseph Anstie assisted Beddome at Pithay. He was formerly at Devizes.]

4. John Needham [Co-pastor with Beddome, at Pithay, until 1752 when he went to Callowhill Street. Died 1786.]


8. James Knight. Moreton, Hampshire [apparently Moreton Hampstead in Devon, where Murch says Mr. Thomas was, at this time, for the G. Baptists. In 1755 wrote Circular Letter for the Western Association which met at Exeter.]


11. Benjamin Fuller. Devizes (Dead 1753). [Was this a Benjamin Flower, son of a minister ejected in 1662, who nursed this church, and father of a third of the same name, A.M., Providence College R.I.& P.P., 1773, who preached at Olney 1808.]


15. [John?] Shepherd. Hannum [Hanham].

16. John Haydon. Horseley. Removed to Tewkesbury. [Formerly at Prescott St., London. At Shortwood 1737-52, when he went to Tewkesbury where he remained until his death in 1782. Moderator of Midland Association 1755, wrote Circular Letter in 1763 when it met at Tewkesbury. Published 5 vols., and left a handsome legacy for the support of a charity school at Westmancote.]


[John Clark. Crockerton, Wilts 1746-1803.]
[Crispin Curtis. Kingsbridge 1718-68.]
[James Drewett, Honiton, who had come from Penygarn. He was receiving £25 from Loughwood till 1754, when it was reduced to £20. His work continued till death in 1770.]

[Isaac Hann, 1690-1778. Loughwood in Dalwood, Dorsetshire, who played a great part in the affairs of the Western Association, so that, at his death, the Association erected a tablet at Loughwood stating that he was "for many years the worthy pastor of this church." In 1770 he was minister at Upottery. Wrote Circular Letters for Association 1757 and 61.]

[Richard Harrison, M.A. Taunton, Mary St. 1746-64. Educated at Edinburgh University. Formerly at Newington Green and librarian to Dr. Williams' Library. Then at Oxford and Thame. Then became a Baptist and at Moreton Hampstead and Bridgewater. Died at York 1781. Published 2 vols.]

[Thomas Sayers. Southwick 1744-85.]

[John Wilkins. Westbury Leigh 1747-61. Son of John Wilkins, a former pastor.]

III. In ye North of England.

1. Thomas Flower. Cirencester [1706-67. Formerly at Unicorn Yard, London. Settled here July 25th, 1747 and remained 14 years, preaching every other Lord's Day. The other half of his time being
given to Cheltenham, after Thomas Parks ended there in 1750, and to Horseley. Preached Association sermon at Broadmead 1758. Returned to London 1761, and became a corn-factor, which procured for him the appellative "worldly-minded Flower." Died Sept. 3rd, 1767. Author of several published sermons.]


3. Benjamin Beddome. Bourton [1718-95. Educated Bristol and Mile End Academies. Ordained Bourton-on-the-Water 1743 and continued there until his death. Four times Moderator of Midland Association. Wrote Circular Letters for same 1759 and 65, the former being first letter printed. M.A., Providence College, R.I., 1770. Author of six works, including a Catechism, Hymn-writer, and, throughout the greater part of his life, he prepared a hymn to be sung after the morning sermon every Lord's Day.].


5. Philip Jones. Upton [on-Severn, 1731-70. Also at Natton Seventh Day 1727-70. Five times Moderator of Midland Association. In 1771 there was published "An elegy on the death of Philip Jones of Upton-on-Severn."].

6. Jacob Mower. Bengworth. [Evesham 1728-64.]


8. James Morley, Birmingham. Dead. [was elected pastor of Cannon St. in 1751, after 18 months probation. He resigned his charge after 2 years, having embraced Paedobaptist sentiments.]


10. Isaac Woodman, Leicester. Prince. [At Warwick 1740-46. First heard of in the county 1749,
ordained pastor of Sutton-in-the-Elms 1753, where he remained 22 years. A.M. Providence College 1770. Moderator of Northamptonshire Association 1771, wrote Circular Letters 1771 and 75. Died 1777. Is named by Ryland for Leicester because some members of Sutton lived at the county town, and he seems to have signed the letter to the Board in 1750 asking for help to build a meeting house, which was erected in Harvey Lane 1756. He dismissed his members there in 1760, Christopher Hall being the first pastor.]

11. Daniel Hill. Coventry *Removed to Chafford in Glo'shire* [Chalford 1753].

12. John Poynting, Worcestry [1719-91. A.M. Succeeded his father, Isaac, at Worcester 1741, and held the pastorate until his death. Wrote Circular Letters for Midland Association 1756 and 67. Preached Association sermon at Bromsgrove 1768, which was published. His salary was so small that he was obliged to keep a boarding-school, but, leading the life of a bachelor, he succeeded in leaving a fortune of £1,200. He left £200 to the P.B. Fund, £100 to the Widow's Fund, and £200 to Bristol Academy.]*


15. John Evans, Foxton [1751-81. Wrote the Circular Letters for the Northamptonshire Association in 1765 and 74, the former being at the first Association meeting.]


19. Willm Stanger, Broadwin. [A perplexing entry. Braunston in Northampton was an ancient church, and the Stangers were active in the county. William signed the Slapton book as pastor, in 1748, of Weedon-by-Weston. But this is the earliest suggestion that he had left the General Baptists.]

20. Hen[ry] Davis of Northampton [Green, a branch of Stevington till 1781. Davis was ordained pastor June 2nd, 1748, when Dr. Gill and Mr. Brine, both of London, preached.]

Mr. [William] Tolley. Northampton. [College St. The church was very careful in dealing with him]
and his ordination service was not held until June 9th, 1756. Resigned 1758. Became pastor of Red Cross St., London. Later turned Sandemanian.]


22. John Brown. Ipswich to Kettering. [Was at Wisbech 1749-50. Ipswich was a branch of Colchester till 1757. In 1767 wrote Circular Letter of Northants Association when meeting was at Kettering. Afterwards London and Lymington. Died 1800. Published 3 vols.]

23. John Oulton. Liverpool [Dale St., 1748-65. Had been at Brásseey Green and Leominster. His son, of the same name, was supplying Bridlington, Yorks, 1752-4.].

24. Mr. [John] Johnston. Liverpool. [This is Johnson, 1706-91, founder of the Johnsonian Baptists. At his death there were 6 or 7 bodies of Baptists holding his views. Dale St. 1741-7. Left for new cause. Stanley St. 1747-91. Published 12 vols.]


26. Cartwright, Dudley. [He applied in 1754 to the Board for help in building, but the church was not founded until 1772.]

27. Glover. Inkberrow. Dead. [A very ancient cause. Feckenham was here 1669; village now worked from Alcester.]


Mr. Thomas. [Joshua Thomas, 1718-97. At Leominster 1753-97. Five times Moderator of Midland Association. Wrote 3 Circular Letters. He published 5 vols., of which 2 were in Welsh. Chief work was "The History of the Baptist Associations in Wales." On his death, the Rev. B. Francis,
A.M., wrote and published an elegy entitled "The Lamentation of Friendship."


Near Yorkshire and in it [This is a side note with next nine bracketted.]

31. Mr. [James] Winterbottom [Manchester 1724-59].
32. Mr. [Henry] Lord [Bacup and Oakenshaw].
33. Mr. [Joseph] Pickup [Bacup and Cowling Hill 1744-72. Published one sermon.]
34. Mr. Rich'd Smith. [Wainsgate 1750-63. John Johnson, of Liverpool, published an attack on his doctrine in 1764.]
35. Mr. Jno Thomas [been erased]. Removed to Bristol.

37. Mr. [John] Nuthall. [Lumb-in-Rossendale 1753-92. The church moved to Goodshaw in 1760.]
38. Mr. [James] Hartley. [Haworth, 1752-80. Founder of church. Published 3 works.]
39. Mr. [John] Nuthall [dismissed from Bacup to become pastor of Sutton-in-Craven].
40. Mr. [John] Butterworth. Coventry [1727-1803. Perhaps the word "Coventry" is an annotation after 1753, for this is a section devoted to Yorkshire and the neighbourhood. Entry 11 shows that Daniel Hill was at Coventry till 1753. John
Butterworth was son of a blacksmith at Goodshaw, in Lancashire. The whole of the family belonged to the church at Bacup, worshipping at Lumb. At Coventry 1753-1803. Published "A New Concordance," in 1767.

41. Mr. Jno. Taylor, Cheshire [should read Chester].

42. Mr. [Alvery] Jackson, Barnoldswick. [1718-63. Published 2 works, one on "Saving Grace" which led J. Brine, of London, and J. Johnson, of Liverpool, publishing replies.]

43. Mr. [Christopher] Hall. Cumberland. Whitehaven [1724-86. Great Broughton 1747-52. Thence to Whitehaven 1753-60. Received a call to Arnesby in 1753. Refused and recommended his younger brother Robert who was called and accepted. Later was at Leicester, Luton, and Petticoat Lane, London. Published 2 works.]

44. Mr. Tuney. Cumberland. [David Fernie, who was at Hamsterley 1750. Thence went to Juniper dye house and Newcastle-on-Tyne.]

45. Mr. [Richard] Coultrd [or Coulthurst] Northumberland [indeed from there, Knaresdale, but at Hawkshead Hill, Lancashire, 1722-72].

46. Mr. [John] Sedgefield Junr. Weston [Tottlebank in Lancashire 1725-65. Formerly at Rawdon. Then at Liverpool 1719-25. Published 2 sermons.]

47. Mr. Gardiner. Cumberland. [Isaac Garner, from Great Broughton, but now at Hamsterley, Durham, where he settled in 1748 and died in 1758 in his 41st year.]

48. Mr. Burroughs. Lincolnse [The only Particular Baptist cause in the county was Boston, whence an application reached the Board in 1744, though no church was formed until 1770.]

49. Mr. Hubbard, Lancashe. [Probably John Stutterd of Cowling Hill.]

50. Mr. [Adam] Holding, Lancashe. [Blackburn.]
51. Mr. [Thomas] Wilbraham. Lancashe. [Associated with Rawdon. Blind. Supplied the pulpit at Bridlington 1754-61 when ordained pastor, but, after a brief period, he embraced Sandemanian tenets, gave up the ministry and became a school-master.]

[Thomas Ashworth, Cloughfold 1751-55, when he moved to Gildersome.]  
[Henry Clayton. Salendine Nook 1743-76.]  
[William Crabtree 1720-1811. Commenced preaching at Manningham, Bradford 1751. Church formed 1753. Pastor at Westgate until 1803. Published 2 works.]  
[Moses Deacon, Walgrave. Wrote Circular Letter for Northants Association in 1766.]  
[Robert Hanwell, Kettering.]  

[George Eaton. Nottingham. Friar Lane, better known as Park Street.]  
[John MacGowan, 1726-80. Hill Cliffe 1751-7. Moved to Bridgnorth, thence to Devonshire Square, London 1767. Moderator of Midland Association 1766. Published 20 vols., including "The Dialogue of Devils," and "The Shaver, or Priestcraft Defended," the latter reached the 21st edition in 1810, when for the first time the author’s name was given.]  
[Thomas Morley. Nottingham, Pilcher Gate. Formed
1740. Split from Park St. Morley, a schoolmaster and member, elected pastor 1742.
[George Yarnold. Bromsgrove.]
74 Particular Baptist Ministers.
Collected Jan 29th, 1751.

[If you omit Guy Medley, and count the names in Ryland's list, allowing for dead, duplicates and erasures the total 104 is correct. To these 42 names have been added in the annotations, making the total of 146 known Particular Baptist ministers.]

Number of Professing Baptists.

1. In West 18 churches — 1260
2. In North Assoc. 14 churches — 700
3. In London Gill 150
   Brine 30
   Stennett 60
   Wallin 100
   Anderson 60
   Dew 40
   Stephens 150
   Townsend 20
   610
4. East: South
   23 churches 40 each
   900
   31 churches at 30 each
   930
6. Welch Churches.
   North and South
   Particular Baptists
   500
   4900
   100 churches at 30 each
   3000
   Welch Churches
   500
   3500

In North Wales. no Baptists
In South Wales 20 churches.

See Gillies' Historical Collections, Vol 2, page 134.
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[There is in Gillies' a letter here "to Mr. McC—, from a dissenting Minister in Wales, relating to the State of Religion there." It is republished from The Glasgow Weekly History No. 48. In it we learn that there were Baptist congregations in the various counties, as follows, viz:—

Radnor 2. Brecknockshire 2 or 3.
Carmarthenshire 2.

There was a Welsh Association of Baptist Churches, and it met in 1752 at Aberdare, when two sermons were preached by brethren Edmund Watkins and Caleb Harris.]

In London Chs 9 Bapt at 50 each 450
In East and South Chs 24 Bapt at 40. 960
In West. Chs 18 Bapt at 40 [720 altered to] 1200
In South Wales Chs 20 at 40 each. 800
In North of England Chs 50 at 40 each 2000

[No alteration] 5410

Ivimey's criticism of these figures is worthy of note. He says: "Now, even admitting that this calculation was one third deficient in number, and adding two thirds more for hearers, who were not members, there could not have been 20,000 persons in all the Particular Baptist congregations in England and Wales. The General Baptists are not included; but their churches at that time were but few in number, and their congregations small and languishing. There is no reason to doubt that our churches were far more prosperous and numerous at the Revolution in 1688, than at this period, sixty-five years afterwards; so that prosperity had indeed slain more than the sword." See Ivimey's History of the Baptists, Vol. 3, page 278. The subjoined list of General
Baptist Ministers in 1751 shows that there were 65 in England.

John Evans, the colleague of Dr. Daniel Williams, made an unofficial census of the dissenting interest in England and Wales (1717-29) and the manuscript is one of the treasures of Dr. Williams' Library. This return, annotated by Dr. Whitley, shows that there were 220 Calvinistic and 110 Arminian Baptist churches. There had been a decrease of approx. 33 per cent. So that confirms Ivimey. See "The Baptist Interest under George I," in our *Transactions*, Vol. II, pages 95-109.

II. The General Baptists.

This list of ministers is compiled from the Minutes of the General Baptist Assemblies and other sources. References as Chairman, Moderator, etc., are to the annual assemblies of the same. The names are arranged geographically.

LONDON.
Charles Bulkley. White's Alley. Installed April 4th, 1743, only 24 years old, and remained over 50 years. Published 8 works.


BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
Daniel Beck. Amersham. Scribe to the Assembly, 1731-56 and then again 59-61.
James Hall. Winslow.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
Thomas Mills. March 1744-96. Came from Spratton. Was present in 1791 at the formation of the Lincolnshire Conference of the New Connexion.

CHESHIRE.

DEVONSHIRE.
John Drewett. Honiton.
William Sprague or Sprake. Honiton. Represented the Western Association at the General Assembly in 1714. Became an Arian, so that in 1753 he was succeeded by Daniel Wheeler.


ESSEX.
Samuel Blyth. Assistant at Colchester. 1713-53.

HAMPSHIRE.
John Sturch. Portsmouth. After 1762 at Newport. Often Scribe to Assembly. Chair 1771, 75.
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HERTFORDSHIRE.
Moderator 7 times. Messenger ordained 1757.
James Young. Berkhamstead.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
Henry Biggs. St. Ives, where he died 1773.

KENT.
John Austen. Smarden.
Samuel Benge. Sevenoaks.
John Bush. Ramsgate. At Eythorne 1721. Succeeded in 1754 by his son, of the same name.
Matthias Copper. Tunbridge Wells. Ordained Messenger at the same time as R. Chilton. Moderator 1745, 48, 50. Chair 47. Died 1755. There was published a single sheet entitled “The Last Legacy and advice to all his surviving brethren and friends . . . especially to the Church of Christ.”
Samuel Neal. Chatham 1751-93.
Thomas Potter. Sandhurst 1731-56.
Robert Pyall. Dover 1725-59. Ordained Messenger 1744 along with Chilton and Copper.
Samuel Pyall. Headcorn.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

LINCOLNSHIRE.
Thomas Blades. Gedney 1740-56.
Israel Cotton. Isle of Axholme.
William Penny. Lincoln.
William Soulden. Killingholme 1748-68. In 1767 the Assembly commended him to Dr. S. Stennett—the Baptist dispenser—as a proper person to apply for the assistance of the Regium Donum.

NORFOLK.
Henry Finch. Smallburgh. Invited 1750 to become the "stated minister" at Norwich. Did not settle there until 56 and not ordained until 1762 when G. Boyce officiated. Continued until death in 1789.
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

SUFFOLK.
— Simmons. Beccles.

SURREY.
Robert Barrett. Webstone since 1744.
Amos Harrison. Croydon 1731-61. Published 3 works.

SUSSEX.
James Brown. Ditchling.
James Dearling. Chichester.
David Dodd. Turner's Hill.
James Spershott. Chichester.

WILTSHIRE.
William Bond. Rushall.
John Wiche 1718-94. Salisbury. At Maidstone in 1746. A Revival was needed and it came. So that we find in "A View of English Nonconformity in 1773" known as Thompson's List, 380 Baptist congregations, with 373 ministers in England and Wales. The com-
piler of this list was the Rev. Josiah Thompson, Junior, late of Unicorn Yard, and the MS. is also to be seen in Dr. Williams' Library. It has been published, minus some notes, by the Congregational Historical Society in their Transactions: see Vol. V, pages 205, 261, 372.

The causes were not only more numerous in 1773, the congregations were larger. In one of his notes Thompson gives a list for Kent showing 21 G.B. churches with average attendance of 50 and 8 P.B. churches with the average 76 for congregations.

The New Connexion of General Baptists—one of the fruits of the Evangelical Revival—had been born in 1770. In Leicestershire the Barton group of churches originated through the labours of John Aldridge, John Whyatt, and Samuél Deacon in 1745, but only became a Baptist movement ten years later. Dan Taylor did not become a Baptist until 1763 though at work earlier.

The Revival affected most of our churches. The blight of Socinianism was passing away. There were causes existing without ministers. Some, like Oxford, were for a time non-existent. Yet it is valuable to know the men serving the churches at a given time. The list is not yet complete and additions will be welcomed.

ARTHUR S. LANGLEY.

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Ireland and Scotland.

The Baptist churches planted by the Commonwealth in Ireland had shrunk greatly. Apparently only six existed about 1750. Athlone, Cork, Dublin, Waterford and Cloughkeating in Lower Armond, the strongest of all, were of the old stock. Mullycar in Tyrone was just founded. At Keiss in Caithness an eccentric baronet was just establishing a church in his castle.