

BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

REPORT for 1918.

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AFTER eleven years your committee is glad to report that the work of research has proceeded unhindered by war, that new workers and contributors are appearing, and that when the conditions of printing permit, further articles are ready. These include a survey of the colonies in 1750, and of early dissent in Worcestershire. A sketch of the Seventh-Day Baptists in England, a microscopic body which has received much attention based on almost total neglect of real evidence, will be available for class A.

The printing of the *Bibliography* has been suspended for a year owing to trade conditions; whenever the second volume is completed by the Baptist Union, this society will furnish it to class A. Other work in progress includes a history of the denomination in Lincolnshire, by Mr. Langley, and a study of the "Scotch Baptists" in Carnarvon, by Prof. T. Witton Davies.

The Brookes Trustees asked the society to report on a church library in Bewdley: as a consequence they have presented books to about thirty towns, including many original Baxters to Kidderminster, where those editions were not in public custody. The trustees have also given a few local Baptist books to the West Midland Association, and several score volumes to this society, which therefore returns thanks.

Enquiries on obscure points of family and church history are constantly sent to your officers, who in most cases are able to render help. To members this is given freely, but the committee has authorised charging a fee of 5s. and upwards to outsiders, who have in one or two cases felt it a slight price for the information.

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