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Baptist Historical Society Annual Report, 1934.

WE meet at home this year amid the enthusiasm created by the Spurgeon Centenary celebrations. No excursion to historic sites has preceded our gathering, since we anticipated events two years ago by conducting a pilgrimage, under the guidance of Dr. Whitley and Dr. Ewing, over most of the important ground in South London.

The work of guiding researches in Baptist history has gone on through the year. Guinea subscribers have received copies of the Rev. E. F. Kevan's *London's Oldest Baptist Church*, and of Dr. Whitley's *Calvinism in England*. It is proposed to issue to them this year, provided it is re-edited, Carey's *Enquiry*. The publication of the Revised Baptist Church Hymnal reminds us that our President, Vice-President and Secretary are members of the Psalms and Hymns Trust, which produced it. The recent purchase by the British Government of the Codex Sinaiticus, and its appeal for public subscriptions to the cost, brought the Society early into the list of donors, thanks to the keenness of our Treasurer, Mr. Francis J. Blight. In connection with the proposed re-arrangement of the Baptist Union Library, the Committee agreed that our Bible of 1613, used by the founders of the New Connexion, should be displayed there in a show-case, with a clear indication of its present ownership.

The *Quarterly* has, on its modern side, thanks to the continued enterprise of Mr. Seymour Price, reflected current interests. A series of three articles dealt with aspects of the Spurgeon Centenary, some others with preaching, Baptist work in Jamaica, in Argentina, in Poland and in Russia received useful treatment. Our President contributed a lecture on "History and Revelation" given to extra-mural students at Oxford. Dr. Whitley wrote on the Monastery at Sinai, Mr. Pearce on the Centenary "Life" of his great-grandfather, and Professor Farrer on Papal Infallibility. The main contributions on the historical side have been the continuance of Isaac Mann's Calendar of Letters, by the Rev. F. G. Hastings, two articles by Mr. T. R. Hooper of Redhill, and another by Mr. Francis Beckwith on Richardson's *Torments of Hell*, 1658. Dr. Townley Lord has continued to review books by Baptists.

We regret to record the resignation of our Treasurer, Mr. Blight, after twelve years of invaluable service. During this period the finances of the Society have been placed upon a firm basis, and in addition over £200 of special expenditure has been incurred and met, in assisting the publication of the results of research in Baptist history. We express our deep indebtedness to Mr. Blight.

Every member of the Society will unite in sympathy with Dr. Whitley in his recent illness, with its consequent curtailment of much of his other work. We rejoice, however, that he has prevailed upon his medical advisers to allow him to continue his work with us, and we trust he may soon be restored to full health again.

A. J. KLAIBER,
Assistant Secretary.

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1933.

				INCOME.			£	s.	d.
Balance from 1932	25	15	10		
Subscriptions paid in advance, 1932	3	17	0		
Subscriptions for 1933	84	16	0		
Sales of Publications	3	2	11		
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					£117	11	9		

EXPENDITURE.

Printing and publishing <i>Baptist Quarterly</i>	79	9	9		
<i>Calvinism and Evangelism</i>	9	12	5		
<i>London's Oldest Baptist Church</i> , distribution to									
Honorary Members	...	...	...	...	8	7	6		
Secretary's Expenses	...	...	...	...	1	1	0		
Treasurer's Expenses, with Fire Insurance	1	18	11		
Balance carried forward	£12	19	2				
Subscriptions paid for 1934	4	3	2				
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Deposit Account, for Life Members £20 15 8

26 April, 1934.

FRANCIS J. BLIGHT,
Honorary Treasurer.