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# Editorial.

## NEW MEMBERS.

The following have joined the Baptist Historical Society during the past quarter :

Rev. W. A. Butcher.	Rev. Selwyn Gummer, B.A.
Mr. Henry H. Collier, F.S.I.	Rev. E. F. Kevan, B.D.
Mr. William Dowler.	Mr. J. H. Osborne.

In addition, one of the members, Mr. E. A. Timson, has become a life member.

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## ANNUAL MEETING.

The Baptist Union and Baptist Missionary Society have decided that future Spring Assemblies shall be held in London. The forthcoming Birmingham Assembly may therefore afford the last opportunity of a country charabanc trip in connection with our Society's annual meeting. Our member, the Rev. A. S. Langley, has arranged an attractive itinerary. We shall start from near the Town Hall, Birmingham, at 2.30 sharp on Thursday, 4th May, in charabancs generously provided by two or three Midland laymen. The route will be via Halesowen and Kidderminster to Bewdley, where we shall visit the historic Baptist church and also the church where Tombes and Baxter had their famous disputation. Passing through Stourport our destination will be the Baptist church at Bromsgrove, the mother of the Baptist churches of Birmingham. The Bromsgrove church dates from the days of persecution, and the members are justly proud of its long and honourable history. It is therefore fitting that they should entertain the Denomination's Historical Society for its annual meeting and tea which will follow at about 4.45. The return journey will be made in time for the evening meetings in Birmingham. Tickets are essential for members and their friends, and, to facilitate arrangements, members are asked to return the accompanying card as early as possible.

At the annual meeting the Secretary's report and Treasurer's statement for 1938 will be submitted, and officers and committee elected for the ensuing year. The present officers and committee whose names are printed on the back cover, have been nominated. Any additional nominations should reach the Secretary not later than Thursday, 20th April.

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## LIBRARIES.

Members and students are reminded that the Society's Library is available for their use. It is housed at Bristol Baptist College, by kind permission of the Principal and College Council. Professor F. E. Robinson has charge of the volumes, and he will gladly produce them to any who are interested in research.

Another Library of value to students is the Beddington Free Grace Library, Wallington, Surrey, of which our member, Mr. Geoffrey Williams, is President. In the course of hardly ten years over 20,000 volumes have been collected, and they are now being sorted and catalogued. One section is devoted to the literature of the Reformation and of the Evangelical Revival. A booklet describing the aims and objects of the Library can be obtained from Mr. Williams, Bishop's House, 106 Bishops-gate, E.C.2.

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## BAPTIST EXPANSION IN NORTH AMERICA.

Three slight corrections are needful in the article published in our January issue. They are in paragraph 2 on page 288. "Rock Island, Ill." should read "Rock Springs, Ill.;" The Granville Literary and Theological Institution opened its doors to students in 1831 (December 13th), not 1832; Kalamazoo College was founded in 1833, not 1855.

The settlement known as Rock Springs is near the town of O'Fallon, Illinois, about fifteen miles east of St. Louis, Missouri. Rock Island is the home of Augustana College and Theological Seminary, a Swedish Lutheran institution. Rock Island is in the northern part of Illinois, whereas Rock Springs and Upper Alton are in the southern.

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## A GLORIOUS HOWLER.

In the first proof of Mr. Beckwith's article on Alice Rawson (p. 372) a howler altogether too good to pass into oblivion was perpetrated. The opening sentence of the last paragraph reads, "Alice Rawson stands before us . . . tortured with *doubt*," but this was printed "tortured with *gout*." Possibly the good lady did have both doubt and gout!