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*Celebrating an outstanding family
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Toowong Baptist Church

18 July 1998

Displays open 5pm Programme Concludes by 9pm

Chinese Banquet 5.30pm (\$5 per head - bookings essential - see below)

Launching of Commemorative Book 7pm

followed by program focusing on the contribution of this family to church extension in Queensland, overseas missions and the work of many churches and other organizations throughout the country

Enquiries & Dinner Bookings RSVP phone 3878 3178 by July 6

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Pastoral Profiles No 15

Rev. J. Kingsford

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REV. JOHN KINGSFORD.

THIRTY-SEVEN years in one pastorate is a record unique in Queensland, and such has been accomplished in the case of Rev. John Kingsford and Jireh Church, Gipp Street, Valley. In another column we publish the interesting letters to and from the church in connection with Mr. Kingsford's retirement, and the occasion furnishes a suitable opportunity for presenting our readers with the portrait of the venerable pastor.

Born at Canterbury, England, in 1818, he has passed his eight-first year. He arrived in Queensland early in 1861 to join his brother in business. Having already attained some note as a preacher in the Strict Baptist churches of East Kent during a period of 24 years, he at once fell into harness in Queensland. In 1862 the second Baptist Church in Brisbane was formed, and the foundations of "Jireh" laid.

On the opening of the building on 10th December, 1862, Mr. Kingsford was publicly set apart for the pastorate, though for some time afterwards he continued in business with his brother. Presently the church claimed all his time, and he retired from business. While bodily strength and vigour continued much activity was displayed, and "Jireh" became the parent of the churches at Windsor Road, Nundah, and Albion, while other districts owe not a little to the labours of Pastor Kingsford and his members.

With advancing years less arduous work became imperative, and on attaining threescore and ten he tendered his resignation. This the

church refused to entertain, begging him to continue without thought of severing the relationship, and eleven years of faithful service have followed. Even now Mr. Kingsford can occupy the pulpit with much acceptance, but diminished locomotive powers have prevented much pastoral work, and at length an arrangement has been made which must be a source of satisfaction to both pastor and people.

Mrs. Kingsford is the youngest sister of the late Charles Walter Banks, a well-known name among Strict Baptist churches, and in connection with the editorial chair of the *Earthen Vessel*. She is slightly her husband's senior, and all our readers will desire for the venerable couple light and peace at eventide, and a joyous entrance into the Master's presence.

Among the pioneers who have left their mark upon the history of Queensland, a prominent place must be given to Rev. John Kingsford.

IN MEMORIAM

Qld Baptist Sept 1905

By the death of the Rev. John Kingsford, Queensland, if not Australia, has lost its oldest Baptist minister. Our revered brother was born 30th March, 1818, at Canterbury, England, and died at South Brisbane on August 4th, 1905, God having thus spared him to enter upon his eighty-eighth year. He came of a good old stock for as far back as 1600 there was a John Kingsford, Mayor of Canterbury.

In his early days, when six years old, he received his first religious impressions, from hearing the first chapter of John's Gospel read. But it was mainly through the teaching of his Godly mother, he was led to give his heart to God, and joined the Baptist Church in Canterbury. When he was about eighteen years of age he preached his first sermon, and up to the time of his leaving England, in 1860, he continued in the work of preaching the Gospel - this, too, with much power and acceptance.

Leaving England in 1860, he landed in Brisbane in the same year, and went into partnership with his brother, the late R. A. Kingsford, and continued for some years in business with him as a draper in Queen Street. During this time he was busily engaged in preaching, both in South

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German Baptists Revisited

by David Parker

Part 3 - continued from Dec 1997 issue

The final part of this review of German Baptist work in Queensland consists of a listing German ministers, lay and ordained, who served in the churches. (The first few ministers in each case were German, either from the homeland or USA, but after this local Queensland ministers were called, some of whom did have German backgrounds themselves.). As far as is known, the list of names is complete, but the details of a number of them are sketchy. This is part of a larger file of information about Queensland ministers being compiled by the Baptist Historical Society and the Baptist Archives. More information and corrections are welcome; this list will be updated as more detail becomes available.

Information presented includes (where known) dates of birth and death; place of theological training, date and place of ordination; churches and other positions served; other positions, honours and items of interest.

German Baptist Ministers in Queensland

Bernoeth, Michael

arrived in Australia 1880s

Marburg ca 1888

linked with both Baptists and Churches of Christ at various times as a lay preacher; later (from around 1890) became Seventh Day Adventist and involved in (non-orthodox) medical work; also engaged as a Methodist in immigration work in Central Queensland, and a landholder.

Blum, Samuel

b. Esdorf, Hungary 27 August 1874

d. 21 March 1951 Ohio, USA

German Department, Rochester Theological Seminary, NY, 1894-1900

ord. Boston MA, 5 June 1900

Australia: 1900-01 Blenheim (Laidley); 1901-3 Minden; 1901-2 Tent Hill

Resigned - ill health; departed for USA 15 Aug 1903

Post-graduate studies at Rochester Seminary, 1905-06;

Rock Hill Baptist Church Jamaica Plan, German Baptist Boston MA 1903-07; Temple Baptist Church 1st German Baptist Church Pittsburgh Pa 1907-09; First Baptist Church of Lorraine Kansas 1909-17; Forest Park Baptist Church Oak Park, Ill. 1917-19; First Baptist Church Wasco Calif. 1919-24; Emery South Dakota, 1924-27; Erwin Ave Baptist Church, Cleveland Ohio 1927 - 34 (or 39)

Editor *Der Sendbote* (organ of German Baptists) 1934-46; retired 1946

Secretary, Mission Board 25 yrs +

Dickfos, Carl

Mt Walker 1888-97

Ehmke, G.

Marburg ca 1909+

Heinrich, Johannes.

b. Berlin 6 Sept 1875

d. 5 May 1936 Lowood

German Department Rochester Theological Seminary

1900-06

ord. Delmont South Dakota 17 June 1906 and minister 1906-08

arrived Queensland Dec 1908

Blenheim (Laidley) 1908-1931; Tent Hill 1908-1931; Minden 1911-1917; Kalbar 1933-1935

Krueger, Carl

b. Seehausen, Prussia 1850

d. 31 Aug 1927

m 1872 Mrs Krueger b 1854 Hohenwalde, Brandenburg; d. 28 Jan 1900

arrived Queensland 1865

preaching with outstations of Bremer Church Franklin Vale

Kalbar 1877; assistant to W. Peters at Kalbar 1878-1886; Kalbar 1886-1918

Kruger, Otto Edward, DD

b. Kankakee, Illinois USA 27 Sept 1875

d. Rochester 16 Nov 1955

German Department Rochester Seminary and Rochester Seminary (English) 1895-1900

Rochester Seminary, post-graduate 1909-10
Western Theological Seminary 1929-30 (post-graduate)

D.D. (NABS) 1954

ord. Madison South Dakota 7 June 1900

evangelist Texas 1900-01

Australia: Blenheim (Laidley) 1901-1908; Tent Hill 1902-1908; Minden 1903-1906

Second German Baptist Church Rochester NY 1909-10; Burlington Iowa 1910-25; Second Baptist Church Cleveland Ohio 1925-29; Temple Baptist Church Pittsburgh Pa 1929-35;

Teacher in Christian Doctrine and Homiletics Rochester Seminary 1935-46; Librarian 1947; retired 1947

Interim Andrews St Baptist Church Rochester NY 1946-52; interim ministries in 1950s

Served on Publications Board, President General Missionary Society for German Baptists, Assoc. Editor *The Baptist Herald* 1922-28

Author:

"One Hundred Years of German Baptist History in America" (The Chronicle July 1939)
 "Once Again - Who are the Baptists?" Baptist Herald Jan-Apr 1952
In God's Hand: The Story of the North American Baptist General Conference (1958)

Litzow, Wilhelm

Fernvale/Tarampa, lay preacher for more than 20 year from ca 1870 ?

Meissener, A.

Marburg (Bethel Church) 1897-1901 ?

Nitz, Gottfried

d. 1894 ?
 Tarampa 1885-86
 Minden 1887 ?
 Marburg 1890
 also a Church of Christ evangelist at Marburg and a farmer in area

Orthner, Franz

b. Sereth, Buckowina, Austria 15 Jan 1881
 m. Martha Truloff (Minden) d 19 July 1909
 German Department Rochester Seminary 1900-05
 ord. Blue Mount Texas 17 July 1905
 Seguin and Elm Creek Texas 1905-06
 Australia: Minden and Lowood 1906-11; Minden 1906-1910
 Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas Oregon 1911-17;
 Leduc Alberta Canada 1917-20; Ebenezer Saskatchewan Canada 1920-22; Harlem NY 1922-37; Pastor at large 1937-39; Hoboken NJ 1938-43; Willow Ave Baptist Church Hoboken NY -1946; interims NY area 1944-59; 1948-55

Librarian Union Theological Seminary; retired 1955

Peters, W.

b. Hanover ?
 Kalbar (Engelsberg) 1878-1886

Schmidt, August

1896 Minden ?
 also at Coleyville (Mt Walker)

Schneider, Johann George

b. 1811 possibly Ellofer Weinsburg Wurttemberg or Eberstadt
 d. 4 Apr 1878
 (lay) pastor in Germany
 arrived Qld 1865 or 1866
 pastor Black Gully/Mt Walker ca1865-78

Stibbe, John

Kalbar - 1875-77

Windolf, Friedrich Wilhelm Hermann

b. Gruneplan, Duchy of Brunswick, Germany 8 May, 1846 (or Einbeck 30 Apr 1846)
 d. 22 Feb 1922
 studied Hamburg to 1865
 Germany: Herford, Westphalia 1868-70 (or 1867-72); Brunswick 9 years (or 5)
 arrived Brisbane 20 Feb 1878
 Kalbar (Fassifern Scrub and Mt Walker) 1878 and 1883+
 Rosewood Scrub/Marburg 1879-82
 Marburg 1905-09
 Author and editor of numerous devotional, poetic and sermonic works and hymns.

Kingsford (Continued from page 2)

and North Brisbane. In December, 1862, he preached his first sermon in Jireh Baptist Church, Gipps Street, Valley, and continued as pastor of the church until December, 1899. For these thirty-seven years he was seldom absent from his post, except in case of sickness.

His first sermon at Jireh was taken from Gal vi.14, and his farewell sermon from 1 Timothy 1:15. His last sermon he preached on 18th June, 1905 at O'Keefe Street Baptist Church, South Brisbane taking for his text, "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price." His message was accompanied with power. As he said of himself, "I have been a plain and retiring minister of the Gospel," and we can well apply the words to him. But if plain in his preaching, he was powerful and lucid, and an apt expounder of Gospel truth, and to this day there are many in connection with our churches, who, under God, owe their conversion to him. As a pastor, he was tender of heart, earnest in effort, and wise in counsel. His church loved him and trusted him. As a friend was staunch and true, not fearing to rebuke, nor stint-

ing in praise, nor withholding help, when such was called for. He has left behind him a fragrant memory, and an example worthy of being followed.

Our brother was in fairly good health until 31st July, when he was seized by a severe attack of pneumonia, which ended fatally on 4th August.

On Saturday, 5th August, his mortal remains were laid to rest in the Toowong Cemetery. At his house, Gladstone Road, South Brisbane, the funeral service was conducted by the Revs. J. E. Walton and W. Richer. At the grave the Rev. J. E. Walton was assisted by the members of the family, all the Baptist ministers of Brisbane and suburbs, the officers of Jireh church, together with many of the members and other friends, were present at the grave. In sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection, our friend was laid in the tomb, and mourning and rejoicing went hand in hand together, as we thought of his transition to the home above and of his hearing, the Master's words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

NOTE: Mr Kingsford's 37 year record was eclipsed by Rev. T. Leitch's pastorate in excess of 50 years at Windsor Road from 1878 to 1929.

Sketches of Bush Work in Queensland

by Rev William Higlett, *The Sword and the Trowel*, 1892

This report, contributed by Dr Stan Nickerson, offers interesting glimpses of church and community life a century ago as the leaders of the Baptist Union visit a country church. What takes just a few hours now was a major trek then. Some of the places are of particular interest - Tarong, for example, was a station run by a prominent Baptist. The minister visited by the Baptist Union team went on to make a great contribution to the denomination in his role as inaugural Home Mission Superintendent, but his work in the Nanango district did not survive.

Since my last contribution to *The Sword and the Trowel* under this heading (October, 1887) my sphere of labour has been changed from the up-country town, Toowoomba, to a suburb of the metropolis; and a visit to the bush has become an exception rather than a common occurrence. By a resolution of the Baptist Association of Queensland, the vice-president and secretary (Rev. T. Leitch and the writer) were appointed a deputation to visit a somewhat new work in the Nanango district, which I had better describe as a preface to my story.

Some two years ago, a young Baptist brother, Mr T.U. Symonds, having obtained a situation in a store at Nanango, found religion at a very low ebb in the district. There was a Roman Catholic church, visited once a quarter, and a building erected by general subscription fifteen years ago, and vested in the Church of England, but not consecrated. This, however, was closed; and for more than six months no Protestant service of any kind had been held. The use of this building was obtained, services commenced, and the neighbouring settlements were also visited. God blessed the Word, several were baptized, and at Coolabunia a Baptist church was formed. A piece of land was given, and vested in the Baptist Association, and a slab and weatherboard building was erected and opened free of debt. The business affairs of his employer presently became such that he no longer required Mr. Symonds' services. The little flock thereupon made an earnest effort to retain him as their pastor; and, some assistance having been promised by the Association, he returned to carry on the work. All this had been accomplished without any of the committee being personally acquainted with the locality, so we were deputed to visit the district.

We left Brisbane by early train on Wednesday, 9th September, changed at Ipswich for a line which runs along the valley of the Brisbane river, and ten minutes past one reached the terminus at Esk - sixty-seven miles from Brisbane. This is a township of three hundred inhabitants, situated between two ranges of hills some five hundred feet high, from one peak of which we obtained a good, though limited, view of the surrounding country. Esk certainly seems over-supplied with churches, Roman Catholics, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, and Primitive

Methodists being all represented. We stayed for the night at the Royal Hotel, and, it may interest some to learn, that at the five meals to which we sat down, going and returning, not one of the guests partook of any stronger beverage than tea. Where this is provided at meals, including dinner, my experience here is that few persons wish anything else; this may convey a hint for Temperance reformers.

Between Esk and Nanango a coach runs twice a week, doing the journey in about twelve hours. For our greater comfort and also with a view to economy, Mr Symonds met us with a buggy, and we started next morning about half-past eight. After leaving the township, we got into open forest country, suitable only for cattle, and timbered chiefly by iron-bark. Cressbrook Station, fifteen miles, is not in sight, but by the roadside there is the site of a projected township, which at present consists solely of a church, no habitation being visible. Formerly there was also a public-house; but that was destroyed by fire, and only the brick chimney remains. About one o'clock we camped by a sandy creek in regular Australian style, and though the water was too shallow for swimming, a bath was very refreshing. Proceeding on our way, at about twenty-six miles, we forded one of the tributaries of the Brisbane river, at Colinton, the head station of which is picturesquely situated on the river bank. About sunset we reached Stonehouse, a half-way house of call at the foot of the mountain ranges. It is unusual for houses to be built of stone; but "Bob Williams" was a stone-mason, and the material is very plentiful. We thought of the days of Solomon, when we found that the partitions and woodwork generally were of cedar. Stonehouse was formerly a hotel; but I understand that the license was cancelled owing to liquor having been supplied to an aboriginal, who, under its influence, committed murder.

After a good night's rest, we were again on the road at eight o'clock. Climbing the mountains, though more tiring to the horses, is less monotonous to the traveller. Now we are all out of the buggy, walking up some steep ascent; presently we are driving rapidly down the other side. Now the prospect opens out on every side, giving one views of mountain scenery. Next we are passing through a patch of pine scrub, thick with tangled creeping vines, festooned with luxuriant

moss, and melodious with the sweet, clear notes of the bell-bird. After some twelve miles, we pass Taromeo station, on the bank of a stream running over and amidst huge granite boulders. At about twenty miles, a long and steep descent brings us to Cooyar Creek, where we make our mid-day camp. More mountain climbing, followed by a long stretch of country, probably fifteen hundred feet above sea level, and at six p.m. we arrive at Nanango, having leisurely taken two days for the journey from Esk. Although the township is thirty years old, its population does not much exceed two hundred, the gold mines, which first caused its settlement, having, so far, not paid working expenses. An agricultural community, now settling in the neighbouring scrub lands, gives promise of progress.

On Saturday, we drove fifteen miles to Tarong station, now in the hands of Mr. W. A. Wilson, who informed us that, when an infant, in Yorkshire, the Editor of *The Sword and the Trowel* (Rev. C.H. Spurgeon) took him up in his arms. He is a son of the late Rev. B. G. Wilson, for many years pastor of the Wharf Street Church, Brisbane. Tarong, like all others in this district, is a cattle station. Its western boundary is twenty miles distant on the Bunya mountains. Westward of that range is the sheep country of the Darling Downs. Mr. Wilson was anxious that we should all tarry for the night: but Sunday's engagement made that impossible. Mr. Leitch, however, agreed to remain: and after a calm, restful afternoon. Mr. Symonds and I started in the cold mountain air, and the bright moonlight, for our drive back to Nanango.

Although a Sunday morning service was unusual. about forty assembled in the Church of England

building previously mentioned, to whom I told the old, old story. Mr. Leitch, having held a service at Tarong, was driven over by

Mr. Wilson in time for us to start together for Coolabunia, a scrub settlement eight miles distant. The church would form a novel picture for English readers. Imagine a clearing in the dense scrub, the felled logs still lying on the ground amidst the undergrowth once more springing up; an oblong building, capable of seating fifty persons; the walls of slabs, i.e., split logs shaped with an adze; with weatherboards at the ends above the level of the eaves; a gable roof, shingled; and a little porch of similar construction, and you have the church. By extra seats and standing, sixty-five persons were

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accommodated; Sankey's familiar hymns were sung, and we delivered our message, beseeching men to be reconciled to God. We could not delay, but started speedily, so as to be in time for the evening service in Nanango. In this we were joined by the Salvation Army, who commenced operations in the Divisional Board Hall, a few months ago. Augmented thus, and also by visitors from outside, no less than one hundred and three were crowded into the church and porch - the largest gathering for public worship yet held in the township. To these Mr. Leitch spoke on the forgiveness of sins; and a lively prayer-meeting brought the day's services to a close, the fruit whereof we trust will yet appear.

On Monday we visited some families, and also went to the gold mines. On our way we met an aboriginal, dragging the body of a carpet-snake, eleven feet long, still warm and writhing through muscular action. This is, perhaps, our largest snake, and is not poisonous. It was to form a dainty meal for the black fellow. Having on our way to Coolabunia killed a black snake (poisonous), whose skin, five feet six inches in length, was then stretched on Mr. Symonds' verandah, I bargained for the skin of this also, promptly stripped it, gave "Cockie" his portion, stowed the skin under the buggy mat, and proceeded.

The gold mines, which are about a mile and a half from the township, were commenced about a quarter of a century ago. Many shafts have been sunk and abandoned. Those now being worked have passed through many bands for the same reason - the gold is there, but not in payable quantities. The indications are that the gold which is found is detached from a reef somewhere in the vicinity. The hope which inspires the workers is that of finding the

reef itself. We were shown, in the familiar tin dish of the miner, the result of washing about three dishes of mullock. There certainly was

the precious metal - a good pinch of it, too - some rather coarse grains, but mostly very fine dust. In the uncertain hope of getting this, men will spend their strength and pains for years, while they neglect that which is "more to be desired than gold, yea, than much fine gold." Two batteries are about to be erected by the creek in the township: and many are sanguine that a great future is in store for the Nanango goldfield.

Tuesday morning was devoted to further visiting, and assisting in the preparations for the tea-meeting to be held in honour of our visit; and the afternoon to

a conference with the church-members. The tea-meeting was a great event. The tea, which marked the opening of Coolabunia church, was the first ever held in the district, and the one in which we were interested was the first in the township. Some had no idea what it would be like. One asked if they were to bring their own tea; several wanted to know if it would finish up with a dance. Everybody seemed willing to help; even Roman Catholics gave provisions, one of them sending a ham. One hotel proprietor provided no tea for boarders, but told them to go to the Divisional Board Hall, where our meeting was held. The organ from the Church of England was lent for the occasion, and the organist too.

Some were present who had driven twenty-five miles to attend. One settler spent a long time in fixing seats on his orthodox German wagon, and brought in fourteen persons a distance of eight miles. The number present was almost equal to the entire population of the township one hundred and fifty-seven were counted at the after-meeting. Mr. Wilson, of Tarong, occupied the chair, and the proceedings were, I believe, calculated to cheer and encourage the workers, and leave an influence for good upon all.

We were unable, through want of time, to go to all the places visited by Mr Symonds, they being six, eight, fourteen, and one even thirty-three miles distant. Next morning we had to turn homewards. We had passed Taromeo when coming, and therefore arranged to call on our way back. The hospitality of Mrs. Scott is quite patriarchal in its generosity. That we were strangers made no difference. She had reckoned on our coming the first time, and had even made preparation for it. She certainly obeys the injunction in Hebrews xiii.2, and we trust it may be her lot to entertain angels unawares. Here we

remained for the night, Mr. Leitch conducting a service in the large dining-room.

Having to travel forty-three miles next day, we were early astir, and reached Esk safely by seven p.m. In pursuance of an intimation made when we passed through, Messrs. Dale and Snaith (Presbyterian and Primitive Methodist ministers) had announced us to hold an evangelistic service in the Public Hall. After a very welcome meal, we held first an open-air meeting, and then each of us addressed a congregation of fully fifty inside the building. For a week-night this must be considered satisfactory. What the results will be, may not be revealed till eternity. Next morning, at a quarter past six, we were in the train; the journey to Brisbane was accomplished without any special incident, and our deputation work was over.

Thus, I have tried to picture a work, the like of which is greatly needed in our Queensland bush. By the will of the late Hon. James Swan, our Baptist Association has just received a bequest which will amount ultimately to the interest on more than £25,000, which is to be used in evangelistic work in the colony. There has not yet been time to prepare any plan of campaign; but what I have described seems to teach that we want young men of grace and ability, unfettered by family cares, for a few years, at least, willing to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, content with a small pittance, an obscure field of service, and a rough and lonely life. For such "the fields are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal."

William Higlett,

Albion Brisbane, Queensland.

Church Planting in Queensland

Church planting in Queensland seems to be the focus for this year - the Society has published Rev Melvin Williams' book on the Mission to Queensland already (see page 8) and the Annual Baptist Heritage Celebration in July will feature Rev. A.H. Brooks, who was Home Mission Superintendent 1948-57 (see page 1).

This photograph presents some of the officers and staff of the Home Mission in 1925 when the first full time Superintendent, Rev. T.U. Symonds handed over to his successor, Rev. H. Hewison (3rd from left). In the front row on left stands Pastor Will Holmans, who is still alive today! He is an active and alert member of the Bayside Church where his presence and counsel is much valued. Others include Pastor C.J. Kajewski (2nd left) and Rev. R.Y. McAllister (2nd right) The photo appeared in the November 1925 edition of the *Queensland Baptist*.



News and Notes

Next BHSQ General Meeting 13th June, 1998

Australian Baptist Heritage Conference

Whitley College, the Baptist College of Victoria, is expanding its facilities. As part of the scheme, they intend to establish a Baptist Heritage Centre which will use displays, audio-visuals, computers, drama and many other media to feature the story of Australian Baptists. It is planned for the Centre to be operational by January 2000, when the next Baptist World Congress will be held in Melbourne. The Centre will be open to students at the College, school groups, church members, historians, tourists, family historians and others.

To gain ideas and support for the project, they sponsored a conference of Baptist historians, archivists and other interested people from all states on Feb 6-8, 1998. This was a historic gathering, with about twenty representatives of all states and the Baptist Union of Australia, the ABMS, ABWAID and the News Settlers Association.

It was essentially a think-tank; the program included opportunities to confer about the current state of Baptist research, archives, libraries and the teaching/study of Baptist history. There were also sessions identifying key people and movements in Baptist history which could form the basis of displays and presentations at the Centre, and types and methods of display. There was also discussion on the Heritage program of the BWA Congress and ideas about further networking and future conferences.

Relocation of Baptist Archives, Queensland

As a result of building alterations at the B.G. Wilson Centre, the Baptist Archives have been relocated to the Lower Ground Floor. The overall area (including work space) is smaller than previously, but compact shelving has compensated to some extent for the reduction. As the material is being transferred to the new storage, it is being re-boxed. It is hoped the Archives will be operational soon.

BHSQ Releases More Books

The publishing activities of the BHSQ continue to progress with two titles being released already in 1998.

National Guide: An enlarged 2nd edition of the National Guide to Australian Baptist Historical Resources and Services was completed in January. It features updated contact details, electronic addresses, details of resources in State Public libraries and a listing of Baptist serials in Australian theological and State libraries, thus making it a valuable aid to any form of research on Baptist life in Australia. It was launched at the National Baptist Heritage Conference (see above), and costs \$10 posted.

Mission to Queensland 1981-1996: A Baptist Experiment in Church Growth. Rev Melvin Williams has contributed another attractive publication, which was ready for the Half-yearly Assemblies in March 1998. This 60 page book covers the full story of MTQ from the original vision and implementation with Mr Fred Stallard and Rev. John Tanner, through to 1996 when its nature and form was radically changed in line with other developments in the denomination. The book includes over 50 illustrations, covering most of the stations and personnel. It sells for \$10 posted and is available from both BHSQ and the MTQ office.

Order your copies now - write BHSQ Publications, 98 Yallambee Rd Jindalee 4074

Jobs Vacant - Help Wanted

Help is needed to develop the work of the Historical Society and Baptist Archives. Please contact the officers of the society or the Archivist if you can assist with any of the following:

Curator of Photographs

Promotion of Publications

Production of Historical Society and Archive Displays

Artist to assist with design of publications

Research assistance with current and proposed projects including: Queensland Ministers' File, Baptists and Aboriginal Work in Queensland, the 150th Anniversary of Baptist Work in Queensland, Baptist Women in Queensland