

be of any interest to posterity. The reprinting in its entirety of "A Brief Narrative of Some Considerable Passages concerning the First Gathering and Further Progress of a Church of Christ in Boston in New England, commonly (though falsely) called by the Name of Anabaptists, for clearing their Innocency from the Scandalous Things laid to their Charge, set forth by John Russel, an Officer of the said Church, with the consent of the whole," published in London in 1680, with a prefatory note by William Kiffin, Daniel Dyke, Hanserd Knollys, *et al.*, is alone worth more than the price of the book. This little work had become exceedingly rare and is a document of the first importance. It is interesting to note that within about fifty years from the date of the founding of the church public sentiment has so far changed in favor of the Baptists, that Ellis Callender, pastor of the church (1708), was on the most cordial terms with the Congregationalist ministers of the city and sent his son Elisha to Harvard College, that the President of Harvard and leading Congregationalist ministers participated in the ordination of Elisha, in 1718, and that through the friendly relations that were established between the Callenders and the College, Thomas Hollis and his sons, of London, wealthy Baptist laymen, became the largest benefactors of the College, endowing professorships and scholarships, providing a printing plant and scientific apparatus, and giving many volumes to the Library. The friendly relations thus established between the Boston Baptists and the College tended also to liberalize the church and to diminish in some measure the polemical zeal with which Baptist principles had usually been pressed. The church has always held a leading position among the Baptist churches of the world and has had a long line of noble pastors. That the list embraces only seventeen names for the two hundred and thirty-four years of the history of the body speaks well for the church and its pastors. Cuts of the earlier and present church buildings and of most of the pastors after the first hundred years adorn the volume.

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WITH this issue of THE MONTHLY we close the University year of '99 and '00. It has been a year much like others in the routine of college work which is rounded up with the long-anticipated and sometimes much-dreaded exams.; yet in some respects it has been a year marked by the spirit of change. It has not, we trust, been the changefulness of anarchism but rather that of progress—not the spirit that tears down but that which builds up. The "Lit." has been placed upon what is hoped will prove a broader and more helpful basis. THE