

The collection amounted to £2 16 3. We have neither time nor space to describe the proceedings; but we cannot refrain from adding that this Society deserves much more extensive support than it has received.

BAPTISTS IN ENGLAND.

Among the large bodies of the dissenting population of England, although not by any means the most numerous, the Baptists have on many accounts, for some considerable period, held a very prominent place. Among other reasons, attributable to their active and intelligent character as a denomination, has been the connection with their churches of such men as Ryland, Andrew Fuller, Pearce, Ward, and Carey, who not only have led the van of the Missionary operations of the age, but whose noble talents and unwearied labours were almost wholly devoted to this great object. The genius of Hall, of Foster, and others, sanctified to similar ends, and whose names are destined to be not only coeval with British language and institutions, but with Christian character and effort, have also tended to the same effect.

Their Academies, and various seminaries of learning, commenced very often under the most serious disadvantages, but supported with unbounded vigour and liberality, have likewise been a most important means of increasing the influence of the Baptists in England. From these have chiefly proceeded the men whose names we have enumerated, and their number and efficiency is daily gaining ground in proportion to the increase of the denomination. It cannot but afford us the highest gratification, considering, as of course we do, that our own views of religious truth most nearly accord with those which the Gospel promulgates, to observe from the latest of the English publications referred to, the numerous

instances within a very brief period, of evangelical and enlightened individuals, both ministers and laymen, who have declared themselves convinced of the Scriptural correctness of the views of Baptists, and have accordingly willingly and openly published their sentiments, and united themselves to the communion of Baptist Churches. Not a few are now ministering to those churches, from the ranks of the Establishment, and of other dissenting bodies. We mention not this as an occasion of vain boasting, but we trust and believe that it is a proof of the triumph of Gospel light, and of juster views of the purity of Scriptural ordinances and communion.

We have also been most forcibly struck in reading over the English Baptist Magazines of the last six months, with the very large and increasing number of chapels which have been either erected or greatly enlarged, in almost every part of England and Wales, denoting, of course, a corresponding increase of the means and numbers of the denomination. The increase, also, of Associations, of protracted meetings, and other efforts to promote revivals of religion, and forward Missionary undertakings at home and abroad, testify to the same fact; and it affords us no small degree of encouragement in our labours for the extension of the unadulterated principles of Gospel truth and order, to know, that in that land which we look to for bright Christian example, as well as for civil protection, we have the most encouraging evidences of the prevalence of right views of the doctrines and ordinances of Christ.—*Christian Messenger.*

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