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Attention this year centred on a local church—St. Mary's, Norwich—which is celebrating its 300th anniversary. No one was better qualified to tell the story of its origins than the speaker, Mr. C. B. Jewson, J.P., F.C.A. A former Lord Mayor of Norwich, Mr. Jewson is at present co-secretary of the church and this year's President of the Norfolk Association, as well as being an acknowledged authority on Norfolk Baptist history. The text of his address will be printed in the October issue of the *Quarterly*.

The reports, both of the secretary and the treasurer, showed the Society to be in a healthy condition with 476 members, including nearly 150 outside the British Isles. The officers and committee were re-appointed, the committee being further strengthened by the addition of the Revs. B. W. Amey and Roger Hayden.

Referring to the successful Summer School held in 1968, the secretary told of plans being made to hold a second Summer School from 2 to 4 July, 1970, this time at Bristol College, and linked, possibly, with the 200th anniversary of the Bristol Education Society. The Society also hoped, in 1970, to mark the bi-centenary of the founding of the New Connexion, in a suitable manner.

Reference was made to the hope that in due course, a representative of the Society might be appointed in every Association—a possibility now being explored by the committee.

Considerable interest was shown in the recently introduced "early warning system" of forthcoming significant church anniversaries. Mr. F. G. Twitchett, a member of the Society, has accepted responsibility for this.

It was noted with pleasure that the Rev. D. C. Sparkes hoped to have the cumulative index of the first ten volumes of the *Quarterly* in print by the end of 1969.