

Editorial

THE value of History is that it presents a treasure house of experience from the past to guide and inspire in meeting the problems of the present. In this Thesaurus it is the contribution made by the richness of God indwelt personality which provides some of the finest gems. Such lives must ever stimulate and inspire those who ponder their works and ways and above all their walk with God.

It is a pleasure to be able to publish in this issue an appreciation of one such recently pronounced by the Lord Bishop of Bradford (Dr. A. W. F. Blunt), preached in Haworth Church at the recent bi-centenary Celebrations of Grimshaw of Haworth at that famous Yorkshire Church.

We also present the final chapters of the "Life and Works of John Newton" and in doing so feel as Bishop Heber, when he wrote :

They climbed the steep ascent of Heaven
Through peril, toil and pain
O God to us may grace be given
To follow in their train.

Yet History provides its warning also in this 20th Century. We are reaping the consequences of that secular illusion based on man's false philosophy of Life which has developed the exaggerated goddess—Nationalism of so many people and finds its full expression in Nazism. Miss Farion's exposure of this in her article "The Nazi Edda" is arresting and challenging.

The final article dealing with "The Jesuits" and their machinations, by the Rev. A. W. Parsons is a warning from history to the Church itself of the danger of the policies of men being construed as the Service of God.

Mr. A. F. Wallis' article "Evangelical Churchmanship as a Layman sees it" is a penetrating survey which will cause many deep searchings of heart—especially amongst the clergy.

Once again many of the Books reviewed are a direct outcome of the War and its concomitant evils and especially of the Christian challenge involved in it all although it is refreshing to find, on the other hand, many Christian thinkers are still giving time and thought to the fundamental doctrines of the Faith.

The *tout ensemble* will, it is hoped, prove to be palatable and stimulating reading to subscribers of "The Churchman".

As the next issue will be essentially an Oxford Conference number, it is hoped to publish in advance of our usual date of Publication.