

Editorial.

WE are glad to have the opportunity of publishing in the current number of *The Churchman*, four of the papers read at the conference of the Evangelical Fellowship of Theological Literature. We regret that limitation of space prevents the publication of the complete series, but we hope to include in our next issue one other paper, "The Authority of the Bible," by Rev. T. Isherwood.

We are confident that our readers will appreciate the value of these papers, though not necessarily agreeing with every word. It is one of the hopeful signs of to-day that there are in the Evangelical school of thought, scholars able to make such valuable literary contributions on a subject so vital, yet difficult because it is a matter concerning which there are such diverse views within the Church.

If there is one thing of supreme importance to-day, it is for authoritative teaching on the great truths of the Christian Faith. Through our inability to speak with assurance, we have allowed modern science, philosophy, and other great subjects which occupy the minds of thinking people, especially youth, to claim the field of authority, to the detriment of the Christian religion. If the Christian Church is to win back her rightful place she must declare God's truth with no uncertain sound. The Apostolic Church could say "we know" and it is quite evident from the New Testament that the early Christians were well instructed in the fundamentals of the Christian Faith, the converts were expected to have an appetite for "strong meat." The definite teaching which they received in Christian doctrine gave them both an intellectual faith as well as a personal heart experience which made their witness effective and enabled them to withstand in the day of persecution.

In the great days of reconstruction we must recapture the authoritative note of the Apostolic Church and their spirit of spiritual audacity. We must know what we believe. We must believe our text book—the Word of God. We must teach "not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth."