

Editorial.

AS a further contribution to the important subject of "Confirmation", the Archdeacon of Sheffield has contributed in this issue a paper of profound scholarship, "The Doctrine of Baptism and Confirmation". It was originally written for the Evangelical Fellowship of Theological Literature. We hope it will be possible to reprint this paper together with several of the papers read at the Oxford Conference of Evangelical Churchmen, which were published in the last issue of *The Churchman*. Evangelicals have made a most important and scholarly criticism of the recent Report, "Confirmation Today", especially in its doctrinal implications and, as this subject is now being freely discussed, we believe that the observations of Evangelical scholars should have the widest possible circulation, especially as the demand for the last issue of *The Churchman* was greater than the number we were able to print.

Our subscribers will read with interest a thought-provoking paper contributed by Bishop Stephen Neill, until recently, Bishop of Tinnevely. To fully appreciate this paper it should be remembered that he uses the word, 'Protestant', in a rather unusual connotation, not in its generally accepted meaning.

We are indebted to the Rev. F. J. Taylor, who has already, contributed several most valuable articles to *The Churchman*, for his paper on, "English Social History", being reflections on the recent book by G. M. Trevelyan, which has had a phenomenal sale.

In a recent issue we published a paper by Dr. Basil Atkinson on, "Messianic Prophecy", which was received with warm appreciation by many of our readers, though it suggested a theory of interpretation of Old Testament Prophecy entirely new to many. Archdeacon W. S. Moule has kindly written for us another paper on the same subject from the older and, until recently, more generally accepted interpretation. We are sure that his paper will be equally appreciated.

We regret that many recently have been disappointed in not being able to secure a copy of *The Churchman*. Owing to shortage of paper the number printed is strictly limited, but we hope, in the very near future, to issue a larger edition. We would urge all desirous of obtaining our valuable quarterly to become annual subscribers.