

Editorial

THE present issue of *The Churchman* provides something in the nature of a survey of the American Church scene, with more particular reference to the Protestant Episcopal Church. For this fact we are very largely indebted to Dr. F. W. Dillistone, our valued Correspondent in the U.S.A., who has been responsible for securing the articles by Dean Zabriskie, Dr. Lehmann, Professor Wolf and Canon Smith. In addition, he contributes a preliminary article of his own in which he introduces the writers and their themes. The essays provide a valuable conspectus of American church life and thought and offer the English reader an insight into various aspects of the contemporary religious situation.

To Dr. Dillistone and his distinguished team of contributors we express in the name of our readers our very real thanks for their collaboration in this matter. In these days when the nations of the world appear to be drifting further apart, it is not without significance or hope that the People of God are steadily drawing closer together ; and that being so, it is a matter of urgent importance that the Churches of all lands should have a closer acquaintance with, and a clearer understanding of, each other's problems, needs and tasks. Because the present essays will undoubtedly contribute to that end we are all the more grateful to the writers for the help they have so readily given.

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The main articles in the last issue of *The Churchman* have been reprinted in pamphlet form under the title *The Minister's Library* (Church Book Room Press, 1/3). This has been done in order to meet a demand which speedily exhausted the available supplies of this particular number. The pamphlet, which comprises Mr. Leathem's article on "The Foundations of a Minister's Library" and the four subsidiary articles entitled "Behind the Study Door," should prove of particular value to theological students and those recently ordained to the Ministry, whose needs the writers especially had in mind.

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The present number completes Volume LXII of *The Churchman*. We take the opportunity once again of expressing our gratitude to all who have contributed to its pages during the past year, and in particular to the members of our Editorial Advisory Board and our Correspondents for their constant help and encouragement. We also extend to our growing circle of readers our sincere good wishes for the approaching Christmas festival.

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