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Editorial

IN our January issue we stated with pardonable pride that with that number was commenced the sixty-second year of issue of THE CHURCHMAN. The Principal of Ridley Hall has since very kindly sent us for review a copy of Dr. Bullock's book *The History of Ridley Hall, Cambridge*, Volume I—a most fascinating book which (D.V.) will be adequately reviewed in a later issue. Meantime, mention is made of it now because of its reference to the history of THE CHURCHMAN. On page 66 we read :

“ The Evangelicals realized the importance of the Press. *The Christian Observer*, a monthly review, was started in January 1802, with Zachary Macaulay as its first Editor. *The Christian Advocate and Review* was founded in 1861. In 1875, these two Journals were united under the title *The Christian Observer and Advocate*.”

And in a footnote on page 80, the following :

“ *The Christian Observer* had been founded as long ago as January 1802, as an Evangelical monthly review—its first editor being Zachary Macaulay. In 1875 and 1876 it was united with *The Christian Advocate and Review* (founded in 1861), under the joint title *The Christian Observer and Advocate*. In 1877 the two journals became separate again. *The Christian Observer* ended as a monthly in December 1877. In that issue it was stated that it would continue publication in 1878—but as a quarterly. In October 1879 a new Evangelical monthly magazine was started ; though without any mention of *The Christian Observer* in its early issues, in effect THE CHURCHMAN is its successor.”

Thus can THE CHURCHMAN reasonably claim direct succession from the great Evangelical revival and allowing for a lapse of two years (1878-79) one hundred and thirty-seven years of publication.

This realization of our princely lineage is humbling but inspiring, and challenges us to endeavour faithfully to

attain the high standard intellectually and spiritually which such an ancestry presupposes.

In all its long history, THE CHURCHMAN has never, we feel, contained an article written from a deeper experience than the article entitled "The Church Militant," by Professor Hans Ehrenberg, which is given first place in this issue. Professor Ehrenberg is a personal friend of Pastor Niemöller, and faced with him the issues which confronted the Confessional Church in Germany with the rise of the National Socialist party to power. These persecuted brethren have indeed a vital contribution to make to the Christian Church in these days.

An article from the pen of one of our members, Mr. A. F. Wallis, on the very important subject of Education and its relation to the Christian Faith, will be appreciated as this is a subject which ought not to be shelved indefinitely. The article has already made at least one parson realize afresh the paramount need of spiritual qualifications for those to whom is committed the privilege of training and educating our future citizens.

It is a pleasure to include an article from our old friend, the Rev. A. E. Hughes, containing as it does Evangelical truths which cannot be emphasized too often.

Dr. Montgomery Hitchcock contributes a most helpful research study on the "Holy Communion in the Early Church," and we are fortunate in having a further MS. in readiness for the next issue.

By special request, the Rev. A. W. Parsons, Vicar of St. John's, Boscombe, has written an article dealing with the proposed Concordat in the United States between the Presbyterian and Protestant Episcopal Churches there. It will be deplorable if yet another scheme for Christian reunion is wrecked on the untenable theory of the mechanical transmission of Grace which has been raised in connection with this proposed scheme.

Many readers will welcome the second section of the Rev. E. Hirst's thesis on "The Epistle of Truth," and all will find it a profitable study.

ERRATUM

In the January issue, page 13, line 36, instead of "It is a natural" read "It is a natural consequence."