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Editorial

ONE of the healthiest signs of the disturbed times in which we are living is that people are thinking more seriously than they have been of the basic principles and implications of the Christian Religion. In a sense it is only natural that when living in a world of upheaval men's minds should instinctively be concerned with ultimate realities, and it is a happy augury for the future that, in spite of seeming apathy to the Christian Religion on the part of the "rank and file," those who look below the surface are realising increasingly that a real spiritual background and basis is the only hope for the future of mankind. It is stimulating to know that, in this issue, eighteen books of real merit are reviewed, many of them what might be called products of war experiences. From the Evangelistic point of view it is encouraging to find that the very Doctrines which have been the heart and essence of the Evangelical message through the ages, are being again emphasized as the foundation principles for true living. Perhaps this conclusion is best expressed in D. R. Davies' book, "Secular Illusion or Christian Realism?" which is the Primate Designate of England's Lenten Book.

It is a pleasure to include in *The Churchman* an article from one of our most promising younger Evangelicals in Australia, the Rev. Marcus L. Loane, M.A., Vice-Principal of Moore Theological College, Sydney, and his article on "The Garden Tomb" will be appreciated by many readers, not least by those who have been interested in Sir Charles Marston's recent investigations on this subject. The article by the Rev. J. W. Augur, M.A., Vicar of St. Giles, Northampton, on "The Beginning of a New Reformation in the Roman Church" is illuminating. By kind permission of "The Nineteenth Century" and with the approval of the writer himself, the Lord Bishop of Norwich's article from that journal on, "Putting our House in Order" is included and will be much appreciated. The Bishop's balanced judgment and practised wisdom, together with his unrivalled knowledge of the characteristics of the Englishman, always commend themselves to those who have the highest welfare of the Church and Nation at heart. It is a pleasure to welcome another article from the pen of the Dean of Clonfert, from across the water, and most, if not all of our readers, will be glad to have the further instalment on "The Life and Works of John Newton" by the Rev. F. H. Durnford, M.A., Rector of Howick, and article Number Two on "The Jesuits" by the Rev. A. W. Parsons, Vicar of St. John's, Boscombe.

Economy of paper compels us to reduce the number of pages and make the issue more concentrated, but we trust, nevertheless, that the fare provided will be no less appreciated by readers of *The Churchman*.