

Editorial

During October, 1960, Conferences were held in Jabalpur and in Nagpur respectively, each of which was in a sense a new beginning in its sphere, and both of which are of considerable interest for theological work in India.

The first of these, which was called by the Bible Society, was concerned with the vital task of the rendering of the Scriptures into the living languages of India. The papers and discussions made it abundantly clear that this work calls both for our best insights and knowledge, to lay hold on the proper meaning of the Biblical expressions in the original languages, and also for an appreciation of the meaning and overtones of the words which must be used in Indian languages. Our article in this issue by Rev. J. C. Hindley is a reprint of one of the papers presented at the Conference. We hope to be able to print others in later issues. These will illustrate the kind and quality of work in the service of the Christian Church which this Conference, and Bible translation generally, calls for.

The second Conference, sponsored by the Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society, represented an endeavour to understand more fully 'the Hindu View of Man', and it consisted of a *colloquium* between a group of Hindu scholars and a number of Christian theologians. The atmosphere in which the conversation was conducted was one of friendliness and courtesy appreciated by both groups of participants. There were not in the Conference any attempts at attack or criticism, but a good deal of lively discussion seeking to elucidate the different positions which were taken up. The distinctiveness of the general position and presuppositions of the two religious faiths were certainly clarified, and this is something which should be of real help to all who are concerned to expound the Christian faith with clarity and charity and relevance in India today. While the subject of discussion was the Hindu view of man, and of man in society, inevitably that subject involved illuminating comments on other aspects of Hindu belief and it was generally agreed that there would be greater value in further meetings of this type to explore these also more fully.

Christian participants in the Conference also had an opportunity to expound the Christian attitude to man and his problems, and from the questions which were asked, some of which were recorded for further study, a great deal could be learned regarding the points at which the Gospel sounds strange in Hindu ears. Reference may be made to questions about the significance of

'fellowship' in the Christian faith as well as about the meaning of the Resurrection. Apart from its other values, one may hope that this Conference will have considerable usefulness in preparation for that to which we made editorial reference three months ago, the Indian Christian Theological Conference on Man and Society due in Madras at the end of 1960.

Books and Publications Received

S.C.M. Press (c/o Y.M.C.A., 5 Russell Street, Calcutta 16):

- B. Sundkler. *THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN AFRICA.* 35sh. .
J. Singleton. *GETTING AND SPENDING.* 2/6sh.
E. Lord. *TAKE YOUR CHOICE.* 2/6sh.

Hodder and Stoughton:

- L. D. Weatherhead. *KEY NEXT DOOR (Sermons).* 15sh.
T. E. Powers. *FIRST QUESTIONS ON THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT.* 15sh.
J. B. Phillips. *GOD OUR CONTEMPORARY.* 3/6sh.
E. Stanley Jones. *CONVERSION.* 12/6sh.
D. C. Wilson. *DR. IDA.* 21sh.
W. G. Cole. *SEX AND LOVE IN THE BIBLE.* 21sh.
G. Bull. *WHEN IRON GATES YIELD.* 3/6sh.
G. Powell. *FREEDOM FROM FEAR.* 7/6sh.
E. E. Wallis and M. A. Bennett. *TWO THOUSAND TONGUES TO GO.*
16sh.

Blackwell: (via Macmillan).

- M. I. Lisney. *UNDER THE WINGS OF THEIR PRAYERS.* 4/6sh.

Mowbray:

- H. A. Williams. *THE FOUR LAST THINGS.* 3sh.

Inter-Varsity Fellowship:

- L. Morris. *THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD.* 4sh.
A. M. Stibbs. *EXPOUNDING GOD'S WORD.* 4sh.