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Editorial

ALREADY it is becoming abundantly clear that if the Church is to fulfil her high calling with success after the war there will be need for much hard but clear thinking, a fearless facing of facts and a willingness at whatever cost to protest (using the word in its double connotation of witnessing for truth and protesting against untruth) wherever necessary.

Such subjects as Christian Education, Christian Reunion, Church Worship and many others will no longer be matters of academic interest only, but will have to be dealt with frankly and squarely.

In this issue appears a challenging article from our contributor, the Rev. A. W. Parsons, of St. John's, Boscombe, entitled, "Why are Men not more Religious?" Also an article on "Worship" by the Rev. J. C. Hirst, Vicar of Haworth. Incidentally we learn that next year will be the 200th anniversary of the commencement of the Rev. William Grimshaw's ministry in that famous Yorkshire Parish where suitable commemorations are being planned.

The Rev. Hans Ehrenberg completes his Meditation on "The Church Militant," the first half of which appeared in our April-June issue.

A speaker at an Evangelical Conference said recently (speaking of the Evangelical Revival): "You and I are hardly likely to meet with the old opposition. We shall not be stoned or thrown into the horse pond or be surrounded by howling mobs demanding our very lives." With Professor Ehrenberg's article in mind we wondered if similar assumptions had been held by Christians in Germany a few years ago and how the Christian Church in England would react if such a situation should arise here!

The Rev. H. L. Ellison, a former tutor of St. John's Hall, Highbury, contributes a thoughtful article on "Law and Grace," and Dr. Montgomery Hitchcock's promised article is warmly welcomed.

The third instalment of "The Epistle of Truth" by the Rev. E. Hirst (brother of the Vicar of Haworth) appears also, and we hope to complete the series in our October-December issue.

Readers of THE CHURCHMAN will welcome the Rev. S. Nowell-Rostron's review of *The History of Ridley Hall* by Dr. Bullock, and many after reading this will want a copy for their own shelves of this very illuminating and fascinating record.
