

## Editorial.

THE expressions of appreciation which we are constantly receiving and the increasing demand for "The Churchman" are sufficient evidence that as a Theological Quarterly it is meeting a real need, and we are encouraged to know that our policy of securing the co-operation of Evangelical scholars in its production is supported by our subscribers.

There is need for authoritative teaching, especially on those questions of doctrine which are vital, and yet which so often divide us. If, therefore, "The Churchman" can be the medium for the expression of best modern scholarship on these vital questions, we are persuaded that we are rendering a service of real value to Evangelicals.

Whatever our views may be on Evangelical doctrine, we do not limit our list of contributors to only those whose writings we can fully endorse. It needs to be remembered that as Evangelicals we are intensely individualistic, we glory in possessing the right of private judgment, and because of this it must not be expected that uniformity in the realm of intellectual belief in the matter of Evangelical theology is any easier than in matters of order and worship. Also our Evangelical traditions would lead us to expect new light to break forth on old truths, yet we recognise that there must be limits to intellectual toleration, there is a dividing line between truth and error, beyond which it is not possible to go without compromising truth.

As indicative of our policy, we are including in this issue two papers which were originally read at conferences of Evangelicals. The paper by the Rev. T. ISHERWOOD on the important and complex subject of the "Authority of the Bible" was read at the Evangelical Fellowship of Theological Literature. The author has kindly amplified the paper for the benefit of our readers.

The paper by Dr. BABBAGE on "Evangelical Theology" was given at the Fellowship of Evangelical Churchmen and was heard with deep appreciation, we are sure it will now be read with interest, together with the remaining articles by other contributors.