Editorial.

OUR contributors this quarter show variety in time and place. Studies of modern China are not rare, but when made by Chinese should be eagerly read; and to find a Chinese Christian estimating his own country will show how far Christianity has struck root to live its own life there.

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Russia again has become a land of mystery, and Russian religion is hard for a Westerner to understand. But the vital religion is outside the Orthodox Church, and is in the sects, of whom the Baptists are probably the most important. The estimate here given is, however, by a non-Russian, and a view through other Slavic spectacles has a double interest. It may be well to note that by "Greek Orthodox Church," Mr. Novotny means the Russian Church in communion with the Greek Orthodox Churches.

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Jean Allut takes us back for mere facts two centuries. It seems strange for French prophets to tour Germany with predictions of woe, inspired as they claimed by the Spirit of God. But he who reads this story, and then hears of the "Pentecostal" movements in the Baltic lands or in Australia, will see the value of history in warning against such conceptions of the Spirit's methods and aims. Movements which wreck sane evangelistic work are self-condemned.

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Mr. Lewis, of Pennsylvania, shows the value of historical research in quite another way. The Bibliography promoted by the Baptist Union has enabled him to identify and understand a unique pamphlet; and this in its turn throws light on the dangers to evangelicalism in our Western Association 130 years ago.

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Modern Associations have their own contributions to make, and we have much pleasure to present overleaf the Presidential address to the Bristol Association, delivered at the annual meetings last 25 June, by the Rev. Thomas Hayward, of Bath.

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This number takes us half-way through our second volume. If increased support is continued throughout 1925, we hope to announce an improved programme for the third volume.