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This is the much delayed Volume Two of the *Nsukka Journal of History*. It has only six articles in four main areas of African historiography, viz: economic history, philosophy of history, political history and religious history.

There is an article on economic history which examines the wartime shortages of commodities, particularly salt, during the Second World War in Nigeria.

The article on philosophy of history revisits the historic contributions of Pharaonic Egypt to world civilization. It takes serious exception to the western bias and prejudice against authentic African historical achievements. In this case, Sumeria takes most of the credit for Egyptian successes.

The first article on religious history calls attention to the need to streamline the writing of church history in Nigeria. It stresses the shortcomings of missionary historiography and hagiography and urges the great importance of collecting and storing the local source materials. The second religious article highlights the origins and development of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society which metamorphosed into the Jehovah's Witnesses Organisation. Like the schisms and revolts against several mainline churches in Nigeria, the Nigeria-born God's Kingdom Society parted ways with the Jehovah's Witnesses and became its serious challenger in the cities and villages of Nigeria.

The third and last article discusses the role of the medical mission in the missionary conquest of Nigeria. The searchlight is on the Primitive Methodist medical mission in Igboland.