

INTRODUCING ANDREWS UNIVERSITY SEMINARY STUDIES

The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary has operated for nearly 30 years since its beginning as "The Advanced Bible School." During these years it has had no regular outlet for articles of a scholarly character written by members of its faculty, students, and alumni. *The Seminary*, a four to eight page bimonthly, has appeared for many years. It afforded space for brief abstracts of Seminary theses, but not for articles of even moderate length. There has been a growing sense of need for a suitable journal sponsored by the Seminary. This new publication, *Andrews University Seminary Studies* is launched to meet this need.

Since this is a new venture for the institution, the journal will no doubt suffer from a variety of childhood diseases. As editors and contributors grow in experience they hope to outgrow and overcome initial weaknesses and shortcomings. Readers are invited to entertain this new publication with patience and understanding, and to submit constructive criticism and suggestions for improvement.

Andrews University Seminary Studies—for which the abbreviation *AUSS* is suggested—will carry articles in the following fields: Biblical linguistics and its cognates, textual criticism, exegesis, Biblical archaeology and geography, ancient history, church history, theology, philosophy of religion, ethics and comparative religions.

This journal competes with no existing Seventh-day Adventist publication. Consequently, the editors will not accept articles which deal with the mechanics of church life, with evangelism or promotional activities, or which are apologetic or polemic in character. The editors, however, do invite suitable contributions of a distinctly scholarly nature not only from the Seminary faculty and students but also from

alumni and scholars around the world regardless of color or creed. This first issue of the *Andrews University Seminary Studies* contains articles in English, French and German. The contributors come from three continents and from three ethnic groups. This is a sample of the cosmopolitan character of this publication envisioned by its editors.

For the present an annual issue, to appear in the autumn, of approximately 160 pages is planned. If suitable contributions increase to such an extent that larger issues will be needed, a semi-annual publication may be introduced. Before such a plan is carried out all subscribers will receive ample notice. Subscriptions to this new annual publication are invited, and should be sent to Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, USA. Subscribers will be billed with each issue at the rate of \$ 0.25 for each signature of 16 pages. The price of the present volume of 166 pages is \$ 2.50.