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Editors' Note

Just a short note this time to express our appreciation for the warm and helpful comments offered by so many of our members. We were somewhat apprehensive at taking on the task of producing the *REVIEW* and your responses have been a great encouragement.

As we mentioned last issue, the success of the *REVIEW* as an association publication depends on team work. As you can see from the size of this issue, our request for publication details has elicited a large and varied collection of titles.

Special thanks go to our 'news sleuths' who have again supplied details of activities on different campuses. There are, however, some departments and campuses where we have not established reliable 'spies'. If you belong to one of these, and would like to join the illustrious band of correspondents, please volunteer.

The response to our soliciting of contributions has been very good, with high quality, well organised pieces. As well we have had a number of pieces offered for our consideration which are included in this issue. Don't hesitate about submitting a piece for publication. Let us make the decisions about suitability and editing!

One thing which has made production of this issue less time consuming has been the number of contributors who have sent disk copies of their pieces. Instructions for presentation are printed inside the back cover. If you do not have personal access to IBM compatible equipment, please check with your campus computer section about conversion. We have to rely on commercial firms which are very expensive.

Finally we would like to thank Peter Bentley, the latest addition to the Christian Research Association team, for his assistance in undertaking the mammoth task of organising the publications section.

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