

Themelios

a new journal

This is the first number of a journal which is due to appear twice each year.

THEMELIOS is addressed to theological students, and all who are preparing for the Christian ministry, throughout the world. It is an *international* journal; and has editorial advisers in many lands. It is also an *interdenominational* journal; Anglican, Baptist, Congregational and Methodist affiliations are found among our first contributors. We anticipate contributions from Lutheran and Presbyterian theologians in the near future.

Our title comes from the Greek text of Ephesians 2 : 20: 'You are built upon the foundation (themelios) of the apostles and prophets, and Christ Jesus Himself is the cornerstone.' The passage in its context is expounded by Dr McKelvey in his article below: we note here two points which are relevant to the purpose of THEMELIOS.

First, membership of the people of God rests on the bed-rock foundation of the historic faith: on the apostles and prophets. The student of Christian theology has the high privilege of grappling with the declarations of the apostles and prophets in Holy Scripture: THEMELIOS will be concerned with those same declarations. We desire no interpretation of Christ or of Christianity but the apostolic.

Second, Christ is the cornerstone which holds the apostolic building together. The Christian adores the One who has introduced him into the family of God. The Christian minister seeks to present Him to a desperately sick world. It is our hope and prayer that THEMELIOS may glorify Him by serving those who desire to serve Him.

The scope of THEMELIOS is the whole of Christian theology: the entire field of the Christian pastor and theologian. In this field, all the powers of the mind are called into service, and the journal will seek to provide information and to provoke thought – sometimes about issues which today are often too lightly dismissed. A humble and a loving heart is also a requirement, and THEMELIOS will have failed if it does nothing to stir its readers to adoration and to devotion.