

REPORT OF THE EDITOR TO THE 1982 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE
WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

This is my first report as Editor of the Wesleyan Theological Journal, and I wish to take full advantage of my novice's status in accounting for the blemishes which have marked my performance this year.

The Spring Number made its appearance in July: a date which fell well within the definition of spring offered by the Secretary of the Treasury in his successive prophecies of the ending of the economic recession. It is something of a disappointment to me that the Fall Number is not available now, which had been my intention and hope. However--to echo Dr. Johnson's phrase--the miracle is not that it will be late but that it will appear at all. Our stouthearted printers were uncertain whether they could undertake the printing of the Fall Number, in which case there would almost certainly have been none, in view of the prohibitive cost elsewhere. As it is they now assure me (in a telephone conversation of 11/1/82) that I should have the proofs next week, and that printing should be completed by the end of November.

Whereas the Spring Number consisted of contributions presented at last year's conference, the Fall Number will consist of volunteer contributions. It will also contain the firstfruits of a recast book review section. Since no books were on hand or assigned, this section disappeared from the Spring Number. It is hoped to make signed reviews a regular feature from now on.

The chief lesson a new editor learns is the importance of lead-time. It would help considerably if contributors would also learn that lesson: especially those who address the Annual Conference and whose papers receive prior consideration.

My thanks are due to Howard Snyder and John A. Knight, my fellow-members of the Editorial Committee, who have given me their counsel as I have required it. Problems of timing have not always made it possible for me to involve them at every stage; the same factor has also been responsible for the fact that all proof-correcting has been done by the Editor: a device requested by the printers as saving them much time and trouble. It would also be appropriate to place on record mine and the society's thanks to our printer, the Old Paths Tract Society of Shoals, Indiana. Not only are they co-operative and efficient, but their very reasonable cost-level alone makes possible the publication of two numbers of the Journal each year.

Experience is a great teacher, and it is my hope that some of the lessons learned this past year will bear evident fruit in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

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