

From the Editor

This issue is basically a potpourri rather than an attempt to deal with a theme. Several of the articles presented were unsolicited contributions or products of the Atlanta meeting. Since our spring issue will be restricted to a single theme ("The Role of Scripture in the Practice of Campus Ministry") it seemed worthwhile to publish a variety of articles only loosely related to the theme of "calling."

Charles Scalise's two papers come as a product of ASBCM'S Continuing Education Study Committee. Papers by other members of that committee are to be ready by the next annual meeting in St. Louis. Charlie brings to these foundational studies many years of experience as a campus minister and a state director in New England. He notes that he is presenting these papers in outline form to stimulate discussion and other papers in response.

I have chosen to reprint a theological rationale written by PMHE, the Presbyterian analogue to our organization. I am aware that some may object to this, but it seems valuable to look at a finished statement for purposes of comparison and stimulation — not as a model of what we should be as Southern Baptists. My personal response to the Presbyterians follows; I hope members will continue the discussion by submitting manuscripts. Our thanks to Jim Nielson, president of PMHE, for granting permission to use their statement.

Joe Graham's helpful article related to vocation is based on James Fowler's recent book. Joe tried for months without success to pin Fowler down for an interview, but his summary and application are a worthwhile substitute. Marie Bean has graciously provided a manuscript of her touching personal testimony presented in the Atlanta meeting. George Jones gives us sound advice based on his years as a university administrator relating to campus ministers. Bill Choate has taken over as our Book Review Editor and gathered this issue's reviews with no prodding at all.