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Dear Supporters of the ICS and AACS,

New
Building

The first thing you should know is that the Lord has given the Association a new Institute building--just which building we aren't sure yet. John Olthuis made the news public on Saturday morning, October 10th, at our annual meeting in Toronto. He first said that the trustees had decided, in faith, to expand the Institute building campaign into an Institute expansion campaign. This would have meant having no permanent adequate facilities, that is, renting enough classroom space to get along on. Everyone involved felt that new professors to bring the Word of God to graduate students was by far the first objective.

Anonymous
Donors

After explaining this, John said, "The decision to expand the campaign from a building campaign to an expansion campaign was made in principle, and we believe, in faith, before. Then the Lord suddenly and miraculously opened the way for the Association and Institute to have new facilities. In an act of faith friends of the Association, who will remain anonymous out of their conviction that their money is the Lord's, offered to buy a building that would be leased to the Association for a number of years, and then would become the property of the Association."

Tears of
Thanks

"This fantastic offer was announced at a joint session of the Association and Institute staffs, and the boards--trustees, curators and directors. In thanksgiving for this unbelievable answer to prayer, tears flowed as we all offered prayers



The Gage building near the U. of T. Will this become the new Institute building?

of gratitude to God. This miracle inspired the boards, and should inspire all of us to rededicate our efforts to raise the banner of Jesus Christ in higher education. The expansion campaign will continue with vigor to make staff expansion possible."

The Gage
Building?

We aren't sure which building will become the Institute, but we'd like it to be the Gage Building just across from the Metropolitan Public Library on College Street near the University of Toronto campus. An offer has been made and we should know the results before Christmas. Pray that the people who own and operate the Gage Building will decide to sell to the Association, and not to lease the building to another hospital.

Shouts
of
Acclamation

Saturday afternoon (at DeGraaff's inaugural) Peter Schouls read this report again, and Rev. Geisterfer of Woodstock, Ontario jumped to his feet and called for a shout of joy, acclamation and the doxology. What a day of joy, rejoicing, celebration, and praise! The Spirit of the Lord was with us.

505 Hear DeGraaff

And the Spirit was poured out on us as Arnold DeGraaff gave his inaugural speech to 505 people who crowded into the high school auditorium. With a ringing, passionate tone, he challenged the mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, professors, and students gathered from several states and from throughout Ontario, to abandon a moralism conceived after a pagan Greek ideal of being able to live as a good man by trying harder.

Repent!
Return to the
Scriptures!
Shake the
Foundations!



Dr. Arnold DeGraaff addresses 505 at inaugural on "Moralism vs. the Word of God"

He said, "It is my conviction that we must repent of this moralistic tradition, as many have already begun to do both in the past and in the present, and learn to live again by the Scriptural procla-



We are
Saved by
Grace Alone

mation concerning the integral unity of man, his radical fall into sin, and his equally radical restoration in Jesus Christ. In view of the overwhelming power of the Scholastic (moralistic) tradition under which Christianity has laboured and still labours, this return to a more integral Scriptural vision of life can be nothing less than a radical reformation that shakes the very foundations of Christianity. The first step toward this reformation is to learn to confess again with Luther: We are saved by grace alone through faith and not by works."

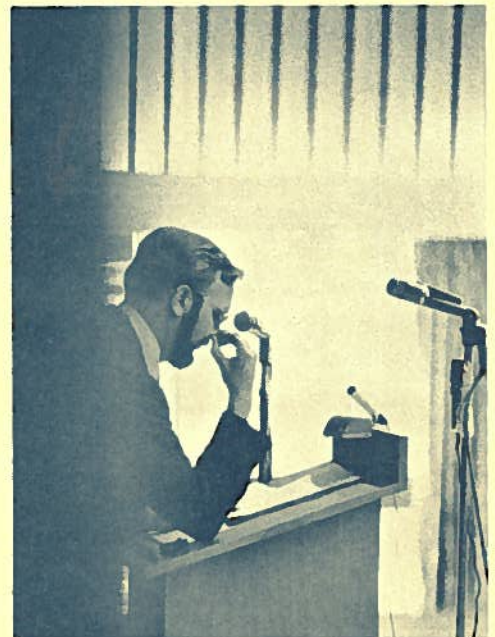
Biblical
Bedrock

DeGraaff spent half of his speech in uncovering the solid Biblical bedrock that will be the religious basis of his career as an educational theorist, curriculum designer, psychologist and counsellor. The theme that kept coming up was: We must have faith in God's grace, and not in our own efforts to be good, either in our study or our feelings about life. Because all of us are so sinful, only God's undeserved love can save us from ourselves:

By Faith
in God's
Word...

"By faith in God's power our lives shall be renewed. By faith in God's victory Christianity shall be reformed. By faith in the power of God's Word for His creation, we shall oppose the forces of evil to say: 'Abba, dear Father,' and no longer fall back into fear. By faith we shall let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, and nothing shall separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. And being born again each day by the Word of God, our lives shall become a hymn of praise, a testimony and a sign of the coming of God's Kingdom."

By grace alone...



Earth-
Shattering
Implications

The results of really believing in God's grace are both earth-shattering and world-shaking for education and therapy. Professor DeGraaff spent most of his time outlining the implications of this approach for education; a more developed version of effects of a Good News of grace in therapy will be published in a stencilled paper you can request from the Institute.

What does this mean for your child's classroom? "Concretely all the foregoing means, and here is where the rub comes in, and where many Christians begin to object because it stands in radical opposition to (that is, it

We do not
Control our
Child's
Response to
God's Law

cuts to the very roots of) the moralistic tradition; it means that we teach the child God's norms for all of life but that we do not prescribe and control his subjective response to God's law. We must indeed help the children understand God's law in a particular area of life, we must discuss the traditional Christian response to this norm, and we may even suggest specific ways in which they could respond to this norm in their situation, but we may not take away the children's responsibility... There ought to be great openness and freedom to reflect anew upon the meaning of the abiding Word of God for specific situations. The religious nature of the child requires an open-ended approach. The teacher and the pupils together, daily repenting of their blindness and their unbelief, must seek to work out the meaning of the new life in Christ."

Open-ended
Approach

How it
Works in
Evaluation

"Let me give a concrete illustration to clarify this point further. Dr. Marion Snapper of Calvin College provided me with this example this past summer. It deals with one particular aspect of the teaching-learning process, namely evaluation: The child, according to Dr. Snapper, must be helped to evaluate his own work. A conversation between a teacher and one of his pupils who wants to follow this directive may go something like this:

John: I am all done with my work, teacher.
Teacher: Fine, John, how do you think you did?
J: Real good, I think.
T: What do you like about it, John? Which parts do you think are especially good?
J: These parts, here.
T: What do you like about them, John?
(And so John explains.)
T: Which part did you like the least?
J: Maybe this first section.
T: Could you think of any way to improve this part now that you are re-considering this piece?
J: I can see now that if I add a little part the first and second paragraph will fit together better.
T: Excellent, John. You want to add this paragraph now or would you rather do it tonight at home and work on something else for now?"

A Ringing
Challenge to
Us All

The final words of Dr. DeGraaff's address came with a ringing challenge to us all. I want to share them with you too, because they were spoken for all of us to hear: "It is time for all of us, parents, teachers, therapists, doctors, nurses, regardless of our profession and commitment, all of us--ministers, CLAC members, OACS members, AACCS members, Dr. Hart, Dr. Zylstra, Dr. Olthuis, Dr. Runner, and Dr. DeGraaff--all of us, to take up this confession of the Reformation again and to live by it in our different offices. We are new creations in Jesus

Christ that may live by the power of His resurrection, working out this great miracle with fear and trembling, for it is a wonder in our eyes and we do not understand it."

"And when we do, no one shall be able to boast in himself, or think more highly of himself than he ought to, for when we live by grace we can only boast in God."

We May
Expect
Miracles

"And if we live by grace, if we embrace God's gift of life by faith, even if it is as small as a mustard seed, then we may expect miracles, the reformation of our lives and of the institutions we bear responsibilities in--a reformation as a sign and symbol of the coming Kingdom of God."

Time for
Reformation

"But woe to us if we reject God's grace and continue to resist the Holy Spirit of God."

"The time has come for the judgment to begin, and God's own people are the first to be judged. If it starts with us, how will it end with those who do not believe the Good News from God?"

"Truly it is time for reformation."

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Women Give \$2,000 to AACS

All 3,000 of you who have penny banks in your homes in support of the Women's Action for the AACS will be glad to know that your faithful efforts have amounted to a gift of \$2,000 to the Association. Mrs. F. Kooy of Weston, Ontario presented the cheque to the Association President, James Joosse, after Dr. DeGraaff finished his speech. Obviously moved, she read a little speech; "Mother" Kooy, as she is affectionately known to all her friends, said, "Did you hear the song of the world over the radio? 'What is a penny? A penny is nothing.' But the Lord says in the Holy Bible: 'And do not forget the day of little things.' Dutch: 'Maar vergeet de dag der kleine dingen niet.'"



Mrs. Kooy gives cheque for \$2,000 to president Joosse

Do You
Have a
Penny
Bank?

Mrs. Kooy is anxious to find anyone who will be willing to put a penny bank in their home. How about you, can you spare a few pennies a day? "The love of God and the AACS--that's the reason that we bring the heavy rolls of pennies to the bank, and send the cheque to the treasurer. And, we do this with joy and gladness," she says. If you would like to share in that joy, please write and tell Mrs. F. Kooy, 21 Pelmo Crescent, Weston, Ontario, how many penny banks you would like for your own family and friends.

New Tape Library Under Direction of George Balogh

Many other exciting things happened on Saturday, October 10th, but it is difficult to tell you about all of them in this letter because there are so many other new things to report. Take the new tape library, for instance. I know that many of you wish that you could know more about what's going on here at the Institute, especially in the classes, but cannot possibly come to Toronto. We know how you feel, and have decided to set up a tape library from which you can borrow tapes of different speeches and courses. There's a guy you ought to know; his name is George Balogh, one of our students. He came to the Institute with a vision for sharing (throughout the world) our excitement over Biblical scholarship.

Tapes of
Classes and
Special
Events

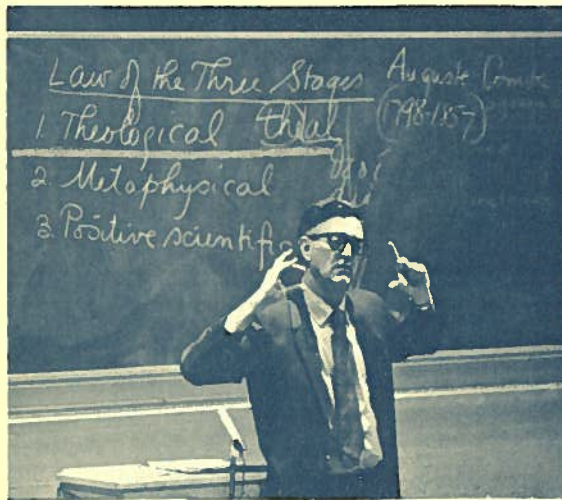
Presently George is taping, with the help of several other students, most of the lectures at the Institute. Beginning in January you will be able to borrow, for a modest fee, tapes of classes in problems of theology, theories of education, philosophy of science, Biblical prolegomena (first things), political theory, anthropology, systematic philosophy, ethics, theories of personality, and philosophical prolegomena. Several other tapes of special occasions will be available in a catalogue that you can write George for. Dr. DeGraaff's inaugural is available on tape if you write and ask for it.

Send in
Your
Tapes

If you have tapes of past AACCS conferences, speeches, or other activities or occasions which you think people might be interested in, please send them to the Institute so that we can make a copy. We need to spread the word of what we are doing far and wide, and this will help us immensely. The address for further information about the tape library is: Mr. George Balogh, Tape Library, Wedge Publishing Foundation, 141 Lyndhurst Ave., Toronto 4, Ontario, Canada. We need your prayers for this work, for tapes will bring many new students into contact with our work. If you benefit from this service, you might consider giving a special gift to support this outreach.

What are
the Tapes
Like?

To illustrate how interesting a tape of one of the classes at the Institute can be, I'm going to quote a brief excerpt from Dr. Runner's course. Philosophical Prolegomena (first things), taught every other week, is designed to mold young minds with a Christian vision of reality that will permeate their study and thought for the rest of their lives. You may have wondered whether a course like this is all theoretical. Well, to be quite frank, Runner is not an easy prof, and he is interested in laying a groundwork which is by its very nature theoretical. But the implications of his teaching for daily life can be seen in a brief aside which he took time to make in his second class meeting.



A Prophecy

In a moment of reflection, Dr. Runner stopped reading his lecture, Point Counter Point; a Chess Game with Lenin's CHEKA, and prophesied that the way out of a ghetto existence for Christians is to withdraw to hear God's Word, translate that into flesh and blood, and then launch out to become world-shakers; only then will the world listen to the Christian message.

"Not because I'm so great... or the certainty of scientific research...but because the Word of God stands sure..."

Here's what he said: "And it's funny, I've been

"Nobody's
Ever Heard
of You!"

around for twenty years trying to talk about the necessity of Christian involvement in communal cultural activity, and the charge I always get is, 'It will involve you in some kind of ghetto withdrawal, ghetto isolation.' I say to those people, 'You are the worst ghetto isolationists I've ever seen in my life! I grew up in Philadelphia, lived out of public libraries, talked to Islamic people, all my life. You are the withdrawn people.' Nobody's ever heard of them; nobody's ever seen them; they don't know what's going on in the world. They're living an utterly 'ghetto' existence.

How a
Christian
Movement
Will
Arise

"The only way you can get out into the world is to have something the world thinks is worth hearing, and worth doing. And you have to withdraw; that's what Toynbee means, you have to withdraw to hear the Word of the Lord communally because Christianity is not a matter of individuals. And then you launch out to tell what the Word of God--the Word of Him Who knows the creation through and through, and has said, 'This is the way. Walk ye in it!' And then you say that to the world and then begin to put on flesh and blood (I'll talk about it more later), and then you have something to say as far as that's grounded in the Word of God. And then the world will begin to listen, and God's Spirit will accompany that Word, and hearts will go open, and a movement will arise. Not until (very softly said, and then a pause)...

The Word of
God Stands
Sure

"I say it now, and remember what I said twenty years from now--I'm confident--not because I'm so great...not because of the certainty of scientific research...but because the Word of God stands sure..."(SILENCE for half a minute).

Over 100 students from as far away as Syracuse, New York, and Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, attend this course every other week. If you would like this tape and the others in this series, please let George Balogh know.

Our Conferences Are Growing Like Crazy

Dr. James Olthuis informs me that we could make a business out of holding study conferences, if we wanted to. Actually the Association has never been in business to hold conferences to make money, but as we have attempted to expand our services to the Christian and non-Christian student community, our late summer and early fall get-togethers have attracted increasingly large audiences; lately they have become real family affairs, with many younger and older couples with kids coming just to be near the fire of a new Christian life style. All the conferences have been held now, and here are brief reports on all but the one held Sept. 1-3, in Bellevue, Washington.

Iowa: Karen
Van Til's
Report

Over the Labour Day weekend three conferences were held. Karen Van Til reports that 100 students and business men, nurses, farmers, ministers, parents and teachers gathered for three days at Lake Okoboji, Iowa to hear Dr. Runner, John Olthuis, and Cerald Vandezande present, "Today's Political Task for Radical Christians". They came from California, and Pennsylvania, S. Dakota and N. Dakota, Indiana, Illinois, Washington, Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Alberta, Ontario, and Manitoba. She says, "Together we all experienced the love and joy which Christ's redemption has brought as we sang to His name, danced and prayed, talked, laughed, cried and played with all the intensity we had been given."

British
Columbia:
Wilma Bouma

Also over the Labour Day weekend, there were conferences held at Cultus Lake, British Columbia, and at Edmonton, Alberta. Wilma Bouma says that 183 full-time and 46 part-time conferees attended the Cultus Lake conference, as well as a group of Shalom singers. Drs. Arnold DeGraaff and James Olthuis spoke on how our society murders adolescents and how a Biblical view could revive young people, as well as how confused we are about the true norms for marriage, friendship and the family, respectively. The Shalom Productions program, CHRIST IS KING, was presented to 1500 people from all over the lower Fraser Valley and perhaps beyond.

Edmonton:
Andy den
Otter

Andy den Otter sends word from Edmonton, Alberta, that 68 people attended the AACS conference there. Professors Maarten Vrieze and C.T. McIntire, both of Trinity Christian College near Chicago, spoke on the problematics of the city and on spiritual disaffiliation from the American way of life, respectively.

Kerry Hollingsworth was chairman of the September 11-14

Western
Michigan:
Kerry
Hollingsworth

Western Michigan conference in Holland, Michigan, where an average of 140 people attended each lecture given by Dr. Zylstra and Professor C.T. McIntire. Zylstra spoke on Christian justice and how a political program might be started in Western Michigan. McIntire presented his lectures on the New American Revolution and how Christ's Kingdom might come in American political activities. Kerry says, "Both speakers complemented each other in many respects, Bernard's prophetic note complementing C.T.'s more historical approach. Overall the speakers communicated better to a wider number than last year, this being due of course to the less technical nature of both lecture series. Most conferees felt that they had understood all that was presented and had greatly profited by the conference.

Stroudsburg,
Penn.
Dr. John
Van Dyk

Approximately 135 persons from many different denominational backgrounds attended the October 15-17 AACS study conference held at Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. Dr. John Van Dyk from New Jersey tells us that an intensive dialogue was carried on between the conferees and C.T. McIntire and Bernard Zylstra over two issues: How do we Christians relate to the American revolutionary past and the New American Revolution of 1970; and, what is the background, content, and direction of political theory and action in the American context? The spirit of discussion was good.

Tapes?

ATTENTION: If any of you who attended these conferences have tapes of the happenings, please send them to George Balogh, Wedge Tape Library, 141 Lyndhurst Ave., Toronto 4, Ontario, Canada, so that he may copy them. Many others could benefit from hearing these lectures. Please help us.

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MINI-SCRIPTS...

Church
Book is
Out!

The last part of this letter, as usual, will be odds and ends that many people find most interesting of all; maybe you do too. Here goes:

You may have heard about it: the church book is out. That is, Out of Concern for the Church: Five Essays. It was written by some members of the Association, and three of them are profs at the Institute. What's it like? The preface states, "The Church in all of her forms--these papers lament--has failed to disturb modern society with the prophetic Word of judgment or healing because to an alarming degree the Church has become an expression of modern society. To be specific in regard to one of the key areas of the Kingdom: the institutional church, in failing to preach the Word of God in its central sense, has become both internally sick and externally irrelevant. Convinced of the central importance of the institutional

church the authors are alarmed that it may turn its back completely on modern society in a pattern of world-flight, or that it may be eliminated in a futile effort towards world-involvement. Confident that an honest appraisal of the institutional church conducted in love is for the good of the Church, these same authors, along with others, are working towards a companion volume which will discuss in more detail the positive task of the church today."

By
John Olthuis,
Hendrik Hart,
Calvin
Seerveld,
Bernard
Zylstra,
James Olthuis

The volume contains five chapters: "The Wages of Change" by John Olthuis; "The Gospel is Radical: An Essay on the Propriety of Modern Attitudes" by Hendrik Hart; "A Modest Proposal for Reforming the Christian Reformed Church in North America" by Calvin G. Seerveld; "The Crisis of Our Time and the Evangelical Churches" by Bernard Zylstra; and "Must the Church Become Secular?" by James H. Olthuis. You are going to hear a lot about this book before the year's over. See for yourself what these people are saying about our church, don't go by hearsay. It's too important a subject. You can get a copy by sending a cheque for \$2.75 (includes postage and handling) to Tomorrow's Book Club, Box 10, Station L, Toronto 10, Ontario, Canada.

Schouls of
Edmonton
Announces
two \$500
Scholarships

Trustee Peter Schouls announced that the Edmonton chapter of the AACS will be making two one-year-only \$500 scholarships available immediately for students from North America to study at the ICS, with the recipient to be chosen by the Institute staff.

New "Place and Task"

The trustees decided at their Oct. 5-9 meeting to publish a new document: "The Place and Task of the Institute for Christian Studies, Revisited" as soon as possible. The report is to be written, in simple language that all can understand, by the Institute staff chairman, James Olthuis; the director of communications, Robert Carvill; the executive director of the Association, John Olthuis; and trustee Peter Schouls. It will up-date the "Place and Task of the Institute for Reformed Scientific Studies" written in 1965.

New
Trustee
Officers

The board of trustees elected new officers at the latest meeting in October. Elected were: James Joosse, president; Marinus Koole, vice-president; Henry Lunshof, secretary; and Jan de Koning, treasurer.

We'll
Spend
\$129,500
in 1970-71

Our Association budget for 1970-71 is \$129,500. Presently that means that we will be spending approximately \$26,500 that we won't have because our projected income is about \$103,000. As most of you know, we've always operated on "faith economics" at the AACS. We are depending on your faithfulness and sacrificial giving to cover the deficit. Please also pray that others will capture

our vision of bringing God's Word to bear on graduate education, and help support the work with their gifts.

Institute
Expansion
Campaign:
\$80,000
Pledged;
\$30,000 in
Bank

John Hultink, our development director, wants to let you know that so far the Institute Building Campaign (which will now become known as the Institute Expansion Campaign) has realized \$80,000 in pledges to date, and \$30,000 of this is on hand in cash. He remains confident that the goal of \$300,000 over three years will be reached. Those persons who pledged money specifically for a building will be contacted about the change in plans for using those gifts, and permission will be asked to either put this money towards leasing our new building, or towards securing new faculty members. Any questions about this should be sent to John Hultink, Director of Development, AACS, 141 Lyndhurst Ave., Toronto 4, Ontario.

26 Full-time Students, 125 Part-time

This year we have 26 full-time graduate students and about 125 part-time students. They come from the U.S., Canada, The Netherlands, and Japan. They represent at least a dozen church backgrounds. Some of our most dedicated and hardest working students come from non-reformed backgrounds. We welcome anyone to study at the Institute who is interested in discovering how the Word of God transforms his scholarship when he takes a stand in Jesus Christ.

Discovery II
on the
Road

Discovery II has started, and during the past three weeks about 5,000 people heard our first speakers. James Olthuis, Hendrik Hart, and Louis Tamminga spoke in 22 communities on the theme: The church in Biblical perspective. I've read two of these speeches, and if you've heard one of the speakers I think you found that they have some timely insights into the nature of the church, and some surprising Biblical statements on the real nature of the church in the Christian community. If you want to attend the next lectures and can't find the nearest community where it is being held, please write to John Olthuis at the Institute. We'll direct you to the closest meeting.

Zylstra
at
Gordon

On October 19 Bernard Zylstra visited Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts. He spent the day doing three things: 1) speaking on Justice and Scripture to professor Phil Bom's freshman political science class; 2) delivering a chapel talk on the need for a Reformation of Christendom; and 3) attending a luncheon of the Gordon faculty with Dean Richard Gross and President Ockenga. He also had a one and a half hour talk with Dean Gross. Professor Zylstra believes that the AACS has to pay considerably more attention to the idea-producing matrix of the Northeast part of the U.S. He feels that this region has immense potential for reformational reflection and action.

"Move into
New
England!"

Goudzwaard receives Ph.D. - Two Books Published

Bob Goudzwaard, who will begin teaching at the Institute next summer, received his doctorate from the Rotterdam School of Economics early in September. His doctoral dissertation has been published in Dutch. Its title (translated into English) is, Unpriced Scarcity: The Hidden Costs of Industry as a Problem for Economic Theory and Policy. (Available from Tomorrow's Book Club.) We are attempting to arrange a team of translators for this book. You may also be interested in knowing that the Central Committee of the Anti-Revolutionary Party in The Hague has decided to give \$500 towards the publication of an English translation, A Great Task for the Common Man, of Dr. Goudzwaard's Grote taak voor kleine mensen.

Runia,
Arntzen,
Hegger
Visit
ICS

The Institute staff has met with three guests recently. On September 15, they met with Dr. Klaas Runia, professor of theology in the Reformed Theological College of Geelong, Australia. They also entertained Dr. M.J. Arntzen, pastor of the Reformed Church in 's-Gravendeel, one of the leaders of the movement of the verontrusten in The Netherlands. When Rev. Hegger, a converted Roman Catholic priest, made his tour through Ontario in early October, our faculty members learned more about "De Rechte Straat" that he is associated with, and talked with him extensively about the possibility of establishing closer lines of communication with the Dutch intellectual community.

A new translation of H. Dooyeweerd's Vernieuwing en Bezinning, Reconstruction and Reformation, is available from the Institute in stencilled form for \$2 (first section).

Hart at
Conference
on
Evangelism

Hendrik Hart was a member of the Christian Reformed delegation to the Ottawa Canadian Congress on Evangelism. Several papers and the CBC picked up some of his statements and broadcast and published them throughout Canada. He said, "I am haunted by the vision that I may wake up some morning and discover that 100 million Christians in North America have disappeared and that hardly anyone missed them."

Mrs.
Vandezande
Spearheads
Book
Drive
in
Woodstock

Mrs. G. Vandezande of Woodstock, Ontario, has been pioneering in the job of building the Institute library by collecting books throughout her region. Several boxes of books, many of which are rare Dutch language volumes, have been delivered to the Institute. We thank Mrs. Vandezande for her faithful work and those who have sent in other books. There must be others of you who have books lying around your house on theology or philosophy that you could donate to our specialized library on the history of the Kuyperian Reformation and the development of the philosophy of the cosmonomic idea (Wijsbegeerte der Wetsidee). Can you help us?

Get your
Curriculum
Materials

If you are a teacher you might be interested in getting a set of the curriculum materials prepared this summer by 25 teachers under the direction of Arnold DeGraaff. There are ten stencilled syllabi on two areas, Social Studies and Biblical Studies. We have social studies material for grades 1, 2-5, 6, and for high school history. We have Biblical studies material for grades 4, 8, 9, 10 and high school study of the Book of Revelation. You can attain more information about these materials by writing to Dr. DeGraaff, 141 Lyndhurst Ave., Toronto 4, Ontario.

Adie on
Money
History

On October 26, Dr. Douglas Adie, who teaches in the economics department at the University of Ohio in Athens, Ohio, presented a paper to the socio-economic workshop at the Institute on the history of monetary policy in the U.S. and Canada. Dr. Adie is a member of the Association, and is vitally interested in a Christian political witness.

British
Teachers
Visit
ICS

On August 25, Mrs. Dorothy M. Lowther and Miss Irene Brightmer, two exchange teachers from the British Isles, visited the Institute which, they said, "we've heard so much about". Mrs. Lowther teaches math in Scarborough, Ontario, to junior high students, and attends Dr. Runner's course in philosophical prolegomena. Miss Brightmer is teaching geography in British Columbia this year. She is a strong supporter of the AACS after attending the first AACS conference held earlier this summer in Birmingham, England.

New VANGUARD Launched

Exciting
New
Format
and
Writers

Finally, one other exciting thing happened: the first newly edited issue of VANGUARD, Christian Vision for the Seventies, successor of The Christian Vanguard, came off the presses. The magazine appeared in a striking new format with a smashing red cover featuring an article by Dr. James Olthuis on "Family Values, a Ping Pong Ball". There are new columns by the following persons: John Olthuis writes under the heading, A PLACE TO STAND, and he takes strong stands on controversial issues. His first stand was for the voucher system of educational appropriations by each parent to the school of his choice. He entitled his piece, "Ring Around the Altar". Gerald Vandezande writes under the heading, CONFRONTATION. He has some provocative insights into the power struggle between GM and the UAW, and what we believers ought to do about it. C.T. McIntire analyzes the present struggle for control of the North American university, and a recent decision by a distinguished body of professors to co-opt students into the university structure where they can't do any harm. His column is called, WORLD-SHAKING, a cold, hard look by a Christian historian at those events, persons, and principles which shake the world. And then there's Bert Witvoet's column, WELCOME TO MY PERCH; you'll be surprised by his topic. And much more.

International
Voice of
Our
Christian
Movement

VANGUARD is an international magazine designed to become the voice of our Christian movement in the midst of contemporary public issues and affairs. Many professors at the Institute will be writing in VANGUARD in the coming months. In the newsletter you will get news; in VANGUARD you will get views, and articles, in a popular style that you can understand. If you'd like to become a member of VANGUARD, you can subscribe to the magazine by sending \$5 for ten monthly issues to VANGUARD Subscriptions, Box 2131, Station B, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. Bert Witvoet and I will do our best each month to see that you get your money's worth.

Well, that's about it. We'd like to hear your reactions to the news.

In God's Shalom!

Robert Lee Carvill
Director of Communications

P.S. Would you consider paying your AACS dues for 1970 if you haven't done it yet? Thanks. RLC

P.P.S. It would greatly help the outreach of the AACS and ICS if we could send one or more of your friends, relatives, or acquaintances a few issues of Perspective Newsletter, introducing them to our organization and its activities. If you know of people who might be interested in the AACS or the ICS, will you please write their names on the forms below and send them in to us? Thanks. RLC

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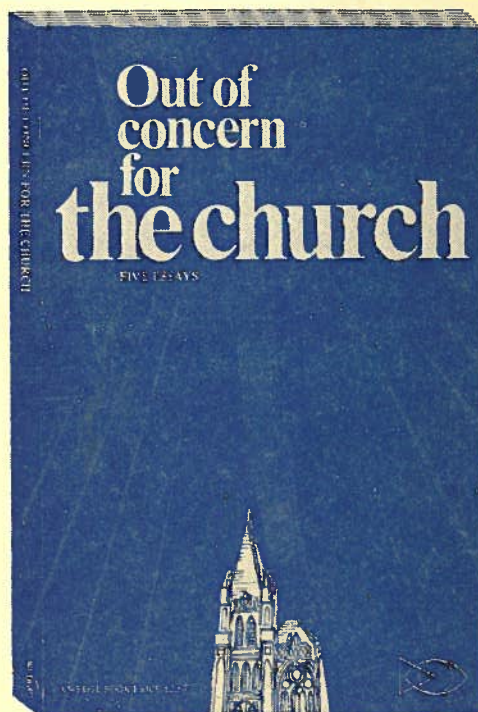
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