

## BOOKS RECEIVED: BRIEF NOTICES

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Titles of books received which are at all related to the interests of this journal are listed in this section, unless the review of the book appears in the same issue of *AUSS*. Inclusion in this section does not preclude the subsequent review of a book. No book will be assigned for review or listed in this section which has not been submitted by the publisher. Where two prices are given, separated by a slash, the second is for the paperback edition.

Crider, Charles C., and Kistler, Robert C. *The Seventh-day Adventist Family: An Empirical Study*. Berrien Springs, Mich.: Andrews University Press, 1979. xii + 284 pp. Paperback, \$8.95.

A demographic, ecological, and socio-economic study of the white Seventh-day Adventist family in the United States, intended to provide the basic understanding needed to develop programs to strengthen the family unit. Includes a profile of this family unit, analyses with age, education, and occupational influences as variables, information on marital stability and sources of conflict, and recommendations on what the church may do, particularly in "preventive care." (There were 2004 respondents.) — D.C.J.

*Michael Belina Czechowski, 1818-1876: Results of the Historical Symposium about His Life and Work Held in Warsaw, Poland, May 17-23, 1976, Commemorating the Hundreth Anniversary of His Death*. Rajmund L. Dabrowski, General ed., B.B. Beach, English ed. Warsaw: Znaki Czasu Publishing House, 1979. 551 pp. Text given in both languages. \$7.00.

The book presents the published record of this symposium dealing with the life and work of one of the pioneers of early Adventism in Europe. The life story of this remarkable Pole is a colorful one. He was in turn a Roman Catholic priest, a Protestant, and finally became an Adventist minister. He worked under most trying conditions. He traveled in many European countries (where the first Adventist churches or groups in Italy, Switzerland and Romania were established as a result of his labors), and lived for more than a decade in America. Having been the first Seventh-day Adventist preacher on the European continent, Czechowski was truly a forerunner of the future worldwide missionary work of this church. — E.S.E.

Roop, Eugene F. *Living the Biblical Story: A New Method of Group Bible Study*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1979. 142 pp. Paperback, \$4.95.

Roop presents a case study method of group Bible study. One of his goals is to reintroduce the Bible into the discussion of ethical questions in a responsible way. In this book he first explains the method and then illustrates it with eight sample studies of Biblical passages with implications for the Christian community. — D.C.J.

Schantz, Hans J. *Enhedens dilemma* (The Dilemma of Unity). Odense: Dansk Bogforlag, 1979. 155 pp. Paperback, Danish Crowns 69.50.

An analysis of the encounter between the World Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church, the latter claiming to be *The Church* through which an all-embracing unity is to be administered. The book discusses the problems on both sides and closes with a warning against ecumenical efforts that are too far-reaching and which could result in sacrificing biblical truths for the sake of unity. — E.S.E.

Scott, Lindy. *Economic Koinonia within the Body of Christ*. Mexico City, D.F.: Editorial Kyrios, 1980. 156 pp. Paperback, \$1.95.

This study of the use and distribution of material possessions in the Bible is an M. A. thesis adapted for a general audience. Its chapters deal with the applicable biblical passages, and, very briefly, first-century Jewish practices from extra-biblical sources. Included is an exegesis of 2 Cor 8:1-5 and finally, there are suggestions and applications for contemporary Christians. — D.C.J.

Simos, Bertha G. *A Time to Grieve: Loss As a Universal Human Experience*. New York: Family Service Association of America, 1979. x + 261 pp. \$14.95/9.95.

Aimed particularly to enable those in the helping profession to deal adequately with those who have suffered loss of one kind or another, this book combines both theory and practice in nontechnical language. It discusses what experiences can be classified as loss, gives an overview of normal grief, and discusses various elements of the grief process, restitution, and loss as an agent for change. — D.C.J.

Whittenburg, Ruth Stump, comp. and ed. *Time for Everything under the Sun. On the Life and Times of V. L. Stump, A Gifted Minister and Able Editor*. New York: Philosophical Library, 1980. xiv + 363 pp. \$17.50.

Besides being a pastor, evangelist and businessman, for many years (1918-1942) V. L. Stump was editor of the *Evangelical Visitor*, the official periodical of the Brethren of Christ Church. The book consists of a biographical part, and a selection of Stump's editorials, covering such issues as ministry, doctrines, current events, and Christian living. — E.S.E.

Willimon, William H., and Wilson, Robert L. *Preaching and Worship in the Small Church*. Lyle E. Schaller, ed. *Creative Leadership Series*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1980. 126 pp. Paperback, \$4.95.

An approach that perceives small churches (memberships of 200 or less) not as problems to be dealt with but as having inherent strengths (community, an emphasis on preaching and worship) which may be built upon. Discusses the Lord's Supper, baptisms, weddings, and funerals and the prominent role of the laity in this context. — D.C.J.