

## FROM THE EDITOR

We are pleased that in this nineteenth year of publication *Andrews University Seminary Studies* is increasing its publication frequency and broadening its scope. It is also taking on a new and improved appearance, this "new look" being perhaps the most noticeable in the new cover design.

The current number of *AUSS* introduces **three issues per year** in contrast to the two issues per year published since 1965 and the one issue per year prior to that. At this time, too, we are introducing one of our **new categories** of material—"Andrews University Doctoral Dissertation Abstracts." Further abstracts will appear from time to time in future issues.

The scope of coverage is being broadened so that certain specialized areas of practice of ministry and of religious education may be included. Nevertheless, our earlier emphasis on biblical studies, archaeology, theology, ethics, church history, history of religions, etc., will also be retained. In this respect, there will be one important change, however: In reporting any future archaeological excavations sponsored by Andrews University, only articles, notices, and summarizations of general interest will be carried, instead of the detailed "area reports" which *AUSS* provided for each of the five campaigns at Tell Hesi. (It is envisaged that a separate publication will furnish the technical detail of any such future archaeological digs.)

It is our goal to devote some 220 to 240 pages annually to materials in our regular categories of general articles, brief notes, dissertation abstracts, book reviews, book notices, etc., including an index for each annual volume. However, we hope that, as in the past, the publication realities may exceed our projections, so that our readers may be furnished a larger number of pages.

The "financial crunch" which I mentioned in a note in the Spring issue of 1977 (*AUSS* 15: 95) is, unfortunately, still very much with the publishing field. We on the *AUSS* staff have been endeavoring in every way possible to effect economies that will enable us to give our readers the maximum amount of material possible with the funds available for each volume.

Right now, we are engaged in a **subscription campaign**, and would count it a real favor if you, as readers, would alert colleagues and friends who might be interested in subscribing to *AUSS*. You might also request that your institutional library subscribe.

The *AUSS* staff wishes herewith to express **sincere gratitude and thanks** to both readers and writers for your kind interest and support. Be assured that we are committed to do our utmost to be of service to you in any way we can.

Yours sincerely, in behalf of the *AUSS* staff,  
Kenneth A. Strand, Editor