It is a real honor to be asked to express appreciation to Dr. Leona Glidden Running, a coworker, colleague, and friend, who during the first twelve years of the life of Andrews University Seminary Studies was one of my main assistants in my editorial work on the young scholarly journal. As I tried to establish AUSS as a respected and reputable vehicle of communication of the biblical, theological, and archaeological work carried out by the faculty, and by former and current students and friends of the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary, Leona was a faithful adviser, an ever-ready consultant, and a willing helper in reading, evaluating, and editing articles that were submitted for publication.

I want to join the present editor, therefore, in thanking Dr. Running for what she did for the journal and for me, and for what she has continued to do for AUSS to the present day. And I wish her many more years of fruitful association with a journal that during its life of two dozen years must have grown close to her heart and undoubtedly has become a beloved child of hers which she has helped to nurture to maturity.

—Siegfried H. Horn
Jerusalem, Israel

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE SEMINARY DEAN

It is a special privilege to contribute a few words in appreciation to a most outstanding teacher, colleague, church woman, and friend, Dr. Leona Glidden Running.

It was my grand opportunity over a quarter of a century ago to have Dr. Running introduce me to Biblical Hebrew while I was a graduate student at the Seminary. Her indefatigable enthusiasm in teaching this language has instilled a deep and lasting love for it in my heart as well as in the hearts of unnumbered Seminarians over the years. Dr. Running’s seemingly inexhaustible knowledge of the comparative relationships of ancient Near Eastern Semitic languages and their developments have awed students time and again and given evidence of the larger connections of Biblical Hebrew with its sister languages. Dr. Running has endeared herself also to students and colleagues for her expeditious and speedy editorial help when such assistance was needed for papers, reports, scholarly manuscripts, books, theses, and dissertations. Who could have had a better editor, with professional skills in this area and additionally the knowledge of more than a dozen languages, both ancient and modern? There is truly only
one Dr. Running. We are grateful that she still is active as a teacher, counselor, and editor, after formally retiring in 1981, at which time she was honored as the first Seminary female faculty member to become Professor Emerita.

AUSS and the Seminary could not be what they are without Dr. Running. Andrews University as a whole would be impoverished had she not left a lasting stamp on all of us who were and are her students and who are serving with her at this institution of excellence as well as in church and society at large. As dean, I consider it a distinct honor to extend to Leona my own personal appreciation for distinguished service and lasting inspiration; and on behalf of faculty, staff, and students, I wish her God's continued blessing.

—Gerhard F. Hasel
Dean