

## P R E F A C E

The present issue of "Immanuel" again presents a variety of articles reflecting the wide spectrum of religious thought and research in Israel, beginning with Bible Teaching in Israel and concluding with Army Education in relation to world outlook. Intervening contributions include – in Section II (New Testament and Judaism of the N. T. period) an interesting discussion on the origin of the "Improperia", on the "Reproaches" recited during the Roman Catholic Good Friday liturgy, and its relation to the Passover Haggadah. This is a continuation of an earlier discussion on the subject which appeared in "Immanuel", issue number 4. An Hebrew article of Prof. Shlomo Pines on Flavius Josephus' account of the Pharisees, which appears in English translation on pp. 38-43 has prompted Prof. David Flusser to give a response which has developed into a full length article on Josephus and the Sadducees (see pp. 61-67). Very much a contemporary flavour have the articles by the Dominican priest, Dr. Marcel Dubois, who teaches at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, on "A Christian view of Jews, Judaism and Israel" and by a Professor of Bible at the same university Prof. Shemaryahu Talmon on "Israel: Significance and Realities". Both articles emerge from the intensive encounter which has developed between a number of Jews and Christians in Jerusalem over the past decade.

We are happy to present these and more articles to our readers in the present issue of "Immanuel".

It is felt that "Immanuel" deserves to be much more widely known than is the case at the present. We should like to appeal to our readers to make efforts in their own environment to solicit subscriptions from institutions and individuals interested in the material presented in the bulletin. In many Theological colleges, Faculties and Libraries as well as among individual scholars who are interested in the subject covered by "Immanuel", the bulletin seems to be unknown. We should be grateful to our readers if they could give publicity to "Immanuel" in their own circles.

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