

## MEMORIALS

### William Bass

On January 18, 1976, William Bass passed away at age 52 leaving his wife, one son and one daughter. Dr. Bass was professor of apologetics and philosophy of religion at Talbot Theological Seminary, La Mirada, California. To those of us who knew him he was not only a warm friend but also a beloved colleague who had a unique ability to provoke thought with his creative probing of issues.

He was a Christian scholar, but perhaps above all he desired to be a follower of his Lord. Two favorite themes for which he was known by all of his friends were God's kingdom and God's glory. He had a particular love for the people of Israel and was constantly concerned with bringing them to their Messiah and promoting an understanding of Jewish-Christian relations among evangelical churches.

In the will of God, William Bass has been elevated into the presence of that glory of which he often spoke. We can but thank our Lord for the privilege of enjoying him and profiting from his ministry for the time he was with us.

### Wick Broomall

The Society lost one of its better known and most highly valued members on February 5, 1976. Dr. Broomall was called home to be with his Lord after a period of declining health at the age of 74. Services were held at Smyrna Presbyterian Church, Smyrna, Georgia, with burial at Madison, Georgia. He is survived by his wife, one son and two sisters.

His academic career included periods on the faculties of Columbia Bible College, Dallas Theological Seminary and Erskine Theological Seminary. In addition he was founder of the Birmingham School of the Bible and founder and teacher of the Atlanta School of Biblical Studies. He was an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in America. He was the author of many books and articles, and his manuscript on the kingdom of God will be published posthumously. He was also a charter member of the Society and a faithful and frequent participant in its meetings. Wick Broomall has left an example of scholarship and spiritual devotion to all who knew him, and we rejoice in the memory of his work for Christ.

### Ivan C. Howard

The Rev. Ivan Cushing Howard, Ph. D., was born into a closely-knit family in Galena, Ohio, and was reared by a godly mother whose prayers

molded his life more than any other one human influence. At twelve years of age he was converted to Christ during an eleven-week-long Methodist revival held in the Fargo, Ohio, Wesleyan Methodist Church. Shortly thereafter, while walking through the woods and earnestly praying for God's best in his Christian life, the Holy Spirit of God came on him in sanctifying power. Those crisis experiences of the Savior's transforming grace were unforgettable and formative for the rest of his life. All who knew him will recall his definite commitment to what John Wesley called "the Methodist testimony."

Following high-school days he prepared for and entered mechanical engineering, working in that profession for nineteen years at the Marion (Ohio) Power Shovel Company. Although successful in his engineering work, he knew it was a career of his own choosing, not God's. During a two-week-long illness in bed, which he knew would be fatal if he did not answer God's call, he turned his face, flint-like, to be a minister who would adorn the gospel of his Lord and Savior.

Leaving engineering in middle life, he completed his A. B. degree at Kletzing College, University Park, Iowa, in 1947. He then pursued graduate studies at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary (1948) and Asbury Theological Seminary (1950-51). He completed his Ph. D. degree at the State University of Iowa in 1965.

Dr. Howard served as pastor, evangelist and professor in Iowa, teaching at Vennard College for eight years. He then served as professor at Asbury Theological Seminary for three years and as professor and dean at Whitworth College (Brookhaven, Mississippi) for four years.

Answering the call to become executive director of the Association of Independent Methodists, he moved his office to Jackson, Mississippi, serving as director and evangelist in several churches scattered across Alabama and Mississippi.

In the spring of 1974 he accepted the challenge to help found and direct Wesley Biblical Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, "the new Wesleyan seminary of the south." Under his presidency the school opened with sixteen students and three professors with earned doctorates. When Dr. Howard was taken by a massive coronary on Saturday, November 13, 1976, the Seminary could report an enrollment of sixty for the fall quarter with a teaching staff of six, representing fifteen different denominations in the student body and five different denominations in the faculty.

Survivors of Ivan Howard include his wife, Martha L. Howard; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Gerald and Mrs. Ruth Bishop; and one son, James, a senior at Asbury College.

Charles F. Pfeiffer

Charles Franklin Pfeiffer, resident of Mount Pleasant, Michigan, died July 18 at the age of 57 at the Oceana Hospital, Hart, Michigan.

He was born May 23, 1919, in Philadelphia and had been professor

of ancient literatures at Central Michigan University since 1963.

He was an ordained Reformed Presbyterian minister and received the B. A. degree from Temple University in 1952, the B. D. from the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in 1957, the Ph. D. from the Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning in 1953, and the S. T. M. from Chicago Lutheran Seminary.

Before going to Central he was a professor at Gordon College and Divinity School (1959-63) and taught at Moody Bible Institute (1955-59) and at King's College (1952-55). He was widely known for his expertise in Biblical literature and the ancient Near East.

Charles Pfeiffer was an adjunct faculty member at Ashland Theological Seminary for ten years. During this time he taught many courses and was most beloved by students and faculty. His personal and professional life was always a positive force in the lives of his students.