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# Editorial

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An early notice about *Foundations* appearing in an evangelical magazine expressed the hope that the BEC would soon improve the format to make it worthy of the contents. It has taken us six years! Whilst deeply grateful for those who made it possible for the journal to appear at all in those initial years we are pleased that the first fully type-set issue is now in your hands. It will not go unnoticed by readers concerned to exercise responsible stewardship of limited financial resources that this improvement has been possible with **no increase in price** even for the next six issues.

A word of explanation is needed about the number of articles in this issue from one pen! The Editor, Dr. Eryl Davies, had already planned to include another of his reviews of Theological Journals (so valuable to busy men!) together with the article on "Eternal Punishment", a subject increasingly questioned among professed evangelicals today. It was then that we received several requests from men who had attended the 1983 Luther Memorial Conference in London to publish his address on "Luther and National Life". Although responding with appropriate modesty, the Editor has yielded to our pressure and readers will judge for themselves the wisdom of that decision.

The "Apostles Today?" article (Rev. Hywel Jones) is included this time because of contemporary pastoral problems in our churches. The view which maintains that the apostolic office is valid for our generation is subjected to exegetical examination in a stimulating way. Giving priority to this article has meant deferring until a future issue the planned item on "Holy Spirit, Holy Bible, Holy Church".

Mr. Jones has also contributed a major review of an important book on the relevance of the Old Testament for social ethics (Living as the People of God, C. Wright). The crucial need for an evangelical consensus in the church's approach to burning social problems today highlights the importance of clear thinking on this subject.

It has been a feature of *Foundations* from the outset that we have included reviews of new books to indicate their theological standpoint and practical value. Stephen Dray supplies as further selection on Old Testament commentaries.