



Editorial

Twelve months ago, six articles were published coming from the pens of ministers who had completed the Princeton D. Min. degree. In a sense this issue of *Theology in Scotland* is a sequel to that collection of papers in that six papers are published from ministers who have completed the D. Min. degree offered jointly by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and the University of Aberdeen. All six papers are from parish ministers (though two have recently retired) working in the North East of Scotland. All of them are rooted in the life of their own congregations and one cannot read them without being very aware of the deep involvement of the local congregation in the chosen projects. It is obvious that for this particular D. Min., the ministers' advanced study does not take them away from their congregations but immerses them in that life with a peculiar and fresh intensity to the mutual enrichment of both minister and congregation. What is also clear is the attempt by all the authors to think theologically about the nature of ministry and of congregational life and worship. Taking all of these factors together does, I believe gives these papers a unity and coherence in the midst of their diversity of topic.

Coming soon

The next issue will have an Old Testament theme. In June a conference took place in Edinburgh to celebrate the life of Professor Norman Porteous who died recently aged 104. Papers were given by (among others) Stewart Brown, James Barr, Ronald Clements, John Sawyer and Graeme Auld. Those who were present enjoyed a rich feast and I am delighted that *Theology in Scotland* has been given the opportunity of publishing the conference papers.

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