



Convention 93 Highlights



**Honourary
President
Al Diston (right)
Installs
National Officers
seen here behind
Al are
Honourary
President
Fred Holberton
President
John Carswell
President Elect
Craig Watson**

Passing the Gavel

The scene below right marks the moment that Past President Lloyd Richards on the right gives the symbol of authority to John Carswell who had just been installed as the new National President. John then made his acceptance speech from which has been taken pertinent quotes which not only tells you of John your National AOTS President but of, John Carswell, Christian.

Honoured

I am honoured to be standing on this platform tonight to be taking on such a responsibility as the National President. It is indeed a privilege and a pleasure to be a servant of the Lord in this area. Rest assured ladies and gentlemen, that I will always do my best for the betterment of the AOTS and the world in general. With your help and God's blessing I feel confident of the outcome.

Thanks

Thanks goes out to the Convention Committee who under the chairmanship of Roy Jones, worked untiringly to help make the convention a success.

Appreciation

I want to express my appreciation to all of the officers and men who have allowed their names to stand as workers for the Lord within this great organization, for without them this service of God could not continue

Where John Comes From

Some of you may not know to much of this John Carswell. I have not been with AOTS for as many years as most of you have, coming into this organization about fifteen years ago. Let me tell you where I am coming from: Fourty-two years last July 17th, I was in a serious car accident, with compound fractures of the skull and

unconscious for 21 days. Since that time I have dedicated my life to the Lord and to serving Him.

John Joins AOTS

Fifteen years ago I went to a South Burnaby United AOTS meeting. I came away almost in tears. I wanted to help them but everything ran so smoothly that I felt that they didn't need me. What could I do? Despite that, I did become a part of the organization and soon became very involved.

Groomed For Service

John then spoke of several men of many who played a roll in grooming him for service. He mentioned such names as:
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Purpose

Is to share inspiration in service in His name with all Christian Men regardless of where and under what banner they gather.

Passing the Gavel (Cont.)



Tom Murray --- Bill Hastings

Jack Blain--- Ken Martin

Del Johnstone- Lloyd Richards

Lloyd Clarke---- Paul Wells

After paying tribute to the above and how they had an influence on his AOTS life he went on to say:

Many Others

There are many others too numerous to mention, who have helped guide me to where I am now, but I would be very remiss indeed if I neglected to mention:- Dr. Murray McPherson, Dr. Fred Holberton and my very good friend Ray Silzer.

They Affected His Life

What I am really trying to say Ladies and Gentlemen, is that these people whom I've met over my lifetime, have had no realization as to how much they have affected me or if you please "groomed" me for betterment. It does make one stop to think that how we act and talk certainly has a significant effect on others. Your love, friendship and input does affect how others react and are groomed. Everyone should be mindful of how our attitudes do affect others.

Our President Envisions

Over these next two years as your President, I can envision us working with the Youth, serving in the churches and adding some real life to the Hospital Fund. I would like to see the exposure of AOTS doubled and many new groups of men joining the fold--of each one of us re-dedicating ourselves to that of being a servant of the Lord, asking nothing except the joy of serving.

My plans involve working with the United Church of Canada and possibly Housing for Habitat with the native people. There are hopes of training men to be leaders and the joy of being a follower.

This task will not be easy but I am dedicating myself to the fulfilment of this work, but alone I cannot do the job. The AOTS needs to complete this task. **Will you help me?**

Immediate Help

No sooner had John's last line "Will your help me " been typed into his report than an newspaper clipping from "The Citizen" of Duncan B.C. crossed the Handshake's desk answering this very plea. It comes under AOTS public relations and gave the Convention a good report. Don Morton was responsible for this fine news item and accompanied it with the following apology." Sorry that the editor took out the paragraph about the Theme and Theme Speaker".

The column was dated Sunday August

22-1993 and is run here word for word as not only seeing the Convention from a club's point of view but as an example of using the local newspaper or even your church's newsletter or bulletin to promote your men's club.

Locals Take in National Convention

The Biennial National Convention of the United Church AOTS Clubs held Aug 13 to 15 at Trinity Western University Langley was attended by eleven voting delegates from the Duncan Club.

They were accompanied by six wives of members and made a noticeable contribution to the proceedings.

Keith MacDonald(rt) from the Duncan Club was vice chairman of the organization committee. He was active throughout the Convention. Keith Faught and Bob and Audrey Waddy assisted with the

entertainment. Ernie Stafford was on the Resolutions

Committee, Art Mann((right) was

elected as a member of the National Council.

The Duncan contingent also supplied ten members to the impromptu choir which helped with the Sunday morning service. John Carswell of Burnaby was elected National President for 1993-95 and will be followed by Craig Watson of Bellville Ontario. The next convention will be held in Bellville in 1995.

One of the outstanding addresses was given by Dr. Peter Newbery, the West Coast Flying Doctor. Assistance to the United Church Hospitals from Newfoundland to B.C. has been a major project for AOTS.

And From Ontario

Two more newspaper clippings from Frankfort, Ontario

where our new President Elect Craig Watson resides. These proclaimed Craig's election, and gave honorable mention to the successfully completed convention.





Annual Meeting Highlights



Don't Touch That Dial!

Before you tune us out let's stop and consider the following highlights from the 36th Annual meeting of the National UCAOTS Men's Clubs Executive.

1994 Budget Slashed Membership Dues Up Delegates Approve.

Overview

The executive officers, regional representatives, and committee chairmen reported in full. Nominations and recommendations were prepared for presentation at the general business meeting.

Budget Paring

The finance committee brought to the annual meeting a proposed budget for 1994 totalling \$46,425.00. The immediate response was that it was not realistic in its relationship to our membership. A budget totalling \$37,600.00 was agreed upon and taken to the National Association business meeting and there accepted. The pie charts on this page simplify our income as against our expenditures. Also accepted by the delegates was an increased membership fee to \$15.00.

Membership Fee \$15.00

Yes that is what the national executive recommended to the delegates and they agreed unanimously. Why you might ask? To operate under a reduced and balanced budget in these trying fiscal times that's why. These dues can finance the major portion of the National Budget.

Membership Gives You: A National Voice

The UCAOTSMC national association is the official voice for men within the National Church.

A Unifying Force

The national association is the only unifying force of the men of our Church. It not only encompasses men's clubs like AOTS but as many other men's clubs of all sizes and descriptions that are known to it.

Communication

The National Association provides a link of communication through its official publication "The Handshake". This communication is between you the club member and all other members of AOTS, all other known men's groups, individual members, and every level of church government, including the Ministers, Conferences and Presbyteries.

Supplies

Everything to start a new club from Charters to a Life Membership Certificate and publications such as Handbooks to a series of published booklets of devotionals.

National Projects

The UCAOTSMC National Association presently sponsors and runs the United Church Hospital Funds, The Observer on Tape, The Harry Colonel Scholarship and The National Handshake.

Support

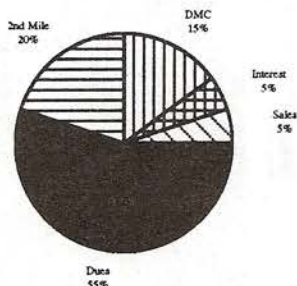
Through the Handshake we support Habitat Canada in which AOTS clubs in Manitoba and Alberta play an active part. Through the Handshake National supports, Ecumenical and United Church Men's gatherings including Canada's largest men's rally, the Banff Men's Conference. Otherwise it reports on clubs and men's get togethers from Newfoundland to British Columbia. It might be a new set of steps from Bay Verte to the sponsorship of a house for Habitat Canada in Winnipeg, Manitoba

And Finally

Although there is much much more, we must point to, the missionary zeal of AOTS through seventy years which has brought tens of thousand of men into the Church and through it, Service to Christ. Won't you continue to support your national organization and if you haven't joined us, consider this an invitation to do so.

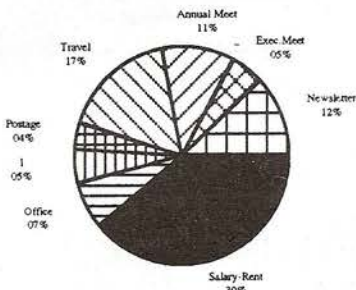
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Expenses-1994

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Convention News Day 1 Opening Ceremonies

Parade of the Flags



Welcomes

Greetings

And Prayers



The Opening Ceremonies Begin



These were started by Roy Jones (left) the Chairman of the Convention Committee when he asked the gathered delegates and their wives to rise as the official welcoming party filed in to the amphitheater. This entry was led by Dr. Don Page of Trinity University and Mayor John Beales of the Township of Langley. Both gentlemen are pictured in the lower right photograph and brought

greetings later from their respective jurisdictions.

The Parade of the Flags

As has become our custom a Piper, with his bagpipes in full form, led this colourful parade into the amphitheater, up on to the stage where the flags formed the background for this and all the other sessions. The parade was concluded by the singing of O Canada.

Roy then officially opened the Convention and asked Rev. Ormand Lavenne(r), the convention padre, to give the opening prayer. Roy then introduced each individual as he came forward to speak.



Welcomes

Greetings were then given by Lloyd Richards (left) our National President, Don Page for Trinity Western University, Jim Elliot for B.C. Conference(right), and Mayor John Beales for the township of Langley.



Anniversary Tribute

George Morrison on the left then paid tribute to the Ryerson Club of Vancouver, the founding club of AOTS. See more details and pictures on page five.



Memorial Service and Devotional

Wally Shoults, our Western Vice President, conducted a Memorial Service for those members who had passed on since the last Biennium. In this part of his devotional he named specific past members who had served at the national level, such as Gordon Hall, a Past National President. Gordon had registered for the convention but succumbed to an emergency ailment while in surgery. Wally then asked for other such names of AOTS members so that we could remember them during the silent worship time.



Welcome to the Ladies

Last but not least Jan Jones welcomed the ladies to attend as many sessions as they wished. Jan outlined the activities planned specifically for them throughout the week end. This marked the end of Opening Ceremonies.



Rev. Michael Ward developed the Convention Theme "Celebrating Our Faith" over three sessions under the headings "The Lost Sheep", "The Lost Coin" and "The Prodigal Son". This dynamic speaker captured the hearts and attention of the entire Convention. Michael arranged his holiday itinerary so that the convention took up the last three days. You will remember that the advance publicity photos had him as mustached yet clean shaven man. He most certainly grabbed our attention when he arrived with the beginning of a substantial beard. This is long gone now we understand. He and his wife Barbara entered into the events of the weekend and became a brother and sister within our christian community. Michael became so enamored with the AOTS spirit that he wants to start a Club



Convention News**Day 1****70th Anniversary Celebration**

**Cutting the Cake**

That's Rev. George Morrison on the left and National President Lloyd Richards cutting the Anniversary Cake at the Friday Luncheon. Over the last year AOTS has celebrated its 70th Anniversary from coast to coast as witnessed by the above and the Newfoundland story and photograph on this page.

As a part of the opening ceremonies George Morrison paid tribute to Ryerson, the founding club from which AOTS grew. The Handshake wishes to substantiate Rev. Morris' remarks as to the achievement of this extraordinary group of men and the heritage they left us. Our reference is an unpublished history of AOTS by the late Dr. Harry Grant.

53 Dedicated men.

Under the leadership of a Dr.H Riggs, 53 men gathered to form the Ryerson AOTS

Club. Their first task at hand was to physically build a gymnasium for their church. Along the way they met regularly to devise a modus operandi dedicated to service. They planned so well that our present day organization is similar in structure and the same in its objectives.

More Clubs

Within the year they encouraged the formation of several Vancouver clubs and soon after that a district council that encompassed the lower mainland. Next it was British Columbia and after the war, expansion to 700 clubs across Canada with a membership of over 10,000.

Trying Times

Although their plans for expansion were hindered by a depression and a war, their service to the community flourished. There was the establishment of a technical training school for the unemployed, the distribution of hundreds of Christmas Hampers and the gathering of food and clothing which they sent by the trainload to the prairie provinces. During the war they helped entertain the troops with concerts. They dedicated their lives to service.

We all owe a debt to the men of Ryerson and to those to whom they passed the torch of service. May the heritage of Christian love grow and prosper for years to come.

Newfoundland**Cutting the Cake**

While we cut our 70th Anniversary Cake at the Convention, Rev. Brian Wilke (above left) and Lester Curlew both of Grace AOTS of Springdale Newfoundland were cutting yet another cake for the Celebration .

13th Annual Men's Rally

The occasion was the 13th Annual men's Rally at West Haven Camp at Pasedena NFLD. Grace AOTS sponsored the rally under the guidance of the Humber District AOTS Council. Brian is the newest member of the club and Lester, the longest serving club member at the Rally.

More news on this Rally in the next issue.

Convention Notes Anniversary Entertainment



Prior to the the Opening Ceremonies several of the official party kicked off the signing of our huge Anniversary Card. Over one hundred signed before the weekend was over on a strictly volunteer basis. Thanks everyone. Here signing from top left to top right are: Al Diston Honorary President wearing his Banff cap. Al is co-chairman of this years Banff Conference.

Below him is Don Page Vice Principal of the Trinity Western University, next right is Lloyd Richards President of National AOTS, to his right is Rev. Orman Lavenne, convention padre, on the bottom right corner is Mayor John Beales of the Township of Langley, and above him is Ross Evans, Saskatchewan Provincial AOTS Representative.



Barbecue

The weatherman was kind enough to hold off the rain for the Barbecue. We started the day off in brilliant sunshine but at great expense we imported some showers. The outdoor setting was enjoyed by all.

Entertainment

The MC was Ron Berod who over the weekend introduced a theme Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" the words of which he wrote. Ron was song leader, organ player, choir leader and the backbone of the terrific Friday evening entertainment. He, his wife and his son, all of whom are photographers par excellence, combined some sensational slides with background music. It was spell binding.

Ontario Talent

Interspersed was some Ontario and Vancouver Island talent. No strangers to Round Ups and Conventions, Craig and Betty Watson, performed with their usual aplomb. Betty was recovering from major heart surgery yet insisted in backing up on the piano.

B.C. Talent

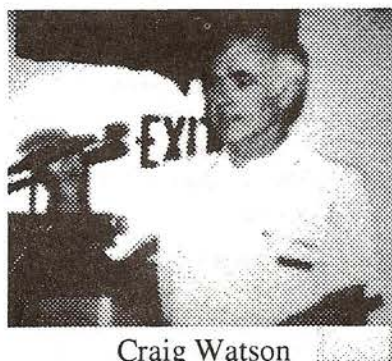
Jan Jones entertained with song and her Melodium. From Duncan, where annual concerts prevail, we had Bob and Audrey Waddy demonstrating some camp fire songs from their youth group. Keith Faught who can be seen on the far right reading from the book of " Victor Borge"



That's Jan Jones singing on left



"MC" Ron Berod on the right



Craig Watson



Betty Watson

Keith Faught
Duncan's
Victor Borge



Bob and Audrey Waddy

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7:20 A.M. From the Morning Chapel Service at 7:20 to the closing prayer at the conclusion of the Banquet this was one busy day, Saturday was the day when those from nearby registered for just that day and those who could only manage it came to the banquet where 125 sat down to enjoy a good meal and great fellowship.

9:15 A.M.

After breakfast we gathered in the amphitheater for a sing-a-long with Ron Berod. and following that Dr. Peter Newbery, Chairman the United Church Hospital Program, told the story of this service and the part that AOTS has played over the last six years. This was done with a slide presentation which brought everyone so much closer to the activity of these remote hospitals that we support. At the conclusion of his presentation, President Lloyd Richards presented Dr. Peter with a cheque that brought our donations to this cause up to \$8,000.00 as promised for the last two



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10:00 A.M.

Rev. Ormand Lavenne, the Convention Padre, conducted a devotional.

10:10 A.M. Second Theme Address:

Michael Ward



"The Lost Coin"

Workshops

1:35-12:20 First Session

2:00 -2:45 Second Session

Rev. Val Anderson

Subject "Being a Christian in Politics"
Val found difficulty in the multi faiths that make up his constituency. As a United Church Minister with his faith based on the trilogy of the Father the Son and the Holy Ghost he had to respect as a politician the other faiths by referring to a "Supreme Being. "Otherwise he has no problem applying his Christian Faith to his political beliefs.

Dr. Don Page

Subject : Prayer Study Groups.
Don served in the Department of External Affairs under Joe Clark. He formed a Prayer Study Group not only in external affairs but on some forty other ministries and civil service divisions. The members of these groups brought problems and concerns to their meetings and considered them as a group of Christians. They gathered strength from one another through discussion and prayer.

Keith Arner

His subject was "Promoting AOTS, A View From the Field" Keith has a track record in new club formation that is second to none . He has made AOTS known at the London Conference and Presbytery levels . As a result of these contacts he has helped form four clubs in two years. Keith is now our Central Vice President.

Dr. Murray McPherson

Subject: Housing Habitat
Murray brought the word on this movement that builds houses on a mass production basis for people who assume responsibility for paying for them. The Winnipeg District Council of AOTS has sponsored two such houses in recent years. AOTS is involved in Habitat Alberta in the Edmonton and the Calgary region.

Gil Reashore

Subject Devotions
Those attending the Convention will wonder where this workshop was. Well it wasn't because it was on standby to cover a cancellation. Gil and his Committee are the authors of the Devotional Booklets that come out each year, Gil thrilled the Annual Meeting with an outstanding devotional. Thanks Gil for doing all that work on a stand by basis.

Dr. Peter Newbery

Dr Peter holds a master's degree in theology as well his medical degree. In his workshop he brought a message of "The Healing Spirit" role it plays in todays medicine.

Ladies Entertainment

1:30 to 5:00 Friday and 1:45 to 5:00 Saturday

Ladies Entertainment

The ladies were welcome to attend all sessions. On Friday they bused (see below) to Minter Gardens and on Saturday to Fort Langley.



Business Sessions

3:45 to 5:15 Friday

2:45 to 5:15 Saturday



Receiving Reports are Ken Lane Executive Director, acting as recording Sec, and Pres Lloyd Richards.

Ernie Orpin (right) Treasurer Reporting



Finance Chairman Ed Edwards Left

New Finance Charman 1993 1995 Bill Pike



Gary Wilson the Nominations Committee Chairman (left) presented a slate of Officers. As per our constitution there were no nominations from the floor. President Lloyd Richards then ran the elections which required a secret ballot for one position. The following are your National Officers, Committee Chairman, and Members at Large for 1993-95.

- Honorary President -----Dr. Fred Holberton
Past President-----Lloyd Richards
President-----John Carswell
President Elect-----Craig Watson
Western Vice President-----Wally Shoults
Central Vice President-----Keith Arner
Eastern Vice President-----Vacant
Recording Secretary-----Dave Turnbull
National Treasurer-----Ernie Orpin
Executive Director-----Ken Lane

Chairman National Standing Committees

- Church & Community Service-----Dr. Murray McPherson
Constitution-----Bob Lewis
Convention 95-----Craig Watson & Ron Welsh
Fellowship and Membership-----Keith McFayden
Finance-----Bill Pike
Nominations-----Lloyd Richards
Spiritual Life & Leadership-----Gil Reashore

Members At Large

- William H. Bremner
Roy Jones
Art Mann
Bruce Martin
Jim Upbright

Chairman Of Special Committees

- Staff Committee-----Garry Wilson
Editorial Committee-----Bill Hastings

Conference AOTS Representatives

- Newfoundland and Labrador-----Raymond Gray
Maritime-----E. Wilson Jones
Bay of Quinte-----Ron Welsh
Toronto-----Al Smith
Hamilton-----Howard

- Wills
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Convention News Day 2-3 Banquet-To End

Convention Wind Up Banquet

As in all National Conventions Saturday night is reserved for the official banquet. It's program features the Installation of the National Officers and the inaugural speech of the new President, in this case John Carswell.(see acceptance speech on page 1 and 2 of this issue.)

Entertainment

Was a Ladies Barber Shop quartet whose sweet melodious harmony was superb This was followed by a surprise event which saw Lorne Harding, of Tabusintac New Brunswick, Knighted by the Duke of Esquimalt, Norman Leveene. Lorne won international acclaim for saving two horses from being "put down" in accordance with their owner's will.

We learned of an accident that occurred on the Ladies Tour, where Mrs Elliot (below) broke her ankle. Some people visited her in the hospital in Langley and we understand she is well on the road,



although painfully so, to a recovery. It was also announced that the lost Torontonians, the Gardner Party, had turned up in time for the Banquet. The

registration desk had alerted us that they were a no show. Their tardiness was due to a major automobile breakdown in Kamloops. An appeal was made at the banquet which responded handsomely and helped defray some of their repair costs. Bob Gardner seen with wife Eugene (above right) thanked us on, behalf of his party, on Sunday morning.



Photographic Record

The Handshake and others figuratively took hundreds of photographs of the

Convention. Many of them catch us all doing what we do best. What is that? Why Eating of course. We have space for but a few of these in this issue but you will be able to avail yourselves of this visual history at the next rally, Round Up Rally etc, that you attend.

Archival Display

For the first time the AOTS Archives Committee has put together, and displayed on posters, a photographic and anecdotal history of AOTS as told through the 22 AOTS National Conventions. Yes that reads 22. The first four conventions were under the auspices of the National Association of AOTS Clubs and the next eighteen under the UCAOSTMC National Association.

* History will record that we have one of the longest names of any association. It was an attempt by the the Board of Men endeavouring to combine AOTS with UCM as we became one organization.

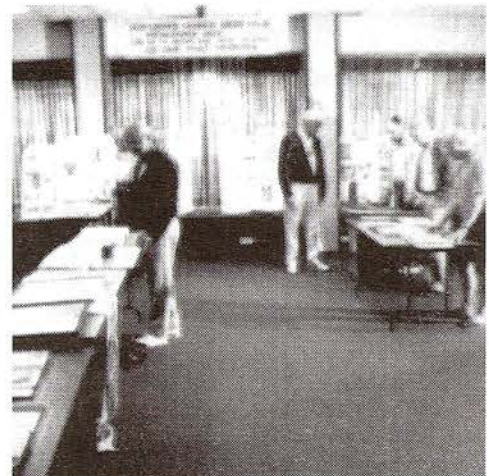
Sunday August 15th.

The new and old National Executive had their joint meeting to set off the next two years of operation. The Convention gathered for the last time in the amphitheater where we joined in Song augmented by an impromptu choir under the direction of Ron Berod. Following this our Theme Speaker give his third presentation " The Prodigal Son". We are indebted to Rev. Ward for his inspiring and thought provoking presentations. We left feeling very included in his Christian love and friendship.

Communion Service.

How fitting to celebrate together in Holy Communion at our last gathering as a convention. Norman Laveene and Del Johnstone officiated in the serving of the sacraments. It was done with help from some of the National Executive, such as John Carswell, Wally Shoultz, Lloyd Richards, Fred Holberton, Keith Arner, and Greg Watson.

Have Displays Can Travel



Lunch and Farewell

At the end of every convention or retreat program, these three words signify the end of a beautiful weekend. Beautiful because you say goodbye to friends new and old. knowing that you are soul mates and hope you will meet again.

Beautiful because you remember those dear friends and buddies that were recalled at the Memorial Service.

Beautiful because the speakers have inspired you to go on to better service and oh yes. because they have made you realize, one more time, how great it is to be with fellow christians in a community of Christ..

At this point in time we should think of those that organized the event and of course those that will plan the next one. The job in the former case is not yet finished. An order of proceedings has to be published, the books have to be balanced, and above all a critique of what was done right and what was done wrong so we can pass it along to the next Convention Committee.

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The Devotional

What Was Jesus Really Like

By Andrew Knowles*
Part II

By any reckoning Jesus was amazing. Born in Bethlehem, raised in Nazareth, and executed just outside of Jerusalem. Jesus never left the pocket handkerchief of a country then called Palestine. He left no writings or diaries, and all we know of him could be said and done in the course of a few weeks.

Yet his words and actions have fascinated great minds, inspired great deeds, and aroused great hopes ever since. To-day one third of the world's population professes to follow Jesus Christ, more than double the number of followers of any other of the great religions. In the West we date our calendars from the estimated year of his birth.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned put together, have not affected the life of man upon earth as has that one solitary life.

A Man Like Us:

What did the first disciples see in Jesus, as they walked the dusty roads with him, and visited the little towns of Galilee?

They saw a man like themselves. One who ate and slept and sweated and wept. A man whose feet got dirty and whose muscles ached. Nothing surprising in that.

But in other ways Jesus was quite extraordinary. Though not what we would call religious, he had a private life of prayer which was vital and mystifying. He called God "Father", and



urged his friends to do the same.

His stories, which were many, had an explosive quality. They somehow detonated in the mind blowing out a lot of prejudice, and letting in a lot of light. Ordinary people with no special education found his teaching riveting.

Peace:

And there were a lot of miracles. In a quiet almost self effacing way, Jesus helped and healed dozens of disabled people. The blind and lame, the deaf and dumb, even the disgusting and

untouchable lepers were restored to health, strength and independence. On a few occasions he even brought the dead back to life.

Complete Trust

Above all Jesus was his own man and this in an exciting way. He had won inner peace. A peace which he could share with others. A peace which was grounded in his complete trust in God His Father.

Early in the morning, or late at night or in the heat of the day, Jesus would pause for prayer. The result was that however much he was hassled or interrupted, he never lost sight of who he was or what he had to do.

Embarrassing Side

And yet, it has to be admitted that there was a most embarrassing side to Jesus. For one thing he kept company with the dregs of society. He liked nothing better than to dine with known cheats and thieves, and once allowed a prostitute to caress his feet, without even blushing.

He could be extremely rude. He accused some very distinguished people of play acting their beliefs and exploiting their status. In fact he told them in no uncertain terms that they stank. Some wonder that common people heard him gladly.

* Taken from Finding Faith by Andrew Knowles

A Message To Our Readers-Enjoy!

We hope you are enjoying the Handshake and more importantly hope you are receiving it. As you can see this issue deals with the Convention at Trinity Western University in Langley B.C. Over the last three Conventions our fall Issue has become the "Convention" issue. This is mentioned because as one issue is put to bed the files of material received from across Canada are revised and updated. In doing so this time it was noted that many reports from Oak Bay Victoria to Baie Verte Newfoundland are

waiting to be published. This plus the fact that reports of Retreats, Rallies and other weekend events are waiting to be told.

AOTS Alive And Well

Believe me when we say AOTS and its allied clubs are not dead, as we sometimes are lead to believe. If the minutes, reports, and newspaper clippings that cross the Handshake's desk are any indication, we are indeed alive and well. My goodness we even made the Observer which in itself

indicates that the national church is aware of us. Well, thanks to the Observer and to you fellows who keep the news coming. Keep up the good work.

We can do more

Due to a heavy work load we are coming your way later. Our deadlines however remain the same. We have enough news for at least two more pages per issue. To accomplish this we need your help. With budget trimming in the works we need individual and club support to bring you more good news of Service In His Name.

Have A Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year

(See you in February)