

The Handshake

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President Bob Lewis
His Message

Welcome to a new season of AOTS activities! As your newly elected President I can say that our successful Biennial Convention at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick this July was both an inspirational and challenge to me. An inspiration because of the many meaningful messages given by our speakers, and the joyful offerings of song and music. A challenge because I was called to be your President for the next two years.

As we set our sights on the tasks for the next few months we loof forward to hearing from clubs and individuals on ideas to foster the growth of our Association so we can better serve our Lord and Saviour. Let us keep in mind that the faith without work is dead. In the same vein we must project a positive image. All the problems of our church including the "Issue" are well known to us. Put them behind and let each of us put our shoulder to the wheel and marvel at what a great thing can be done when we call on God to be our leader. In future issues of the Handshake I shall report on the successful undertakings of clubs and members.

Success! Succes!

Success was written all over the convention sight of Mount Allison as the 26th Biennial AOTS Convention closed on July 9th, 1989. The theme speaker was excellent and the study sessions were sharing from beginning to end.

Business of the National Association was handled with dispatch (see detail pages 8, 9) with matters that needed to be addressed given careful consideration and directed to the committees and to the executive council for the appropriate action. Elections were conducted and the new officers installed for the ensuing two years. The previous executive as befits their job description were in meetings before, during and after the Convention throughout.

The ladies present enjoyed walking and riding tours of the Mount Allison Campus, shopping at Champlain Place, tours of Moncton and Fort Beausjour. It was good to see them participate in the small group activities where their input was enjoyed.

P.S. .Ralph Sams wnts to thank all those who worked so hsrard for this success.

Dedication!

Congratulations to those dedicated men who have volunteered to give of their time and efforts to the National Executive of AOTS. You are truly "As One That Serves". This is a challenge to all AOTS members to take a close look at their own talents and those of friends so we can all work together to deepen spiritual life, promote Christian Fellowship and to provide an opportunity for service.

Leadership is found in strange places, so we enlist your help in searching for the future.

C.T.G.(Clare)Bailey

Elections

Non Elected Positions

Honourary President--Sid Bagnal
Past President- Ernie Stafford

Elected Officers 1989-1991

National President----- Bob Lewis
President Elect-----Lloyd Richards
Eastern Vice Pres.----Tom Ferguson
Central Vice Pres-----Reg Cooper
Western Vice Pres.-- Fred Holberton
Recording Sec.-----Maurice Wright
Treasurer-----Ken Lane

National Standing Committees*

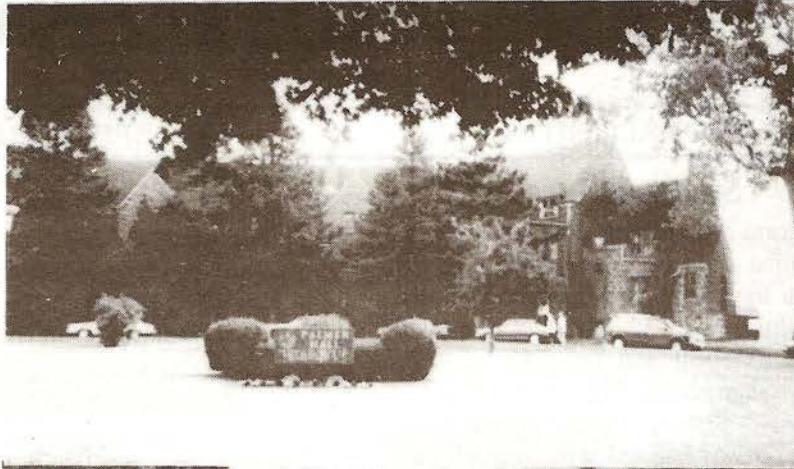
Club Community -----
----- Murray McPherson
Constitution----- Layton Steward
Convention-----Roy Jones
Fellowship and Membership-----
-----Keith MacFayden
Finance-----Lloyd Clark
Spiritual Life and Leadership-----
----- Wally Shoults
Nominating-----Clare Bailey

Conference Reps on National Council

Nfld.and Labrador-----to be selected
Maritimes-----Willard Proud
Montreal-Ottawa-----Kohn Polley
Bay Of Quinte----- ---CraigWatson
Toronto-----to be elected
Hamilton-----HowardWills
London-----tobe elected
Manitou-----JackThompson
Manitoba&North Wester Ontario---
-----Jack Romaniski
Saskatchewan-----Ray Silzer
Alberta-----Max Vandenbrink
British Columbia-----Ken Martin

* Acomplete list of the aappointed Committee Chairman and Members will be published in the nxct issue.

Happy Days at Mount Allison U 1989



Let's Do it Again at Windsor U in 1991



Sidney E. Bagnall

With this Life Member of AOTS being honoured as our Honourary President we trace his career of Service. It begins with his joining the Wilmar Heights club in 1955. In 1960 he served as Club President repeating that office in 1979. Meanwhile, in Sept. 1955 Sid formed from a nucleus of 12 AOTS men the long renowned Scarborough AOTS Glee Club. At one time it numbered 45 members who, under Sid's direction entertained from coast to coast promoting AOTS and Christian Fellowship through song. They truly exemplified the name and aim "As One That Serves". The travels of the Glee Club included entertaining at the First National Convention in Canadian Keswick 1959 and at each subsequent Convention until Halifax in 1977. At each of these nine conventions Sid served as Music and Song Leader.

During the 60s, Sid was national Music Chairman. He promoted, assembled and had printed the original AOTS Song Book complete with music. The Glee Club made a LP sing along Record to accompany the Song Book, primarily for those clubs without musical leadership.

Through the years and right up to the present date he has continued as an active member of the executive of the Wilmar Heights Club and at the District Council level. He is still active as a song leader at Conferences and Round Ups. Currently Sid is director at the Taylor Place Seniors Choir which this year placed first in its class at the Toronto Kiwanis Music Festival winning a \$250.00 scholarship. He has served continuously on the Kiwanis Festival Council as Marshall

and Chairman.

He is retired from his job as Plant Manager at Grand and Toy Ltd. Sid is encouraged and aided in his many activities by his lovely wife Dorothy, a well known figure in her own right both in AOTS and the United Church, and is supported by his daughter Jane, son Hugh, and Granddaughter Rhonda-Lynn.

by Lorne Thornely-Bill Hastings

Coming Events

1989

Nwfld.-Labrador RoundUp
Sept. 22-24-Loon Bay

Banff Men's Conference
Oct 13-14-15

Vancouver Lower Mainland
Christmas Party

1990

Alberta RoundUp
March 1990

BC RoundUp
March 1990

Ontario RoundUp
April 1990

Canadian Christian Festival III
Aug 16-19 1990
Halifax Nova Scotia
Speaker-Bishop Desmond Tutu
"A Time For Love"

Registration
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He Touched Us

Western AOTS Men will long remember the late Bill Anderson as he lead us in singing the Hymn

"He touched me
Oh! He touched Me."

And indeed Christ did touch us as we worshiped him in song.



Bill shared his God given talents and especially when he sang his and our favourite: "Jesus Jesus Jesus" And oh! how pure was our joy as we sang quietly along through the last chorus.

"Jesus Jesus Jesus
Let all Heaven and Earth Proclaim
Kings and Kingdoms may all pass
away
but there is Something about that
Name"

Yes Bill "He touched us" and so did you.

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Jean Beliveau-Christian

This world famous hockey player may have retired as a sportsman but he continued to pursue his lifetime christian faith by witnessing to some 600 fellow Christians on the occasion of British Columbia Leadership Prayer Breakfast. Often honoured by standing ovations for his excellent hockey this time he was visibly humbled by a standing ovation as he searched for some answers through the teachings of Christ.

We were challenged to ponder with him as he asked: What is My Purpose? What was my Purpose? with the answer in the words of Jesus. Love is my purpose."Obviously he said,"the course we follow to our destiny depends on many factors,one being the use of the gifts given to us by God." "No matter if you are a hockey player,a banker, a craftsman or clerk, is the purpose simply not love?"

He expressed concern about the "Stumbling blocks of dogma, rules, and regulations that challenge the faith of our children and grandchildren.: They have their place but should never be implemented without love.

"By this time Jean had not only captured us in his trip of faith through life but he had made us all wish that we had brought that questioning neighbor or perhaps our son for surely they would follow this outstanding Christian Athlete into Christ's training camp.

Witnessing as Jean did this day was admittedly difficult for him.His preference would be to face 15,000 irate Montreal Hockey Fans for he could win their hearts by scoring a goal or two.He won our hearts by scoring with sincerity and his expressed dedication to his faith Jean reminisced about the only two where he faced similar audiences .His first such venture was before the National Prayer Breakfast in Ottawa where he was introduced by John Diefenbaker and where he told his story to the busi-



ness and political leaders of our country. His second triumph was before the Jewish Arabic Friendship Society. His nervousness on this occasion was heightened by a bomb threat that caused the Hotel to be evacuated. However as they returned and Jean spoke, the friendship society responded to his message with yet another standing ovation."I thought I had found the answer to the Mid East

crisis for that night there was great fellowship between Christian , Moslem and Jew as we danced in to the wee small hours of the morning."

Jean thrilled us further as he lead us through his hockey career which he summarized as a success because of discipline, teamwork, support of his teammates and above all the support

of God. He concluded with an imagined day of judgement to find himself wanting under his own guidance but that "his cup runneth over" under the guidance of Christ.

Are You Prepared To Try?

Be not concentered or be surprised

If what you do is criticized

There's always some who always can

Find fakt with every plan

Mistakes are made we can't deny

But only made by folks who try

Are You prepared to try?

Len Goldsborough

Faith Is-

-the tendril by which the souls clings to
God

-a labratory cours- not a lecture course

The D.R. Poole Award is Won

Congratulations! Oak Bay AOTS of Victoria,B.C. You have won this award for the best support program for Youth. The runners up were first United , Cambridge, Ont., and third place went to St. Mathews of LewisPorte Newfoundland. How's that for covering Canada?

Other Entries

Bloomfield of Bloomfield Ont.

Cranbook of Cranbook ,B.C.

Cowichan Lake District

,Cowichan Lake,B.C.

Duncan of Duncan,B.C.

Esquimalt of Esquimalt,B.C.

Harrow of Harrow Ont..

Minnedosa of Minedosa,Man.

Park Street of Chatam Ont.

South Burnaby of Burnaby,B.C.

Botwood of Botwood Nfld.

Congratulations to all entries especially for your prompt answers on such short notice We promise more time up front next year.

Bibles n' Prayers

How awesome is the power of Prayer and Bible Study? How visible?

I will tell you about our group in the anticipation of hearing about yours. Once a year we sponsor a gathering like the one to which Jean Beliveau spoke.Such events take place in hundreds of cities across North America.But that is only a one time sharing with the business and political leaders of those areas.A coming to the surface, becoming visible if you will.

For the next 51 Wednesdays just fifteen of us who having shared the fruits of their faith with the community get back to basics. We meet every Wednesday morning, we all take the lesson in turn. We all pray. We all read a verse or two of the scripture being discussed that day.We commune with God. We must for every session finds an answer to a question which needed an answer and from this our faith grows. We have no leader. We do lean on the more mature Christians but are not satisfied by answers based on dogma or rules but on Faith.

That's my story may we hear yours. Next issue we hear of a group that has met for over a hundred years.

Bill Hastings



150 Years of Service

Honoured before 129 Men who attended the 35th Annual Ontario Spring RoundUp at the Geneva Park National YMCA Conference Centre are from the left Lorne Thornely, Jack Cleave, Gordon Hall, Phil Spense, Spense, and Ken Lane. After serving at all levels of AOTS they capped their careers as Presidents of the National Association of AOTS Clubs. Phil was especially honoured for his service as the Executive Secretary of AOTS by being named Honorary President. Jack Cleave also served as Executive Secretary. In the tradition of AOTS they continue to serve.

Doing Church Differently

The Rev. Bruce Macdougall presented his theme within the spirit of it's title. There was but one presentation to the assembly as a whole and that was on Friday evening. The balance of the sessions took on the form of "Encounters for Light Discussion" and were held within the same groups of five or six men. Bruce talked with each group.



They considered relationships with
God
Ourselves
Others

Bud Adams, Maurice Wright, Ken Lane, and Howard Wills gave their personal experiences with these encounters. All in all it was an inspirational weekend. A fine tradition, Ontario!

RoundUp 90
sponsored by
Toronto Conference AOTS
Theme Speaker
Bob Smith
Topic
Leading Layman
Dates
April 20-21-22 1990
Geneva Park

RoundUp Chairman Howard Wills on the far right watches Fred Grossmith from Bellefair AOTS, Toronto accept the Attendance Award Trophy. The 15 year old MacLean triplets are from left to right Matthew, Foster, and Jesse representing some of the youth contingent in attendance.



Island Rally

The Vancouver Island District Council held its Spring Rally on June 12, 89 at Camp Pringle. This is a traditional event that goes back many years and the location is dear to the heart of the Isalnad Men for the site and the structures thereon are a monument to their efforts.

75 members and guests participated in swimming, horseshoes, and croquet. This was followed by a picnic supper. In the evening an open air service conducted by Rev Merv Fowler the Camp Chaplin.

Centennial United AOTS won the Attendance award and the Gordon United team from Victoria were declared the Horseshoe champions for the year

1989 winning the Manzer shield.

A tired but happy group made their good-byes and promises to do it again next year. A good time was had by all.

Larry Buchanan Reporting



Men and Church Camps

In the B.C. Conference and I am sure in many if not all Conferences across Canada men have and continue to play a major role in their development and maintenance. The Vancouver and District AOTS Council figuratively gave new life to our oldest Camp (Fircom) by raising capital and then physically rebuilding the camp.

This same Council hired a Youth Worker (Rev. Bob Maclaren) and backed the buiding and maintenance of Western Canada's firstt Christian Training Centre at Naramata, B.C. The Centre is still going strong but the camps are struggling with AOTS and other Men's Church groups doing their best to keep them alive. Well done.



Now Hear This!!

The three volumes shown above represent 38 years of collected memories of the Duncan AOTS Club. Aside from such items as their Charter and the names of their charter members there are photographs, newspaper clippings and reports of events and projects all of which are models of service and fellowship.

Soon to be added are items taken from Duncan's most recent report, such as the hosting on their May 25th meeting of

"ten members of the Junior Choir resplendent in their lovely gowns which were a product of this sponsoring club"

And for the 36th time the club members arranged and catered the "Annual Spring Tea" with the UCW as their guests of honour.

We see names like Don Burnside club President presiding at the various events and others of men well known nationally like Keith MacDonald, giving an excellent devotional and our beloved Don Morton who has held almost every post in AOTS including Honouray National President, and civic positions like Mayor of Duncan presenting graciously a corsage to the President of the UCW.

Well done Duncan!!

Scriptural Reflections

Revelations 3:14-22
by Reg Cooper

An elderly couple in this small town Church had little means of support. Very often a certain man of the Church would pass them some money which was a blessing. One Sunday morning it was announced that an important church meeting was to be held in the afternoon of that day. The couple's benefactor asked if he might join them for lunch since he lived at some distance. Immediately the couple thought of their meager cupboard. Much to their relief he arrived with a full hamper, more than enough for all three. Soon the three of them were enjoying an ample lunch of cold ham, fried chicken, and homemade bread, replete with apple pie. The man had not only come to dine but he had brought all that was needed for the feast.

This pictures Jesus' relationship to us. He supplies what is needed for the feast, when we open our hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ, we have the privilege of "dining" with Him. We have nothing to offer but our spiritual poverty, He brings the riches of His grace. What a blessed fellowship is ours. He spreads the table and we are the invited guests.

Quality Versus Quantity

Inspired by their attendance at the Banff Conference Bob Ferguson tells of a "Men's Group" being formed at St. Andrew's United Quesnel B.C. Although few in number it boasts of quality service to the Church. He says that they are still feeling their way, but that they are enjoying the fellowship of a Men's Group.

Meetings that they have had up to now have included speakers such as Father Desmond of St Anns Roman Catholic Church who gave a very important history of the Knights of Columbus, and Rev. Jack Hooper spoke on the changing role of the men in the Church. He said that all churches were experiencing a decrease in male domination and an increase in the equality of the sexes. The club is planning a series of speakers on Forest Management and Mills under the heading of "Stewardship of the Earth."

They are communicating with clubs across Canada because of the "Handshake" they have received. Do you know of other groups such as this with whom we can share? This new group is yet another reason for attending "Conferences" In this case "Thank You" Banff

Thamesview Plows a Straight Furrow:

This club made its Christian Presence felt once again at Canada's largest outdoor farming Industry Exhibition. The place of course, near Stratford in Perth County Ontario. The service they performed this time was outside of the Church Organization Tent in the gigantic parking lot. Each AOTS volunteer wore a unique red, white, and blue cap bearing our Insignia. This activity netted several hundreds of dollars enabling them to make year end donations including \$200.00 to the "Hospital Fund". A decided plus was the introduction of non-members into the Christian atmosphere of the Club.

Huge Aots Garage Sale

The Oak Bay AOTS Club (Victoria) held its Annual Garage Sale on April 29th. It was a most successful occasion, netting over \$3500. This event involved over 40 people bringing together old timers, new members, and church adherents who worked side by side, making new friends and renewing old. Good on you Oak Bay, Ed.

E. Bruce Martin reporting

P.S. Lets hear about your Garage or Auction Sale.



Scholarships-Awards

Your Editorial Staff is seeking information on Memorial Funds Scholarships and Awards. Will you send us a write up on an award your club gives or the name of someone to whom we can write for this information?. The sharing of this information is most important so that your paper will have acceptable content. Thanks.

Harold Coade-A Server Deceased

April 1989-We announce with personal sadness yet joy in the belief that Christ gives to all who call him as Saviour and Lord, the passing of Harold Coade of Mitchell, Ont. a member of Main St. United Church, in his 80th year.

Harold served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II.

He became active in the United Church Men's work as Chairman of Perth Presbytry Men and in London Conference. He spent many active hours in the Huron Perth Resource Centre in Mitchel. In 1988 he served as President of Thamesview AOTS during it's Thirtieth Anniversary. He is survived by his widow..He will be missed

Second Mile Success

The 27 members of the Park Street AOTS Club (Chatham Ont.) contributed \$1031.00 to The Second Mile Project in 1988. The yearly dues were raised to \$10.00 which netted the Second Mile \$81.00, the club contributed \$200.00, individuals accounted for \$750.00 and "Voila" we have a \$1031 total contribution.

Congratulations ! Park St., You have shown the way.

There are some of you out there who are not familiar with the project "Second Mile". Your National body set up this project for the express purpose of balancing our budget, from, within thus easing our dependence on the budget of the United Church.. The membership looks forward to the day when projects like this plus dues will find us less a burden on the Church as a whole. Incidentally Income Tax receipts are available from National.

Donations

Many thanks to the following for their generous Donations

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The D.R. Poole Award The Man

Who was D.R. Poole ? Why was his name applied to an award for Youth Work? There follows a brief background which only touches on this man's greatness in the world of Christianity, Youth, and Men's work.

Delbert Russell Poole was born in 1882 on a farm near Woodstock Ontario. He responded to the call of the Church and served as a student minister in Saskatchewan, and his study at Brandon College. However instead of becoming an ordained minister, DR joined the YMCA staff. In 1926, he became National Boy's work secretary and later was named the General Secretary of Religious Education for Canada.

DR became interested in AOTS while on a visit to British Columbia and in 1946 started on a part time basis, as Executive-Secretary of the General Council in Vancouver. As AOTS continued to expand into the Western

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number. Think Fax when you are trying to meet our deadline of Nov.1 for the December Issue of the Handshake. Use whatever media suits. Send a photograph, a short or long report.. Just send it!

Provinces and across Canada. It became known as the National Association of AOTS Clubs and D.R. Poole became it's first National Executive Secretary. He helped establish "The Older Boy's Parliament" in Western Canada. This worthwhile institution had many of its members to go out and lead the country in business and politics.

There is no doubt his experience and ability in promotion, his enthusiasm and dedication he had gained in his previous work, along with his personal charm, was just what the AOTS needed. DR used his previous experience in Boy's Work to help promote youth work in AOTS and in those early days a large portion of the movement's service went in that direction.

DR retired in 1956 and it was decided to honour him by establishing the D.R. Poole Award.

The trophy is awarded at each Biennial National Convention to the AOTS Club with the best support program for youth. All conference winners are also remembered with a certificate of their achievements. All clubs are eligible and it is not necessarily the largest club that wins. A 15 member club in Halifax, a 25 member club in Winnipeg, and a 30 member club from Harrow have all been winners. Why not have your club make an entry next year?. Perhaps you might win but most certainly by entering you will keep alive the spirit of service to youth within the ranks of AOTS. Look for entry forms in March 1990.

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Resolutions

To Read Two Letters Two Resolutions
From The 16 Biennial National AOTS Convention
To the Rev Howard M Mills Secretary of General Council

Dear Dr. Mills:

The following resolution, #1 was approved by the 16th Biennial National AOTS Convention held at Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B., July 7-9, 1989. I have been instructed to send it to you, as Secretary of General Council, for the action called for therein.

#1 Whereas the National Association of United AOTS Men's Clubs, at its 15th Biennial Convention of August, 1987, expressed concern about the time and money being spent on the study of homosexuality and pornography;

and whereas the National AOTS Executive at its meeting of Oct. 1, 1988, voted to oppose the report entitled "Toward a Christian Understanding of Sexual Orientation, Life Styles, and Ministry", and Communicated this message to the National Office of the United Church;

and whereas many congregations and ministers are opposed to the ordination of practicing homosexual persons. some having expressed their opposition by leaving the Church;

and Whereas the National AOTS Council, at its annual meeting of Oct. 1st 1988, voted to oppose, also, the action of the 32nd General Council on the foregoing report, as represented in the document entitled "Membership, Ministry and Human Sexuality" (MMHS), A Statement of the United Church of Canada by the 32nd General Council;

Be it resolved, therefore, that this 16th Biennial National AOTS Convention call on the 33rd General Council to take, with respect to the MMHS document, one of the following actions: declare it to be an historic document, and therefore of no effect within the Church, or delete the phrase regardless of their sexual orientation" as it relates to ordination or commissioning

Would you please acknowledge this letter and let us know what action will be taken.

#2 Whereas the National Association of AOTS Men's Clubs(The National AOTS) and the United Church Women are Church-wide organizations, and are recognized as such in the United Church Manual;

and whereas these organizations represent men and women of the Church;

and whereas there is, at present ,no assurance that duly appointed representatives of either organization, as members of the Conference, will be elected as Commissioners to the General Council of the Church;

Be it resolved , therefore, that this 16th Biennial National Convention call on the Executive of General Council to initiate a change to the Basis of Union such that The National AOTS and the United Church women may each be entitled to appoint four representatives to the General Council, those representing The National AOTS to be the National President and the three regional Vice-Presidents, each of the later representing one of three regions : Eastern, Central, and Western.

Would you please acknowledge this letter and let us know what action will be taken.

CC :Resolution #1: The president of each United Church Conference
AOTS Executive Director.

CC:Resolution #2:: The President of each United Church Conference

Deborah Marshall, Program Consultant, Ministry with Adult Women, DMC.
Evelyn Kerr, President of the Consultation of Women Of the United Church.
AOTS Executive Director.

Treasurers Report

Comparing 1989 with 1988, to June 30th.

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>Change</u>
Total Receipts	\$39,436.38	\$31,027.63	\$-8408.75 or -21%
DMC grant portion	8,500.00	5,000	
Club and IM* dues	14,856.00	12,179.00	- 2677.00 or-18%
Disbursments**	23,271.86	14,572.00	-8698.96

* Individual Membership ** Excluding Colnett Fund an Hosptal Project.

Referring to the reduction in disbursements, the treasurer said although costs are up in some areas there have been substantial reductions in others: \$4,460 in salary payments to the Executive Director, \$1,577 in travel costs(President and Excecutive Director) \$976 in costs of the Executive meetings, \$1,414 in office printing costs, and \$751 in purchase of supplies for resale. Reporting on the accounts, he said the amounts on deposit were as follows: general account, \$ 19,605.93, H Colonett *Funds \$23,598.36, and Hospital Project *\$8,425.12.

Editor's Note. A "well done " to the financial committee, the two succesful projects* and especially those clubs who have paid their dues early .An accolade to the executive who have shown financial responsibility.

* Both the Hospital Project and the Harry collonet fund will be featured in subsequent issues.

Theme Speaker Quote

"When the living God resides in us we are filled with love. We become agents of Salvation ans it has to do with me and it's here and now."

Rev. Robert Crooks

Annual Meeting

With the gathering of these fine people from across the country, he National AOTS meetings moved along with opinions being expressed from every area. Although at times there were differences of opinion, as there always is, the business was handled properly and efficiently and there appeared to be a great bond of love among all and it was most evident that uniformity was the desire of all. It could be felt that each person wanted to get on with God's work and be a greater servant starting now.

J Carswell

Dues

Approved that the Club dues be increased to \$10 per year and that Individual Membership dues be increased from \$15.00 to \$25.00
Individual Life Memberships at the age of 60 years be \$ 200.

National Life Memberships

Honoured were two long time AOTS
Me: n : Layton Steward Toronto
Murray MacPherson Winnipeg

5000 Men 100 Countries

The 5th International Congress of United Methodist Men was held at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana on July 14-16, 1989. Over 5000 men were in attendance representing 100 countries. The only representative from Canada was Al Smith the newly elected executive director of AOTS. Excellent speakers chaired the sessions on Evangelism, Mission, and spiritual life. A play was put on by the Oak Street Players in Camelot entitled "Moving beyond our humanness." Of great appreciation were the statements by Lloyd Saatjinan of Armenian decent. He spoke of some parables of Jesus from a Mid-East background. The sound of 5000 voices joined in the singing of "Rise up Oh Men of God" and other great hymns brought indescribable joy. Al brought back 12 AudioTapes which are available by any who wish to borrow them. Write or phone.

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Convention Interest Groups

The Holy Spirit-----Rev Bruce Roberts
Family Life-----Lorne & Mary White
Prayer----- Linda Kneebone
Techniquess of Bible Study.
-----David Seller
Inner Healing-----Father John Lounds
Christianity in Business-----
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A Succesful AOTS Unit-----
-----John Carswell

Thank You

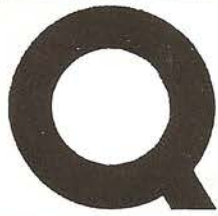
Resolutions of thanks were extended to the staff of Mount Allison Unversity for their dedictaed sevice throughout the Convention. The Convention Committee under the Chairmanship of Ralph Sams was also singled out for thanks. Ralph in turn thanked his committee members personally. Our retiring National President Ernie Stafford thanks all of you for your support and we conclude our minimul" thank yous" with a quote from his report where he asked:

"God's Blessing on those who would now carry on the work."

It's Not Too Late!

Theres plenty of time to
register for the 35th Banff
Conference. Oct 13-14-15

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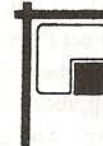
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