

BOOK BRIEFS

The Growing Congregation by Paul Benjamin. Lincoln Christian College, Lincoln, Illinois, 1972. 94 pages.

This timely book by the Professor of Church Growth at Lincoln Christian Seminary focuses on basic New Testament principles of evangelism and shows how to apply them today in the local congregation. Strong support is given to the ministry of all believers as they are trained by the pastor. Complete with study notes, reading suggestions and questions for discussion, the little book can be exceedingly useful in learning-groups throughout the church.

Churches and How They Grow, by M. Wendell Bellew. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1971. 144 pages. \$3.95.

The author documents by actual case studies that churches of every size in all social strata, that is, in rural, suburbia, and inner city locations, in all geographical sections of our country, in various denominations, using differing methods or programs, can grow.

The author demonstrates that growing churches characteristically have a sense of purpose and that the lay people become involved in the growth of the church.