

## BOOK BRIEFS

*Listening to the Church, A Realistic Profile of Grass Roots Opinions*, by Virgil Wesley Sexton. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1971. 158 pages. \$2.75 (paperback).

This book relays a message to the church from its basic constituency. The author, working through the Section of Planning, within the United Methodist Church, here publishes the results of a "talk-back" from local churches, involving thousands of persons in the church's constituency across the nation. Some readers will be disturbed by what young people think of the "establishment." Some church boards will wince at what the survey says about needed changes. Criticisms and questions of course need to be faced realistically if the church is to meet the needs of our generation. But one wishes that more specific statistical evidence had been advanced to support some of the findings of the survey.

*The Christian Revolutionary*, by Dale W. Brown. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1971. 147 pages \$2.45 (paperback).

The author presents a careful analysis of some of the issues raised by radicals, and he relates his Christian faith and heritage to the practical concerns involved. Current radicalism is seen as related to the Social Gospel Movement, the Death of God controversy, Anabaptism, and sectarian Christianity.

*Signs of the Times*, by A. Skevington Wood. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1971. 126 pages. \$1.25 (paperback).

*Signs of Christ's Coming*, by Carl Armerding. Chicago: Moody Press, 1971. 126 pages. \$.50 (paperback).

The first book sets forth in non-technical language a Biblical scholar's view of God's signs against the background of contemporary events. The second discusses events and crises of the last days as they affect Israel, and the return of Christ that will reverse the world situation.

*The Jesus Revolution*, by William S. Cannon with Introduction by John R. Bisagno. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1971. 144 pages. \$4.95.

The intent of this book is to provide pastors and others in the church with an immediate, positive approach to the Jesus Revolution. The author believes that unless the church can latch on to this movement and keep it doctrinally straight, it will miss its greatest opportunity ever. Much of the content of the book is a report first-hand from the young people themselves. Some chapter headings: The Supernatural Jesus, Enthusiasm: Manna? or Menace?, Who Are the Jesus Revolution People?



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