

him over the next few years.

In 1960, Dr MacRae's car overturned on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. He suffered seven broken bones, and for six months carried around embedded in his arm an inch-long chunk of metal which the doctors who patched him up had failed to detect. The fact that the accident did not take a greater toll of life or limb was a wonderful instance of God's providential care.

In 1971, after 34 years as President and Professor of Old Testament of Faith Theological Seminary, and facing a crisis which threatened to destroy the approach and emphasis which he had sought to maintain at such personal cost for so many years, Dr MacRae displayed a new burst of pioneering dedication and spirit which, in collaboration with Dr Jack W. Murray and with the sponsorship of Bible Evangelism. Inc., led to the establishment of Biblical School of Theology.

Biblical began with a seasoned faculty team, 48 dedicated students, no library, no buildings, and no constituency of its own. Now, having completed its fourteenth year, the Seminary has a fine student body of 150, a library of 40,000 volumes, functionally excellent buildings, and a highly loyal constituency. And it still has Dr Allan A. MacRae, who -- although he retired as President in 1983 - - continues to provide wise counsel and inspiration as Chancellor.

When we attempt to assess the greatest area of impact in Dr MacRae's life, we may be tempted to think of his contributions to the lives and ministries of *Christian leaders*, through interaction at conferences and conventions, through correspondence, or by his teachings and writings.

Or we may be led to think of his contributions to his *students*, whether made in the classroom, in the office, in the hall, or in the chapel. Any list of former students which includes the names of Francis A. Schaeffer, Joseph T. Bayly, Vernon C. Grounds, Kenneth S. Kantzer, Arthur F. Glasser, G. Douglas Young, Samuel J. Schultz, and Jack W. Murray must surely be considered remarkable.

Or we may be drawn to consider his contributions to the *Christian public* generally, through his articles, his many speaking engagements, or his large correspondence, in which he has dealt faithfully, carefully, and often at length with questions and problems of every kind.

Or we may be tempted to think of his contributions, to *Christian scholarship* through his teaching approach and method, his articles in technical and professional journals, his encouragement of younger scholars, his work on the *New Scofield Bible's* Revision Committee, his translation work for the *New International Version* of the Bible, his service as vice-president and president of the Evangelical Theological Society and as vice-president and honorary Fellow of the American Scientific Affiliation, his contributions to Bible commentaries, Bible dictionaries, Bible encyclopedias, his book *The Gospel of Isaiah*, or the book on *Daniel* on which he is currently working.

Or we may be led to think of his contributions to theological education, through his role in the founding of three theological seminaries, his speaking opportunities at the baccalaureates, commencements, conferences, and chapels of a large number of Christian colleges and seminaries, or through his repeated articulation of a Christian view of education.