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As we conclude the last issue of the 1982 *AMCAP Journal*, again our thanks to each of you who have contributed articles and letters and also to the many others who have lent encouragement and support in improving the quality of the *Journal*. Special gratitude is expressed to Brother Allen Bergin for his excellent assistance. Brother Bergin has just concluded his service on the AMCAP Executive Committee and as the Executive Committee advisor to the *Journal*.

As virtually always, we need more articles. It would be great to have received sufficient articles that we could be reviewing and selecting them six months in advance, instead of often waiting for an article so we can go to press. Please take the time to share with your fellow AMCAPers your thoughts and ideas, and also encourage others to do likewise. If you have read an article elsewhere that you think would be of interest and value to AMCAP members, and have reason to believe that most of our members may not have read it--for example, Brother Eugene England's very illuminating article in this issue, please notify us. Yes, it would be alright to be overwhelmed with responses. We believe our stress management programs will allow us to deal with a flood of articles--and then we would resist the now well practiced response, nearly obsessional at this point, of making another request with each issue.

Those of you who attended the October AMCAP Convention had the opportunity of hearing a number of intriguing and helpful applications of gospel principles to critical therapeutic incidents. Although they may be very brief, if you have such incidents, please share them.

We are looking forward to a 1983 *Journal* with increasing scope and quality. Your help as always will be much appreciated. Thanks and a great Christmas Season and New Year for you and yours.

BCK

EDITORIAL

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Burton:

May I thank Brother and Sister De Hoyos for their article in the July issue. Such a thoughtful, yet dispassionate review of an often passionate subject is timely.

Their observation is pertinent about an "upsurge of emotion" directed at a middle-of-the road synthesis of Gospel and secular therapies. I have been saddened by a tendency of some to reject, as unprofessional, those who rely upon the Gospel as the filter thru which they pass clinical concepts and practices. Surely it is shortsighted to dismiss, out-of-hand, what the secular literature has to offer. Is it not then shortsighted to dismiss the sacred also?

I am grateful to the *AMCAP Journal* and those who have given so much over the years to nudge it along to its present status. It is now a forum for vigorous exchange out of which can emerge increasingly helpful insights.

Sincerely,
Victor L. Brown, Jr.

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