



# Newsletter



*St. Thomas More College & Newman Alumni*

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## S.T.M. Prepares For The Anniversary Year

Our anniversary year, 1986, is just around the corner and preparations are well under way for an exciting jubilee year. An anniversary committee has been selected to plan the celebrations for the 60th Anniversary of the Newman Centre and the 50th Anniversary of St. Thomas More College.

The theme for the anniversary year will be "A College and A People, Celebrating Faith and Vision." The committee decided it was important to celebrate the faith and vision of the Saskatchewan Catholic Community that helped S.T.M. and Newman become an important part of post secondary education in Saskatchewan.

Also, we shall celebrate the alumni's contribution to the quality of life in Saskatchewan and the continuing faith and vision of our faculty, staff and present day students as we prepare for the future.

The committee decided that an appropriate starting date would be the birthday of our patron saint, Thomas More, and so the official beginning of our anniversary year will be Sunday, February 2, 1986, and will continue until Sunday, February 8, 1987. Throughout this year, a wide variety of academic, cultural and social activities are being planned.

Here are some events that are presently being planned. We are presently looking into

1. commissioning a local playwright to research, script and direct a play on S.T.M./Newman,
2. a series of eight anniversary public lectures, one for each college department,

3. a liturgical music festival, to encourage local Saskatchewan musicians to write liturgical music,
4. a tour of our College choir to numerous Saskatchewan centers to do liturgical music workshops with local choir groups,
5. a conference on the contribution of Catholic Colleges to higher education in Canada, with participation from other Canadian Catholic Colleges,
6. a written history of Newman Centre and S.T.M.

One of the highlight activities for the year will be the weekend of October 3,4,5, 1986, with "Homecoming Week". We hope to have the largest and best reunion that the College has ever held. This is the weekend we want you alumni to come home and celebrate with us our past and future. Your alumni association will be keeping you up to date on plans for this weekend and with other anniversary celebrations that you will want to be involved in next year. We want you to

help us make our 50th/60th anniversary a very memorable year. If you would like to assist our committee in any way, phone us at S.T.M. — 966-8900. The present members of the Anniversary Committee are:

Fr. Jim Hanrahan, C.S.B., President, St. Thomas More College, Fr. Brian Hogan, C.S.B., Dr. Ernie McCullough, Mr. Brent Gough (B.A. '73. LL.B. '76) President - S.T.M./Newman Alumni Association, Mr. Lorne Ehman (B.A. '49. B.Ed. '59), Mr. Ted Fortosky (B.A. '60. B.Ed. '64. M.Ed. '80), Miss Eileen Delaney, Sr. Irene Poelzer (B.A. '50. B.Ed. '64. M.Ed. '68. Ph.D. '71), Sr. Teresita Kambeitz (B.A. '69), Mr. Claude Lang (B.A. 71), Ms. Joanne Skidmore (B.A. '74). Mr. Jerome Konecsni, Miss Brenda Woloschuk, and Miss Shelley Torgenson are student representatives.

Keep reading the Newsletter to keep abreast of further developments for our Anniversary.



## Readers Get a Peek From Behind the Editor's Desk

Father W.O. Regan

### Those "Lost" Ones!

In that file over there, you will see the cards of some 1,000 of our Alumni who are "lost", with an unknown address. That segment comprises 25% of our Alumni members! Obviously, we want each and every one of them to join our family and be part of us. It can be perplexing, since many of them are students whom I taught in my English classes not long ago. In the past three years, I have tried many projects attempting to locate these alumni and alumnae, but to date, my efforts have reaped little fruit, to no avail. Do you have any ideas on tracking them down? Right now I am going through our 4,000 members to see how many of our alumni have been found by the University Alumni Office that has been most helpful to me in my efforts. Wouldn't it be great were the "lost" to surface by 1986 when S.T.M. will celebrate its 50th birthday!

### The Newsletter Is Your Paper

I still do entertain high hopes that you will write in to inform me about your career, your ambitions and maybe some of your problems. I should love that! I like to write letters too. I'm sure that your former classmates and teachers want to know what you are doing now.

I know you have some interesting

ideas that our readers too will enjoy. Yes, your missives will be published. Please don't have the Editor writing letters to himself! You may have even a list of questions you wish answered. It will be a pleasure to reply. Out there, we have musicians, poets, doctors, dentists, lawyers, teachers, scientists, administrators, those in politics, all of whom have a story or lesson for us all.

### Establish Our Alumni Chapters

In due time, it is our fondest hope that we shall be able to found and build STM - Newman Alumni chapters in the several large centres; but that project will demand more helpers, a larger organization, money and personnel. The ideas are in 'blue print' form only; and so, it will take time to get our Association "off the ground." Of course, it is essential that we meet and confer with one another. And so, I keep hoping, planning, dreaming and praying that my aspirations will begin to materialize very soon. Maybe STM's 50th birthday next year will give all of us time to pause and resolve.

### Do We Have Your Picture?

It is my aim to have affixed to each of the file cards the graduates' photos; however, the Greystone yearbook ceased publication in 1969, an event that caused a problem. If you graduated following that year, it's most probable that we do not have your picture. Can you HELP me in this area? Thank you. I am grateful.

### May We Publish More Newsletters?

I knew that you would bring up that question! Our Alumni office must

operate on a restricted budget; and so, what I'd like to do just can't be accomplished without your aid. At the present time we are doing the best we can. Maybe we shall be blessed with a windfall, I pray. It is a joy to prepare such a message and send it out to you. When a literary contributor wishes to write to you and for you, I grieve to have to say, "I'm sorry." "We are forced to keep our newspaper a brochure." We are family members. Can you come to our assistance?

### The Basilian Fathers' General Chapter

Every four years, some one hundred members of our Congregation meet in Toronto at St. Michael's College during the month of July to debate and deliberate on the inevitable problems and questions that are bound to arise. You will please pray that their conferences will be blessed and so reap much fruit. All of our houses and the several apostolates will be represented there. May the Holy Spirit lead us in the right directions.

### Do Drop In To Say "Hello"

Undoubtedly, many of you visit Saskatoon occasionally. You are most welcome to come to STM and so 'make' our day. Maybe you will have ample time to dine with us to talk over "old times"? It is good to meet again a fervent alumnus, a loyal alumna!

### Yes, We Can Help You

Recently, some of our readers have requested back issues of the Newsletters. Just let us know which particular ones you are seeking.

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## Where Are They Now? What Do They Do?

**Rev. Methodius Kushko C.Ss.R. '74**, is stationed at the Ukrainian Immaculate Conception Church in Newark, New Jersey.

**Madeleine Blais '67**, is now Mrs. H. Dahlem who teaches in Saskatoon at Holy Cross High School.

**Colette Kokesch '67**, died in Regina last fall. She received the 'Martha' shield as the most active Newman member in '69, the year she received her B.Ed. degree.

**Dr. Mary Tierney**, formerly a member of our S.T.M. faculty, is now stationed at Sunnybrook Medical Centre in Toronto.

**Dr. David Rokosh, '65**, works for the Business Ministry of the Environment and lives in Burlington, Ontario.

**Charles Svoboda, '62**, is now Counselor and Head of the Political Section on the Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations. He is stationed in New York City.

**Miss Emma Nemetz, '70 & '83**, is a nurse working at the hospital in Athabasca, Alta.

**Rev. Michael Duggan, '69**, is now working in the Lord's Vineyard in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

**Rev. James Timothy Boyle, '70**, is Pastor of St. Catherine's Church at Picture Butte, Alberta, in the Calgary Diocese.

**Norbert John Wurm, '66**, works in the Drug Department for the Yorkton Co-op Association Ltd. Saskatchewan.

**Mrs. William C. Mann (nee Marie Grace Taylor), '43**, died in Downey, California, November 26, 1984. She was a member of the U. of S. Womens' Swim Team in '41. Marie has resided in California since '50. To her husband, three children, one grandson, one sister and one brother, we extend our most heartfelt sympathy.

**George Hoffman '64**, lives in Weyburn, Sask. He teaches there in the high school and also teaches part-time for the U. of Regina's History Department through its Extension Program. He is President of the Weyburn branch of the New Democratic Party. He, his wife and their two children are active members of St. Vincent de Paul parish. He earned his M.A. degree in

Prairie History.

**Professor Robert Lucas '68**, is on our S.T.M. faculty teaching economics.

**Judge Ernie Bobowski '65**, is Judge of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan and resides in Yorkton.

**Dr. Frederick Gau '58**, is an M.D. living in Libertyville, Illinois with his wife, Norma.

**Jennifer Leddy '69**, is a lawyer working and living in Toronto, Ontario.

**Rev. Dennis McDonald '60**, is Pastor at Saint Michael's Church, Pincher Creek, Alberta and serves four mission churches also.

**William Henry Bulger '50** now lives in Etobicoke, Ontario with his wife, Rose Lucille Campbell.

**Mary Elizabeth Kirkpatrick '66** is now Mrs. Douglas Nordick residing in Saskatoon.

**Kathleen Ann Lueke '76** now resides in Melbourne, Florida.

**Dr. James Ledding '66** is an M.D. practising in Rosetown, Saskatchewan. His wife is Judy Scissons who graduated here in '68.

**Donald J. Bauer '56** received his M.Sc. degree in '75 and is now at

Saskatoon's weather bureau. He and his wife, Marcella Medernach live in Saskatoon.

**Carol Marie Rose Potts '67** is now Mrs. T. Fisher. She is a nutritionist working for the Department of Health in Regina, Sask.

**John J.M. Costello '45** is Personnel Manager in the City Public Service working in San Antonio, Texas.

**Sophie Kryzanowski '40** formerly of Blaine Lake, Sask. is now Mrs. A. Loynk making her home in Lachine, Quebec.

**Margaret Kiakuw '66** is Supervisor in Systems Analysis Department for Petro-Canada and resides in Calgary, Alta.

**John Ivor Ewanchyna '67** is on the Pharmacy Department at Victoria Union Hospital in Prince Albert, Sask.

**Roger Bernard Trottier '66** works at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, with the Indian Teacher Education Program.

**Frank William Gerein '60** is now Honorable Justice and he and his wife (Eileen Edna Bihler) reside in Saskatoon.



*"You're much more successful than your father, Cedric!  
You're an unemployed executive!"*

## Tribute to Fr. O'Donnell

Friends and former students of Father Joseph Leo O'Donnell mourn the loss of a highly respected and dearly loved man. Father O'Donnell died on December 18, 1984 in Toronto; a memorial card bears the inscription:

Good night, sweet Prince,  
And flights of angels sing thee to  
thy rest!

These lines from Shakespeare's *Hamlet* are entirely fitting. Father O'Donnell is, perhaps, best remembered in Western Canada for his outstanding ability to make Shakespeare live for his students at the University of Saskatchewan. In addition to his teaching and other duties at St. Thomas More College, Father O'Donnell found time to direct fine student productions of several Shakespearean plays. So deep was his understanding of Shakespeare and his love for the plays that many of us knew him best simply as "Father Shakespeare." But if Father O'Donnell understood the "mind" of Shakespeare's characters, it was chiefly because he was endowed with an even deeper understanding of, and sympathy with, human nature as it revealed itself in his students and in all those with whom he had to deal. He always had the time to listen and the wisdom to guide those who sought his assistance.

Joseph Leo O'Donnell was born March 2, 1900, in London, Ontario,

the son of Hugh O'Donnell and Elizabeth Trainor. He attended London Collegiate Institute from 1915 to 1920. In 1920, he enrolled in Assumption College where he was granted his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Western Ontario.

In 1923 he entered the Novitiate of the Congregation of Priests of St. Basil in Toronto. He then studied theology at St. Michael's College and at St. Basil's Seminary. While studying theology, he also attended the Ontario College of Education and was granted his Teaching Certificate. He was ordained to the Priesthood, December 21, 1927, by Bishop Alexander MacDonal.

After Ordination, Father O'Donnell was appointed to the Aquinas Institute in Rochester, New York, where he taught from 1928 to 1932. In 1932 he returned to Toronto to teach at St. Michael's College and remained there until 1945. During this time, he was granted his Master of Arts degree from the University of Western Ontario. It was in 1945 that he was appointed to St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon, where he taught English literature, especially Shakespeare, for twenty-four years.

In 1969 after having been involved in a rather serious accident, he returned to his home in London, Ontario, where he did pastoral work at St. Michael's Church and at the Mother

House of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Father Joe suffered a stroke in March of 1984, and died the following December. He is survived by his sister Mary, of London, Ontario.

During his years at St. Thomas More College, Father O'Donnell served not only as Principal of the College, but also as Chaplain of the Newman Club, the campus organization for Catholic students attending the University of Saskatchewan. It was through the Newman Club that many generations of students met him, and learned to love "Father Joe." Their memories of him include his reverence in celebrating the 7:30 morning Mass, his making of coffee for everyone after the Mass, his vivacious good humor at informal meetings, his vitality and exuberance in directing student drama, and his generous help in all student activities. Those of us who remember him at work in the Newman Club of those years realize that we were privileged to have known him. We also know that the lines from Newman, appropriately printed as a prayer on his memorial card, have now become reality for Father O'Donnell:

May He support us all the day  
long, till the shades lengthen,  
and the evening comes, and the  
busy world is hushed, and the  
fever of life is over, and our work  
is done. Then, in his mercy, may  
He grant us a safe lodging, and  
a holy rest and peace at last.

Sister Mary Loyola

### **HOMILY AT THE FUNERAL MASS OF JOSEPH LEO O'DONNELL, C.S.B., ST. BASIL'S COLLEGE CHAPEL, TORONTO, 20 DECEMBER 1984, by FATHER J. HANRAHAN, C.S.B.**

Readings: Lectionary, 789 (6), 790 (5), 793 (1)

At the beginning of this Eucharist Fr. Pare spoke of the "bouyant hope" so characteristic of Fr. Joe O'Donnell. When I heard that, I could not help thinking, "I wish I had said that!". The expression sums up perfectly the theme of the readings of this Mass and expresses perfectly the point I want to make in these reflections. "Bouyant

hope" did indeed mark Fr. O'Donnell's life and we can see in this much of the meaning of the Gospel in his life.

In the second reading this evening, St. Paul was reflecting on the action of the Spirit in our lives and indeed in the world. "The whole creation", he said, "is waiting with eager hope." The action of the Spirit in our lives is not just something added, something extraneous to our nature; rather, it penetrates the whole of creation, the

whole of our being. When we look for the signs of the Spirit at work, look for the Gospel being lived, we should not look only for explicitly religious actions but at the whole of life.

Certainly we can see that in Fr. O'Donnell's life. There was a sense of rooted vitality in it, the eagerness of creation responding to the Spirit. We can see that in his family life.

This afternoon I spent some time in the Basilian Archives here, reading



**Joseph Leo O'Donnell, C.S.B.**  
1900 - 1984

some of the letters Fr. O'Donnell wrote to his superiors in the Community. One of them, to Fr. Carr in 1931, was written on the death of Fr. O'Donnell's sister, asking permission to spend some extra time at home with his parents. He wrote of the strength of that family bond: "We have a wonderful father and mother who have reared us in a way that has drawn us together so that we had little interest away from home."

The closeness of that family tie lasted throughout his life. When he came to retire from fully active work, after many years at St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon, he asked to be allowed to return to London to live with his sister, Mary. It was an extraordinary request for a Basilian to make and — even more extraordinary perhaps — it was granted. So, for the last fourteen years of his life, until his final illness, he was back with his family, back in London where he grew up. It was characteristic of him that he did not just retire there but continued to give priestly service regularly in his parish and to the Sisters of St. Joseph.

We can see the same sort of rooted vitality and of continuity in his life if we look at his education. Some years ago, at the celebration of Fr. O'Donnell's fiftieth anniversary of ordination, his lifelong friend, Fr. Wilfrid Dwyer, spoke of their days together at Assumption College in Windsor:

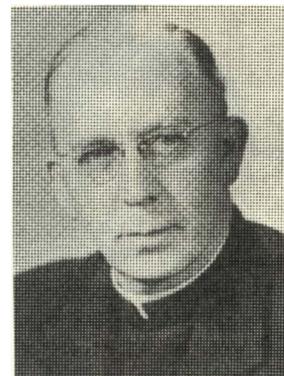
Of all our educational experiences during our College

years at Assumption, perhaps the most important, because it was the most fruitful and lasting in its effects, was the preparation and presentation of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* under the direction of Reverend Charles E. Coughlin. At that time Father Coughlin was a young Basilian priest on the staff of Assumption College. Later he joined the Diocese of Detroit and became famous as the founder of the National Shrine of The Little Flower in Royal Oak and as an outstanding radio preacher and speaker. Father Coughlin manifested his genius and his wisdom when he cast our Jubilarian in the title role of *Hamlet*. The play was a grand success — due in large measure to Joe's extraordinary and masterful performance as the Prince of Denmark. No less a competent judge than the great Bishop of London, M.F. Fallon, complimented and praised Father Coughlin and the Players and declared that he had seen presentations of *Hamlet*, done by professionals on the legitimate stage, which did not reach the peaks of perfection which he recognized in this presentation.

I know Joe will pardon me if I add that not only did he achieve new highs in his presentation of *Hamlet*, but he never left the stage, nor left off the character, and in consequence he became known among his classmates simply as, "The Dane."

Anyone who knew Fr. O'Donnell at all, of course, knew of his love of the drama, above all of Shakespeare. He loved to act and to direct. At St. Michael's College in Toronto from 1932 to 1945 and then for more than twenty years at St. Thomas More College he revelled in this, bringing all his native talent and all the eagerness engendered by the Spirit to this beloved enterprise.

He loved the English language. Rooted in his family, he was also rooted in his culture. He loved the sound of the language, the resonance of words. In 1980 he wrote me a letter, from which I would like to read the



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opening paragraph:

Dear Father Hanrahan,

This letter has been on my mind for weeks now, but has remained a fluttering captive to my lame arm and crabbed fingers. The typewriter tires me out after a few minutes and the pen is unruly. Writing letters with either instrument is a chore requiring more patience and energy than I seem to be able to muster.

"... a fluttering captive to my lame arm and crabbed fingers" — I remember thinking then and I think now: "How many other men of eighty years of age do I know who could write that way?" Or of any age for that matter!

He loved words. Yes, but there was more than that in him. Early in the second act of *Hamlet* there is a scene in which Polonius comes upon Hamlet, who is reading. Hamlet has been distracted by concern over the death of his father and there is fear that he is mad. Polonius asks, "What do you read, my lord?" and Hamlet replies, "Words, words, words," Words without meaning are "but sound and fury, signifying nothing." Joe O'Donnell never fell into the trap of "words, words, words."

Just a bit after that little scene with Polonius, Hamlet has an inspiration. He has been wondering how to prove his suspicions about the death of his father. He is sure that his uncle, the new King now married to his mother, is guilty; but how to prove it? He hits on the idea of putting on a play, enacting the true events, and watching the king's reactions: "The play's the thing",



Fr. James Hanrahan

he exclaims, "wherein I'll catch the conscience of the king." I think that early in his life, perhaps from the time of his own undergraduate *Hamlet*, Joe O'Donnell recognized that the play was the thing wherein he'd catch the attention, and, yes, the conscience too, of his students.

To the core of his being, he was a teacher. In the Gospel of this Mass we read how those two disciples on the road to Emmaus, after they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, looked back and thought, "Did not our hearts burn within us when he explained the Scriptures to us?" I am sure — I know because so many of them have told me so — that students of Fr. O'Donnell have also reflected on the way their hearts burned within them as he taught them. What he taught was often not Scripture directly, of course — it was English, often Shakespeare — but what he taught was not just the language, not just "words, words, words," but the meaning of the language. And to that

teaching he brought all his own being, all his faith and all the wisdom grown from that faith. He taught Shakespeare as few have taught him. He, himself, was always the main instrument of his teaching, his delight in the sound of the language leading students to relish the meaning. But the subject of his teaching, what he taught, was always Christ. How could it be otherwise? Christ was all in all for him.

Fr. Dwyer said that Fr. O'Donnell never left the stage. I would say he never left the classroom. The pulpit, the sacraments, were occasions for teaching. Any occasional conversation was an opportunity to teach. His heart burned within him and he taught to share that fire.

And now? Is that fire dimmed? The Prophet Daniel, in our first reading, assures us that on that great day of the Lord, "The learned will shine like the vault of heaven and those who instruct many in virtue will be like the stars." That is the promise, that "bouyant hope" that sustained Fr. O'Donnell for so many years. He had that native vitality rooted in his family, his education, his culture, vividly expressed in his teaching, his community, his priesthood, and always and everywhere moved by the Holy Spirit in the hope of the coming of the Lord. He lived that and taught it, and now, in death, teaches it still. For all of us must live in that same hope. Everyone of us, with his or her own roots, own life, own work, must live in the hope of the coming of the Lord. The Lord has come for Fr. O'Donnell, to take him home. Seeing that, we can live in that same hope. "Come, Lord Jesus."

Donald Ward, shares the position of Managing Editor. A detailed questionnaire was compiled and mailed to 200 subscribers, whose names were selected at random. "We wanted to know who was reading the Review, and why," Colleen explains. "We wanted to know what they liked about it and what they disliked."

The experts tell us that in a survey of this type one can expect a 10% response. Response to the CCR's survey had exceeded 10% the week after the questionnaires were mailed out. While there has not yet been time for a detailed analysis, it would appear that the responses are extremely positive. "We must be doing something right," says Donald Ward. "You're always taking a risk when you publish a monthly magazine. It's nice to know that we seem to have reached the audience we were aiming for."

Who is that audience? According to Daniel Callam, C.S.B., the Review's editor, they are people who take their faith seriously, but joyfully. "They're happy to be Catholic, and they're willing to act on the principles of their faith." Father Callam's first criterion for the magazine was that it should be for ordinary people. It should not presume a high level of education, only a willingness to read. "I don't say all the articles are easy," he says, "only that there hasn't been anything that could not be mastered by anyone who sat down and read with attention."

What does the future hold for The Canadian Catholic Review? "Our finances are predictably precarious," says Father Callam. "Even with the success of the Papal Issue we still have to rely heavily on donations from religious houses and individuals. In the long run, our aim is to be self-supporting. And of course we'll continue to publish the most interesting and informative articles we can find."

In order to be self-supporting the CCR needs to be better known, particularly at the parish level. But finances are precarious, as Father Callam says, and the advertising budget is small. Even so, if the Review had one subscriber from every English-speaking parish in Canada, the future of a fine Canadian Catholic magazine would be assured.

## CCR Enters Third Year

The Canadian Catholic Review, published here at S.T.M., entered its third year of publication with a feeling of optimism among its staff members. The biggest success of 1984, of course, was the illustrated Special Papal Issue, which contained the complete text of all the addresses given by the Holy Father during his visit to Canada. Subscribers received the historic collection as their regular Oc-

tober issue, and the staff were anticipating a modest demand beyond that. Demand soon exceeded supply, however, and the Special Papal Issue went into a second printing, then a third. At last count, more than 10,000 had been mailed out from the Review's small office here in the College.

Another reason for optimism is the readership survey conducted by Colleen Fitzgerald, who with her husband,

## A Conversation with Sir John Eccles

# Science Can't Explain "Who Am I? Why Am I Here?"

Sir John Eccles is a Nobel laureate in medicine and physiology and a pioneer in brain research. A neurobiologist, he has taught at universities in Great Britain, Australia and the United States. He is co-author, with Daniel Robinson, of the recently published book *The Wonder of Being Human: Our Brain and Our Mind*.

### "The law of gravitation was not the final truth"

We need to discredit the belief held by many scientists that science will ultimately deliver the final truth about everything. Science doesn't deliver the truth; what it provides are hypotheses in an attempt to get nearer to truth. But scientists must never claim to know more than that. The scientific concepts that we have are always going to be changed as science progresses.



### FATHER PETER SWAN RETURNS TO WESTERN CANADA

Many are extremely happy to learn that our former President, Fr. Peter Swan C.S.B., will be stationed as Dean of St. Joseph's College in Edmonton. His appointment will take effect this summer. He was President of St. Thomas More College from 1961 until 1977. It is reported that he confessed "I could not resist the lure of the West." He comes from Toronto where he has served as President of the University of St. Michael's College. Obviously, Saskatoon is delighted to know that he will be near our halls once again, as we anticipate seeing him more often. We wish him every success as he assumes his new post.

The Newtonian law of gravitation was not the final truth. All our ideas are being remolded all the time in the light of further investigations. In our lifetime alone, there have been tremendous changes.

### "A superstition that confuses the public"

Unfortunately, many scientists and interpreters of science don't understand the limits of the discipline. They claim much more for it than they should. They argue that someday science will explain values, beauty, love, friendship, aesthetics and literary quality. They say: "All of these will eventually be explicable in terms of brain performance. We only have to know more about the brain." That view is nothing more than a superstition that confuses both the public and many scientists.

My task as a scientist is to try to eliminate superstitions and to have us experience science as the greatest human adventure. But to understand is not to completely explain. Understanding leaves unresolved the great features and values of our existence.

### We live amid "experiences, not brain events"

I have spent all my life working on the brain and know what a wonderful structure it is, how it gives us an immense range of experiences. It is also a tremendous storehouse of memories, which is what it's principally for. But examining the brain in all possible scientific ways doesn't mean that I can know why, when I open my eyes, I see a world of light and color.

We live in the world of experiences, not in the world of the brain events. I've never seen my brain. All I know is that from morning to night I'm living amid sound and light, touch and language, thought and action. This is my world, and much of it is not explicable scientifically.

Science also cannot explain the ex-

istence of each of us as a unique self, nor can it answer such fundamental questions as: Who am I? Why am I here? How did I come to be at a certain place and time? What happens after death? These are all mysteries that are beyond science.

### Making room for "the mystery of existence"

Science has gone too far in breaking down man's belief in his spiritual greatness and has given him the belief that he is merely an insignificant animal who has arisen by chance and necessity on an insignificant planet lost in the great cosmic immensity.

But that does not mean that religion and science are necessarily at odds. Max Planck, the great physicist, was a practising Catholic. Albert Einstein believed in a God of the cosmos. Werner Heisenberg, the world-famous physicist, also held religious views, though he was not a man who practised religion. I, myself, am a practising Christian.

To hold views such as mine about the mystery of existence, you don't have to be a religious person. The great philosopher of science Sir Karl Popper, with whom I have written a book on this subject, holds similar beliefs — and he describes himself as an agnostic. Both of us recognize the great wonder of existence. We believe in both a material world and a mental-spiritual world.

## Read 'Em and Weep!

### Macbeth

— Duncan was killed at Macbeth's castle at Dusseldorf. Macbeth brags about it to Ross and Agnes.

— Lady Macbeth says that Macbeth is too much like the milkman to do anything great.

— "If the assassination could trample up the consequences," Macbeth says he would go ahead and murder the whole Duncan family.

**HAVE YOU MOVED LATELY?  
HELP US UPDATE OUR MAILING LIST**

Are you receiving your Alumni mailing at your proper address? Is a copy still being mailed to your old address or to your parents' home? Are you receiving more than one copy of each mailing at your present address? Inform us!

The only way in which we can keep our mailing list up-to-date is if you keep us informed of any changes in your address. To assist us with the up-dating of our files, please complete the following form and return it promptly. If you have any Alumni friends who do not receive Alumni mail, please forward their names and addresses as well.

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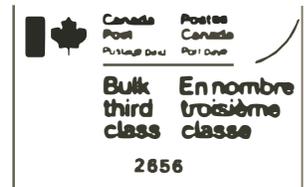
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