Editorial Note

Dr. P. D. Devanandan: By the time the present number of *The Indian Journal of Theology* comes into your hands you will have heard of the sad news of the death of Dr. P. D. Devanandan. The Director of the Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society, Bangalore, Dr. Devanandan has been occupying a key position, and his sudden death has created a void which will not easily be filled. In his death the Church has lost not merely the head of a newly formed institution, but an Indian Christian leader of international reputation. Dr. Devanandan has been one of the most eminent Christian leaders in India, who, during the last quarter of a century, played a significant role in the World Student Christian Federation, the Council of Y.M.C.A.s, the International Missionary Council, the World Council of Churches, and above all in theological education in India.

However, it is not primarily for any one of these positions which he held that he will be remembered for a long time to come; but it is for his understanding of the signs of the times, and this with particular reference to India. He realized, for instance, that the India of the present day is not the same as the India of a few decades ago, that for the fulfilment of the Christian responsibility in the country a deeper understanding and co-operation between Christians and Hindus were necessary, and that Christians should take the lead in offering facilities towards this goal. With this purpose in mind he devoted his time and energies during the last several years of his life for the founding and the carrying on of the Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society. Under his leadership the Institute has rendered a very useful service both to the nation at large and to the Church in India in particular.

The Editorial Board of *The Indian Journal of Theology* is gratified that the journal has had the privilege of publishing a number of Dr. Devanandan's articles. In his death we have lost an outstanding contributor, and we take this opportunity to condole our great loss.

Dr. Devanandan has left behind him his wife and three children, one son and two daughters. We convey to them our heartiest condolences.