

A matter of COPYRIGHTS

With this Issue No. 32 we come to the end of the old-style British Reformed Journal. The deliberations of the BRF Council and the Biennial General Meeting of the BRF of last July mean a new look and a new style from the new year onwards.

It is appropriate therefore to advertise herewith the situation with regard to the copyright ownership of the articles contained in the old-style British Reformed Journal (hereinafter BRJ) from the first issue of Jan.- March 1993 up to and including this last issue (No.32) for the end of the year 2000. As readers, and contributors, will be aware, the page one of the BRJ has carried a Copyright reservation, (see top of this page) which first appeared on Issue No.11 (July-Aug. 1995). This reservation was in order to preclude "pirate" reprintings of the material contained in the BRJ by anyone who took it into their heads so to do. The aim was to protect the copyrights inherently owned by the writers of contributions to the BRJ, rather than the BRJ itself, or the BRF itself. At no time was there any intent to restrict such copyrights to the British Reformed Fellowship, or the BRJ, thereby denying individual authors their rightful copyrights over their own writings. On occasion we have had to insert a note with some contributions indicating the author's copyright on material already published elsewhere and advertising his permission for us to reprint his article in the BRJ. (See, for example, Paul Fahy's article in this issue). That such notation has not appeared with articles specially written for the BRJ does not in any way obstruct the copyrights of all individual contributors of such articles over the years, including the unsigned articles of the present editor and of his predecessor Mr. Tony Horne, and we herewith declare that our interest in their contributions to the BRJ does not, and shall not, obstruct their individual copyrights to those said contributions, and that they may, without let or hindrance, reprint the same said contributions privately at their own pleasure, in whatever form they deem appropriate. We only ask for acknowledgement that "this first appeared as an article (or articles) in the British Reformed Journal..." giving Issue number and page references.

A number of useful private reprints of BRJ material have already been made, notably Mr. Michael Kimmitt's series on Baptism has been published as a most useful little book, several articles by Rev. Ronald Hanks, by Mr. Allen Baird, by Rev. Alan Spencer, and the present editor, have also been reprinted privately and circulated as useful pamphlets or booklets. And there is a possibility (DV) of further such reprints becoming available in the future.

Copies of BRJ Issue Nos. 1-32 have been lodged with the British Copyright Libraries, and in the British Library, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire.

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