THREE SISTERS
Michael Harper (Tyndale House Publishers, paper, $3.95)

The subtitle of this book claims it is "a provocative look at evangelical, charisma, and Catholic charismatics and their relationship to one another."

The author tabls three Christian traditions as three sisters—Evangelical (evangelicals), Charisma (Pentecostal-charismatics), and Rome (Catholicism). He states he owed his conversion to the first sister and then met the second in 1962. Several years later he came to know the third through dialogue.

Harper traces the history of the fundamentalist and evangelical movements from 1910 through the late 70s. From there he launches into the Pentecostal/charismatic scene and discusses several of the "issues" which have arisen. Chapter four devotes itself to the Catholic scene. The strengths and weaknesses of each sister are described.

The possibility of union is tackled as the author assesses the assets and liabilities of the current charismatic scene. Problems such as demonism, "prima donnas," playing to the galleries, methods of water baptism, nomadic Christians, submission and discipleship, interconmmunion, and "objectionable" Roman Catholic doctrines and practices are discussed.

Harper, pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Hounslow, Middlesex, England, states, "Results do not prove anything. Success does not justify the methods which may have been used to bring it about."

Harper expresses the purpose of the book: "I must confess to a deep longing to see these sisters reconciled to each other; to see them openly united in Christ and the Spirit, learning from one another and humbly listening to each other."

Even though one may not agree with all the author's concepts, the book offers insights which make it worthwhile reading.
—G. Raymond Carlson

MINISTERING TO SINGLE ADULTS
Gene Van Note (Beacon Hill Press, paper, $1.95)

The author's primary assertion is that single adults are the church's greatest unmet challenge. Although they comprise one third of our nation's adult population, their percentage within the church's attendance is drastically smaller. The church is responsible to minister to this vast group.

To expand the church's vision, attitudes toward singleness must be reexamined and negative stereotypes reassessed. The author does an excellent job of exposing some glaring biases of many traditional church programs and states, "Single adults request that the church be built on Jesus Christ and not the family." To develop a "single eye" a church must accept singles as people of worth apart from their marital status, as full members of the church fellowship right now, and encourage their participation in receiving and giving of ministry.

Van Note identifies different categories of singleness: the never married—single by choice; the divorced—formerly married; and the widowed—single against choice. Each category requires tailored ministry. Especially fine is the author's treatment of divorce. He recognizes it as sin and failure but takes a tremendous leap forward. Those hurting in this category have an immense need for a ministry of compassion. He expresses a tremendous love for and effort to reach the divorcées. The church must transcend condemnation.

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In my opinion these devotional and practical studies of the heroes of faith constitute the finest work available on Hebrews 11. They reflect both the scholarship and spirituality of the author. Those using this book for personal study will find it an enriching experience. Ministers will find it a helpful tool in sermon preparation.

The carefulness with which the author interprets Scripture is a learning experience in itself. While the application of the principles of interpretation is not the major thrust, Bible students cannot help but profit from its evidence throughout.

There are a few minor details with which some will disagree, but Advance readers would enjoy and profit from a study of these expositions.
—Hardy W. Steinberg

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Van Note is also unflinchingly frank in developing "ground rules for fellowship" of divorced persons—remarriage is not an option, and "when one is not free to marry, one is not free to date."

The book concludes with a very practical chapter on "Getting Started in the Local Church."

This is one of the finest books on single ministries. It is light and short but packed with significant and valuable content.

—Deborah L. Menken

America Is Too Young to Die, by Leonard Ravenhill (Bethany Fellowship, Inc., paper, $3.50). In this forceful call to revival, the author states, "It is time to quit playing church," and then exhorts ministers to be prophets instead of puppets, agitators instead of organizers. He says that in spite of the age of mass communication, we are failing to save the contented from the curse of compromise, imitation, and professionalism. A challenging book every minister should read.

20 New Ways of Teaching the Bible, by Donald L. Griggs (Abingdon Press, paper, $4.95). Christian education people and Sunday school teachers will want to get this unique book. It outlines in 25 chapters step-by-step methods for teachers to use in their classes. For those who know the content of their lessons but don't know the best way to communicate it, this book can provide important helps.

My Magnificent Machine, by William L. Coleman (Bethany Fellowship, Inc., paper, $3.95). Here are 52 devotionals, centered on the human body, to be used by families with small children.

The Promise of the Spirit, by Charles G. Finney, compiled and edited by Timothy L. Smith (Bethany Fellowship, Inc., paper, $5.95). After 10 years of revival, Finney began to see the pressing need of holiness on the part of the church. To correct his long-standing neglect of the doctrine of sanctification, he delivered a series of lectures on this subject.

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Liberating Limits, by John A. Huffman (Word Books, paper, $5.95). The Ten Commandments are not intended to diminish or restrict happiness, states the author. Instead they are guidelines to personal liberation. "Spiritual laws protect us against our own destructive tendencies," he writes.

Coping, by Elizabeth Skoglund (Regal Books, paper, $3.95). This book deals with how famous Christians such as Amy Carmichael, C. S. Lewis, Charles Spurgeon, and Hudon Taylor coped with suffering, depression, imperfection, and self-acceptance.

Telling Yourself the Truth, by William Backus and Marie Chapian (Bethany Fellowship, Inc., paper, $4.95). The authors state, "Most of what happens in your life happens because of the way you think. Wrong thinking produces wrong emotions, wrong reactions, and wrong behavior—and unhappiness. So when you learn to deal with your thoughts, you have taken your first step on the road to real contentment."

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