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During my Ph.D. years in Edinburgh I knew Tom's brothers and sister very well as we all joined in Inter-Varsity Fellowship activities. From them and others I heard of Tom's learned essays during his B.D. work, his return with a doctorate from Basle, and his ministry in a Scottish parish. In fact we met at times when he came to give lectures in Edinburgh. One such address was given to the Christian Union which contained some rather obscure references to Schelling. On another occasion he met me in the New College library and began to speak of some significant new work of which, immersed at the time in Herder, I had not yet heard.

My real acquaintance with Tom developed when I came back to Edinburgh and was asked by him to be joint-editor of the English version of Barth's *Church Dogmatics*, which led to many meetings and phone discussions. One great crisis arose when Tom found one translator way behind in his work when it was needed almost at once. I wrote to him asking for a plain response and he told me that he had not even begun. Three of us split up his portion and prepared the text very rapidly for the printer. Later came the attempts to associate more closely the Churches of England and Scotland, and work in the European section of the Faith and Order movement. In all these areas I could only admire Tom's wealth of information, his skill in dissection and construction, and the far- and future-reaching spirit that he always displayed.

Tom began to write those books whose content, if studied and followed more closely, would help to set theology on a wiser, more fruitful, and more biblically-oriented course. To be sure some students have found his style as well as his thinking very hard to understand. Tom smilingly told me once that he went along with the German dictum: one of the greatest enemies of *Wahrheit* ("truth") is *Klarheit* ("clarity")! But it is well worthwhile



to dig more deeply into his works. In his radio addresses, by the way, he could speak much more simply if no less profoundly.

In the words of Barth, Tom grasped firmly the "unique opportunity" that the divine calling had given him. God in his sovereign overruling will surely use his contribution and legacy to do great things on His behalf. Nor should we forget that, as Tom saw it, theological reflection on the gracious ways and works of God should constantly lead to prayers of gratitude and praise.