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## STUDENT, COLLEAGUE EDITS BROWN SERMONS

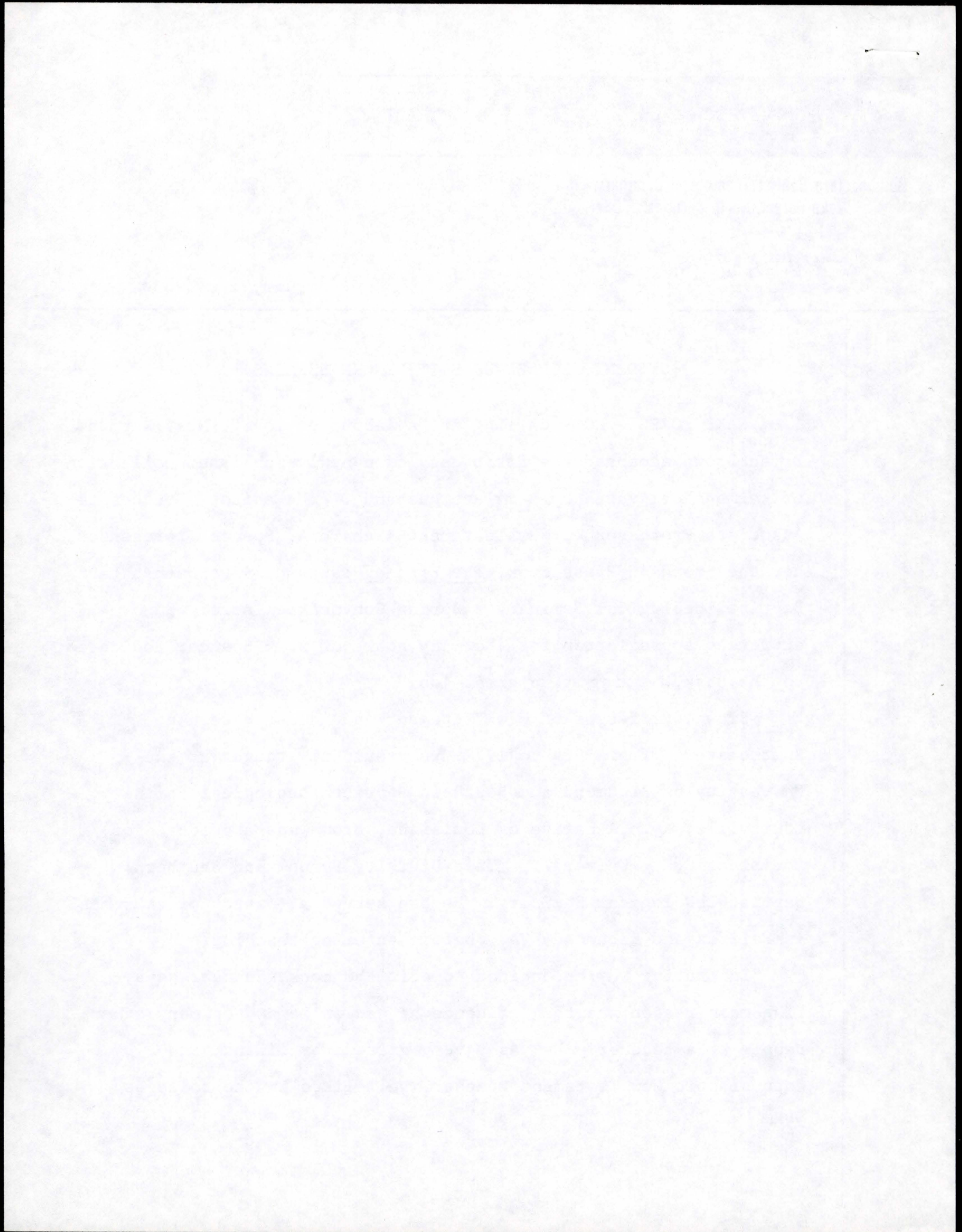
WAKE FOREST, NC - Calling it "a labour of love", Mrs. Raymond Bryan Brown accepted the first copy of a newly published collection of sermons delivered by her late husband. The editor, Southeastern Associate Professor of New Testament Richard A. Spencer, presented her the Broadman Press book, The Fire of Truth during Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary's Spring Convocation here. She expressed appreciation for the many hours of work Spencer dedicated to the task, terming it "a great job."

Brown, Professor of New Testament and Academic Dean at Southeastern from 1964 to 1977, had previously taught at the University of Richmond and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. A native of Louisiana, Brown was a graduate of Louisiana State University, Yale Divinity School and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He had served as pastor of churches in Halifax and Richmond, Va., before entering teaching.

In stating why he decided to edit the book, Spencer says, "The main reason was the influence he had on me and on many other people as a teacher. He was a very gifted, brilliant, and enthusiastic New Testament teacher, well liked in the colleges,

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the churches, and of course by the seminary students."

Their paths crossed in two different relationships, as teacher-student and as teaching colleagues, both at Southeastern. As Academic Dean, Brown was involved when the seminary contacted his former student about teaching. They taught together until Brown's death in December, 1977. Spencer says, "I was greatly impressed by his reverence for the Scripture, his personal dedication to Christ, and to the Church."

Profits from the sale of the book will go to the Raymond Bryan Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund for outstanding college graduates who attend Southeastern.

Spencer characterizes Brown as a teacher who "had a genuine respect for the best of the past and an openness toward any means of interpretation and any avenue of study that would help one to understand the Scripture and make it meaningful. He took people where they were. But he was also intensely engaged in the process of helping them to grow and to be open to new avenues of thought, new interpretations." Through Spencer's efforts, Raymond Bryan Brown's sermons will continue to open new avenues of thought for theologians and laymen throughout the world.



