## NEW SEEDS

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It seems quite incredible to me, that I am writing in this the fifth edition of our journal 'New Seeds'. It's even more of a surprise to me when I consider the amount of work which has gone into its preparation and the minimum of assistance I have had in bringing these to publication. However, this situation is changing and it is a very welcome change. Our membership is very slowly increasing and this means that more people are prepared to write submitting articles and letters for use in the journal.

Recently I visited the Thomas Merton Studies Centre in Louisville, Kentucky and was able to solicit certain promises from a number of people to submit pieces for use within these pages. [ see inside for some details of my trip ]

In June 1991 there is to be, in America, a huge four day conference at which there will be a number of different activities happening and a veriety of papers being given; whereas it probably isn't possible for any of you to be able to get there, do please consider it. Our own president is to give a paper on 'Merton and the Easter Fathers'

As far as events in this country are concerned we are looking for locations and for people who could help with the arranging of events, so if you have any ideas drop me a line. William H Shannon is to be in England in 1991 and I will be working out a programme for him and I will let you have details later.

Can I at this point draw your attention to my change of address, in future I shall reside at:

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Your's sincerely, Stephen J.Hotchen, General Secretary.