

THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

Members of the Evangelical Theological Society met for their thirtieth annual meeting December 27-29, 1978, in Deerfield, Illinois. Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and its local arrangements committee under the leadership of Doug Moo performed splendidly in hosting the gathering. The papers presented covered a wide range of topics under the general theme, "Evangelical Theology: Where Are We and Where Are We Going?" The consensus seemed to be that this was the finest ETS program in our Society's history. Much credit is due to Kenneth S. Kantzer, program chairman, and his hard-working committee.

At the anniversary banquet R. Laird Harris informally reminisced on the early days of the Society, and each person in attendance received a copy of Burton L. Goddard's account of the birth and early years of ETS. In his presidential address, Stanley N. Gundry discussed "Evangelical Theology: Where *Should* We Be Going?"

Meeting concurrently with the Society were the Near East Archaeological Society and the Evangelical Philosophical Society.

During the first business session George Van Groningen, acting secretary-treasurer while Simon Kistemaker is out of the country on sabbatical leave, submitted the following reports:

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

| | Full | Associate | Student |
|----------------------------------|------|-----------|---------|
| Active as of last year: 1084 | 675 | 185 | 224 |
| Dropped: | (30) | (24) | (30) |
| Received during 1978: | 73 | 24 | 105 |
| Total Membership, 12/31/78: 1202 | 718 | 185 | 299 |

FINANCIAL REPORT

CASH ON HAND, January 1, 1978 \$ 9,661.03

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Dues and Subscriptions | \$19,689.53 | |
| Sales of Books and <i>Journals</i> | 714.97 | |
| Miscellaneous Income | 823.81 | |
| Interest on Savings | 393.41 | 21,621.72 |
| | | \$31,282.75 |

DISBURSEMENTS

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Postage | \$ 1,423.14 | |
| Telephone | 15.93 | |
| Office Salaries | 3,961.76 | |
| Office Supplies | 2,765.77 | |
| Printing Expenses— <i>Journal</i> | * 12,824.79 | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 1,675.81 | |
| Regional Expenses | <u>300.00</u> | <u>22,967.20</u> |

CASH ON HAND, December 31, 1978 \$ 8,315.55

Deposit Guaranty National Bank

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| Checking Account | \$ 1,527.43 |
| Silver Savings Account | <u>6,788.12</u> |
| | <u><u>\$ 8,315.55*</u></u> |

*The Society is still indebted to Bethany Fellowship, Inc., for *JETS* 21/4.

In the second business session the Society elected the following officers for 1979:

- President—Marten H. Woudstra
- President-Elect—Wilber B. Wallis
- Vice-President—Kenneth Barker
- Vacancy on Executive Committee—Stanley N. Gundry
- Additional member for 1979 Program Committee—Walter Wessel
- Vacancies on Membership Committee—Robert L. Thomas and Ronald Mayers
- Vacancy on Editorial Committee—Robert Cook

The Society adopted this report by the resolutions committee:

1. Be it resolved that warm expressions of thanks be extended to President Kenneth Meyer of the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and President Harry Evans of Trinity College for hosting the thirtieth annual meeting of the Society.
2. Be it resolved that we express our deep appreciation to Dean Kenneth Kantzer, Douglas Moo, and other members of the local arrangements committee for preparing such an excellent program.
3. Be it resolved that we commend the Near East Archaeological Society and the Evangelical Philosophical Society for their fine collateral programs.
4. Be it resolved that we express our deep appreciation to President Stanley Gundry, to Secretary-Treasurer Simon Kistemaker, to Editors Ronald Youngblood and Ward Gasque, and to the other officers for their excellent services this past year.
5. Be it resolved that we send assurances of our prayers to Francis Schaeffer and to members of the Society in special need.

6. Be it resolved that in view of the urgency of the hermeneutical task as discussed in these meetings we continue with all diligence our search for evangelical solutions that combine our commitment to God's Word with a growing understanding of the nature of his revelation.

Under the heading of new business the following were adopted by unanimous vote:

"That the Program Committee for 1979 be encouraged to select a few quality papers and have them duplicated in advance and distributed either with the program or to all who preregister and request them so that the entire time can be spent on a quick summary and lengthy discussion and that the extra cost for this be met by an allocation from the general funds or by an additional charge in the registration fee."

"That more Black participation be encouraged in the work of ETS."

The President's report included the following items of special interest:

Ronald Youngblood has been reappointed to a three-year term as editor of *JETS*.

Book editors have been appointed for *JETS*: Donald Carson (Biblical studies) and William Luck (historical and systematic theology, including ethics and apologetics).

The statistics for the thirtieth annual meeting include 388 paying registrants, 335 in attendance at the annual banquet, and over 500 in attendance at some of the plenary sessions.

The thirty-first annual meeting will be hosted by Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, December 26-28, 1979. The program theme will be "Hermeneutics for the Eighties."

Tentatively, the thirty-second annual meeting is scheduled to be hosted by Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina, December 29-30, 1980. The Executive Committee suggested the topic "Ethics, Evangelicals and Social Action."

The Executive Committee has appointed Kenneth S. Kantzer and Stanley N. Gundry as co-editors for the volume of select papers from the thirtieth annual meeting to be published by Baker Book House.

The Executive Committee established the following guidelines for book displays at ETS meetings:

1. There will be no sales on the premises.
2. There will be one table for each publisher. There will be no charge (unless it is necessary to rent the furnishings) in recognition of the services and considerations that many of these publishers render to the Society and its members.
3. Publishers with significant lines of publications (especially texts) of interest to evangelical scholars will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
4. There will be a table for ETS members who have published with a publisher not interested in a display table but who wish to arrange with

their publisher to have their recent scholarly works and textbooks displayed. Order forms should be provided. Those who display agree that they will be responsible for clearing the table after the meeting.

In 1978 two members of the Society died: Denzill E. Raymer and Martin J. Wyngaarden. Merrill C. Tenney offered a prayer of thanksgiving for their lives and ministry for Jesus Christ.

The thirtieth annual meeting was a high point in the history of ETS, demonstrating the vitality and depth of its scholarship and the challenges facing it in the immediate future.

Stanley N. Gundry (as requested by
Simon J. Kistemaker)