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## ***THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING***

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of our Society was held from Monday, December 26th, through Wednesday, December 28th, on the beautiful campus of The King's College, situated commandingly above the Hudson River at Briarcliff Manor, New York. President Robert Cook, capably assisted by Mr. James Wiegand, made us feel that we were indeed welcome guests. This was especially true with respect to their willingness cheerfully to provide transportation back and forth to airports at considerable distances. The meals, prepared by Chef Stanley Jensen, were excellent. The dinner he served Tuesday evening was a culinary delight! So the kindness and efficiency of our hosts, together with moderate weather, made our visit to the King's campus pleasantly memorable.

The varied program, arranged by Dr. Stephen Paine and his committee, proved both mind-stretching and faith-strengthening. Dr. J. Barton Payne, who seems to possess an inexhaustible supply of anecdotes (many of them refreshingly new!), was a genial chairman who conducted our sessions with ease and dispatch. While the primary purpose of our Meeting was academic, there was a spiritual emphasis in the devotional periods which revealed that intellectual sophistication and warm-hearted piety are by no means incompatible. And as usual, the personal fellowship, the opportunity to see old friends and make new ones, was a valuable by-product of our interchange.

Three major panels were presented. The first of these, held on Monday evening, dealt with "The New Morality: A Study in Perspective." In the absence of Dr. Delbert Rose, his colleague at Asbury Seminary, Dr. Maurice Culver, served as moderator. Participants and their subjects were as follows: Merne A. Harris, Vennard College, "The New Morality in Historical Perspective;" J. Kenneth Grider, Nazarene Theological Seminary, "The New Morality in Theological Perspective;" Daniel M. Rose, Candidate in Anthropology, University of Wisconsin, "The New Morality in Social Perspective;" and Charles W. Carter, Taylor University, "The Old Morality: Its Continuing Validity." As might have been anticipated, vigorous discussion was elicited by this symposium.

The second panel, devoted to "Concerns in Bible Translation," occupied our time from 8:15 o'clock through 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. With Burton L. Goddard of Gordon Divinity School presiding, the following brethren ably handled their assigned areas: Earl S. Kalland, Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary, "Considerations of Verbal and Idea Rendition;" Marten H. Woudstra, Calvin Theological Seminary, "Theological Influence upon Translation;" John H. Skilton, Westminster Theological Seminary, "Considerations of English Style;" and Wilber B. Wallis, Covenant Theological Seminary, "Evaluation of the Bible Societies' Text of the Greek New Testament." Again there was lengthy

and vigorous discussion, particularly so because a company of evangelical scholars is at present exploring the possibility of another American version. Informal comments on the project were offered by Dr. Goddard, chairman of this exploratory group.

Early Tuesday afternoon the final panel was presented with John M. Zinkand of Westminster Theological Seminary moderating. The participants and their topics were: R. Laird Harris, Covenant Theological Seminary, "Factors Promoting the Formation of the Old Testament Canon;" Merrill C. Tenney, Wheaton Graduate School of Theology, "The Canon of the Gospels;" and Lewis A. Foster, Cincinnati Bible Seminary, "The Earliest Collection of Paul's Epistles." The vital importance of canonical problems was brought out not alone by these participants but by discussants from the floor.

Individual papers covered a wide range of Biblical, doctrinal, and ecclesiastical themes.

Tuesday evening at the Annual Banquet, always a highlight of our Meeting, retiring president J. Barton Payne, delivered a forthright address entitled "*Apeitheo*: Current Resistance to Biblical Inerrancy." In it he urged our Society to stand without any deviation for its commitment to the view of Scripture expressed in our sole doctrinal affirmation. Because Carl F. H. Henry, editor of *Christianity Today*, was unable to attend, an inspirational report concerning the World Congress on Evangelism was made by the Society's secretary.

After the banquet two reports on archeology were given. Harold Stigers of Wheaton College first showed pictures of the digs at Hebron and other Jordanian sites. He was followed by G. Douglas Young of Trinity Divinity School whose slides illustrated the program of the American Institute of Holy Land Studies and some of the diggings in which its students have engaged. Despite the long day and the rather late hour, both reports were keenly appreciated.

Business, though kept at a minimum, necessarily occupied some of our time and attention. Our officers and chairmen gave their respective reports. Brief obituaries in honor of our two deceased members were presented with Burton Goddard memorializing Andrew Blackwood and G. Douglas Young eulogizing Jerome Ficek.

At the President's request Dr. Harris spoke concerning the joint-meeting of our Society and the American Scientific Affiliation held last August at North Park College in Chicago.

The Resolutions Committee, composed of Dr. William S. Sailer and Dr. Alan F. Johnson, submitted the following resolutions, which the body unanimously approved.

WHEREAS The King's College has so graciously served as host to the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society,

providing for our physical comforts in a most hospitable manner, therefore be it

RESOLVED that we express to President Robert A. Cook, to Conference Director, James Wiegand, to the entire staff, and the Board of Trustees, our sincerest appreciation, and pray that God may continue to use this institution for the glory of His Son.

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Evangelical Theological Society has served faithfully during the past year, with each member of this committee executing his respective responsibilities with diligence and devotion, therefore be it

RESOLVED that we as a Society publicly express to the committee our deep gratitude for this service to our Lord which has contributed to our spiritual strengthening and scholarly stimulation through the well planned and executed sessions of this conference.

WHEREAS we have heard with profit a series of carefully formulated papers on biblical and theological concerns and have been enriched spiritually through devotional meditations, therefore be it

RESOLVED that we express our sincere appreciation to those who have given of their time and labor in order to make possible a successful Evangelical Theological Society meeting and to contribute to the body of evangelical scholarship; and that all of us rededicate ourselves to our calling of making Christ known to an antagonistic and needy world.

President Payne appointed a Nominating Committee made up of Allan MacRae, chairman, Merrill Tenney, Gordon Clark, Elmer Smick, and Albert Martin. Its report was unanimously adopted. Hence the officers for the next year are: Stephen Paine, President; Kenneth S. Kantzer, Vice-President; Vernon C. Grounds, Secretary; Richard N. Longenecker, Treasurer; and Samuel J. Schultz, Editor.

An invitation to hold our Nineteenth Annual Meeting in Toronto was received from our Canadian brethren. It was voted that we accept this invitation and so seek to strengthen the evangelical contribution to the observance of Canada's centenary. Thus in 1967 our Society will move out of the United States for the first time in its history, thereby evidencing that it is international in membership and purpose.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vernon C. Grounds, Secretary

*Summary of Treasurer's Report*

Balance on Hand as of Annual Meeting 1965	\$1,814.99
Receipts during 1966	5,284.25
	<u>\$7,099.24</u>
Disbursements during 1966	5,920.75
Balance on Hand as of December 22, 1966	<u>\$1,178.49</u>

*Summary of Membership Committee Report*

	<i>Members</i>	<i>Associates</i>	<i>Students</i>
Active as of last year's report	482	163	104
Withdrew or Dropped	-23	-27	-21
Deceased	-2		
	<u>457</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>83</u>
Transferred	+6	+5	-11
Received during 1966	+36	+27	+20
	<u>499</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>92</u>
Errors in reporting	+7	+10	-8
Actual Active Membership			<u>-8</u>
December, 1966	506	178	84

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS****EASTERN REGIONAL MEETING**

Date: April 29, 1967

Place: Northeastern Collegiate Bible Institute, Essex Falls, New Jersey.

Program: Papers for consideration for this meeting should be sent to Edwin Yamouchi, 199 Berger Street, Somerset, New Jersey 08873 immediately.

**MIDWESTERN REGIONAL MEETING**

Date: April 21-22, 1967

Place: Olivet College, Kankakee, Illinois

Program: For participation in this program address Ralph E. Berry, Olivet College or Elmer Smick, Covenant Seminary, 12262 Conway Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63141.

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Editorial policy and procedure to the editor.

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## E. T. S. PUBLICATIONS OF PREVIOUS YEARS

### *Papers*

Papers read at the 1956 Annual Meeting.

### *Bulletins*

A limited number of issues is in stock, from Vol. I, No. 1, Spring 1958, to the present. Prices on back numbers are: \$1.00 per issue for individual purchase; \$.75 per issue for library purchase; \$.50 per issue to members of the Society.

### *Symposium*

John F. Walvoord, editor, *Inspiration and Interpretation*,  
Grand Rapids, Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1957.

### *Monographs*

Paul K. Jewett, *Emil Brunner's Concept of Revelation*,  
London, James Clarke, 1954.

Merrill F. Unger, *Israel and the Arameans of Damascus*,  
London, James Clarke, 1957.

John C. Whitcomb, *Darius the Mede*,  
Grand Rapids, Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1959.

Gordon H. Clark, *Karl Barth's Theological Method*,  
Philadelphia, Presbyterian and Reformed, 1963.

Richard N. Longenecker, *Paul, Apostle of Liberty*,  
New York, Harper & Row, 1964.

Orders for the above Symposium volume and the works in the Monograph Series may be directed through your local retail bookseller or to the publisher in question. Since the Society's policy is to sell out its original stock, only a limited quantity of the most recently published monographs are available through the Society. Prices to E.T.S. members on monographs in stock are as follows:

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