## **EDITORIAL**

Inerrancy of the Scriptures is a vital subject under critical examination among many scholars and laymen who are committed to the Bible as God's revelation. A thorough discussion directed toward the end of constructive conclusions should advance Christian scholarship in this generation.

Since we, as the Evangelical Theological Society, are committed to the basic doctrine that "The Bible alone, and the Bible in its entirety, is the Word of God written, and therefore inerrant in the autographs" we welcome further discussion and scholarly contributions in this area. Oral and written exchange in this area is encouraged at our national and regional meetings as well as in our publications.

The initial article in this issue constituted a key address at our sixteenth annual society meeting held at Nyack Missionary College in Nyack, New York. Additional articles on this subject are planned for subsequent issues. For additional discussion of this subject see THE Christian Reader (August-September, 1964) where under the title "Two Views of Biblical Inerrancy" two articles are reviewed as published in the American Scientific Affiliation Journal (September, 1963) by Richard Buge and Bibliotheca Sacra (April, 1963) by Charles Ryrie. Other contributions on this subject are under consideration for publication in subsequent issues of the Evangelical Theological Society Bulletin. For the 17th annual meeting scheduled for December 27-28, 1965, plans include devoting a full session to the current discussion on inerrancy and the basis for its acceptance.

In numerous seminary and college faculties, ministerial groups, and among Christian workers and laymen this topic is currently under serious discussion. As new insights come into focus and scholarly publications of the past are brought into relevance in the current dialogue there should emerge significant scholarly contributions to guide us in our thinking.

As a society of evangelical scholars we ought to provide leadership in this area. Consequently we are vitally interested in studies on this subject for presentation at forthcoming meetings and consideration by our editorial committee for the coming issues of our ETS Bulletin. In this way we could offer a constructive contribution to the current discussions on this significant subject.