

## THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

Southern hospitality marked the thirty-second annual meeting on December 29-30, 1980, when numerous members gathered on the campus of Columbia Bible College and Graduate School of Bible and Missions in Columbia, South Carolina. The conference was devoted to the theme "Evangelicals and Social Ethics," which generated excellent papers and spirited discussion.

The program was organized by Kenneth Barker, whose devotion to the success of the program was visibly demonstrated by his serving as a substitute for one of the speakers. Throughout the program ETS members wrestled with social and ethical concerns including those of inflation, abortion, infanticide and euthanasia. For the panel discussion near the conclusion, as well as during the second business session, the matter of abortion caused lively debate. The members fully recognized the spiritual dimensions of these social and ethical concerns. President Wilber Wallis summarized this recognition in his presidential address entitled "Eschatology and Social Concern."

In the first business session, the secretary-treasurer submitted the following reports:

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	Full	Associate	Student
Active membership 1/1/80: 1378	780	202	396
Dropped during 1980:	(61)	(26)	(53)
New members:	73	22	60
Promoted:	56	16	(72)
Total membership 12/15/80: 1393	848	214	331

### FINANCIAL REPORT

**CASH ON HAND**, January 1, 1980 \$12,694.75

#### RECEIPTS

Dues and Subscriptions	\$21,486.50	
Sales of Books and <i>Journals</i>	1,471.59	
Miscellaneous Income	3,969.81	
Interest on Savings	502.13	27,430.03
		\$40,124.78

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Postage	\$690.45	
Office Salaries	3,686.00	
Office Supplies	2,116.65	
Telephone	56.96	
Publications	11,130.74	
Regional Expenses	950.00	
Bank Charges	90.96	
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,950.00	21,671.76

**CASH ON HAND**, December 31, 1980

\$18,453.02

*Deposit Guaranty National Bank*

Checking Account	\$776.67
Silver Savings	7,676.35
Money Market	10,000.00
	<u>\$18,453.02</u>

During the second business session the following officers were elected for 1981:

- President—Kenneth L. Barker
- President-Elect—Alan F. Johnson
- Vice-President—Louis Goldberg
- Vacancy on Executive Committee—Wilber B. Wallis
- Vacancies on Membership Committee—Lee I. Bruckner and J. Robertson McQuilkin
- Vacancy on Program Committee—William R. Foster

The Society adopted the following report of the resolutions committee:

1. Be it resolved that warm expressions of thanks be extended to President J. Robertson McQuilkin and Dean Terry C. Hulbert of the Columbia Bible College and Graduate School of Bible and Missions for hosting this thirty-second meeting of the Society.

2. Be it resolved that we express deep appreciation to Paul Wright and those who have assisted him for handling the local arrangements for this meeting.

3. Be it resolved that we express our gratitude to President Wilber Wallis, Program Chairman Kenneth Barker, Secretary-Treasurer Simon Kistemaker, *Journal* Editor Ronald Youngblood, Book Review Editors Donald Carson and William Luck, News Letter Editor Bruce Demarest, and the other officers for their excellent services this past year.

4. Be it resolved that we commend the Near East Archaeological Society and the Evangelical Philosophical Society for their collateral programs.

5. Be it resolved that in view of the exegetical and evangelical task as discussed in these meetings we seek with all diligence evangelical solutions in social ethics that combine our commitment to God's Word with a keen sensitivity to our society and to the needs of the world.

6. Be it further resolved that the Society make abortion a central area of research in view of the seriousness of this problem today and that provision be made in the near future for intensive Society discussion and clarification of issues related to this subject, with special attention focused on the pastoral and societal care of those affected by this problem.

The executive committee acted on these matters:

1. Plans were made to meet on the campus of Ontario Bible College and Ontario Theological Seminary in Toronto, Canada, on December 28-30, 1981, for the thirty-third annual meeting. The theme is "Relationships Between the Testaments."

2. The secretary-treasurer was asked to send an explanatory letter to the members of ETS for the purpose of polling them on the advisability of scheduling the thirty-fourth annual ETS meeting in 1982 in conjunction with, and perhaps prior to, the annual SBL/AAR meeting and to inform the members that such a

meeting would be held on a trial basis subject to review. The theme for the 1982 meeting is "Biblical Criticism and the Evangelical."

3. The thirty-fifth anniversary meeting is scheduled for December 27-29, 1983, at the Billy Graham Center, Wheaton, Illinois. The theme is "Preaching and Biblical Exegesis."

4. The committee decided to establish fraternal relations with the Japan ETS, provided their doctrinal basis is the same as ours.

5. Because of the numerous problems involved, the committee ruled to discontinue the practice of duplicating and mailing select papers presented at the annual meetings.

6. The executive committee has been asked to draw up appropriate guidelines for the resolutions committee.

7. Tribute was paid to deceased members of the Society: Edward F. Fuchs, Edwin H. Palmer, Robert Strong and Merrill F. Unger.

As a Society we are thankful to the Lord for blessing and prospering us in our academic endeavors. May his favor continue to rest upon us.

Simon J. Kistemaker