

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

Members of the Society who wanted to attend the ETS meeting on the campus of Northeastern Bible College in Essex Fells, New Jersey, December 16-18, 1982, as well as the meetings of SBL/AAR in New York City, December 19-23, 1982, could do so because of the proximity of the two places.

If not the timing and location of the 34th annual meeting, then certainly the program with the theme "Biblical Criticism and the Evangelical" drew a large crowd. The Society is deeply indebted to Northeastern Bible College for hosting those who attended. More than 325 persons registered for the meeting, and for some of the plenary sessions at least 400 people were in attendance.

Program Chairman Louis Goldberg had invited special speakers, had enlisted numerous participants, and had arranged five plenary sessions with topics ranging from an evaluation of redaction-critical methods in interpreting Scripture to a review of Jewish-Christian relations after the holocaust. Alan F. Johnson delivered his presidential address on "The Historical-Critical Method: Egyptian Gold or Pagan Precipice?"

The secretary-treasurer, during the first business meeting, presented a membership report and a financial report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

		Full	Assoc.	Student
Active Membership 1/1/82	1506	891	259	356
New Members 1982	190	72	36	82
Dropped	107	36	32	39
Total Membership 12/1/82	1589	927	263	399
Deceased	(2)	(1)	(1)	

FINANCIAL REPORT

EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY SCHEDULES OF CASH
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
NOVEMBER 30, 1982 AND DECEMBER 15, 1981

	Year Ended November 30, 1982	Year Ended December 15, 1981
CASH ON HAND January 1	<u>\$ 22,752.28</u>	<u>\$ 18,453.02</u>
RECEIPTS:		
Dues and subscriptions	24,384.64	23,785.00
Sales of books and <i>Journals</i>	1,149.75	1,131.95
Annual meeting	3,612.00	2,284.00
Interest on savings	3,804.37	2,941.16
Miscellaneous income	914.96	684.98
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>33,865.72</u>	<u>30,827.09</u>
<u>TOTAL FOR WHICH TO ACCOUNT</u>	<u>\$ 56,618.00</u>	<u>\$ 49,280.11</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:		
<i>Journal</i>	\$ 7,500.17	\$ 11,193.26
Salaries	2,952.75	3,581.35
Office supplies	3,053.98	3,370.73
Directory		3,140.47
Stipends	2,700.00	2,800.00
Postage	1,291.62	1,065.73
Regional expense	700.00	500.00
Columbia Bible College registration		550.00
Miscellaneous	1,787.94	326.29
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>19,986.46</u>	<u>26,527.83</u>
CASH ON HAND November 30	<u>36,631.54</u>	<u>22,752.28</u>
<u>TOTAL FOR WHICH ACCOUNTED</u>	<u>\$ 56,618.00</u>	<u>\$ 49,280.11</u>
BALANCES CLASSIFIED BY DEPOSITORY:		
Deposit Guaranty Bank—checking	\$ 2,718.51	\$ 1,643.55
Deposit Guaranty Bank—silver savings account	4,913.03	5,108.56
Deposit Guaranty Bank—money market certificate	<u>29,000.00</u>	<u>16,000.17</u>
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In the second business session, the following officers were elected for 1983:

President—Louis Goldberg

President-Elect—W. Haddon Robinson

Vice-President—Richard V. Pierard

Secretary-Treasurer—Simon J. Kistemaker (for a three-year term)

Vacancy on Executive Committee—Alan F. Johnson

Vacancy on Editorial Committee—Edwin Yamauchi

Vacancies on Membership Committee—James B. DeYoung and John S. Feinberg

Monograph Editor—Allan Fisher

The Society adopted the report of the resolutions committee:

1. Be it resolved that warm expressions of thanks be extended to President J. Gordon Henry and Dean James Bjornstad of the Northeastern Bible College for hosting this thirty-fourth meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society.
2. Be it resolved that we express deep appreciation to all those at NBC who have assisted in handling the local arrangements, given only a third of the usual planning time for twice the number of estimated registrants.
3. Be it resolved that we express our gratitude to President Alan F. Johnson for his insightful leadership of the Society during this past year.
4. Be it resolved that we express our deep appreciation to Program Chairman Louis Goldberg for his labor of love in developing the program for this meeting, reflected in the extensive interest in this pertinent theme.
5. Be it resolved that we express our gratitude to Secretary-Treasurer Simon J. Kistemaker, *Journal* Editor Ronald Youngblood, Book Review Editors Donald Carson and William F. Luck, News Letter Editor Bruce Demarest, and the other officers for their excellent service this past year.
6. Be it resolved that we commend the Near East Archaeological Society and the Evangelical Philosophical Society for their fine collateral programs.
7. Be it further resolved that, in view of the sensitive but important issues discussed in these meetings with regard to Biblical criticism and evangelical/Jewish relations, we continue with all diligence our search for and discussion of evangelical solutions that combine our commitment to God's inerrant Word with a sensitivity to our Society and to the needs of the world in a spirit of Christian love.

The executive committee acted on these matters:

1. The thirty-fifth annual meeting will be held in Dallas, Texas, on December 15-17, 1983. The theme is "Preaching and Biblical Exegesis."
2. The theme for the thirty-sixth annual meeting, "Evangelicals: Heritage and Rediscovery," features Church history.
3. Because of questions raised with respect to Robert Gundry on methodology in interpreting Scripture, the executive committee called attention to the brevity of the Society's doctrinal basis and deemed that this basis does not provide criteria for distinguishing which methodologies are incompatible with the Society's stance on inerrancy.

4. Deceased members George M. Elliott and John F. Gates were fittingly acknowledged in a brief memorial service.
5. The Society expressed thanks to Alan F. Johnson for his leadership as president.

During the course of the past years, the members of the Society have become increasingly expressive in scholarly pursuits in articles delivered at annual and regional meetings and in publishing books and monographs. May the Lord continue to bless the Society in fostering conservative Biblical scholarship.

Simon J. Kistemaker