

## THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

Members of the Evangelical Theological Society traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, for the thirty-eighth annual meeting. The conference was held at Rehoboth Baptist Church in Tucker, Georgia, where a capable staff provided meeting rooms and meals with typical southern hospitality. The Society owes a debt of gratitude to the administrative staff of the church for welcoming us to their facilities.

The theme "Male and Female in Biblical and Theological Perspective" drew a record attendance of approximately 350 registered members. Program Chairman Walter M. Dunnett presented a slate of participants who read papers at parallel sessions or spoke at plenary sessions. In the first plenary session the keynote speaker was Richard G. Lee, senior pastor of Rehoboth Baptist Church. Other plenary speakers were Catherine Kroeger, Gilbert Bilezikian, Wayne Grudem, Walter Liefeld, David Scholer and Aida Spencer. President Gleason Archer delivered his presidential address after the banquet on the second day of the conference.

Parallel sessions featured papers in the disciplines of OT, NT, theology, history, archaeology and philosophy. Plenary sessions were devoted to the following topics: "The Classical Concept of 'Head' and 'Source,'" "Paul's Consistent Advocacy of Women's Participation without Governing Authority," "The Nature of Christian Ministry and the Ministry of Women," "Feminist Hermeneutics and Evangelical Biblical Interpretation," and "Women in Authoritative Positions."

The Near East Archaeological Society and the Evangelical Philosophical Society met concurrently with ETS and had a full schedule in the parallel sessions. Both societies are prospering and increasing their respective memberships.

During the first business meeting the secretary-treasurer presented the membership report and the financial report.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

		Full	Associate	Student
Active membership 12/1/85	1795	1094	312	389
New members 1986	174	80	29	65
Members reactivated	8	6	1	1
Members dropped	(178)	(66)	(45)	(67)
Total membership 12/1/86	1799	1114	297	388

## FINANCIAL REPORT

EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
COMPARATIVE SCHEDULES OF CASH RECEIPTS  
AND DISBURSEMENTSFOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1986  
AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1985

	1986	1985
<b>CASH in banks beginning</b>	<u>\$ 37,608.58</u>	<u>\$ 32,183.82</u>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Dues and subscriptions	38,320.08	31,490.65
Sale of books, <i>Journals</i> and monographs	1,599.53	1,762.70
Annual meeting	9,269.25	7,552.75
Interest on savings	2,262.51	2,130.82
Miscellaneous income	262.40	350.98
	<u>51,713.77</u>	<u>43,287.90</u>
<b>TOTAL FOR WHICH TO ACCOUNT</b>	<u>\$ 89,322.35</u>	<u>\$ 75,471.72</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
<i>JETS</i>	\$ 29,879.59	\$ 22,581.16
Annual meeting	4,645.79	3,456.75
Audit	287.00	200.00
Legal fees	(0)	357.50
Monograph	1,709.25	(0)
News letter	534.25	(0)
Computer, RTS, and addressing envelopes	2,902.74	2,445.11
Postage	1,601.05	1,767.87
Regional expense	1,690.00	1,000.00
Salaries	3,544.00	3,054.75
Stipends	4,100.00	3,000.00
	<u>50,893.67</u>	<u>37,863.14</u>
<b>CASH in banks ending (see below)</b>	<u>38,428.68</u>	<u>37,608.58</u>
<b>TOTAL FOR WHICH ACCOUNTED</b>	<u>\$ 89,322.35</u>	<u>\$ 75,471.72</u>
<b>BALANCES CLASSIFIED BY DEPOSITORY</b>		
Deposit Guaranty National Bank— checking	\$ 5,294.05	\$ 2,435.66
Deposit Guaranty National Bank— money market	24,155.03	26,829.86
Deposit Guaranty National Bank— certificate of deposit	<u>8,979.60</u>	<u>8,343.06</u>
<b>CASH in banks ending</b>	<u>\$ 38,428.68</u>	<u>\$ 37,608.58</u>

In the second business meeting the following officers were elected for 1987:

President—Walter M. Dunnett  
 President-Elect—Elmer B. Smick  
 Vice-President—James A. Borland  
 Vacancy on Executive Committee—Gleason L. Archer, Jr.  
 Vacancy on Membership Committee—Stephen Schrader  
 and Walter Liefeld

The Society adopted the report of the resolutions committee, consisting of Darrell Bock, Eugene Merrill and Elmer Smick:

1. Whereas Rehoboth Baptist Church—its pastor, staff, and ladies—has graciously hosted, served, and attended to the needs of ETS members at the annual meeting, be it therefore resolved that we express our appreciation and thanks by a round of applause and by instructing our secretary to communicate in writing our expression of thanks to the church.

2. Whereas Walter Dunnett and his program committee have labored long and hard and with signal success to plan and implement the program for this year's meeting, be it therefore resolved that we express our appreciation and thanks by a round of applause.

3. Whereas Simon Kistemaker, with his customary attention to detail and accuracy, has served us well once more as our secretary-treasurer, and whereas Ronald Youngblood has faithfully edited the issues of the *Journal* and D. A. Carson and Donald Tinder have provided book reviews, and whereas Bruce Demarest has published the annual news letter of our Society, be it therefore resolved that we express our appreciation and thanks by a round of applause.

4. Whereas Gleason Archer has provided an exemplary model of godly leadership as our president for this past year and has challenged us with his stimulating presidential address, be it therefore resolved that we express our appreciation and thanks by a round of applause.

#### A. Future Meetings

President Gleason Archer announced the times, places and themes for the next three annual meetings. The thirty-ninth annual meeting is scheduled for December 3–5, 1987, on the campus of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts. The theme is "Evangelicals and Spirituality." The fortieth anniversary meeting will be held November 17–19, 1988, at the Billy Graham Center, Wheaton, Illinois. Theme: "Evangelical Scholarship and Cross-Cultural Communication." The forty-first annual meeting is planned for November 16–18, 1989, in San Diego, California. The theme is "The Gospel and World Religions."

#### B. Subscription Fees and Dues

By motion, the Society voted to raise the annual subscription fee to \$18.00 and to raise membership dues to \$18.00 annually (\$15.00 for students).

### C. Memorials

The secretary-treasurer paid tribute to deceased members Louis E. Knowles, Merland R. Miller, Charles M. Turner and Edmund R. Woodside. He read a select passage from Scripture and offered prayer.

### D. Directory

President Gleason Archer communicated a proposal from the executive committee that, because of the work and expense involved, the ETS directory of members no longer be published every other year. The motion passed to publish the membership list in the *Journal* every five years, beginning in 1988.

The theme of the thirty-eighth annual meeting not only sparked the interest of the Society but reflected the feelings and sentiments of the members in their presentation of papers and subsequent discussions. As in previous meetings, the Society was true to its purpose: "To foster conservative Biblical scholarship by providing a medium for the oral exchange and written expression of thought and research in the general field of the theological disciplines as centered in the Scriptures."

Simon J. Kistemaker