

## THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary hosted the thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Society. Situated in South Hamilton north of Boston, Massachusetts, the seminary location proved to be ideal for the 321 registered members who attended the conference December 3-5, 1987. The theme, "Evangelicals and Spirituality," involved numerous speakers, panelists and lecturers. To illustrate, the schedule featured five plenary sessions during which scholars presented their views on spirituality. Their perspectives included those of OT studies, history, traditions (Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox), distinctives (Reformed, Arminian, Lutheran, pentecostal), and other religions (African).

After the banquet Thursday evening, December 3, President Walter M. Dunnett delivered his presidential address, "Scholarship and Spirituality."

Program chairman Elmer B. Smick accommodated speakers in parallel sessions arranged in multiple sections for studies in OT, NT, theology, Biblical theology, and Church history. Both the Evangelical Philosophical Society and the Near East Archaeological Society presented a full schedule, which added to the success of the conference.

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

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

		Full	Associate	Student
Active membership 12/1/86	1799	1114	297	388
New members 1987	199	93	51	55
Members reactivated	5	2	3	0
Members dropped	(139)	(72)	(31)	(36)
Changed status	—	80	92	(172)
Total membership 12/1/87	1864	1217	412	235

## FINANCIAL REPORT

EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
COMPARATIVE SCHEDULES OF  
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1987 and 1986

	1987	1986
<b>CASH, in banks beginning</b>	<u>\$38,428.68</u>	<u>\$37,608.58</u>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Dues and subscriptions	43,059.14	38,320.08
Sale of books, <i>Journals</i> and monographs	522.50	1,599.53
Annual meeting	4,169.00	9,269.25
Interest on savings	1,879.47	2,262.51
Miscellaneous income	<u>772.08</u>	<u>262.40</u>
	<u>50,402.19</u>	<u>51,713.77</u>
<b>TOTAL FOR WHICH TO ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$88,830.87</b>	<b>\$89,322.35</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
<i>JETS</i>	\$29,617.94	\$29,879.59
Annual meeting	1,639.28	4,645.79
Audit	295.00	287.00
Monograph	346.04	1,709.25
News letter	450.00	534.25
Computer, addressing envelopes	2,660.86	2,902.74
Postage	1,572.36	1,601.05
Regional expense	1,050.00	1,690.00
Salaries	3,233.00	3,544.00
Stipends	<u>6,100.00</u>	<u>4,100.00</u>
	46,964.48	50,893.67
<b>CASH, in banks ending (see below)</b>	<u><b>41,866.39</b></u>	<u><b>38,428.68</b></u>
<b>TOTAL FOR WHICH ACCOUNTED</b>	<b>\$88,830.87</b>	<b>\$89,322.35</b>
<b>BALANCES CLASSIFIED BY DEPOSITORY</b>		
Deposit Guaranty National Bank:		
Checking	\$ 3,353.56	\$ 5,294.05
Deposit Guaranty National Bank:		
Money market	29,014.16	24,155.03
Deposit Guaranty National Bank:		
Certificate of deposit	<u>9,498.67</u>	<u>8,979.60</u>
<b>CASH, in banks ending</b>	<b>\$41,866.39</b>	<b>\$38,428.68</b>

In the second business meeting the following officers were elected for 1988:

President—Elmer B. Smick

President-Elect—James A. Borland

Vice-President—Robert L. Thomas

Vacancy on Executive Committee—Walter M. Dunnett

Vacancies on Membership Committee—William S. Barker and Gerald E. McGraw

The Society adopted the report of the resolutions committee presented by W. Harold Mare, David Black and James Borland:

1. Be it resolved that the deepest expressions of thanks be extended to the officers who have served during the past year: Walter Dunnett, Elmer Smick, James Borland, Simon Kistemaker and Ronald Youngblood.

2. Be it resolved that sincere gratitude be expressed to all who served as regional officers in the eight regional sections, on various committees, or in editorial capacities for the Society.

3. Be it resolved that deep appreciation be expressed to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and to President Robert E. Cooley and those who helped with local arrangements.

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

5. Be it resolved that, in view of the issues discussed in these meetings regarding Biblical spirituality and the Church, we urge continued active involvement of each member of the Society in confronting these spiritual challenges and opportunities.

The secretary-treasurer announced the dates, places and themes for future meetings:

1. The fortieth annual meeting will be held November 17-19, 1988, at the Billy Graham Center in Wheaton, Illinois. The theme: "Evangelical Scholarship and Cross-cultural Communication."

2. The forty-first annual meeting is scheduled for November 16-18, 1989, at Bethel Theological Seminary West in San Diego, California. The theme: "The Gospel and World Religions."

3. The forty-second annual meeting is slated for November 15-17, 1990, in New Orleans, Louisiana. The theme: "Morality and Ethics."

By majority vote the Society appealed to Article IV, Section 4, of the Constitution to grant a member "full opportunity to discuss his views" with the executive committee.

The secretary-treasurer read memorial tributes to deceased members Gordon Wilfred Brown and LeMoine G. Lewis. He read Psalm 116 and led in prayer.

As the Society looks forward to the next annual meeting, it is making preparations for celebrating its fortieth anniversary. Throughout the years God has guided the Society by keeping it true to its purpose, stimulating its growth and development, and giving it maturity and recognition. "For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen" (Rom 11:36).

Simon J. Kistemaker