

## FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

The first annual meeting held in 1949 in Cincinnati, Ohio, had an attendance of sixty people. The fortieth annual meeting was attended by more than 400. Forty years ago, the Society began with a membership of sixty; today the rolls indicate about 1900 members.

November 17-19, 1988, the Society met in the Billy Graham Center located on the beautiful campus of Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. The papers of the plenary sessions and sectional meetings were quality presentations featuring Don Richardson, "Cross-Cultural Communication"; Norman Geisler, "Power Evangelism and Cross-Cultural Communication"; Wayne House, "Christians Under the Law: A Look at Contemporary Reconstructionism"; William Larkin, "The Implications of a Biblical Theology of Culture for Evangelicals and Cross-Cultural Communication"; Elliott Johnson, "Contextual Understanding of the Bible"; and Robert Thomas, "Dynamic Equivalence: A Method of Translation or a System of Hermeneutics?"

After the Friday evening banquet, November 18, President Elmer Smick delivered his address: "Old Testament Cross-Culturalism: Paradigmatic or Enigmatic?"

The Near East Archaeological Society and the Evangelical Philosophical Society met concurrently with ETS. Prior to the scheduled program of ETS the Dispensational Study Group convened, and during the conference various groups of people held meetings and reunions. Both program chairman Jim Borland and local arrangements chairman Don Lake did excellent work and made the conference a resounding success.

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

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

		Full	Associate	Student
Active membership 12-1-87	1864	1217	412	235
New members 1988	173	80	40	53
Members reactivated	10	7	2	1
Members dropped	160	73	54	33
Total membership 12-1-88	1887	1231	400	256

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**COMPARATIVE SCHEDULES OF**  
**CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1988 AND 1987**

	1988	1987
<b>CASH, in banks beginning</b>	<u>\$41,866.39</u>	<u>\$38,428.68</u>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Dues and subscriptions	46,770.44	43,059.14
Annual meeting	15,810.94	4,169.00
Sale of books, <i>Journals</i> and monographs	1,389.07	522.50
Interest on savings	2,555.08	1,879.47
Miscellaneous income	417.33	772.08
	<u>66,942.86</u>	<u>50,402.19</u>
<b>TOTAL FOR WHICH TO ACCOUNT</b>	\$108,809.25	\$88,830.87
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
<i>JETS</i>	\$32,744.31	\$29,617.94
Annual meeting	10,229.88	1,639.28
Audit	310.00	295.00
Monograph	1,455.99	346.04
News letter	777.24	450.00
Office and general	3,121.69	2,660.86
Postage	1,885.23	1,572.36
Regional expense	900.00	1,050.00
Salaries	3,580.50	3,233.00
Stipends	6,100.00	6,100.00
	<u>61,104.84</u>	<u>46,964.48</u>
<b>CASH, in banks ending (see below)</b>	<u>47,704.41</u>	<u>41,866.39</u>
<b>TOTAL FOR WHICH ACCOUNTED</b>	\$108,809.25	\$88,830.87
<b>BALANCES CLASSIFIED BY DEPOSITORY</b>		
Deposit Guaranty National Bank:		
Checking	\$5,137.40	\$3,353.56
Deposit Guaranty National Bank:		
Money market	32,443.86	29,014.16
Deposit Guaranty National Bank:		
Certificate of deposit	<u>10,123.15</u>	<u>9,498.67</u>
<b>CASH, in banks ending</b>	\$47,704.41	\$41,866.39

In the second business session the following officers were elected for 1989:

President—James A. Borland  
 President-Elect—Robert L. Thomas  
 Vice-President—H. Wayne House  
 Vacancy on Executive Committee—Elmer B. Smick  
 Vacancies on Membership Committee—Kermit Ecklebarger  
 David Turner  
 Vacancy on Editorial Committee—Ferris L. McDaniel

The Society adopted the report of the resolutions committee presented by Gleason Archer, Ed Glenny and Morris Inch:

1. Be it resolved that warmest appreciation on the part of the Society be extended to President Chase and the faculty of Wheaton College and Wheaton Graduate School and all the staff for the gracious hospitality and splendid accommodations made available to us during this record-breaking gathering of participants from every section of our continent.

2. Be it resolved that sincere gratitude be conveyed to President Elmer Smick, Vice-President Jim Borland and Secretary-Treasurer Simon Kistemaker for their good offices in arranging and organizing such an outstanding program as we have enjoyed during these three days of convention.

3. Be it resolved that we heartily commend the associated special interest groups, such as the Evangelical Philosophical Society, the Near East Archaeological Society and the Dispensational Study Group, for their fine work in conjunction with our sessions.

4. Be it further resolved that special recognition be given to officers and participants in the various regional groups throughout the country for the excellent quality of papers and discussions carried on at their annual meetings; and also and most especially to the editorial staff of the *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* for the devoted service and high quality of material published by our Society organ.

*Journal* editor Ronald Youngblood reported that the printing and mailing of the *Journal* was back on schedule. He announced that beginning with the March 1989 issue the *Journal* would appear in a new format.

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

1. The forty-first annual meeting will be held on the campus of Bethel Theological Seminary West in San Diego, California, November 16-18, 1989. The theme: "The Gospel and World Religions."

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

3. The forty-third annual meeting is slated for November 21-23, 1991. The theme: "Christ and His Kingdom in the Old and New Testaments." The place has not yet been determined.

4. The forty-fourth annual meeting will take place in San Francisco, California, November 19-21, 1992.

The memorial for Anthony A. Hoekema was read by the secretary-treasurer, who also read an appropriate passage from Scripture and led in prayer.

As a Society we reflect on the growth and influence of ETS over a period of forty years. During those years, evangelical scholars have made valuable contributions in scholarship and have enhanced the status of our Society. Thankful to God for the blessings we have received, we face the future with confidence and assurance.

Simon J. Kistemaker