

## EDITORIAL

“The best laid schemes o’ mice and men gang aft a-gley,” as Robert Burns was wont to affirm. My editorial to you a year ago made three promises, two of which we were unable to keep.

1. We had hoped to hold most of the sessions of the forty-first annual meeting of our Society in the new facilities of Bethel Theological Seminary West. Early on, the contractors had confidently assured us that we would be “in by mid-November.” Unfortunately, we had forgotten to ask the all-important question: “November of what year?” In any case, and seriously, I want to thank all of you who attended the meetings for your patience and cheerfulness in the light of the anxieties that we who served as your hosts were facing. As it turned out, the facilities of the College Avenue Baptist Church were more than adequate for our purposes, and your kind and positive reactions and responses to us have proven to be especially gratifying. I would like to take this opportunity to express publicly my deep appreciation for the hard work of our former program chairman and current president, Bob Thomas, for the outstanding service he performed in spite of the fact that he lives quite a distance from San Diego and therefore had to do most of his work and conduct most of his business by remote control. Heartfelt gratitude is due also to Pastor Jerry Sheveland for the hospitality tendered to us by the church and for accommodating our needs so fully, to the church’s Bob Dietz for so ably covering the myriad of details related to room assignment for the various sessions, arranging for food service, and the like, and to the seminary’s Bruce Herrstrom, Nelda Mast and Peggy Wilson for their expert handling of registration and similar matters. To our Lord for his provision of good weather and good health goes, as always, the highest praise.

2. We had fully expected to introduce advertising into the pages of *JETS* in 1989. As a matter of fact, we had already sold several ads to prominent evangelical publishers in confident anticipation of serving them and you. But then: Enter the intricacies of postal regulations. It turns out that certain ETS Constitution By-Law changes, now hopefully accomplished, had to be made before we could accept and publish advertising as a nonprofit corporation. In the meantime, our apologies to advertisers who had expected to headline their latest offerings in the pages of *JETS* as well as to our members who had expected to see their latest books spotlighted in the ads. Not eager to be burned twice on this matter, I refrain from predicting when (if ever) advertisements will make their appearance in our *Journal*.

But enough of the bad news. The new, larger, longer, spruced-up format of *JETS* (our third promise, this one kept) has met with enthusiastic approval from all who have contacted us so far. Membership in our Society continues to rise and has now gone well above the 2,000 mark. Registration and attendance at the forty-first annual meeting exceeded our highest expectations and broke all records. The Evangelical Theological Society is alive, healthy, and growing.

And the current issue of *JETS* is doubly blessed. First, John MacArthur, Earl Radmacher and Bob Saucy granted us permission to publish the papers they presented at the best-attended of the symposia at our recent annual meeting. We hope that *JETS* will thus make its own small contribution to the continuing debate on the so-called "Lordship salvation" issue. Second, John J. Collins, editor of *JBL*, has graciously permitted us to reprint the "Instructions for Contributors" (omitting two brief sections not germane to our editorial policies) that appeared on pp. 579-596 in *JBL* 107/3 (September 1988). For the generosity of all our academic colleagues we are deeply grateful.

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P.S. The faculty and friends of Bethel Theological Seminary, West Campus, dedicated their new building on February 25, 1990, *Deus laudetur*. Please note my new address for future correspondence.