

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

Held at Dallas Theological Seminary from Thursday, December 26, through Saturday, December 28, our 1974 Annual Meeting, to judge by enthusiastic comments, was one of the finest in the history of our Society. Dr. John Walvoord and his colleagues were most congenial, efficient hosts, placing their campus facilities fully at our disposal. Under the able leadership of Dr. Bruce Waltke, the Program Committee, focusing on "The Evangelical Scholar in the World Today," arranged for parallel sessions which permitted the presentation of a wide range of papers as well as ample opportunity for interaction among members interested in a particular phase of scholarship. Thus for the first time in any of our 26 Annual Meetings a Task Force for Philosophy of Religion convened to discuss that aspect of evangelical concern while simultaneously a Task Force for Practical Theology and Communication carried on its discussion.

The Annual Banquet, hosted by Dr. Kenneth Taylor of Tyndale Publishers, was served at the Chaparral Club overlooking the city of Dallas, a very impressive spectacle at night. Dr. Richard Longenecker's presidential address on "'Son of Man' Imagery: Some Implications for Theology and Discipleship" proved a highlight of the banquet. Following that address, Dr. Taylor and his Tyndale associates responded to questions concerning the principles which have governed the production of *The Living Bible*.

A unique feature of the meeting was the report of the *Ad Hoc* Evaluation Committee on Friday morning. This Committee, consisting of Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., Chairman; William L. Lane, Secretary; W. Ward Gasque; and J. Barton Payne, had been appointed by the Executive Committee in 1974 to examine thoroughly the Society's present functioning with view to drafting concrete proposals for its improvement. The Committee articulated its findings and then engaged in interaction with the audience concerning a number of issues. Because of their significance, the proposals of this Committee are being printed as an addendum to this report.

Among important items of business was the establishment of a Northwestern Section to include, provisionally, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana.

The Resolutions Committee, with Robert Saucy as chairman, submitted the following declarations which were adopted by the body:

1. Be it resolved that a letter of sincere appreciation be addressed to Dr. John F. Walvoord and the staff of Dallas Theological Seminary for the gracious hospitality, efficient organization and general helpfulness at this 26th annual ETS meeting. The society also praises God for the obvious evidences of divine blessing upon

- Dallas Theological Seminary and prays for the continued witness and ministry of this great institution.
2. Be it resolved that special appreciation be expressed for the organization and leadership of Bruce Waltke, Harold Hoehner, and Stephen Slocum, Jr. in the preparation and direction of the program of this annual meeting.
 3. Be it resolved that we express our appreciation for leadership and service rendered to our society to the following individuals:
 - a. To our retiring president Richard Longenecker for his excellent and able leadership of our society this past year.
 - b. To Kenneth S. Kantzer who is retiring as the book review editor of the ETS Journal after many years of faithful service.
 - c. To Walter Kaiser and all of the members of the *ad hoc* committee on the future of ETS for their contribution to the betterment of our society.
 - d. To Vernon Grounds and his able secretary Mrs. Raymond McLaughlin for their work in fulfilling the duties of secretary-treasurer and for Dr. Grounds continuing contribution as the Master of Ceremonies at the annual banquet.
 - e. To all participants whose papers, devotionals and comments have stimulated our minds, promoted our scholarly endeavors, and challenged our callings as disciples of Jesus Christ.
 4. Be it resolved that the Evangelical Theological Society actively cooperate with the continuing implementation of the Lausanne Conference on Evangelism by giving greater emphasis to the relevance and relationship of biblical and theological studies to the Third World missions and evangelism, and by seeking to be of assistance to Third World groups through every possible avenue.

Elected as officers for the current year were:

President	Bruce K. Waltke (Dallas Theological Seminary)
Vice President	Simon Kistemaker (Reformed Theological Seminary)
Secretary-Treasurer	Vernon C. Grounds (Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary)

Dr. Samuel Schultz was reappointed as editor of the Society's *Journal*.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon C. Grounds

**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE OF E.T.S.
Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting, December 31, 1974**

The Membership Committee of the Evangelical Theological Society for 1974, consisted of the following members: William S. Sailer, R. Allan Killen, John F. Gates, William G. MacDonald, Denzill E. Raymer, and Robert H. Gundry; with Vernon Grounds, chairman.

The following tabulation will indicate the changes in the three categories of our membership for the past year:

	MEMBER	ASSOCIATE	STUDENT ASSOCIATE
Active as of last year:	578	148	86
Withdrew:	(2)	—	(1)
Deceased:	—	(1)	—
Dropped for non-payment of dues	(45)	(21)	(14)
Transferred	12	3	(15)
Reinstated	18	8	1
Received during 1974	41	19	61
Total Membership, 12/31/74: 877	602	156	119
 Deceased Members:			
Joseph Marasco	Died 7/15/73	Notified 7/74	

**EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Balance Sheet
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
at December 31, 1974**

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$3899.61	
Petty Cash	100.00	
Accounts Receivable, 1974 Membership Dues	643.00	
Book Inventory		
Current Monograph—218 books	\$864.72	
Prior Years' Monograph		
Tenney—173 books	\$559.27	\$1423.99

TOTAL ASSETS**\$6066.60**

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	—
Net Worth—Accumulated Income, Prior	\$6602.72
Years Income, 1/1/74 - 12/31/74	(536.12)

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH \$6066.60

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS
December 31, 1974

INCOME

Dues	\$6465.50
Dues charges, but not paid	643.00
Subscriptions	1185.75
Miscellaneous Journal Sales	145.50
Sale of Books	\$48.50
Less Cost	42.68
	5.82
Income from Gifts	—
Miscellaneous Income	<u>178.06</u>

\$8623.63

EXPENSES

Bank Charges and Canadian	
Exchange	1.02
Expense Allowances—Sections	300.00
Miscellaneous Expense	1252.60
Office Supplies and Stationery	466.87
Postage and Mailing Expense	724.26
Printing, Journal	5415.00
Secretary-Treasurer Grant	<u>1000.00</u>

\$9159.75

NET INCOME FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1974 (536.12)