

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The 27th Annual Meeting of our Society was held at the Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, from Monday, December 29 through Wednesday, December 31, 1975. Our gracious hosts handled all the details of hospitality with dispatch and courtesy, providing most adequately for the more than 150 delegates in attendance.

The Program Committee with Simon J. Kistemaker as chairman had prepared a variegated bill-of-fare. Among the highlights of the meeting was the annual banquet held Monday evening at the Coliseum Ramada Inn. Retiring president Bruce Waltke gave a thought-provoking address, "Reflections from the Old Testament on Abortion." Samuel Schultz, who had served fourteen years as editor of the *Journal*, was honored by eulogies and the presentation of a gift.

Another highlight was the Tuesday night panel discussion on "The Role of the Woman in the Church." Ably chaired by Robert Strong, it precipitated spirited discussion spiced with humorous and insightful repartee. Spirited, too, was the interaction of the audience with panel members.

Secretary-Treasurer Vernon Grounds submitted the following report on membership:

The Membership Committee of the Evangelical Theological Society for 1975 consisted of the following members: John F. Gates, William G. MacDonald, Denzill E. Raymer, Robert H. Gundry, Clark H. Pinnock, D. Clair Davis, and Vernon Grounds, chairman.

	MEMBER	ASSOCIATE	STUDENT ASSOCIATE
Active as of last year:	602	156	119
Withdrawn:	(3)	(1)	(2)
Deceased:	(2)	(2)	-
Dropped:	(30)	(9)	(16)
Transferred:	9	9	(18)
Reinstated:	6	1	-
Received during 1975:	38	16	53
Total Membership, 12/31/75: 926	620	170	136

Vernon Grounds also submitted this report on Society finances:

ASSETS

Cash in Bank		\$5273.71	
Petty Cash		100.00	
Accounts Receivable, 1975 Membership Dues		403.00	
Book Inventory			
Current Monograph—216 books	\$856.88		
Prior Years' Monographs—171 books	552.43	1409.31	
TOTAL ASSETS			<u>\$7186.02</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable		-	
Net worth—Accumulated Income, Prior year		6066.60	
Income, 1/1/75 - 12/31/75		1119.42	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH			<u>\$7186.02</u>

INCOME

Dues	\$6536.50		
Dues charged but not paid	403.00		
Subscriptions	1910.89		
Miscellaneous <i>Journal</i> Sales	229.00		
Sale of Books	\$15.70		
Less Cost	14.68	1.02	
Income from Gifts		111.50	
Miscellaneous Income		119.37	
			\$9311.28

EXPENSES

Bank Charges and Canadian Exchange		-	
Expense Allowances—Sections		300.00	
Miscellaneous Expense		807.80	
Office Supplies and Stationery		617.83	
Postage and Mailing Expense		754.23	
Printing, <i>Journal</i>		4512.00	
Secretary-Treasurer Grant		1200.00	
			\$8191.86

NET INCOME FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1975 **\$1119.42**

Important actions were taken in the business sessions. One significant step was the ratification of the following constitutional amendments:

1. *Section on Executive Officers:*

President—as is.

President-Elect—to serve as the chairman of the Program and Arrangements Committee for the ensuing year.

Vice-President—to assist the President-Elect, though with primary responsibility for planning the program for the following year and with the understanding that he will assume the duties of the President-Elect the following year.

2. *Section on Publications and Editorial Officers:*

The creation of a News Letter that shall be circulated on a regular basis, though not to exceed four times a year.

Journal Editor—appointed by the Executive Committee for a three-year term, with possible annual appointment thereafter. (Note: same for each of the four proposed editors.)

Book Review Editor

News Letter and Resources Editor

Monograph and Symposia Editor

Officers named for the coming year include President, Simon J. Kistemaker; President-Elect, Walter C. Kaiser, Jr.; Vice-President, Edmund P. Clowney; Secretary-Treasurer, Vernon C. Grounds; *Journal* Editor, Ronald Youngblood; Monograph Editor, George W. Knight, III; News Letter Editor, Donald M. Lake; and Book Review Editor, W. Ward Gasque.

Chaired by R. Laird Harris, the Resolutions Committee submitted this report which was unanimously approved:

It is a pleasure for the Resolution Committee to bring to the Society a positive report, and we urge the brethren to accept unanimously and with enthusiasm our expressions of thanks to those who have made our meeting so successful and our stay so comfortable.

To the Reformed Theological Seminary, its president, administration, and faculty, our appreciation for their true Southern hospitality.

To the Program and Arrangements Committee, our thanks for the very competent handling of details of our housing, feeding, and general comfort. Also particular thanks for the worthwhile program assembled and co-ordinated. This committee consists of Simon Kistemaker of Reformed Theological Seminary, chairman; Donald Lake, and Harold Hoehner. As often, much of the burden fell on the local man, which Sam Kistemaker's shoulders carried well. This year a new tape service has been added which is of great help and interest.

To be thanked with the committee are local personnel, including Paul Fowler of the faculty, Jim Jordan and Tom Meyer, students, and many other students who allowed their rooms to be used and who assisted in transportation, accommodations and communication.

We give most honorable mention to our retiring president, Bruce Waltke, and to Samuel Schultz who has been cited as retiring after long service as editor of our *Journal*.

Finally we express our gratitude to those many members who have prepared papers which have held our attention and added to our knowledge as well as challenged us for further study. To all of these we give thanks and would dedicate ourselves anew to further study and fellowship in the work of Christ and his kingdom.

A solemn feature of the Meeting was the brief memorial service. Tribute was paid to the four members of the Society who during 1975 had entered into glory: Fred C. Kuehner, Moody S. Johnson, John C. Rankin, and Paul E. Little. Wick Broomall, one of the Society's oldest members, read Scripture and offered prayer.

The Society voted to meet in 1976 on the campus of Westminster Theological Seminary from December 27 through December 29.

Chairman Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., and his committee are inviting five guest historians to discuss the theme of "The American Heritage and Evangelical Theology."

Papers are invited in any of the five major sections: Old Testament, New Testament, Theology and History, Philosophy, and Near East Archaeology.

Dr. Kaiser's address is Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 2045 Half Day Road, Deerfield, Illinois 60015.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon C. Grounds