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THE DOCTRINAL BASIS OF E.T.S.:

"The Bible alone and the Bible in its entirety, is the Word of God written, and therefore inerrant in the autographs."

DOCTRINAL SUBSCRIPTION AND DUES FOR 1959

The constitution of the Evangelical Theological Society requires that all who are in association reaffirm annually their faith in the doctrinal basis of the Society, namely in the original inerrancy of Scripture. The attached form is provided for your convenience.

Dues for 1959 are also payable: \$5.00 for members and associates, \$3.00 for student associates. Kindly fill in the remainder of the form and mail, with your remittance, to the E.T.S. treasurer:

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MINUTES OF THE TENTH ANNUAL MEETING

When the members and friends of the Society stepped onto the Nyack Missionary College campus, they were greeted with a number of clearly marked signs: "Welcome E.T.S.! This way for registration." And from that moment, until the last theologian was provided transportation to the last train, the Society was constantly aware of the unstinting provision furnished by the host institution during the two days of the tenth annual meeting, Dec. 30-31, 1958. After the meeting had been called to order by President Warren C. Young at 1:00 p.m., and the Society had been reminded that "in Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge," (Col.2:3) and led in prayer by Robert B. Dempsey, opening devotional leader, words of welcome were extended both by H. W. Boon, president of Nyack College, and by Gilbert H. Johnson, at once vice-president of the College and vice-president and program chairman of the Society. The printed program, as carefully worked out by the Committee on Program and Arrangements, was then adopted as the docket of the meeting with the following changes: William T. Bruner's paper, "A New Look at the Fall of Man," was omitted because of his inability to be present at the meetings; and D. J. Kenyon's and W. W. Paul's devotional services were exchanged because of illness in the family of the former. The afternoon papers then were read and discussed, following the printed program.

The first business session convened at 4:00 p.m.; and the minutes of the ninth annual meeting, held at Asbury Seminary, Ky., Dec. 26-27, 1957, were approved as printed and circulated. President Young and Secretary J. Barton Payne reported briefly on the progress of the Society during the year 1958; and Treasurer Delbert R. Rose submitted his annual financial report (see summary below). The balance was almost \$2000, though payment for purchasing and distributing Monograph #3 to the membership would soon have to be met. President Young announced the appointment of Wilber T. Dayton as auditor, and the latter's report showed the books to be in good order. Reports were also received from V. Pres. Johnson's Committee on Program and Arrangements, announcing the tenth anniversary meeting (11th annual) of the Evangelical Theological Society to be held, probably in Chicago, after Christmas, 1959, and from Sec. Payne's Membership Committee, showing a record number in each category of association (see summary below). The chair then appointed the following to serve on the Resolutions Committee: W. Gordon Brown, William Pardee, and Wayne W. Witte; and the following were elected by nomination from the floor to serve on the Nominating Committee: Warren C. Young, Theo. C. Mercer, E. J. Young, Martin Wynngaarden, and Earl S. Kalland.

The Executive Committee of the Society reported the reappointment of Steven Barabas and Neil A. Winegarden to the posts of editor and managing editor, respectively, for 1959. Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Society voted to change the date, after which a new member joining E.T.S. would *not* be subject to dues, from June 1st to Nov. 15th, the reason being that those joining through Nov. 15th receive the full year's subscription to the Bulletin and therefore should remit the regular dues. The secretary then read the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Society, which had been received during the year, and which had been considered and approved by the Executive Committee: that Article VII, Amendments, be divided into 2 sections; and that Section 2 (the last sentence) be changed from, "Amendments to Articles II and III, however, shall require a four-fifths vote," to "Amendments to Articles II and III, and Section 2 of Article VII, however, shall require a four-fifths vote." Articles II and III concern the purpose and the doctrinal basis of the Society; and, while any other part of the Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote, these can only be changed by a 4/5 vote. The amendment would safe-

guard this 4/5 figure by requiring a similar 4/5 (not 2/3) vote to change the 4/5 figure. Final action will be taken on this amendment at the 1959 annual meeting.

One of the most important actions of the tenth annual meeting concerned the *Bulletin of the Evangelical Theological Society*, which had just completed its first, trial year. General approval of the quarterly bulletin was expressed to the editor and his committee, both because of its quality, and because of its having stayed within the \$750 budget set for it at the last annual meeting. Upon the editorial report that the present process of I.B.M. typing-photo offset printing, could be replaced by regular printing, at a price of \$280 for a 24 page, 750 copy, issue, and upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Society voted (1) to continue the Bulletin, and (2) to commence its production by press with the next issue.

The business session adjourned to a delightful time of fellowship at the (fruit) cocktail (!) hour in the lounge of Simpson Hall, followed by the annual banquet in the Simpson Hall dining room. Vice-president Johnson moderated; W. W. Paul led in a heart-searching devotional on the theme of "Glorying in Christ" (I Cor. 1:28-31); and President Young delivered the annual presidential address, on the subject, "Whither Evangelicalism?" The Society then moved to Pardington Hall to the popular evening meeting, an illustrated lecture by William A. Smalley of the American Bible Society on "Literacy, Literature, and Translation."

The sessions of Dec. 31st opened with D. J. Kenyon's devotional message, "The Holy Spirit, our Teacher" (I Cor. 2:11-12), and proceeded according to the printed program. The second, afternoon, business session was begun with prayer by William N. Kerr. The reports of the regional sections and of their meetings during 1958 were received (see below). Upon the recommendation of the Eastern Section, as approved by the national Executive Committee, the Society voted to recognize the division of this section into a New England Section and a (new) Eastern Section comprising the middle Atlantic states, from New York, south. The following section officers were approved for the year 1959:

	<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Vice-Chm.</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
New England.....	Robt. B. Dempsey	Ariel Ainsworth	John Graybill	Chas. E. Cook
Eastern.....	Wm. W. Paul	Alfred J. Black	Claud A. Ries	Cornelius VanTil
Southern.....	Theo. C. Mercer	Howard Hanke	Arthur Irrermann	Glen C. Atkins
Mid-Western.....	Robt. D. Culver	Chas. F. Pfeiffer	Stanley E. Anderson	—
Far-Western.....	Paul K. Jewett	David H. Wallace	Bern M. Warren	—

The Society voted each of the sections up to \$25 per year to assist them in the expenses of the regional meetings.

Committee reports continued, and the following were received. Editorial (in addition to the report on the quarterly Bulletin, above): Monograph #3, *Darius the Mede*, by John C. Whitcomb, Jr., to be released without charge to all members and associates, and at reduced price to student associates, within the next few weeks. Necrology: no report needed for 1958. Nominations: the following slate of officers for 1959, reported by Martin Wyngaarden—

President: Gilbert H. Johnson (incumbent vice-president)
 Vice-president: Allan A. MacRae
 Secretary: J. Barton Payne (incumbent)
 Treasurer: Alfred A. Cierpke
 Executive Committee, term 1959-1962: Lloyd A. Kalland
 Editorial Committee, term 1959-1962: Warren C. Young
 Membership Committee, terms 1959-1961: John B. Graybill & Irving L. Jensen
 Com. on Program and Arrangements, term 1959-1960: Jerome L. Ficek

President Young called for further nominations. There being none, it was moved and carried that the nominations be closed and that a white ballot be cast and the above slate elected. The Nominating Committee explained that Delbert Rose, treasurer since 1956, had been forced by the press of other duties to decline renomination; and a rising vote of thanks was extended to Dr. Rose for his three years of continuously faithful service.

The following communications of greetings were received by the Society: from Mr. Kenneth Taylor, editor of Moody Press, attending the sessions; from Professor Skyles of the Univ. of Kentucky, with a cordial invitation to the members of E.T.S. to participate in the 12th Univ. of Ky. language conference, in conjunction with which will be held the 7th annual meeting of the Southern Section, E.T.S.; and from Harold B. Kuhn, former president of E.T.S. and now on a preaching mission in Europe. W. Gordon Brown presented the report of the Resolutions Committee, expressing the sincere appreciation of the Society to President Boon and his staff at Nyack Missionary College for their gracious hospitality; to E.T.S. President Warren C. Young, to the retiring committee members, and to the other Society officers for their past leadership; and to all who participated in the highly successful tenth annual meeting of E.T.S. This report was unanimously and enthusiastically adopted by the Society. There being no further matters presented, the business session was adjourned; the program of papers continued according to the printed docket; and the meeting was closed with the devotional message and prayer of John F. Gates.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Barton Payne, Sec'y.

Registered Attendance

				<i>Associates</i>	<i>Student Associates</i>
<i>Members</i>					
Bales	Helmbold	McKaig	Ries	Bakker	Bellino
Black	Hiemstra	MacRae	Rose	Liefeld	Jacobs
W. G. Brown	E. S. Kalland	Mercer	Schultz	Peterson	McLatchie
Culver	L. A. Kalland	Murdoch	Szto	Zimmer	Vrell
Dempsey	Kennard	Nicole	Thiele		
Ficek	W. N. Kerr	Olsen	Witte		
Flynn	Klooster	Pardee	Wyngaarden		
Gates	T. L. Lewis	Paul	E. J. Young		
B. L. Goddard	Lincoln	Payne	W. C. Young		
Harvey					

Plus a large number of students, visitors, and friends, bringing the number in attendance to over 100.

SUMMARIES OF REPORTS
(10th Annual Meeting of E.T.S., 1958)

A. Treasurer

Balance, Jan. 2, 1958.....	\$2,103.71
Expenditures:	Receipts:
1956 papers (mimeo) 599.23	Dues 1,713.00
Royalties (rec. in '57) 480.00	Royalties 46.35
Bulletin 973.10	Gifts for Bulletin 220.00
Publications (book orders) 43.95	Sales of publications 76.16
Stationery 50.00	
Miscellaneous (stamps, etc.) 65.05	
	2,220.33
Balance, Dec. 23, 1958.....	\$1,937.89

B. Membership Committee

	<i>Members</i>	<i>Associates</i>	<i>Student Associates</i>
Active, Jan. 1, 1958.....	300	59	76
Received in 1958.....	33	17	47
Withdrew.....	1	2	3
Dropped (doctrine or dues).....	9	1	10
Transferred to another category.....		1	7
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Total lost.....	10	4	20
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Net gain.....	23	13	27
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Active, Dec. 30, 1958.....	323	72	103

The above will be included in the new (Vol. V) directory, to be released in Jan. 1959.

C. Regional Sections

	<i>1958 Chairman</i>	<i>1958 Meetings</i>
Eastern.....	Lloyd A. Kalland	Mar. 21-22, Wm. Jennings Bryan Col., Tenn.
Southern.....	Alfred A. Cierpke	Oct. 11, Gordon Divinity School, Mass.
Mid-Western.....	R. Laird Harris	April 7-8, Bethel Col. & Sem., Minn.
Far-Western.....	Eddie Sivertsen	April 18, Pasadena College, Calif.