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

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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.

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MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

During the morning of Dec. 29, 1959, the members and friends of the Evangelical Theological Society began arriving at the beautiful snow-covered campus of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill. We were conducted to the "Centennial Center" in Blanchard Hall, the original stone building of Wheaton College at its founding one hundred years ago; and the college's centennial committee extended us a gracious welcome, took care of our registration, and assigned us comfortable housing. Everyone attending E.T.S. was given a folder of Wheaton's centennial materials, maps of the campus, and an invitation to tour the new buildings that have marked the institution's recent progress.

The sessions of the Society were called to order at 1:00 by President Gilbert H. Johnson; the hymns, "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" and "More Love to Thee, Oh, Christ," were sung; and we were led in the opening devotional and prayer by Douglas C. Stephens, who spoke on Heb. 12:1, "Running the Race." The printed program (see E.T.S. *Bulletin* II:4, pp. 22-23) was adopted as the docket of the meeting; and Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, dean of the Graduate School of Theology at Wheaton College, extended official words of greeting, in the absence of President Edman. The meeting then proceeded with the reading of papers, discussions, panels, and devotional services according to the program, except that the papers of James D. Bales and R. Allan Killen were omitted because of the absence of the writers.

The first business session convened at 3:15 p.m., Dec. 29, in Fischer Auditorium. The minutes of the previous meeting, the 3rd biennial joint meeting with the American Scientific Affiliation, at Trinity Seminary and Bible College, Chicago, June 9-11, 1959, were approved as circulated. Reports were presented by the president, secretary, and treasurer (summaries below). The report of the annual auditors was received and approved. Reports were then presented by the committees on Membership and Program & Arrangements. The Society proceeded to elect the following Nominating Committee: Gilbert Johnson, Robert Culver, Robert Knudsen, Gordon Clark, and Ralph Earle. Official action was then taken on the amendment to the constitution, which had been read at the previous annual meeting, Nyack, N.Y., Dec. 30, 1958. The amendment was approved by a unanimous vote, as follows: that Article VII, Amendments, be divided into two 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 two-thirds vote, these can only be changed by a four-fifths vote. The amendment thus safeguards his four-fifths figure by requiring a similar four-fifths (not two-thirds) vote to change the four-fifths figure. President Johnson appointed the following as the Resolutions Committee: Henry Moeller, Earl S. Kalland, and Kenneth Kantzer.

The afternoon reading of papers was then resumed at the close of which Earl Kalland led in prayer. This was followed by the annual fellowship banquet in the "Party Room" of the Wheaton College dining hall, the quality of which was matched only by the phenomenal price, of 90¢ per person! Wil Norton led in the devotional period on the theme of "The Gift of Righteousness by Christ," Rom. 5:17, after which President Johnson led the thinking of the Society in the annual address, "The Outreach of Theological Education." The Society then returned to Fischer Auditorium and, after the singing of the hymn, "Fairest Lord Jesus," resumed the program of papers and illustrated lectures.

The sessions of Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1959, were called to order by President Johnson at 8:15 a.m.; and, in the absence of J. Oliver Buswell, Reuben Omark led

the devotional service on the theme, "Hungering for Righteousness," Mt. 5:6. The meeting proceeded as scheduled. Laird Harris's informal panel on "The E.T.S., Its First Ten Years," consisted of Merrill Tenney, Kenneth Kantzer, Alfred Cierpke, and Barton Payne, all of whom had participated in the original gathering of E.T.S. at its founding in Cincinnati on Dec. 27, 1949. The progress of the Society was surveyed and the challenge was presented, that moving on from this 10th anniversary we must make ever more effective the impact of evangelical scholarship upon today's world as a whole. President Johnson then presented an official E.T.S. plaque to Drs. Tenney and Harris, in recognition of their having served as the original vice-president and secretary of E.T.S., respectively.

The afternoon business session opened with the reports of the regional sections (see summaries below). In the absence of the respective regional chairmen, the reports were presented as follows: Eastern by Alfred Black, Southern by Alfred Cierpke, Mid-western by Henry VanTil, and New England and Far-western by the secretary (read). President Johnson announced the approval of the following regional officers for 1960:

New England: Chm., Ariel Ainsworth; V-chm., Carlyle Roberts; Sec., John Graybill; Treas., Cornelius VanTil.

Eastern: confirmation for 1960 of the officers appointed in 1959.

Southern: Chm., Howard Hanke; V-chm., Glen Atkins; Sec., Delbert Rose, Treas., Robert Picirilli.

Midwestern: Chm., Henry VanTil; Sec.-treas., John Whitcomb.

Farwestern: (announced later) Chm., Kenneth B. Daniels.

Section meetings planned for 1960 were announced (see below). The secretary, as Chairman of the Necrology Committee, then read memorials for the members of the Society who had died during the year (see below).

Editor Steven Barabas and Managing Editor Neil Winegarden then reported on the work of the Editorial Committee. Monograph #3, *Darius the Mede*, by John Whitcomb, had been distributed without charge to all members and associates (reduced charge for student associates) during the year, as well as the four issues of the quarterly *Bulletin*. The editors encouraged the members to submit more monographs and *Bulletin* articles for future publication. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Editorial Committee establish a specific editorial policy for the publications of the Society and that this report be submitted to the next meeting of the Society for action. The following authorizations were approved for publishing expense in 1960:

Monograph #4, as approved by the Editorial Committee.

The quarterly *Bulletin*, @ \$280 per issue (750 copies).

The Executive Committee reported the reappointment of the present editors.

The following two motions were then passed as directives to the Executive Committee. (1) That our brethren among Negro evangelicals be encouraged to participate in the activities of the Society. (2) That a committee on "ways and means" for best promoting the work, the testimony, and the influence of the Society during the next five years be appointed, to report to the Society at the next annual meeting. Among suggestions made for effectuating such greater outreach were the following:

That the monograph publication be stepped up, by:

Publishing shorter and less expensive (paper-covered) monographs

Soliciting subscriptions for additional monographs

That the *Bulletin* be continued and improved in its outreach, by:

Encouraging younger evangelical scholars to submit articles

Distributing the *Bulletin*, without charge, to theological libraries, particularly those of non-evangelical seminaries.

A motion that the *Bulletin* be furnished with a table of contents was then referred to the Editorial Committee.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for 1960:

President: Allan A. MacRae (incumbent vice-president)

Vice-president: R. Laird Harris

Secretary: J. Barton Payne (incumbent)

Treasurer: Alfred A. Cierpke (incumbent)

Executive Committee, term 1960-63: John Rea

Editorial Committee, term 1960-63: Gordon H. Clark

Membership Committee, terms 1960-62: Wm. H. Pardee, Chas. F. Pfeiffer

Com. on Program & Arrangements, term 1960-61: Robt. D. Knudsen

Com. on cooperation with the American Scientific Affiliation, term 1960-65:
G. Douglas Young.

The report was received and President Johnson called for further nominations. There being none, it was moved and carried that the nominations be closed and that the above slate be elected. Henry Moeller then presented the report of the Resolutions Committee, expressing appreciation to Wheaton College and to President Edman for serving as host institution in this year of Wheaton's centennial celebration, to the officers of the Society who had served during the past year, and to the two national secretaries (Laird Harris and Barton Payne) for their handling of the details of the Society during its first ten years. Upon the entire membership was urged a deeper dedication to the task of the production of scholarly Biblical literature. The report was unanimously adopted. There being no further matters presented, the business session was adjourned. The program continued according to the printed docket and concluded with William Culbertson's challenging devotional message on Rom. 2:21, "Teachest thou not thyself?"

Respectfully submitted,

J. Barton Payne, Sec'y

REGISTERED ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

S. E. Anderson Gardner
Banks Hackett
Barabas Hardwick
Black Harris
Breisch Harvey
Cierpke Henkel
Clark Holmes
Conrad Horne
Culbertson G. H. Johnson
Culver E. S. Kalland
Dunnett Kantzer
Earle Kaufman
Ellis Kennard
Ficek Knight

Knudsen
MacRae
Martin, Alfred
Moeller
Murdoch
Norton
Olson
Omark
Pardee
Payne
Randall
Rayburn
Rea
Reeves

Ries
Schultz
Short
Smick
Stephens
Tenney
H. VanTil
Wallis
Whitcomb
Willson
Winegarden
Wuest
Wyngaarden

ASSOCIATES

Amsler
L. Hoyt
Mitchell
Pattison

STUDENTS

Fast
Jacobs
McLatchie

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

SUMMARIES OF REPORTS
(11TH ANNUAL MEETING OF E.T.S., 1959)

A. TREASURER

Balance, Jan. 1, 1959	\$1,937.89
EXPENDITURES:	RECEIPTS:
Monograph #3, <i>Darius</i>\$ 898.19	Dues and sales
Bulletin (3 issues)..... 840.00	Royalties
Directory, Vol. V..... 250.00	Interest
Section expenses	2,115.98
A.S.A. joint meeting	214.25
Printing	11.30
Treasurer's sec'y	2,341.53
Plaques	
Offices, stamps, etc.	
	<u>4,279.42</u>
Total expenditures	3,011.74
Balance on hand, Dec. 28, 1959	\$1,267.68

B. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

	MEMBERS	ASSOCIATES	STUDENT ASSOCIATES
Active, Jan. 1, 1959	323		103
Received in 1959	31	20	
Reinstated	2		
Total gained	33	20	20
Withdrew	8	3	
Dropped (doctrine or	8	3	7
Deceased dues)	2		
Transferred to another			
category		3	8
Total lost	18	9	15
Net gain	15	11	5
Active, Dec. 29, 1959	338	83	108

Those received into association are listed in the supplement to Vol. V of the directory, see below.

C. REGIONAL SECTIONS

	1959 CHAIRMAN	1959 MEETINGS
New England	Robert B. Dempsey	Barrington College, R. I., Oct. 12
Eastern	William W. Paul	Westminster Theo. Sem., Phil., Oct. 31
Southern	Theodore C. Mercer	Free Will Bapt. Bi. Col., Nashv'l., Apr. 3-4
Mid-Western	Robert D. Culver	Moody Bible Inst., Chicago Apr. 2-3
Far-Western	Paul K. Jewett	Bible Inst. of Los Angeles