

THE GREETINGS OF THE PRESIDENT

In the relatively few years of its existence the Evangelical Theological Society has made, I believe, a worthy contribution to Biblical study in this country. Representatives of most of the evangelical schools are found among its members. It has maintained its position as a society for advanced scholarship based upon the Bible. While pastors are welcome to its associate membership, the regular membership is limited to those of advanced professional standing or those who have made a special contribution to the field. The original fundamental bases of Biblical belief have also been carefully maintained, both in letter and in spirit.

We are thankful for this record. But our desire now is to advance. Through the new categories of student and associate membership the Society is capable of reaching a much larger evangelical public. To this we are anxious to minister. We do not want to maintain our theology in an ivory tower. Solid Biblical research should be spread abroad. We are now anxious also to enlarge our regular membership. There are doubtless many others who are one with us in conviction and are vitally interested in thorough study who should swell our ranks and improve our program. Let us encourage their entrance into our membership.

We should advance also in quality. Through the Society we have a good market for new ideas. Let us use it. Solid manuscripts for monographs and articles are welcome. Society meetings both national and regional give us a healthy opportunity for self-criticism before publication. The Bulletin is being expanded. May the next few years see great improvement and extension in our work. To this we all may well rededicate ourselves.

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