

## MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society was held in Pardington Hall at the Nyack Missionary College on the shores of the Hudson River, Nyack New York, Wednesday, December 30th, and Thursday, December 31st. More than 100 delegates and visitors were in attendance. Because of distance, most of the participants came from our New England, Eastern, and Mid-Western sections; but it was encouraging to observe brethren from more remote areas of the country.

At 10:00 on Wednesday morning, Dr. Burton Goddard, president of the Society for 1964, called the session to order. Dr. Leslie Flynn, pastor of the Grace Conservative Baptist Church, Nanuet, New York, led in a brief program of divine worship.

In the absence of Dr. Harold W. Boon, president of Nyack Missionary College, Dean Thomas Bailey brought greetings to the Society.

The docket was then adopted. Two able papers were next presented, one on "Karl Barth's View of Sanctification," by Dr. Anthony A. Hoekema of Calvin Theological Seminary, the other on "The Background of Psalm 139," by Dr. Edward J. Young of Westminster Theological Seminary. As usual there was discussion *pro* and *contra*.

With luncheon finished, the first business-session was called to order at 1:45. Reports were received from the Society's secretary, treasurer, and editor. Dr. Samuel Schultz presented the report of Dr. Morris A. Inch, who as auditor certified the accuracy of our treasurer's account. Dr. Robert Knudsen, on behalf of our liason committee with the American Scientific Affiliation, reported that another joint-meeting with that organization is scheduled for 1966.

President Goddard announced the appointment of Dr. Paul Loth and Mr. James Yerkes as members of the Resolutions Committee. He also appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of George Anderson, Dr. Allen MacRae, Dr. J. Barton Payne, Dr. Martin Wyngaarden and Dr. Roger Nicole, with Dr. Nicole as convener and Dr. Payne as secretary.

At the conclusion of the business session, Dr. William Young, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Rhode Island, presented "A Critique of Dooyeweerd."

A time for coffee and fellowship at 3:30 prepared an especially alert audience for a paper on "Genesis and Cosmology" by Dr. MacRae, President of Faith Theological Seminary.

The annual banquet was held at 6:30 in Simpson Hall. Dr. Goddard gave a most helpful address on "Evangelical Theological Stewardship," suggesting specifics in a program of productive scholarship.

Reconvening in Pardington Hall, the members of our Society profited by "Reflections on the Crisis in Theology" which Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of *Christianity Today*, shared with them.

The formal program for Wednesday then concluded; but the informal program, often the most stimulating aspect of an annual meeting, continued until much later that night—facilitated by chess and coffee.

On Thursday morning at 8:30 Dr. Samuel J. Schultz led the assembled delegates in worship. Dr. R. Laird Harris of Covenant Theological Seminary then presented a paper on "The 'Last Days' in the Scrolls and in the

Bible." Dr. Harold Lindsell, associate editor of *Christianity Today*, surveyed from a long-range perspective one of our vital contemporary issues in his paper, "A Historian Looks at Inerrancy." Perhaps the most animated discussion of the entire meeting then occurred. Following a coffee-break, Dr. Lloyd F. Dean discussed "Edward's Concept of Love."

With lunch only a memory, Dr. Ralph Martin of London Bible College, serving this year at Bethel College, read a paper on "Philippians 2:5-11 in Its First Century Setting."

At 2:30 the annual business-session was held. Dr. Samuel J. Schultz, chairman of the Publications Committee, presented his report.

The following report was received from the Resolutions Committee and unanimously adopted:

It is with deep gratitude to God that we reflect upon these days of warm fellowship and intellectual stimulation. Because many have entered so fully into the accomplishments of these sessions,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that we express our appreciation to the executive committee, which consists of Drs. Goddard, Clark, Grounds, Longenecker, Schultz, Earle, Harris, MacRae, and Omark, for the faithful and capable leadership which they have provided for the Society during this past year. We would further express our appreciation for the ministry of all who have served on Society committees, especially those completing their terms of appointment at this time.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that we acknowledge with gratitude the work of the program committee chaired by Dr. Clark. We would further thank Drs. Hoekema, Young, MacRae, Goddard, Henry, Harris, Lindsell, Dean and Martin for the provocative and informative papers and addresses which they prepared for these meetings.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that we express our sincere appreciation to Nyack Missionary College for the cordial hospitality extended to the Society during this our sixteenth annual meeting. The thoughtful cooperation of Dr. Stanley Obitts and all the Nyack staff who contributed so graciously to our comforts was especially appreciated.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that we reaffirm our commitment to the purposes and goals of the Evangelical Theological Society, pledging ourselves anew to the important task of promoting evangelical scholarship in our various fields of endeavor and being mindful of the imperative of literary contributions in the accomplishment of these purposes and goals.

Grants were approved of \$500 for the secretary and \$200 for the treasurer of the Society.

A report on time and place for our next Annual Meeting was likewise received and approved. If details can be worked out satisfactorily our 17th Annual Meeting will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, starting on Monday, December 27th.

Dr. Roger Nicole presented the report of the Nominating Committee. It was received and unanimously approved. Hence the Society's officers for 1965 are as follows:

President: Dr. Gordon H. Clark  
 Vice-President: Dr. J. Barton Payne  
 Secretary: Dr. Vernon C. Grounds  
 Treasurer: Dr. Richard N. Longenecker  
 Editor: Dr. Samuel J. Schultz

President Goddard appointed Dr. John Montgomery of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School as auditor.

Dr. Allen MacRae called attention to the record established by Dr. Martin Wyngaarden who has attended every meeting of our Society since its inception. Spontaneously and enthusiastically Dr. Wyngaarden was applauded.

President Goddard asked for voluntary reports from any representatives of archaeological societies who might be in attendance. Dr. J. Barton Payne thereupon told about some of the activities and findings of the Near East Schools of Archaeology and Biblical Study. Dr. Laird Harris, supplemented by Dr. Earl Kalland, described the work of the Israeli-American Institute.

President Goddard recognized Dr. Harris who made a personal announcement concerning the possibility of forming an association of evangelical seminaries.

After Dr. Goddard had made some summarizing remarks, he dismissed our 16th Annual Meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vernon C. Grounds  
National Secretary

## ATTENDANCE AT SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

### *Members:*

Francis I. Anderson  
Berkeley Mickelsen  
William L. Lane  
Martin J. Wyngaarden  
Andrew K. Helmbold  
George A. Anderson  
Earl S. Kalland  
Glenn W. Barker  
John F. Taylor  
Paul Benjamin  
William Young  
Stanley Obitts  
Gilbert Bilezikian  
Paul Woolley  
Russell Spittler  
Gordon Clark  
J. Barton Payne  
Reuben Omark

Allan MacRae  
Lewis Foster  
Wick Broomall  
Stephen A. Paine, Sr.  
A. A. Hoekema  
Marvin R. Wilson  
Carlton H. Gregory  
Merrill C. Tenney  
Gilbert H. Johnson  
Robert A. Cook  
W. B. West, Jr.  
Dr. Bruce C. Stark  
Walter C. Kaiser, Jr.  
William S. Sailer  
Millard Erickson  
John A. Ledden  
James E. Warden  
Elmer B. Smick  
W. Harold Mare

Phillip Hook  
Wilber B. Wallis  
Thomas M. Gregory  
Lloyd F. Dean  
David Huttar  
Carl F. H. Henry  
Burton Goddard  
Samuel Schultz  
Richard Longenecker  
LeMoine G. Lewis  
Norman Shepherd  
R. Laird Harris  
Roger Nicole  
J. Ramsey Michaels  
Edwin M. Yamauchi  
Harold Lindsell  
Samuel J. Stoesz  
Vernon C. Grounds

### *Associate Members:*

Thomas A. Thomas  
Robert G. Zimmer  
Paul E. Loth  
James Yerkes  
Paul D. Collard  
John Y. May  
John McRay  
Robert L. Reymond  
Robert E. Williamson  
Ralph Beich

### *Student Associates:*

David R. Dilling  
David Milton Scholar  
William Secor  
Jack Cottrell

### *Visitors:*

J. D. Thomas  
J. W. Roberts  
D. H. Odendaal  
Stephen Paine, Jr.  
Mary Hempel  
Lewis P. Bird  
Roger Turnau  
Carlton H. Gregory  
George E. Cannon  
Florence Cannon  
Wm. Train  
Ralph P. Martin  
Larry L. Walker  
Richard Hess  
Mrs. Bruce C. Stark

Edwin & Elizabeth Hempel  
Rev. Robert J. Dunzweiler  
Dwight Ericson  
Eugene G. Wentling  
Mrs. Wilber B. Wallis  
Tadatoka Maruyama  
Susumu Uda  
Harold G. Stigers  
Edward Ziegler  
Richard Owen Roberts  
Jaymes P. Morgan, Jr.  
Betsy Clark  
Esther Goddard

Summaries of Reports as presented at the  
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## A. Treasurer

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1964	\$1271.46
(Note: \$1276.50 - \$5.04 as service charge)	
Receipts during 1964	4200.24
Disbursements during 1964	3682.82
Bank balance on hand December 22, 1964	1788.88
Bill to be paid for Monograph #5	1883.40
Actual deficit	-94.52

## B. Membership

	Members	Associate	Students
Active as of last year's report	437	142	114
Withdrew	-3	-9	-5
Deceased	-2		
Dropped for non-payment of dues	<u>-5</u>	<u>-7</u>	<u>-7</u>
	427	126	102
Transferred		<u>+7</u>	<u>-7</u>
		133	95
Received during 1964	<u>20</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>
	447 (+10)	151 (+25)	109 (-5)

This brings the total membership up to 707. Additional applications are under consideration and some may be included in the new directory to be published soon. Two brethren, Emo F. J. VanHalsema and Lawrence Duff-Forbes, died during the year of 1964.



## Announcement - Midwestern Section

The tenth general meeting of the Midwestern section of the Evangelical Theological Society will be held at Marion College, Fortieth and South Washington, in Marion Indiana, on April 23-24, 1965. For further information write to Dr. Leo Cox.