

Minutes of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting
of
The Evangelical Theological Society

Calvin Theological Seminary was the site for the gathering of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, December 27-28, 1963. The new Seminary is a delight to behold architecturally; and with snow gently falling, Knollcrest Campus was a picture of wintry loveliness. But through the temperature reflected the season of late December, the reception given the Society by Dr. John Kromminga, Dr. Marten Woudstra, and the seminary staff was that of Dutch hospitality at its best. The sessions of the Annual Meeting were held in the seminary auditorium, with 55-70 members present for the morning sessions and 65-80 in attendance for the afternoon and evening meetings.

The Friday morning session was called to order by President Vernon C. Grounds. Leon J. Wood led in the opening devotional meditation, and John H. Kromminga, President of Calvin Seminary, brought greetings to the Society on behalf of the seminary. After the adoption of the docket, the first group of papers were presented by Fred H. Klooster, Arthur W. Klem, and Martin J. Wyngaarden, as listed on the printed program.

The initial general business session of the Society for 1963 convened at 11:45 a.m., Friday, December 27, 1963. Reports were received from the president, secretary, treasurer, auditor (presented in absentia by the president), the chairman of the membership committee, and the vice-president on program and arrangements. Appreciation was expressed to the secretary and the treasurer for their work during the past year, and Recommendation #1 of the Executive Committee (see under New Business) was presented for consideration in preparation for the business session of Saturday morning following. Elected to serve on the Nominating Committee were Richard N. Longenecker, Theo A. Kessel, Roger R. Nicole, J. Barton Payne, and Fred H. Klooster, with J. Barton Payne appointed by the president to to serve as chairman. President Grounds announced the appointment of Morris Inch and Bert Hall to serve as the Resolutions Committee, and then adjourned the session for lunch.

Vice-President Burton L. Goddard called the Friday afternoon session to order, and presided over the session during the first three papers. Because of illness in Arthur Rupprecht's family, his paper was rescheduled to an earlier hour and that of Lewis Foster's moved to the evening session. Papers were then presented by R. Allan Killen, Arthur A. Rupprecht, and Robert D. Culver, with discussions following each. After the coffee break, Dr. Grounds again took the chair and papers on "Glossolalia in the New Testament" were presented by William G. MacDonald and Bastiaan Van Elderen, with a general discussion following their presentations.

The Annual Banquet was held in the dining hall of Calvin College. The food, service and fellowship were of top quality. Merrill C. Tenney presided, and the Society was led to further consideration of orthodoxy's theological methodology in Vernon C. Grounds' presidential address, "The Postulate of Paradox."

The Friday evening session reconvened in the auditorium of Calvin Seminary, and was called to order by the president. The papers by Lewis A. Foster and Marten H. Woudstra were presented, followed by a panel discussion on "The Cessation of the Charismata." Moderator for the panel was John H. Bratt, with Russell P. Spittler, Francis D. Breisch, Jr., Stanley M. Horton, and Anthony A. Hoekema participating. A spirited and vital discussion followed, which formally ended at

10:15 p.m. but which continued on in some groups until as late as 3 a.m. Saturday morning. The panel and the discussion which followed it were characterized by incisiveness of thought and a recognition of our oneness in Christ amid our differences, and were profitable for all.

Morning came early for most, and thus the Saturday morning session was called to order by the vice-president about fifteen minutes later than scheduled. Gordon H. Clark led the Society in a period of devotional meditation. Four papers were presented by Richard N. Longenecker, Wick Broomall, Roger R. Nicole, and J. Barton Payne, with discussion following each.

The Saturday morning business session convened at 11:25 a.m., and was called to order by the vice-president in the necessary absence of the president.

Reports of regional activity during the past year were given by Burton L. Goddard, chairman of the New England Section; John C. Wenger, chairman of the Mid-Western Section; and Richard N. Longenecker on behalf of the Eastern, Southern and Far-Western Sections. The sectional officers for 1964, as elected by the sections and approved by the Executive Committee, are:

	Chairman	Vice-Chairman	Secretary-Treasurer
New England	Burton L. Goddard	Carleton Gregory	Charles Cook
Eastern	Cornelius Van Til	vacant	David Huttar
Mid-Western	Theo A. Kessel	Charles M. Horne	Norman Ericson
Southern	Louis Goldberg	Irving Jensen	Robert Picirilli
Far-Western	Arnold D. Ehlert	vacant	Oscar F. Reed

The Necrology report was presented by the secretary, who read the memorial to Charles A. Nash that appeared in the *Bulletin*, Vol. VI, No. 2, p. 70, and the memorials to T. B. Madsen, Herman Kuiper, Eric E. Jordan and James F. Rand that will appear in *Bulletin* issues for 1964. The Society rose in tribute to these men of faith and scholarship, and the vice-president called upon William Pardee to lead the Society in its prayer for the families and the labors which these men left behind.

In the absence of the Editor, the Secretary read the editorial report which told of an increased *Bulletin* size and the publication of Monograph #4 during the past year; and recommending the publication during 1964 of *Paul, the Apostle of Liberty*, by Richard N. Longenecker, as Monograph #5.

The Nominating Committee's report was brought by its chairman, J. Barton Payne, as follows:

President: Burton L. Goddard

Vice-President: Gordon H. Clark

Secretary: Vernon C. Grounds

Treasurer: Richard N. Longenecker

Executive Committee (term 1964-67): Reuben E. Omark

Editorial Committee (term 1964-67): Charles W. Carter

Membership Committee (term 1964-66): Everett F. Harrison & Wick Broomall

The chairman of the committee underscored the resignation of both last year's secretary and treasurer, indicated the willingness of Vernon C. Grounds to assume the important office of National Secretary, and recommended that Richard N. Longenecker assume the post of treasurer for the sake of continuity. It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously that the nominations be accepted as presented, and the secretary was instructed to cast a white ballot for the slate.

Under new business, the Executive Committee's Recommendation #1 was presented by the secretary for 1963, as follows:

The Executive Committee of E.T.S. recommends to the Society that:

- (1) Outside subsidy be sought in support of the monograph series;
- (2) Dues effective 1964 be raised from \$5.00 to \$6.50 for Members and Associate Members, and from \$3.00 to \$4.00 for Student Members;
- (3) Annual grants of \$500.00 and \$200.00 for secretarial help in the carrying out of their duties be granted to the Society's secretary and its treasurer respectively.

The recommendation was considered according to each of its parts separately, and discussion followed on each point. Each part was moved and seconded separately, and each was carried unanimously.

The Society's secretary for 1963 was then instructed to read Recommendation #2 of the Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee of E.T.S. recommends to the Society that it authorize the purchase of five hundred (500) copies of *Paul, the Apostle of Liberty*, by Richard N. Longenecker, to be published by Harper & Row in about June of 1964; that said book be considered Monograph #5; and that said book be offered to the members of the Society at the price of \$1.50 (projected at \$5.00 retail), such price being requested to make up the difference not able to be borne by the Society's treasury for monographs two years in succession.

The recommendation was moved and seconded. In the discussion that followed, it was pointed out that the book is not to be automatically sent out and billed to the membership but that it is to be made available to the membership at the above reduced rate. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Society's president for 1964, Burton L. Goddard, announced the invitation of Nyack Missionary College to host the Sixteenth Annual Meeting. It was moved and seconded that this be referred to the Program and Arrangements Committee with power to act, but with the Society's commendation. Burton L. Goddard relinquished the chair to Earl S. Kalland, and spoke to the motion adversely; pointing out the time delay in the implementation of such a motion and offering the substitute motion that the Society at its present session accept the invitation of Nyack. The previous motion was withdrawn, and the latter motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Burton L. Goddard then recommended that we set our dates for next year's meeting so as not to conflict with those of S.B.L., and this was referred to the Program and Arrangements Committee by common consent.

It was moved and seconded that the Executive Committee reconsider the subscription price to the Society's *Bulletin*, and that it be empowered to take action on the setting of a new and higher price to be effective at its discretion. Discussion centered on the validity of raising the subscription price, with both pro and con positions being expressed. The motion to refer his matter for decision to the Executive Committee was carried.

Burton L. Goddard, as the Society's president-elect, appointed Morris Inch as auditor for 1964. Morris Inch, representing the Resolutions Committee, presented the report of that committee, wherein appreciation was expressed to Calvin Theological Seminary for its gracious hospitality, Burton L. Goddard and his Program Committee for the varied and provocative program, and the retiring officers and committee members. The report also called upon the members of the Society to "re-affirm our allegiance to the Word of God and set ourselves to the task of foster-

ing conservative Biblical scholarship through more active personal participation and enlistment of others in the work of the Evangelical Theological Society.”

There being no further matters presented, the president-elect adjourned the final business session of the Society for 1963.

John C. Wenger led the Society in its closing devotional period, challenging the group to the tasks at hand.

After a late lunch, the membership dispersed its various ways to take up these tasks with a renewed awariness of oneness in the body of Christ and a heightened interest in the issues involved.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Longenecker
Retiring Secretary

REGISTERED ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERS:

Bratt	Kaiser
Breisch	Kalland, E.
Broomall	Kantzer
Clark	Kessel
Culver	Kiefer
Davis, D.C.	Killen
Foster	Klem
Goddard, B.	Klooster
Grounds	Longenecker
Gerig	MacDonald
Hall	Mickelsen, B.
Hayden	Nicole
Hoekema	Pardee
Horton	Payne
Inch	Powell
Johnson	Rupprecht

ASSOCIATES:

Augsburger
Ecklebarger
Hill
Puckett
Stimple

STUDENTS:

Coburn
Rowland

PLUS:

Wives and Visitors
