

## EDITORIAL

Twenty years ago a meeting was convened in Cincinnati, Ohio, which resulted in the organization of the Evangelical Theological Society. Concerned with biblical scholarship, this gathered assembly discussed at length in several sessions the basis of common interest in biblical scholarship. In concise and explicit language were expressed the doctrinal statement and purpose of the Evangelical Theological Society as they are printed on the preceding page.

Annual meetings of the national organization have provided repeated opportunities for the oral and written expression of thought and research in theological disciplines as centered in the Scriptures. Through regional meetings a wider participation has been encouraged in our constituency. In response to the growing interest of its members the society began the publication of a Bulletin in 1958. Beginning with volume XII in 1969 the name was changed to the *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*.

In addition to the five regional sections of the Evangelical Theological Society as listed in the inside page of the back cover a Canadian Section has been organized. At its annual meeting, held at Ontario Bible College on May 26, 1969, this section voted to "apply to unite with the Evangelical Theological Society in the United States." The newly elected president of the Canadian Section is Dr. W. Gordon Brown.

At the twentieth meeting of the E.T.S. in Philadelphia a special breakfast meeting was convened on December 27, 1968, for those interested in Archaeology. As a result of the exceptional display of interest by those present, plans have been developed to allow for more extensive stimulation in his particular area of involvement. At the forthcoming annual meeting one session will be particularly devoted to the reading of papers of archaeological interest. Reports on recent archaeological excavations will also be given. Those with a particular interest in archaeology will be offered the opportunity to organize into a formal agency. A committee under the leadership of Dr. Robert Cooley is functioning in the preparation of proposals for such an organization. It is hoped that this will be the means of stimulating the interest of students as well as faculty members of various educational institutions in archaeology and allow for more extensive participation in research and archaeological activity.

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