

birds and reptiles. Its special features can almost all be paralleled with existing birds like the ostrich, rhea, etc. For instance, the hoatzin of South America has claws on its wingbone tips as do some other birds. The rib structure of the archaeopteryx is like the large aepyornix of Madagascar which became extinct in recent times. The tail vertebrae of the archaeopteryx are paralleled in recent birds, some of which have more vertebrae in their tails (though smaller ones) than the fossil. Only the dentition of archaeopteryx differs from birds, but there is also much variation in the matter of reptile teeth.

Bolton Davidheiser contributes an interesting historical chapter on "The Scopes Trial" of 1925. He puts the matter in better perspective than much popular propaganda does. Scopes himself admitted that he only substituted in biology and later said that he probably never actually taught evolution. But he was used as a pawn in the liberal-orthodox controversies of the 20's. The principals were the unscrupulous Clarence Darrow and the Christian layman William Jennings Bryan. Unfortunately, Bryan did not call in to his aid experts in the Bible who could have more adequately responded to Darrow's legal tricks. The matter is of interest now because of the play *Inherit the Wind* which Davidheiser labels as fictionalizing history. It may appear to some that in the current demoralizing of America we are inheriting a whirlwind from those days when liberalism was so popular.

The chapter on "Fossil Man" by R. Daniel Shaw gives very little detailed material on the subject and is disappointing. He discusses the areas of occurrence of these fossils throughout the world and draws conclusions from human dispersion.

The last chapter, by David Tilney on "The Cell" emphasizes the amazing complexity of the simplest cell and argues that blind chance could never have produced this self-directing, self-perpetuating, submicroscopic chemical laboratory with its multitudinous chemical reactions all going on in such a wonderful orderly manner.

ANNOUNCEMENT

TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING of the EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Place: Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota

Dates: December 27-29, 1972

Theme: GOD AND LANGUAGE

Sub-topic: Speaking meaningfully about God to a Secular Age
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