

## TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

Its 1973 Annual Meeting was a significant milestone in the history of the Evangelical Theological Society. In 1948 a group of concerned Biblicists gathered in Boston to form an organization, committed to the position of revelational inerrancy and dedicated to the promotion of top-level scholarship among adherents of that position. And 25 years later that event was appropriately celebrated on the campus of Wheaton College.

The outstanding program, arranged jointly by Richard Longenecker and Merrill Tenney, began on Thursday morning, December 27 with a welcome by Donald Mitchell, Wheaton's Vice President for Academic Affairs, and concluded Saturday noon, December 29. Dr. Donald Lake and his staff of colaborers handled competently and graciously all the multiplied details of providing hospitality for members and their guests.

Since the Society's 20th anniversary had focused on the Old Testament, the 25th anniversary was devoted very fittingly to the current status of New Testament studies. Two distinguished guest-lecturers participated, Professor F. F. Bruce of Manchester University and Dr. I. Howard Marshall of the University of Aberdeen. Though delayed by travel difficulties, Dr. Bruce managed to reach Wheaton and discussed with the erudition for which he is noted "New Light on the Origins of the New Testament." Professor Marshall gave a most informative address on "Early Catholicism' in the New Testament." Both of these lectures, together with other major papers, are scheduled for early publication in a companion to the Society's Old Testament anniversary volume, *New Perspectives of the Old Testament*.

Joined by Drs. George E. Ladd, William L. Lane and E. Edwin Yamauchi, the guest-lecturers participated Friday morning in a stimulating panel interchange on "The Future of Evangelical New Testament Scholarship," with Dr. Tenney serving as chairman.

Another highlight of the program was the Thursday evening Anniversary Banquet. Several of the "founding fathers" recalled persons and incidents at the Society's very first meeting in 1948. Retiring president Dr. Arthur H. Lewis spoke on "Resurgent Semitisms in New Testament Theology," reminding his audience it is impossible to study the New Testament in isolation from the Old.

In addition to a wide range of papers dealing with pertinent issues in New Testament studies, three illustrated lectures were presented under the auspices of the Near East Archaeological Society.

Among matters which occupied attention during the business sessions were the creation of a new Northwest Section which will include British Columbia, and the appointment of a committee to review the format of and planning for the Annual Meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer Vernon Grounds submitted these reports on membership and finances.

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE  
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE OF ETS

Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting, December 31, 1973

The Membership Committee of the Evangelical Theological Society for 1973 consisted of the following members: Robert L. Saucy, William S. Sailer, R. Allan Killen, John F. Gates and William G. MacDonald: with Vernon Grounds, chairman.

The following tabulation will indicate the changes in the three categories of our membership for the past year:

	<i>Member</i>	<i>Associate</i>	<i>Student Associate</i>
Active as of last year:	557	145	80
Withdrew:	(10)	(4)	(2)
Deceased:	(3)	(1)	—
Dropped for non-payment of dues	(40)	(23)	(14)
Correction in count	(3)	17	—
Transferred	11	(2)	(9)
Reinstated	13	—	1
Received during 1973	53	16	30
Total Membership, 12/31/73; 812	578	148	86
Deceased Members:			
William B. Durr			
Oswald T. Allis			
J. W. Roberts			
Donald F. Johns			

EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Balance Sheet

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

at December 31, 1973

**ASSETS**

Cash in Bank		\$4446.55	
Petty Cash		100.00	
Accounts Receivable, 1973 Membership Dues		589.50	
Book Inventory			
Current Monograph - 222 books	\$880.40		
Prior Years' Monographs			
Tenney - 173 books	\$551.17		
Longenecker - 13 books	35.10	586.27	1466.67
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<b>\$6602.72</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable	—	
Net Worth - Accumulated Income, Prior Year	6643.77	
Income, 1/1/73 - 12/31/73 (Loss)	(41.05)	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH</b>		<b>\$6602.72</b>

**INCOME**

Dues	\$5989.85	
Dues charges, but not paid	589.50	
Subscriptions	1277.75	
Miscellaneous Journal Sales	204.71	
Sale of Books	\$155.15	
Less Cost	150.65	4.50
Income from Gifts	8.50	
Miscellaneous Income	1323.95	
		<b>\$9398.76</b>

**EXPENSE**

Bank Charges and Canadian Exchange	1.00	
Expense Allowances - Sections	350.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	390.60	
Office Supplies and Stationery	310.90	
Postage and Mailing Expense	439.31	
Printing, JOURNAL	6948.00	
Secretary-Treasurer Grant	1000.00	
		<b>\$9439.81</b>

**NET INCOME FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1973 (41.05)**

Elected as officers for 1974 were Richard Longenecker, president; Bruce Waltke, vice president; and Vernon Grounds, secretary-treasurer. Samuel Schultz was renamed editor of the Society's *Journal*.

The following resolutions were approved.

1. Be it resolved that a letter be addressed to Dr. Hudson Armerding to manifest our appreciation for the facilities and comforts afforded us on Wheaton's campus and by Wheaton's staff.

2. Be it resolved that a vote of thanks be extended to Richard Longenecker, Merrill Tenney, Honorary Chairman, and Donald Lake for their dedicated service in the preparation and direction of this 25th Anniversary Meeting.

3. Be it resolved that we give fraternal support to the *Theological Student Fellowship* and send a letter of congratulations to IVCF for its formation.

4. Be it resolved that we express by letter from our President our fraternal greetings and best wishes to the organizers of the Institute for Biblical Research.

Dallas Theological Seminary was selected as the location for the 26th Annual Meeting, which will be held December 26-28. Anticipating another milestone in the Society's history, it was announced that Trinity Evangelical Divinity School will host the 30th Annual Meeting.

One participant in the Wheaton program, a scholar who frequently attends professional conclaves, commented to this reporter that the quality of the papers and the level of discussion at our 25th anniversary gathering surpassed that of any similar session he has shared in thus far. Hopefully, therefore, our Society is fulfilling the purpose for which it was brought into existence—effectively bearing witness to the intellectual strength and cogency of the evangelical message.

—Stanley Gundry