

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

On the day after Christmas, members of the Society traveled to San Francisco to meet on the campus of Simpson College, December 26-28, 1977. They were graciously hosted and accommodated by the administration, staff and students of Simpson College. Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., served as program chairman and presented his program under the theme: Current Tensions in the Church and Biblical Hermeneutics. On Tuesday evening at the anniversary banquet he delivered his presidential address, "The Current Crisis in Exegesis and the Apostolic Use of Deuteronomy 25:4 in 1 Corinthians 9:8-10," which was followed by an animated discussion.

Meeting concurrently with the Society were the Evangelical Philosophical Society, with Gordon Lewis as program chairman, and the Near East Archaeological Society, ably chaired by W. Harold Mare.

During the first business session Simon J. Kistemaker submitted the following statistics:

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	Full	Associate	Student
Active as of last year: 936	639	162	135
Deceased:	(4)	—	—
Dropped:	(37)	(13)	(20)
Received during 1977:	77	36	109
 Total Membership, 12/31/77: 1084	 675	 185	 224

FINANCIAL REPORT

CASH ON HAND, January 1, 1977 \$ 7,452.80

RECEIPTS

Dues and Subscriptions	\$14,647.29	
Sales of Books and <i>Journals</i>	654.68	
Miscellaneous Income	1,006.10	
Interest on Savings	<u>194.71</u>	<u>16,502.78</u>
		\$23,955.58

DISBURSEMENTS

Postage	\$ 1,447.89	
Telephone	73.26	
Office Salaries	2,788.00	
Office Supplies	1,566.86	
Printing Expenses— <i>Journal</i>	7,918.77	
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>499.77</u>	<u>14,294.55</u>

CASH ON HAND, December 31, 1977 \$9,661.03*

Deposit Guaranty National Bank

Checking Account	\$ 666.32
Silver Savings Account	<u>8,994.71</u>
	<u><u>\$9,661.03*</u></u>

*The Society is still indebted to Bethany Fellowship, Inc., for the *Journal*, Volume 20, No. 2, 3 and 4.

In the second business meeting the Society elected the following officers for 1978:

President: Stanley N. Gundry
 President-Elect: Marten H. Woudstra
 Vice-President: Wilber B. Wallace

The Society adopted this report presented by the resolutions committee:

1. Be it resolved that an expression of appreciation be addressed to President Mark Lee and Dean Howard Law and the staff of Simpson College for their gracious hosting of the 29th annual meeting of the Society. The Society thanks God for his evident blessing on the school and prays for its continued ministry in San Francisco and beyond.
2. Be it resolved that we extend fraternal greetings to the members of the Institute for Biblical Research at their annual meeting in San Francisco on December 29, 1977.
3. Be it resolved that we note with thanksgiving the completion of a full year of work of the Evangelical Philosophical Society and the continued vigor of the NEAS. We pray God's continued blessing on these daughter organizations and look forward to years of fruitful association in the scholarly tasks of building God's kingdom.
4. Be it resolved that special appreciation be expressed for the leadership of Walter Kaiser, Jr., in the preparation and direction of the program of this annual meeting.
5. Be it resolved that in view of the urgency of the hermeneutical task as discussed in these meetings we continue with all diligence our search for evangelical solutions that combine our commitment to God's Word with a growing understanding of the nature of his revelation.
6. Be it resolved that, although we note with gratitude the recognition of an increased presence of evangelicals in North American life, we are concerned that evangelical thinking and cultural values be more effectively expressed in the context of current social and intellectual issues. To that end we would encourage future program committees to address themselves to these questions.

A memorial service was held to honor those members who had died in 1977: Stanley E. Anderson, Jerry L. Sproull, Henry G. Waterman and Leon J. Wood.

The Society adopted an approved motion that membership dues be raised to \$12.50, student membership to \$9.00, and the *Journal* subscription rate to \$12.00.

The 30th annual meeting will be held on the campus of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois, December 27-29, 1978. Kenneth S. Kantzer serves as program chairman for this anniversary meeting.

Throughout the year 1977 the Society experienced a significant numerical increase in its membership and was able to exert its influence in numerous ways. With confidence and assurance, the Society moves on toward the 30th annual meeting.

Simon J. Kistemaker