

EDITORIAL

As luck (or a kindly Providence) would have it, Carolyn and I celebrated our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary in the storied city of Louvain, Belgium. An excellent dinner by candlelight in a local restaurant, a surprise reception by *NIV* colleagues, families and friends at the Greater Europe Mission's Belgian Bible Institute in nearby Heverlee, a walk just for two down a moonlit street—the evening was delightful in every respect, and my wife and I will not soon forget it.

Silver anniversaries are times for celebration as well as for commemoration. Because our Society's *Journal* continues to thrive as it enters its twenty-fifth year, we are pleased to make a three-pronged announcement concerning the next twelve months by which to express our gratitude to God for his manifest blessing on our attempts as scholars to produce articles and books not only for our own spiritual and intellectual growth and development but also for the instruction and edification of the Church at large.

First, the number of pages in the current issue of *JETS* is increased by one-third (as promised at our annual meeting last December). We propose to continue the 128-page format throughout this silver anniversary year (and hopefully beyond) with the understanding that no rise in membership or subscription fees will be necessary. The newly-increased length of the *Journal* will make it possible to move our schedule forward in terms of publishing your already-accepted papers sooner and reducing our backlog of articles substantially.

Second, we will be publishing a comprehensive index of all the articles and book reviews that have appeared in our *Journal* (and its predecessor, the *Bulletin*) during its first twenty-five years. John Wiseman, a graduate student at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, will be producing the index for us. He will develop indices not only of authors and titles but also of subjects and Scripture references. It is possible that the index will include a lengthy preface as well, the contents of which we have decided to keep secret for the time being (after all, important anniversaries should always be enhanced by a surprise or two). Needless to say, the index will be long enough to fill a *Journal* of its own, and it will add a fifth issue to the four already scheduled for this year—again at no additional cost to members or subscribers. Anyone who has ever attempted a project of this scope will immediately appreciate the enormous amount of work involved. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank John in advance, on behalf of our Society, for his willingness (combined with an infectious eagerness) to tackle such a formidable task.

Last but not least, we are happy to announce that the long-awaited *Festschrift* for Samuel J. Schultz, professor emeritus of Bible at Wheaton College and the longest-tenured editor of our *Journal*, is now in final page-proof stage. Morris Inch, Sam's successor as chairman of the Bible department at Wheaton, and I, Sam's successor as *JETS* editor, had the privilege of editing the volume. Published by Eisenbrauns, it contains chapters by a stellar list of authors and will probably be off the presses by our December meeting at Northeastern Bible College in Essex Fells, New Jersey. The title of the *Festschrift* in honor of our good

friend Sam Schultz: *The Living and Active Word of God.*

My wife and I are now well into our second twenty-five years of wedded bliss. Both of us wish for the *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, as it anticipates its promising future, the same degree of serendipitous delight and joyful celebration that Carolyn and I continue to experience.

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