

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

The theme "Evangelicals: Heritage and Rediscovery" challenged numerous members of the Society to attend the thirty-sixth annual meeting held in Chicago at Moody Bible Institute, December 11-13, 1984. The society is indebted to the administration, faculty and students of Moody for hosting this annual meeting at a time when school was in session.

Program chairman Richard V. Pierard had constructed a varied program that featured seven plenary sessions, five parallel sessions with nine sections each, and two business sessions. At the plenary sessions, members and guests of the Society presented such topics as "Early Christianity and Women," "J. D. G. Dunn Versus B. B. Warfield on the Inspiration and Authority of Scripture," and "The Role of Protestant Evangelicals in American Society." Among the guests were David M. Scholer, Mark A. Noll, John D. Woodbridge and Martin E. Marty.

During the banquet Thomas Eden gave a recital of nineteenth-century American gospel songs, and Haddon W. Robinson delivered his presidential address, "The Theologian and the Evangelist." Last, the seventh plenary session featured a panel discussion on "The Evangelical Heritage—Opportunities for Research and Discovery."

The secretary-treasurer presented the membership report and the financial report during the first business meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

		Full	Associate	Student
Active membership 12/1/83	1698	1044	355	299
New members 1984	232	105	31	96
Members dropped or promoted	(172)	(72)	(48)	(52)
Total membership 12/1/84	1758	1077	338	343

FINANCIAL REPORT

EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
COMPARATIVE SCHEDULES OF CASH RECEIPTS
AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 1984

	1984	1983
CASH in banks December 1	<u>\$ 35,456.76</u>	<u>\$ 36,631.57</u>
RECEIPTS		
Dues and subscriptions	28,749.85	26,970.71
Sale of books and <i>Journals</i>	941.32	797.50
Annual meeting	892.16	1,573.41
Interest on savings	2,515.85	2,694.74
Miscellaneous income	874.71	393.71
	<u>33,973.89</u>	<u>32,430.07</u>
TOTAL FOR WHICH TO ACCOUNT	<u>\$ 69,430.65</u>	<u>\$ 69,061.64</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
<i>JETS</i>	\$ 21,147.66	\$ 21,515.11
Salaries	3,057.15	2,812.50
Office supplies	2,534.36	2,294.85
Annual meeting	1,968.47	674.58
Stipends	3,000.00	3,000.00
Postage	1,178.87	942.67
Regional expense	1,250.00	725.00
Ad hoc meetings	-0-	808.16
News letter	293.98	722.01
Audit	115.00	110.00
Printing books	2,006.29	-0-
Directory	695.05	-0-
	<u>37,246.83</u>	<u>33,604.88</u>
CASH in banks November 30	<u>32,183.82</u>	<u>35,456.76</u>
TOTAL FOR WHICH ACCOUNTED	<u>\$ 69,430.65</u>	<u>\$ 69,061.64</u>
BALANCES CLASSIFIED BY DEPOSITORY		
Deposit Guaranty National Bank—checking	\$ 4,141.72	\$ 2,848.99
Deposit Guaranty National Bank— silver savings	-0-	2,043.76
Deposit Guaranty National Bank— money market certificate	<u>28,042.10</u>	<u>30,564.01</u>
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In the second business meeting the following officers were elected for 1984:

President—Richard V. Pierard

President-Elect—Gleason L. Archer, Jr.

Vice-President—Walter M. Dunnett

Vacancy on Executive Committee—Haddon W. Robinson

Vacancies on Membership Committee—Robert L. Thomas
and Ruth A. Tucker

The Society adopted the report of the resolutions committee:

1. Be it resolved that warm expressions of thanks be extended to President George Sweeting and Deans Kenneth Hanna and Howard Whaley of Moody Bible Institute for hosting the thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society.

2. Be it resolved that we express deep appreciation to Louis Goldberg and all who have assisted in handling the local arrangements for this meeting as well as for the cooperative spirit and interest of the faculty, staff and student body.

3. Be it resolved that we express our heartfelt gratitude to President Haddon Robinson for his stimulating and wise leadership of the Society during this past year.

4. Be it resolved that we declare deep appreciation to Program Chairman Richard Pierard for his labor of love in developing the excellent program for this meeting, helping us to rediscover aspects of our heritage and providing insights into how we have come to be what we are.

5. Be it resolved that we express our continuing gratitude to Secretary-Treasurer Simon Kistemaker, *Journal* Editor Ronald Youngblood, Book Review Editors Donald Carson and Donald Tinder, News Letter Editor Bruce Demarest, and the other officers for their excellent work this past year.

6. Be it resolved that we commend the Evangelical Philosophical Society and the Near East Archaeological Society.

7. Be it further resolved that, in view of a deeper appreciation of our evangelical heritage, we commit ourselves to preserve it as a tradition—the living faith of the dead—not as a traditionalism—the dead faith of the living—and that we commit ourselves to the proclamation of the inerrant Scriptures in order to strengthen and extend the Church and promote justice and compassion in a pagan world.

A. Announcement

President Haddon Robinson announced the place, time and theme of the next annual meeting: The thirty-seventh annual meeting will be held in La Mirada, California, on November 20-22, 1985. The theme will be "Church and Society."

B. Actions

The Society acted on the following proposals:

1. The text of the proposal "The Trial of Members of Societies" (published in

JETS 27 [1984] 124-125) was read. By motion the proposal was defeated.

2. President Haddon Robinson presented an amendment to the Constitution as a second paragraph added to Article IV, Section 4:

A member whose writings or teachings have been challenged at an annual business meeting as incompatible with the doctrinal basis of the Society, upon majority vote, shall have his case referred to the Executive Committee before whom he and his accusers shall be given full opportunity to discuss his views and the accusations. The Executive Committee shall then refer his case to the Society for action at the annual business meeting the following year. A two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting shall be necessary for dismissal from membership.

At the next annual meeting the Society will vote on this amendment.

3. The secretary-treasurer recommended to increase annual membership fees to \$15.00 for members and associate members, and \$12.00 for student members. By motion the recommendation was approved.

C. Recognition

R. Laird Harris led the members in a brief memorial service, paying tribute to deceased members Ronald John Behm and Julian Claudius McPheeters.

Words of appreciation were addressed to Richard V. Pierard for his role as program chairman and to Wilber B. Wallis upon retiring from the executive committee.

Simon J. Kistemaker