

REPORTS RELATING TO THE FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

Pleasant weather, the beautiful campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and a warm welcome greeted the numerous registrants for the forty-second annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society in New Orleans, Louisiana, November 15-17, 1990. The attendance broke the record of the previous year with more than 475 persons registering. At plenary sessions the attendance exceeded the 500 mark in the spacious Leavell Chapel of the host seminary.

The theme "Morality and Ethics" sparked lively interest that was highlighted by speakers Alister McGrath and Thomas C. Oden during three plenary sessions. Respondents to the speakers were Gordon Lewis, Cornelius Plantinga, Jr., and W. Ward Gasque. The plenary speakers addressed the topics: "The Relation between Doctrine and Ethics," "In What Way Can Jesus Be a Moral Example for Us?" and "A Long Journey Home: Thomas C. Oden and the Road to Evangelical Orthodoxy in a Postmodern World." Robert L. Thomas delivered his presidential address: "Improving Evangelical Ethics: An Analysis of the Problem and a Proposed Solution."

The society appreciated the presence of other organizations meeting simultaneously: the Near East Archaeological Society, the Evangelical Philosophical Society, and the Association of Evangelical Professors of Missions. The presence of these societies significantly increased the attendance at the meetings.

The fourth plenary session was devoted to the thirtieth anniversary of the Near East Archaeological Society. At this meeting Bryant Wood delivered his address: "The History and Archaeology of Jericho in the Late Bronze Age."

The presentations during the parallel sessions were numerous and varied. Most of them related to the theme of the conference, and discussions at these sessions were lively and profitable.

During the first business session, the secretary-treasurer presented the membership report and the financial report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	Total	Full	Assoc.	Student
Active Membership 11/1/89	1992	1263	402	327
New members	232	91	63	78
Members reactivated	13	11	2	0
Changed status	0	61	43	(104)
Members dropped	(187)	(85)	(58)	(44)
Total Membership 11/1/90	2050	1341	452	257

FINANCIAL REPORT

EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE—CASH BASIS
YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1990 AND 1989

	1990	1989
REVENUES		
Dues and subscriptions	\$ 56,725.99	\$ 45,127.67
Annual meeting	15,901.88	5,786.76
Sale of books, <i>Journals</i> and monographs	2,693.17	3,749.39
Interest on savings	3,606.67	3,148.54
Miscellaneous income	940.00	1,121.00
	<u>79,867.71</u>	<u>58,933.36</u>
 EXPENSES		
<i>JETS</i> (9/89-9/90)	32,678.38	32,719.02
Accounting	325.00	328.00
Annual meeting	1,201.15	1,430.18
Monograph	1,644.48	121.79
<i>News Letter</i>	721.36	619.84
Office and general	7,065.08	2,176.89
Postage	1,921.22	1,677.89
Regional expense	1,200.00	750.00
Salaries	4,614.00	3,396.00
Stipends	7,100.00	6,900.00
	<u>58,470.67</u>	<u>50,119.61</u>
 EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	 21,397.04	 8,813.75
 FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	 <u>56,518.16</u>	 <u>47,704.41</u>
 FUND BALANCE, end of year	 \$ 77,915.20	 \$ 56,518.16

In the second business session the following officers were elected for 1991:

President—H. Wayne House
President-Elect—Gordon R. Lewis
Vice-President—Gerry Breshears
Executive Committee—Robert L. Thomas
Membership Committee—Richard A. Taylor and John H. Walton

The Society adopted the report of the resolutions committee presented by Leslie R. Keylock:

Whereas we have been treated royally by New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary: to a Cajun feast of theological papers by our program chairman Wayne House; to the sacrificial work of the members of the program and arrangement committee, Wayne House, Jerry Pounds and Brenda Hazell; and to the presence of so many esteemed colleagues at the forty-second annual meeting of the ETS; and

Whereas we have so greatly benefited from the labors of our executive committee, including president Robert L. Thomas, secretary-treasurer Simon J. Kistemaker, and *JETS* editor Ronald Youngblood; and from the efforts of book review editors Ferris "Chip" McDaniel and Michael Bauman and our *News Letter* editor Bruce Demarest; and

Whereas we have had the privilege of associating at this meeting with members of our sister organizations, the Association of Evangelical Professors of Missions, the Near East Archaeological Society, and the Evangelical Philosophical Society; and

Whereas the membership of the ETS seeks to meet the moral crisis in the evangelical community and in the world by stressing the integration of doctrine and morality, scholarship and godliness, exposition and application, in both our teaching and our living;

Be it resolved that, in a spirit of Christian morality and ethics, we most sincerely thank these people and groups for their efforts to make the work of Jesus Christ in the world more understandable, more effective, and more practical.

President Thomas presented for adoption the proposed addition to Article III of the Constitution: "God is a Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each an uncreated person, one in essence, equal in power and glory." The addition was adopted by motion.

The dates, places, and themes for future annual meetings were announced:

1. November 21-23, 1991, Kansas City, Missouri: "Christ and His Kingdom in the Old and New Testaments."
2. November 19-21, 1992, San Francisco, California: "Goals for the Church in the 1990s."
3. November 18-20, 1993, Washington, D.C. (theme pending).

A memorial was read for Charles R. Smith. The secretary noted that members Russell E. Woodruff and Dirk H. Odendaal also passed away in 1990. The secretary read an appropriate Scripture passage and led in prayer.

Interest in our Society is at an all-time high. This fact is illustrated by two records that were broken in 1990. First, membership figures show that we passed the 2,000 mark. Almost on a daily basis applications for membership are received. Next, the attendance at annual meetings continues to set new records. The registration at this year's conference was the highest in the history of our Society. With confidence we look to the future and trust that God will continue to bless the Evangelical Theological Society and its sister organizations.

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