

Wesleyan Theological Society  
1989 Report of the President to the CHA  
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The 24th annual meeting of the society was held at Point Loma Nazarene College, San Diego, CA, on November 4 and 5, 1988. The program focus was upon the 250th anniversary year celebration of Wesley's Aldersgate experience. This provided an excellent forum for historical, theological, and biblical evaluations of Wesley's experience in particular, and conversion in general.

This was our second time in three years to host the annual meeting at a west coast school. Attendance and interest again was good. New people are attracted to the meeting when it comes to their area, and regular attenders seem to come no matter where the meeting is held.

The society officer's for the current year are Donald Dayton, First Vice-President; Randy Maddox, Second Vice-President; William Arnett, Secretary-Treasurer; Melvin Dieter, Promotional Secretary; and Paul Bassett, Editor of the Journal. Dr. Arnett's health has not been good since our annual meeting, and our Executive Committee is exploring ways to assist him in his work and find a replacement for him as that becomes advisable.

The society grew by 116 new members during the year. This puts us at nearly 2600 members, but several hundred are currently inactive (not having paid their dues in over a year). Each issue of the journal is sent to approximately 1900 individuals and institutions. Increasingly the journal is getting recognition in scholarly circles as a reputable voice of conservative Wesleyanism.

The 1989 meeting of the society is scheduled for November 2-4 at Asbury College. This will be a significant even on three accounts: (1) it will be the 25th meeting of the society, (2) it will be part of the 100th anniversary celebration of Asbury College; and (3) it will be a joint program between the society and the Wesleyan-Holiness Study Project of Asbury Theological Seminary. Future commitments for the society meetings are for Nazarene Theological Seminary (1990), Western Evangelical Seminary (1991), and Ashland Theological Seminary (1992).

As the Society contemplates its future, it is probing ways to expand its usefulness into new avenues of scholarship, ministry, and service, while finding new commitment to and inspiration from its historic theological heritage.