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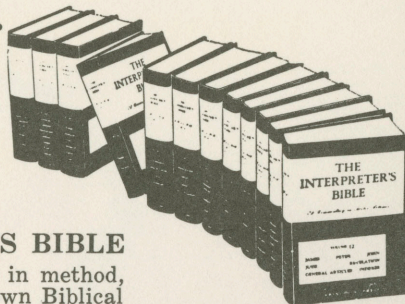
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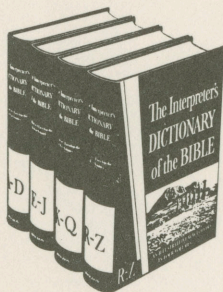
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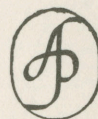
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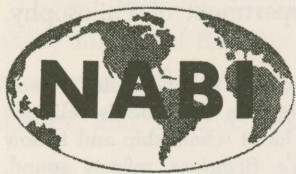
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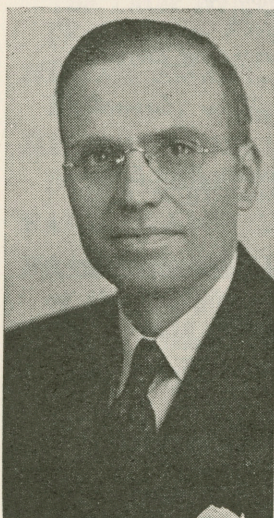
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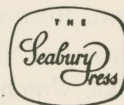
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Council Meeting, 9:00 P.M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1963

9:00 A.M. OPENING SESSION

Presiding: Ira Jay Martin, 3rd.

The Presidential Address: Clyde A. Holbrook, *Oberlin College*
"Why an Academy of Religion?"

BREAK

Presiding: Clyde A. Holbrook

THE TEACHER AND HIS RESEARCH

Linguistic Studies—John Scammon,
Andover Newton Theological School

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11:30 A.M. COUNCIL MEETING

12:15 P.M. LUNCH, *Union Seminary Refectory*

1:45 P.M. *Presiding: C. Allyn Russell, Boston University, CLA*

THE STUDENTS WE TEACH

American Religious Scene—Edwin S. Gaustad,
University of Redlands

Appalachian Situation—Earl Brewer, *Emory University*

BREAK

Student Need—Charles G. Pfeiffer, *Columbia College, S. C.*
Audience Participation

4:30 P.M. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

6:00 P.M. DINNER, *Union Seminary Refectory*

8:00 P.M.

Presiding: Ira Jay Martin, 3rd.

RELIGION AND THE FINE ARTS

Literature—Lionel A. Whiston, *Eden Theological Seminary*

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10:00 P.M. Reception for Members and their Guests

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1963

9:00 A.M.

Presiding: Clyde A. Holbrook

REPORT OF THE SELF-STUDY COMMITTEE

10:00 A.M. BREAK

10:20 A.M.

Presiding: Mary L. Boney

RELIGION AND PSYCHOLOGY (*Undergraduate Level*)

Andrew R. Eickhoff, *Bradley University*

W. Gordon Ross, *Berea College*

12:15 P.M. LUNCH, *Union Seminary Refectory*

1:45 P.M.

Presiding: J. Arthur Baird

Report on the Lilly Studies on Pre-Theological Education
Directors: Keith Bridston and Dwight Culver

3:45 P.M. BREAK

4:00 P.M.

Presiding: Ira Jay Martin, 3rd.

"Values and Religious Faith: a Consideration of the Late Otto"
Jack Boozer, *Emory University*

"Some Guide Lines to a Necessary Study of Christian Joy"
Manfred O. Meitzen, *Rocky Mountain College*

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W. D. White, *Duke University*

5:00 P.M. Council Meeting with the New Officers

6:00 P.M. DINNER, *Union Seminary Refectory*

8:00 P.M. Joint Session with the American Schools of Oriental Research and the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis

Locations of the Meetings will be posted.

Report of the NABI Self-Study Committee

Dwight Beck, Harry M. Buck, Robert Eccles, Clyde Holbrook, Leo H. Phillips,
R. V. Smith (Chairman)

The four founders of NABI in 1909 were primarily concerned to form an association of scholars whose interests centered in all the disciplines essential to the study and teaching of the Bible. The annual meetings and *The Journal of Bible and Religion*, which began publication in 1933, had four goals: (1) To encourage members to share the results of their scholarly work; (2) To establish professional standards in study and teaching; (3) To increase the spirit of fellowship among themselves and a practical development of the religious life of their students; (4) To promote publication of important papers and reviews of literature, relevant to their fields of study.

For the first quarter century of its existence the NABI's membership and its interests were rather fully defined by these goals. Over the last thirty years, however, our membership has expanded to almost 1,300, and our scholarly interests in religion and education have steadily widened. We are now an association which numbers among its members scholars who study *all aspects* of religion in its global multiforms. We have not only a national meeting each year but also several sectional meetings. The result of this change is that we must consider with great seriousness three general areas: (1) Name, (2) Function, (3) Form.

These suggestions will not be the first that have been made for changes in NABI. The original title of the association was "The Association of Biblical Instructors in American Colleges," which in 1922 was changed to "The National Association of Biblical Instructors." In 1929, 1943 and 1956 proposals were made to change this name. Your committee studied many considerations at length and wishes to offer the following observations.

1. The name suggests that the Association is interested *only in biblical* studies. Even a cursory inspection of our membership list and program topics indicates that this is not adequately descriptive. True, many of our members are primarily interested in biblical studies, but most of them also have a wider interest as well.
2. *Instructors* suggest some sort of junior status which is not characteristic of the present membership and a primary emphasis on teaching as opposed to scholarship and research. In such an association as ours it would seem that the name should be more widely descriptive of the whole function of the teacher at the college and university level.
3. *National* suggests a limited membership rather than a wide one which includes scholars and teachers in the field of religion from other nations than the U.S.A.

For purposes of guiding its thought the committee sought advice from the members of the council, regional association officers, and others. Although no clear cut mandate appeared from this limited survey, the committee agreed unanimously that it recommend to the membership that the National Association of Biblical Instructors become the American Academy of Religion.

Our grounds for selecting this name must be made clear. *American* is suggested in order to include scholars and teachers from other American colleges and universities such as those in Canada and Mexico. Although our journal circulates in 37 nations, the feeling was that such a term as *International* is not yet sufficiently realistic. *Academy* was selected in part because one of its definitions is "a society of learned men united to advance art or science." Although no one would wish to overestimate the value of this definition, it does give the term considerable usefulness. *Religion* was chosen because the committee agreed that it had a wider set of possible applications to our varying concerns than any other term.

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The suggested change of name is produced by the same concern which produced the committee. This concern was that we should expand our function so that we will effectively represent the field of religion in the widest possible way. Even though American scholarship in this field has come of considerable age, as yet no scholarly and professional society has been explicitly charged with this broad obligation. There are still a number of organizations in the field which are either concerned with a delimited area, committed to a given approach, or are invitational in membership, but there is none which sees its function as synoptic and inclusive. Specialization is valuable, but specialists in religion particularly require breadth both as persons and as responsible scholar-teachers. Through its present membership, program and journal, the NABI is already oriented to the whole field, and is therefore uniquely suited to provide adequate institutional and professional structuring for scholarship in the entire area. The committee recommends, therefore, that our name be *The American Academy of Religion*. The committee further recommends that the name of our publication continue to be *The Journal of Bible and Religion*.

It is also necessary to recognize that in the area of religion members adhere to particular faiths and that their versions of them differ greatly. The Association is not committed to any special theological view. The continuity it emphasizes is that of learning and scholarship. It is only through a broad, strong organization that the work of individual scholar-teachers from the varied dimensions of scholarship in religion, can secure maximum recognition so that interaction can be achieved which would involve scholars of all these areas. The Association will confront the world of education with the issue of the nature and purpose of educational life, and it will help to explore the bearing of 20th-century trends in religious thought upon the life of religious institutions and secular society. Through its contribution to more intelligent and humane religions-in-particular it would serve society in its professional capacity. In sum, we think such a forum as an American Academy of Religion could cope with the trilemma of commitments of faith, independence of scholarship, and public professional obligations.

In order to fulfill this function effectively the self-study committee recommends that the following possibilities be explored for the expansion of our services to the membership. First, that a permanent central office be opened to handle business of the Academy. Second, that our placement services be expanded. Third, that a Newsletter be undertaken which would include listings of vacancies, teachers available, scholarship and fellowship announcements, personal items of wide interest, teaching helps and guides, and other such items. Fourth, that a publications committee be established to investigate possible projects, such as translations and abstract series, which the Academy could undertake. Funds will be sought for these projects.

A change in form is also advisable at this time. It is difficult for an informal association to have a clear legal status and to receive and

disburse funds for projects. For these reasons we offer the material below, the necessary legal steps for the American Academy of Religion to become the successor corporation to the NABI, as a basis for discussion and action. Such an action will make it possible to provide program, publications, placement and other services to the greatly expanded membership which we confidently envisage.

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