

They sent me all these but I didn't post them because I did not know many people who I thought would pay the cost of a trip to San Diego, the cost of hotel while there and \$150 registration. Even tho its a tremendous list of speakers to speak in the course of 3 days. I don't know how many would hear all the 50 in that length of time. The conference was a success because it did pay the cost of the hermeneutics conference. The ones who planned it had a great deal more courage than I did in planning such a meeting. It worked out in that particular case. They had facilities for promotion that I would not have.

That was done for the good of bringing all these fine messages but another purpose was to get money to carry on the work of the conference. They've held smaller conferences in different parts of the country. Some have had a large attendance; some a small attendnce. There are people who are tremendously interested in hearing a discussion of this, and there are others who way, Oh we believe in inerrancy anyway, why bother to hear a disucssion on it? So it is hard to predict which would be effective and which would not. I believe on the whole the conference is doing a work that is really accomplishing to promote the Lord's cause.

The thing that is most interesting to me is the updating of the hermeneutics conference held in Chicago last November. My reaction to that is very different from my reaction to Summit I. This was Summit II. At the Hermeneutics Conference they assigned subjects to 20 different speakers. Subjects to write papers on, from 25 to 70 pages of discussion of the subject given them. Then two other people were appointed to make a response. to the paper. Then they would meet in Chicago and the paper discussed. There would be 50 people in Chicago discussing the papers and then another 50 could come as observers, on payment of a registration fee.

A man from a new seminary in Switzerland by German ppeople which is trying to train sound evangelical people for churches in Germany. This man was in this country and he was permitted to come as an observer, but he had to spend \$80 a night and it was quite an expense to those who came as observers. I did not expect to go to the conference. I would have very much liked to hear these discussions on hermeneutics but the cost of registration and expensive hotels in Chicago where the meetings were held and the cost of going back and forth, I did not expect to participate.

The papers had been assigned 2 yrs. ahead, and 6 mo. later they had been sent to their responders. The second paper was arranged in what they thought was a logical order. Paper No.2 was called Historical and Grammatical Problems. This paper gave a good understanding of the situation in the area of hermeneutics. Most of these men who are studying hermeneutics are tremendously interested in reading books like the one I mentioned: The Two Horizons. There are quite a few books written from the viewpoint of saying you can't reallyy be very sure of what the Bible means anyway! There was mention of a book written about Matthew. The author of this book gives genre criticism. Genre is a word used a good deal in books on hermeneutics which start with a very palid pink point.