

BIBLICAL NEWS

THIRD GENERAL MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION

Cincinnati, Ohio, November 4 and 5, 1939

THE REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

The annual general meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America under the patronage of His Excellency, the Most Reverend John T. McNicholas, O.P., S.T.M., Archbishop of Cincinnati, took place in Parlor I on the fourth floor of the Netherland Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, on Saturday November 4, and Sunday November 5, 1939.

The following officers of the Catholic Biblical Association were present: The Very Reverend John McHugh, O.P., President; the Reverends Donat Poulet, O.M.I., Vice-president; Edward H. Donzé, S.M., General Secretary; Mark Kennedy, O.F.M., Recording Secretary; John Steinmueller, Treasurer; the Very Reverend Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M., Consultor; the Reverends Cyril Gaul, O.S.B., Editor; Raymond Stoll, Edward Mangan, C.S.S.R., Associate Editors; Charles Pickar, O.S.A., Librarian. The Reverend Edward Arbez, S.S., Consultor, expressed his regrets at not being able to attend in person. The Chairman of the Episcopal Committee on the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, His Excellency the Most Reverend Edwin V. O'Hara, D.D., Bishop of Kansas City, graciously consented to occupy the chair on several occasions. At all other times the Very Reverend John McHugh, O.P., presided.

In the name of the Most Reverend John G. Murray, S.T.D., Archbishop of Saint Paul, who was to have presided at this session and that of the Most Reverend John T. McNicholas, O.P., S.T.M., Archbishop of Cincinnati and host to the Association, Bishop O'Hara expressed the high appreciation of these two prelates for the work that was being done and extended their regrets at not being able to attend in person.

At 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 4, the general meeting was called to order by the President, Very Rev. John McHugh, O.P. The Most Reverend Edwin V. O'Hara opened the session with prayer invoking the aid of the Holy Ghost. His presence and words lent encouragement to all in their efforts.

Before the reading of the papers scheduled for this the first session, registration for all the members present took place. The list of members present follows:

Bayer, Robert, O.M.C. Carey, Ohio	Considine, J. S., O.P. River Forest, Ill.	De Guglielmo, A., O.F.M. Lowell, Mass.
Byrne, Edward J. Rochester, N. Y.	Costello, C. J., O.M.I. Washington, D.C.	DeVine, C. F., C.S.S.R. Woodstock, Ontario
Callan, Charles J., O.P. Hawthorne, N. Y.	Cotter, A. C., S.J. Weston, Mass.	Donzé, Edward H., S.M. Washington, D. C.
Coleran, James E., S.J. Weston, Mass.	Cummins, Patrick, O.S.B. Conception, Mo.	Dougherty, J. J. Darlington, N. J.

Gaul, Cyril, O.S.B. St. Meinrad, Ind.	Mallon, Vincent, M.M. Clarks Summit, Pa.	Resch, Peter A., S.M. Kirkwood, Mo.
Grimmelsman, Henry J. (Rt. Rev.) Worthington, Ohio	Mangan, E. A., C.S.S.R. Oconomowoc, Wis.	Seraphine, E., O.F.M. Croghan, N. Y.
Gruenthaner, M. J., S.J. St. Mary's, Kans.	Meyer, Albert G. St. Francis, Wis.	Shine, William A. Cincinnati, Ohio
Guilfoyle, Charles, C.P. Cincinnati, Ohio	Metzler, Rupert M. Covington, Ky.	Singleton, Francis X. Clovis, Calif. (Fresno.)
Hartdegen, S., O.F.M. Washington, D. C.	Mollaun, R., O.F.M. Oldenburg, Ind.	Siegman, E. F., C.P.P.S. Carthagena, Ohio
Hanley, John G. Trenton, Ontario	Murphy, R. T., O.P. Washington, D. C.	Skehan, Patrick W. Washington, D. C.
Hertvik, W., O.M.C. Carey, Ohio	McClellan, W. H., S.J. Woodstock, Md.	Smith, Eustace, O.F.M. St. Bonaventure, N. Y.
Heupler, C. G., O.M.CAP. Washington, D. C.	McGlynn, F. H., C.S.Sp. Ferndale, Conn.	Smyth, Kevin, O.M.CAP. Marathon, Wis.
Hodous, Edward J., S.J. West Baden, Ind.	McHugh, John A., O.P. Hawthorne, N. Y.	Stapleton, Matthew P. Brighton, Mass.
Hofer, Maurice A. Worthington, Ohio	McNamara, Elmer A. Rochester, N. Y.	Steinmueller, John E. Huntington, L. I., N. Y.
Kennedy, Mark, O.F.M. Washington, D. C.	Newton, William L. Washington, D. C.	Stenz, John B. Cincinnati, Ohio
Kronlage, Camillus, C.P. Louisville, Ky.	Pickar, C. H., O.S.A. Washington, D. C.	Stoll, Raymond F. Cincinnati, Ohio
Kugelman, Richard, C.P. Baltimore, Md.	Plassmann, T., O.F.M. St. Bonaventure, N. Y.	Thuis, Columban, O.S.B., Rt. Rev.
Kutchera, Alvin Madison, Wis.	Poulet, Donat, O.M.I. Ottawa, Canada	St. Benedict, La.
Le Houllier, A., O.M.I. So. Natick, Mass.	Reilly, W. Stephen, S.S. Baltimore, Md.	Yungfleisch, Simon, C.P. Union City, N. J.

The following are the titles of the papers read at the morning session:

The Criterion of New Testament Inspiration, Reverend Kevin Smyth, O.M.Cap.; Discussion Leader, Reverend Anthony C. Cotter, S.J.

The Nature of the Priestly Vocation from the New Testament, Reverend John G. Hanley; Discussion Leader, Reverend W. Stephen Reilly, S.S.

Papal Directions for Teaching of Scripture in the Seminary, Reverend William L. Newton; Discussion Leader, Reverend Cyril Gaul, O.S.B.

At twelve noon on Saturday, November 4, 1939, the first session recessed to take luncheon which was served in the same parlor. This luncheon partook of the nature of a social function for the members who renewed old and contracted new associations.

At two-thirty in the afternoon of Saturday the second session was called to order. In the absence of His Excellency the Most Reverend John T. McNicholas, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati, who was unavoidably detained elsewhere, the Most Reverend Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City presided.

The titles of the papers read at this session follow:

Jeremias as Test Case in Text Transmission, Reverend Patrick Cummins, O.S.B.; Discussion Leader, Rt. Rev. Henry J. Grimmelsman.

Some English Idioms in the English Bible, Very Reverend Charles J. Callan, O.P.; Discussion Leader, Reverend John F. Rowan, by proxy.

The Origins of Old Testament Sacrifice, Reverend James E. Coleran, S.J.; Discussion Leader, Very Reverend John A. McHugh, O.P.

The discussion carried on in a friendly and scholarly fashion elicited the admiration of all, especially of His Excellency the Most Reverend Edwin V. O'Hara chairman of the Episcopal Committee on the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

The Saturday afternoon session, November 4, 1939, was brought to a close by the election of officers. Father Matthew P. Stapleton of the Nominating Committee prefaced the nominations with a few remarks reminding the body of electors consisting of all the members present that anyone individually was entitled to propose a nomination from the floor. The following were proposed and unanimously elected:

President: The Reverend Joseph L. Lilly, C.M., of St. Thomas' Seminary, Denver, Colorado.

Vice-president: The Reverend Myles M. McAndrew, S.S., of St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, California.

General Secretary: The Reverend Edward Donzé, S.M., of the Marist College and the Catholic University, Washington, D. C.

Recording Secretary: The Reverend Charles J. Costello, O.M.I., of the Oblate Scholasticate, Washington, D. C.

Treasurer: The Reverend John Steinmueller, of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, L. I., New York.

Editor: The Reverend Cyril Gaul, O.S.B., of Saint Meinrad Seminary, Saint Meinrad, Ind.

Associate Editors: The Reverend Edward J. Hodous, S.J., West Baden College, West Baden, Ind., and the Reverend Charles F. DeVine, C.S.S.R., of St. Alphonsus Seminary, Woodstock, Ontario, Canada.

Librarian: The Reverend Charles Pickar, O.S.A., of the Augustinian College, Washington, D. C.

Nominating Committee: The Reverend Simon Yungfleisch, C.P., of St. Michael's Monastery, Union City, New Jersey, Chairman; the Reverend Aloys H. Dirksen, C.P.P.S., of St. Joseph's College, Collegeville, Indiana (for one year); the Reverend Patrick Cummins, O.S.B., of Conception Abbey, Conception, Mo. (for two years.); the Reverend John G. Hanley, of St. Peter's Church, Trenton, Ontario, Canada (for two years).

This session was closed Saturday evening, November 4, 1939, about five o'clock, with the election of officers and with a call to the Boards

of Revisors of both Testaments with their Editors and the Editors of *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* to meet on Sunday morning, November 5, at nine o'clock, in the same hall.

On Sunday morning, November 5, at nine o'clock, in Parlor I of the Netherland Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati, as pre-arranged, the Board of Revisors of both the Old and the New Testament and the respective Editors of all departments met in joint session under the presidency of His Excellency the Most Reverend Edwin V. O'Hara, D.D., Bishop of Kansas City.

This session closed about a quarter to eleven to enable the members to attend the Solemn Pontifical Mass in the beautiful new cathedral of St. Monica in Cincinnati sung by a choir of three hundred and seventy voices at eleven A.M., November 5. The Archbishop of Cincinnati, His Excellency, the Most Reverend John T. McNicholas, O.P., S.T.M., presided at the throne. The Pontifical Mass was celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Reverend George J. Rehring, S.T.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati. The preacher of the occasion was His Excellency, the Most Reverend Francis J. Spellman, D.D., Archbishop of New York.

At two o'clock on Sunday afternoon, November 5, 1939, the members of the Catholic Biblical Association of America assembled in the Lecture Room adjoining Parlor I, fourth floor of the Netherland Plaza, to hear the presidential address of the Very Reverend John A. McHugh, O.P., the retiring president, and to conduct the business meeting attendant on the general meeting. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Kansas City, presided at this final session.

The President of the Association, the Very Reverend John A. McHugh, O.P., S.T.M., was pleased to point with pride to the completion of the first year of our publication, *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, and to the near publication of the revised New Testament. Harking back in his address to the twin sources of Revelation, Tradition and the Sacred Scriptures, he pointed out how Tradition and that Apostolic under the guidance of the infallible Magisterium of the Church handed down to us the Sacred Writings. It was his wish that our English speaking people would once more, now as in the past, become great lovers and readers of the Written Word of God. He reminded all present how it was the wish of the Fathers of the Council of Baltimore for every Catholic home to possess a copy of the Bible—a need which our Association hopes to fill in due time.

Following this address the agenda on the list called for the reports of the various departments.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY: The Reverend Edward Donzé, S.M., as General Secretary of the Biblical Association, submitted his

report to the assembled members. He first read the messages of the Bishops commending the work of the Association. Then he informed the members of the acceptance by telegram of the office of President by the Very Reverend Joseph L. Lilly, C.M. Great applause greeted the Bishops' encouraging messages and this announcement of acceptance.

In his report Father Donzé stressed the increase in membership this year (total number of members 602) due, in his estimation, to personal contacts. There are now, to date, one hundred and fifty active members. Seventy members of the hierarchy are enrolled among the patrons, life members, and associate members.

On reading the list of new active members selected by the Membership Committee, as required by the by-laws, the General Secretary moved that all on the list be accepted. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously. On explaining that there were a few whose credentials were not yet examined and on a motion put forward by the Reverend Edward J. Byrne which was seconded and passed, the General Secretary was authorized to accept these proposed members, should their credentials warrant it.

In the midst of this report His Excellency, the Most Reverend Edwin V. O'Hara, D.D., Bishop of Kansas City, whose presence was demanded elsewhere, arose and in the name of the Episcopal Committee on the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine presented photostatic copies of the Carafa Codex to the revisors. He expressed the approval of all the Bishops for the splendid work both of the Association as such and for the labors of its members who were revising the Bible. A rising vote of thanks was given to His Excellency on his concluding remarks.

The General Secretary then stressed an appeal for new members in order to carry on the work. He sought suggestions for the Program Committee. Father McClellan suggested sending out small folders describing the Quarterly as an effective means of bringing it to the notice of scholars and the public—a suggestion favorably received by the General Secretary and the members. With a word of exhortation Father Donzé concluded his report.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: The Reverend John E. Steinmueller, Treasurer of the Association, submitted an account in full of the credits and debits of the organization for the fiscal year October 1, 1938, to November 1, 1939. This account which is on file showed a working balance of about \$1,000.00 with a reserve fund drawn from patrons to the amount of about \$2,000.00 which is to be set aside as a Trust Fund.

To have an ever ready system of accounting at hand, Father Steinmueller proposed a resolution which was seconded and passed, namely: Resolved that the Association authorize the Treasurer. Father Stein-

mueller, to deposit the funds of the Association with the Huntington Bank of Huntington, L. I., New York, with powers of drawing cheques on the aforesaid Bank. The resolution as drawn up was to be signed for the bank files by the General Secretary, Reverend Edward Donzé, who was authorized so to do.

THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL QUARTERLY DISCUSSED: The next topic of discussion on the agenda was *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*. Father Donzé reported that to secure the privileges of second class mail for the Quarterly, the Government insisted on a split fee for membership apart from the subscription price. This raised a discussion.

After discussing the proper ratio for the division between membership fee and subscription price, a resolution was offered by Father Donzé as follows: Resolved that the subscription rates be lower than that of membership dues. This motion was seconded and passed. A list of the associate members is to be published.

The question of offering a lower subscription price to students was placed before the house. A motion was made by Father Pickar to appoint Fathers Donzé, Gaul, McClellan, Steinmueller, and Reilly as a committee to settle the price question. This motion was seconded and passed approving thereby the above mentioned committee.

The matter of exchanges came up for discussion too.

PROJECTED WORK—Translation of Foreign Books; Preparation of Commentaries: The last item listed for the business session fell under the heading of projected work. a.) Father Steinmueller gave a report on certain offers advanced by a German publishing company to translate some German works. This offer did not materialize though the members showed a willingness for this work. b.) Father Pickar explained the questionnaire sent out to members on the matter of scientific commentaries as being in line with Prospects of the Association from the beginning. (Cfr. The pamphlet entitled "The Catholic Biblical Association of America" of January 1938. Page 12.) Twenty-six members answered. This question of scientific commentaries independent of the revised version and its accompanying volume of practical commentaries brought forth various opinions from the floor. Fathers Callan, McClellan, Newton, Plassmann, Skehan, Reilly, and Cummins gave their opinions. Finally a resolution was moved by Father Skehan as follows: Resolved that the members assembled go on record as generally disposed to further this project of scientific commentaries. This motion was seconded and passed.

AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS: Looking ahead to possible vacancies in office, the Reverend Edward J. Byrne offered a resolution to take care of such eventualities. This resolution was placed before the floor in the absence of Fathr Byrne by Father Costello. Subsequent dis-

cussions by Fathers McClellan and Plassmann led to the modification of the resolution as follows: Resolved that in case of vacancy of office, the Executive Board shall elect a member to fill the vacancy. This resolution was seconded and passed unanimously.

Concerning the place and time of the next general meeting it was unanimously resolved that the determination of the place and time for the next general meeting be placed in the hands of the Executive Board.

As there were no further suggestions from the floor, it was resolved to bring the general meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America at the Netherland Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio, held on November 4 and 5, 1939, to a close.

MARK KENNEDY, O.F.M.
Recording Secretary

The Revision of the New Testament is rapidly nearing completion. At the present time the printer's proofs are circulating among the revisors and the Editorial Board for the final editing. In view of the work accomplished, it is very likely that the Revision will be published in the early fall.

As the Catholic University of America brought to a close its golden jubilee year, November 11, 1939, singular honors were paid to Msgr. Henri Hyvernât, S.T.D., Litt.D. Msgr. Hyvernât is the last survivor of the original faculty of the University, established in Washington, D. C., November 11, 1889. During the past fifty years he has been professor of Biblical Archaeology and the Semitic and Egyptian languages. It is chiefly due to his efforts that the University's Library possesses one of the most outstanding collections of books on biblical and oriental literature in this country. Dr. Hyvernât is well known for his important contributions to scientific periodicals.