

FOURTH GENERAL MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION

TORONTO, CANADA, AUGUST 27 AND 28, 1940

The annual meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America under the patronage of His Excellency, the Most Rev. James C. McGuigan, D.D., Archbishop of Toronto, was held at Toronto, Canada, August 27 and 28, 1940. The Association made its headquarters at the King Edward Hotel, but held its sessions at the Medieval Institute of Saint Michael's College, Toronto University, and at St. Augustine's Seminary.

Registration for the General Meeting began Monday, August 26, at seven P.M. at the King Edward Hotel and at eight A.M., Tuesday, at the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, Toronto University.

The sessions opened with Low Mass at 9 A.M. in the beautiful chapel of the Newman Hall, Toronto University. The Celebrant was the Most Reverend Archbishop of Toronto. The Chancel Choir of St. Michael's Cathedral, under the direction of Rev. J. E. Ronan, M.C.G., L.C.S.C., sang appropriate music.

At ten A.M. the morning session was called to order by the President, Rev. Joseph L. Lilly, C.M., who also congratulated the Very Rev. Charles J. Callan, O.P., on his appointment as Consultor of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

The Association was honored by the presence of two Archbishops at its sessions, namely Archbishop McGuigan who acted as a most provident and generous host, and Archbishop M. J. O'Brien, D.D., Kingston, Ontario. It was likewise honored by the presence of three Bishops, namely The Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, D.D., of Kansas City, Mo.; Most Rev. John Thomas Kidd, D.D., of London, Ontario; and the Most Rev. F. P. Carroll, D.D., of Calgary, Alberta.

The Fourth General Meeting in Toronto was the largest in enrolment thus far. Besides those who registered and whose names are listed below there are others of the Canadian Clergy who attended the various sessions of the General Meeting. The following members were present:

Allen, Francis
Toronto, Ont.
Brennan, Msgr. E. M.,
D.P., V.G.
Toronto, Ont.
Byrne, Edward J.
Rochester, N. Y.
Byrne, Leo J.
Kingston, Ontario
Callan, Charles, O.P.
Hawthorne, N. Y.
Clair, James M.
Barrie, Ontario

Coleran, James, S.J.
Weston, Mass.
Collins, John, S.J.
Weston, Mass.
Considine, J. S., O.P.
Fiver Forest, Ill.
Costello, Chas., O.M.I.
Washington, D.C.
Crossland, Edward
Richmond Hill, Ont.
Cummins, Patrick, O.S.B.
Conception, Mo.

Donzé, Edward, S.M.
Washington, D.C.
Dougherty, John
Darlington, N. J.
Flynn, Leo
London, Ont.
Galvin, P. J.
Grafton, Ont.
Garant, Charles O.,
Quebec, Quebec
Gaul, Cyril, O.S.B.
St. Meinrad, Ind.

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| Glimm, Francis
Brooklyn, N. Y. | McGinley, L. J., S.J.,
Woodstock, Md. | Reilly, W. S., S.S.
Baltimore, Md. |
| Gruenthaner, M. J., S.J.
St. Mary's, Kans. | McHenry, Joseph
Toronto, Ont. | Rowan, John F.
Overbrook, Pa. |
| Guyot, Gilmore, C.M.
St. Louis, Mo. | McHugh, John, O.P.
Hawthorne, N. Y. | Ryder, Thomas, C.S.P.
Toronto, Ont. |
| Hanley, John G.
Trenton, Ont. | McNamara, Elmer
Rochester, N. Y. | Seraphin, Eugene, O.F.M.
Croghan, N. Y. |
| Hartdegen, S., O.F.M.
Washington, D. C. | Mallon, Vincent, M.M.
Clarks Summit, Pa. | Siegman, E. F., C.P.P.S.
Carthage, Ohio |
| Hartman, L., C.S.S.R.
Esopus, N. Y. | Mangan, E., C.S.S.R.
Oconomowoc, Wis. | Skehan, Patrick
Washington, D. C. |
| Heupler, C., O.F.M.Cap.
Westerville, Ohio | Martin, G. T.
Deseronto, Ont. | Sloane, Charles
Yonkers, N. Y. |
| Hodous, Edward, S.J.
West Baden, Ind. | Morin, Clement, S.S.
Montreal, Quebec | Smyth, Kevin, O.F.M.Cap.
Marathon, Wis. |
| Kelly, Thomas
Cleveland, Ohio | Murphy, Richard, O.P.
Washington, D. C. | Stapleton, Matthew
Brighton, Mass. |
| Kennedy, Mark, O.F.M.
Washington, D. C. | Newton, Msgr. William
Washington, D. C. | Steinmueller, John
Huntington, N. Y. |
| Kugelman, Richard, C.P.
Brighton, Mass. | O'Brien, Marcus
Latrobe, Pa. | Sweeney, John X., S.J.
Woodstock, Md. |
| LeHoullier, A., O.M.I.
Natick, Mass. | O'Connor, Dennis
Toronto, Ont. | Temple, Patrick J.
New Rochelle, N. Y. |
| Lilly, Joseph, C.M.
Denver, Colo. | Pelletier, George
Quebec, Quebec | Temple, Thomas F.
Katonah, N. Y. |
| McAndrew, Miles, S.S.,
Menlo Park, Cal. | Pickar, Charles, O.S.A.
Washington, D. C. | Trepanier, Benoit
Three Rivers, Canada |
| Levesque, Louis,
Rimouski, Quebec | Plassmann, T., O.F.M.,
St. Bonaventure, N. Y. | Ujlaki, John, O.S.B.
Latrobe, Pa. |
| McClellan, William, S.J.
Woodstock, Md. | Poulet, Donat, O.M.I.
Ottawa, Ont. | Wyllu, William, C.S.S.R.
Woodstock, Ont. |
| McConnell, J. F., M.M.,
Maryknoll, N. Y. | Rehwinkel, C. A., O.F.M.
Teutopolis, Ill. | Yungfleisch, Simon, C.P.
Union City, N. J. |

The papers read on Tuesday at the sessions held in the Pontifical Institute of the Medieval Studies, Toronto University were as follows:

10. A.M.

The Prophecy of Balaam (Numbers 24:25-19). Rev. Gilmore H. Guyot, C.M., Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. DISCUSSION LEADER: Rev. Leo Flynn, St. Peter's Seminary, London, Ontario.

Isaias as a Font of Jewish Piety in Hellenistic Alexandria: Rev. Patrick W. Skehan, Catholic University, Washington, D. C. DISCUSSION LEADER: Rev. Charles Omer Garant, Laval University, Quebec.

The Ras Shamra texts and the Hebrew Festival of Mazsoth: Rev. John P. Dougherty, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, New Jersey. DISCUSSION LEADER: Rev. Richard T. Murphy, O.P., Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C.

At noon luncheon was served in the refectory of St. Michael's College, Toronto University.

2.00 P.M.

Dominus Deus Sabaoth: Rev. William H. McClellan, S.J. Woodstock College, Woodstock, Maryland. DISCUSSION LEADER: Rev. Donat Poulet, O.M.I., University Seminary, Ottawa.

Rhythm, Hebrew and English: Rev. Patrick Cummins, O.S.B., Conception Abbey, Conception, Mo. DISCUSSION LEADER: Rev. Wendell S. Reilly, S.S., St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md.

Textual Study of Psalm 72:24: Rev. Edward F. Crossland, Toronto, Ont. DISCUSSION LEADER: Rev. Miles M. McAndrew, S.S., St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, Calif.

After the meeting the members went on a bus tour of the west end of the city and then returned to the King Edward Hotel.

7:30 P.M.

In the evening at 7:30 a meeting of the Board of Revisors was held at the King Edward Hotel, which meeting was presided over by His Excellency, Edwin V. O'Hara, D.D.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Wm. Newton reported on the progress of the Revision of the New Testament and informed the members that the galley proofs of three of the Gospels have appeared and that the whole of the New Testament should be in the hands of the booksellers in the late Spring. He urged all members of the Association to give publicity to the forthcoming publication of the Revised New Testament.

Rev. Charles Pickar, O.S.A., reported on the work of the revision of the Old Testament. Twenty-eight revisors have done a rough draft of their respective texts and some have also made a rough draft of notes. He also reported that one book is completely done, and that it was decided to print the Minor Prophets for private circulation as was done with St. John's Gospel. Dr. Newton is the revisor of five of the Minor Prophets.

At the meeting of the Board of Revisors some further principles of revision for the Old Testament were discussed and agreed upon.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

On Wednesday at 9.15 A.M. buses left the King Edward Hotel for St. Augustine's Seminary, Kingston Road. When the members reached the beautiful seminary grounds and buildings, they were cordially greeted by the Rector of the Seminary, Monsignor E. M. Brennan, D.D., V.G.

10 A.M.

The morning sessions began at 10. A.M. with Discussion and Demonstrations of Visual Aids in the Teaching of Scripture: Rev. Stephen Hartdegen, O.F.M., Holy Name College, Washington, D. C.

The Business Meeting then followed. The Rev. Edward Donzé, S.M., General Secretary, gave his report and stated that the Association has 659 members of which 572 had paid dues. The Committee on Member-

ship submitted a list of new Active Members, and the same was approved by the members present.

The report of the Treasurer was then read and this was followed by the report of Msgr. Newton on the work of Revision.

The following were elected active members of the Association, upon recommendation of the Membership Committee:

- Rev. Robert Bayer, O.M.C., Carey, Ohio
- Rev. J. V. Burke, C.S.B., Toronto, Ontario
- Rev. Walter M. Duffy, O.M.C., Washington, D. C.
- Rev. John J. Galvin, S.S., Kenmore, Washington
- Rev. Louis Leveque, Quebec, P.Q.
- Rev. Lawrence J. McGinley, S.J., Woodstock, Maryland
- Rev. Clement Morin, S.S., Montreal, P.Q.
- Rev. Adonias Ouimet, S.S., Montreal, P.Q.
- Rev. John B. Scheper, Little Rock, Arkansas
- Rev. Peter A. Schmitt, Washington, D. C.
- Rev. Benoit Trepanier, Trois-Riviere
- Rev. Claude P. Zens, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Under Old Business the Meeting went on record as favoring the publication of a series of scientific Commentaries on Holy Scripture. A motion by Msgr. Newton that the Association appoint a Committee to study ways and means of promoting a series of scientific Commentaries was seconded by Fr. J. Dougherty. The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Fr. Hartdegen to establish a library of Scriptural slides for use as visual aids in the teaching of Scripture. The motion was seconded by Fr. Hartman and unanimously passed. Frs. Hartdegen, Steinmueller, and Dougherty were appointed to serve on the Committee.

It was voted to extend an invitation, when conditions permitted, to the Very Rev. J. M. Vosté, O.P., Secretary of the Pontifical Biblical Commission to address a General Meeting of the Association. A motion was passed empowering the Executive Board to spend the money necessary for Fr. Vosté's travel to and from America. Power was also voted to the Executive Board to invite any other great scriptural authorities to address General Meetings of the Association.

It was announced that the next meeting would take place in November, 1941, at Philadelphia in conjunction with the National Convention of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. His Excellency Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara extended a cordial invitation to all the members to attend.

The Rev. Miles McAndrew reported on the Regional Meeting to be held in Los Angeles, and invited all who possibly could to attend. It

was voted to send Rev. Edward Donzé, S.M., General Secretary, to represent the Association at the Regional Meeting.

It was also voted that the Association would sponsor the publication of a book of Gospels and Epistles for Sundays and Holydays. The text will follow that of the revised New Edition of the New Testament and for the Old Testament the current Douay text. This publication has the authorisation of His Excellency, Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara, D.D., and will appear next Spring.

The final business was the report of the Committee on Nominations. The following were proposed and unanimously elected: President, Rev. Edward J. Byrne, Ph.D., S.T.D.; Professor of Scripture, St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.; Vice President, Rev. Richard J. Dobell, M.A., Professor of Scripture at St. Augustine's, Toronto; General Secretary, Rev. Edward Donzé, S.M., S.S.L., of the Catholic University, Washington, D. C.; Recording Secretary, Rev. C. G. Heupler, O.F.M.Cap., St. Paul's Monastery, Westerville, Ohio; Treasurer, Rev. John Steinmueller, D.D., S.S.L., Huntington, N. Y.; Editor, Rev. Cyril Gaul, O.S.B., St. Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, Indiana; Associate Editors, Rev. Edward J. Houdous, S.J., West Baden, Ind., and Rev. Patrick W. Skehan, Catholic University, Washington, D. C.; Librarian, Rev. Charles Pickar, O.S.A., Augustinian College, Washington, D. C.; Nominating Committee: Rev. Patrick Cummins, O.S.B., Conception, Mo., Chairman; Rev. John G. Hanley, Trenton, Ontario, Rev. J. S. Considine, O.P., Dominican House, River Forest, Ill., and Rev. L. Hartman, C.S.S.R., Esopus, N. Y.

The business meeting was followed by luncheon at Saint Augustine's Seminary, at which the members of the Association were guests of the Seminary in the observance of the feast of St. Augustine. It was also the 72nd birthday of Bishop Kidd, first Rector of the Seminary. His Excellency, Archbishop McGuigan brought the fact to the attention of the members of the Association in a gracious tribute to Bishop Kidd, who in turn responded to the kind words of Archbishop McGuigan.

After luncheon Msgr. E. Brennan presided at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Seminary Chapel. The Benediction hymns were sung by the members of the Association.

2 P.M.

The afternoon session was held at 2 P.M. The following papers were read:

The Possibility of Mistakes Made by the Greek Translator of the Aramaic Gospel of St. Matthew: Rev. Louis Hartman, C.S.S.R., Mt. St. Alphonsus, Esopus, N. Y. DISCUSSION LEADER: Rev. John F. McConnell, M.M., Maryknoll College, Maryknoll, N. Y.

St. Paul's Rabbinic Exegesis: Rev. John J. Collins, S.J., Weston College, Weston, Mass. DISCUSSION LEADER: Rev. Charles J. Costello, O.M.I., Washington, D. C.

These papers were followed by the Presidential Address given by Rev. Joseph L. Lilly, C.M., St. Thomas Seminary, Denver, Colo.

A motion was then made and passed that Archbishop McGuigan, who had done so much to make the Fourth General Meeting of the Association such a signal one, be made an Honorary Patron of the Association.

A motion was also made and passed to give a vote of thanks to St. Augustine's Seminary for the splendid hospitality shown to the members of the Association. The Meeting then adjourned and a group picture was taken in front of St. Augustine's Seminary. Buses took the members to the King Edward Hotel, where the Fourth General Meeting of the Biblical Association was brought to a close with a dinner at 7 P.M. in the Alexandria Room.

7 P.M.

At this dinner, presided over by Archbishop James McGuigan, the members of the Association were joined by the clergy of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The speakers were His Excellency, Most Rev. Archbishop James McGuigan, D.D., His Excellency, Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Kansas City and Chairman of the Episcopal Committee on the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine; His Excellency, Most Rev. Francis D. Carroll, D.D., Bishop of Calgary, Alberta; and Rev. Joseph L. Lilly, C.M., President of the Association.

Particularly practical was the address of His Excellency, Bishop Carroll, who was able to draw from the experience of many successful years in the teaching of Scripture to give timely counsel to the members now continuing the work he loved so well. This address was printed in *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* of October, 1940. His Excellency travelled many miles and at considerable inconvenience to himself to give the members the encouragement of his presence and the inspiration of his words.

His Eminence Cardinal Rodrigue Villeneuve, O.M.I., Archbishop of Quebec sent the following telegram.

August 27, 1940

Catholic Biblical Association
King Edward Hotel, Toronto

I am happy to express to your meeting my cordial congratulations and wishes for success of works so important particularly nowadays stop regret I cannot personally attend meeting two priests represent diocese.

Cardinal Villeneuve.

Letters from Archbishop Vachon of Ottawa, Ont., and Bishop Doni-
hee Couturier, O.P., of Alexandria, Ont., were also read.

Great credit for the success of the Toronto meeting is due to the
members of the Program Committee: Rev. Joseph L. Lilly, C.M.,
Very Rev. Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M., Rev. Edward P. Arbez, S.S.,
Rev. Edward H. Donzé, S.M., Rev. Cyril Gaul, O.S.B., and to the Com-
mittee on Local Arrangements: Rev. Richard J. Dobell, Rev. Edward
F. Crossland, and Rev. J. V. Burke, C.S.B.

To His Excellency Archbishop McGuigan the Association is deeply
indebted for his gracious invitation to hold the Fourth Annual Meeting
in Toronto, for his personal kindness to the individual members, for
the generous gift of his time and services and for the many things
he did to make the Toronto meeting the great success it was.

Charles J. Costello, O.M.I., S.T.D.

Washington, D. C.