

FIFTH GENERAL MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America under the patronage of His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, was held at Philadelphia, Pa., November 15 and 16, 1941. The Association made its headquarters at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel.

The Association was honored by the presence of the Most Reverend Ralph L. Hayes, D.D., Rector, North American College, Rome, and the Most Reverend Constantine Bohachevsky, D.D., Bishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Diocese, Philadelphia, both of whom presided over the deliberations of the Association; it was likewise honored by the presence of the Most Reverend Edwin O'Hara, D.D., Bishop of Kansas City, Chairman of the Episcopal Committee, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Most Reverend John G. Murray, S.T.D., Archbishop of St. Paul, the Most Reverend Charles D. White, Bishop of Spokane, and the Most Reverend Anthony Schuler, S.J., Bishop of El Paso.

The Fifth General Meeting was the best attended in the history of the Association. Besides those who registered and whose names are listed below the Association was honored by the presence of guests from the clergy.

The following members were present:

Arbez, Edward P., S.S. Washington, D. C.	Costello, C. J., O.M.I. Washington, D. C.	Gruenthaner, M., S.J. St. Mary's, Kans.
Bandas, Rudolph G. St. Paul, Minn.	Cummins, P., O.S.B. Conception, Mo.	Hanley, John C., Trenton, Ont., Can.
Barry, W. T., C.S.S.R. Esopus, N. Y.	DeGuglielmo, A., O.F.M. Lowell, Mass.	Hartdegen, S., O.F.M. Washington, D. C.
Bierberg, R., C.P.P.S. Washington, D. C.	DeVine, C. F., C.S.S.R. Woodstock, Canada	Hartman, L., C.S.S.R. Esopus, N. Y.
Brunet, Achille, S.J. Montreal, Can.	Donovan, V. J., C.P. Washington, D. C.	Heenan, John J., S.J. Philadelphia, Pa.
Byrne, Edward J. Rochester, N. Y.	Donzé, E. H., S.M., Washington, D. C.	Heupler, C., O.F.M.Cap. Westerville, Ohio
Callan, Charles J., O.P. Hawthorne, N. Y.	Dougherty, John J. Darlington, N. J.	Hodous, Edward, S.J. West Baden, Ind.
Cerny, Edward A., S.S. Baltimore, Md.	Duffy, Walter, O.M.C. Rensselaer, N. Y.	Kennedy, Mark, O.F.M. Washington, D. C.
Christopher, J. S. Darlington, N. J.	Folliard, Cyprian, C.P. Washington, D. C.	Koch, Rt. Rev. Alfred Latrobe, Pa.
Coleran, James E., S.J. Weston, Mass.	Foerster, R. J. L., C.P. Union City, N. J.	Kugelman, R., C.P. Union City, N. J.
Collins, John J., S.J. Weston, Mass.	Galus, Walter J., C.R. Washington, D. C.	Louis, Conrad, O.S.B. Washington, D. C.
Considine, J. S., O.P. River Forest, Ill.	Gaul, Cyril, O.S.B. St. Meinrad, Ind.	LeHoullier, A., O.M.I. So. Natick, Mass.

McClellan, W. H., S.J. Woodstock, Md.	Murphy, Richard, O.P. Washington, D. C.	Seraphin, E., O.F.M. Croghan, N. Y.
McConnell, John, M.M. Maryknoll, N. Y.	Newton, William L. Cleveland, Ohio	Siegman, E., C.P.P.S. Carthagena, Ohio
McEvoy, John A., S.J. Weston, Mass.	O'Donnell, J. Emmitsburg, Md.	Skehan, Patrick W. Washington, D. C.
McGinley, L. J., S.J. Woodstock, Md.	Peters, Edward, C.S.P. Washington, D. C.	Sloane, Charles O. Yonkers, N. Y.
McGlinchey, J., C.M. Northampton, Pa.	Pickar, Charles, O.S.A. Washington, D. C.	Smith, Eustace J. St. Bonaventure, N.Y.
McGlynn, F., C.S.Sp. Norwalk, Conn.	Plassmann, T., O.F.M. St. Bonaventure, N.Y.	Smyth, K., O.F.M.Cap. Marathon, Wis.
McHugh, John A., O.P. Hawthorne, N. Y.	Poirier, L., O.F.M. Montreal, Canada	Stapleton, Matthew P. Brighton, Mass.
McKenzie, John L., S.J. Weston, Mass.	Poulet, Donat, O.M.I. Ottawa, Canada	Steinmueller, John E. Huntington, N. Y.
Mallon, Vincent, M.M. Clarks Summit, Pa.	Przedziecki, Joseph J. Darlington, N. J.	Tennant, Joseph Huntington, N. Y.
McNamara, Elmer Rochester, N. Y.	Reilly, Wendell S., S.S. Baltimore, Md.	Weisengoff, J. P. Washington, D. C.
Mangan, E. A., C.S.S.R. Oconomowoc, Wisc.	Rooney, Gerard, C.P. Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.	Yungfleisch, S., C.P. W. Springfield, Mass.
Martin, L. W., C.M. Washington, D. C.	Rowan, John F. Philadelphia, Pa.	

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

10:00 A.M. The morning session was called to order by the President, Rev. Edward J. Byrne, S.T.D., who congratulated the assembled members who had made such sacrifice of time and money to insure the success of the Fifth General Meeting of the Association.

Presiding: The Most Reverend Ralph L. Hayes, D.D., Rector, The North American College, Rome; *The Place of the Sacred Scriptures in Ecclesiastical Studies*, a discussion led by Rev. John P. Weisengoff, Catholic University, Washington, D. C.

The speaker presented a brief though comprehensive epitome of the theoretical place of Sacred Scripture in the seminary. He touched upon Sacred Scripture as a source of revealed doctrine; Sacred Scripture in the theological formation of the Fathers; the papal pronouncements on the importance of Sacred Scripture in the theological formation of priests. The speaker deplored the fact that, for some reason, the prevailing method of imparting theological knowledge apparently fails to inoculate men with the spirit of the Sacred Scriptures. Doctor Weisengoff provoked lively discussion when treating of the importance accorded Sacred Scripture in the seminary course. A very spirited discussion centered about the question: "Have we over-emphasized reason and de-emphasized Sacred Scripture?" A prime requisite, as all agreed, for reinstating Sacred Scripture into its rightful place is

the proper training of theologians in the sacred text. The speaker suggested that the speculative theology course be divorced from that of positive theology; the one to be supervised by a philosopher of theology, the other by a trained scripturist; furthermore, that the hours now devoted to theology be divided between the two courses. Time did not permit the discussion of the method of treating biblical theology. A digest of this discussion was given in the Quarterly for January, 1941.

2:00 P. M. *The New Testament in Our Colleges* by Rev. Eustace Smith, O.F.M., St. Bonaventure's Seminary, St. Bonaventure, N. Y. In the absence of the Most Reverend Daniel P. Desmond, D.D., Bishop of Alexandria, who was to preside over the session, the second session was opened with prayer by Rev. Edward J. Byrne, President of the Association. Rev. Eustace Smith, O.F.M., emphatically recommended the historical approach as the best means to impart to students the message of the New Testament. The prepared discussion that followed under the direction of Rev. Edward A. Mangan, C.S.S.R., Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, Wisc., brought to light the woeful lack of biblical knowledge among our Catholic college students. Application of the method suggested by Rev. Eustace Smith, O.F.M., will definitely improve the situation.

Demonstration of Visual Aids in the Teaching of Scripture by Rev. John J. Dougherty, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N. J. This proved to be an interesting and welcome message to the assembled members; the slides shown as well as the accompanying lecture were prepared by the speaker and donated to the Visual Aid Department established by the Association. This first series of slides and a catalogue of the titles are ready for distribution among the members of the Association. Father Dougherty reported on the work of the Committee on Visual Aids, outlined the plans for the future, and demonstrated the practicality of visual aids in the classroom. This service of the Association is gratis to the members.

4:30 P.M. Business Meeting. The Rev. Edward H. Donzé, S.M., General Secretary, reported that the Association has now been incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia through the generous services of Caesar L. Aiello, Esq. The observance of Biblical Sunday was suggested to the American Hierarchy through the officers of the Association. The revised New Testament has become the accepted text in the United States of America. Membership roll of the Association now numbers 671.

The General Secretary commented the efforts made by William H. Sadlier, New York, to increase the number of the members.

The Rev. John E. Steinmueller, Treasurer, reported the year's receipts as \$6,720.51. The year's expenses were \$2,386.96. Including a

special gift presented this day through Bishop O'Hara, there was on hand a balance of \$19,470.17.

After this very favorable report of the Treasurer, the Most Reverend Edwin V. O'Hara, D.D., Bishop of Kansas City, Chairman of the Episcopal Committee, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, informed the Association that sufficient paper had been bought to guarantee the immediate needs of the projected publications now being prepared by the members of the Association for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. The check for \$10,000 which the Bishop so graciously turned over to the Association was a donation made by the Rev. Joseph T. Stedman, Director of the Confraternity of the Precious Blood, Brooklyn, N. Y., for furthering promotion of the study and the spread of the Scriptures. A rising vote of thanks was tendered to Father Stedman.

The following were elected active members of the Association upon recommendation of the membership committee:

Rev. Rudolph Bierberg, C.P.P.S.	Rev. Adrien M. Malo, O.F.M.
Rev. Achille Brunet, S.J.	Rev. Daniel W. Martin, C.M.
Rev. Joseph P. Christopher, Ph.D.	Rev. John A. McEvoy, S.J.
Rev. Victor Donovan, C.P.	Rev. John L. McKenzie, S.J.
Rev. Yves M. Faribault, O.P.	Rev. Donal J. O'Herlihy, S.S.L.
Rev. Cyprian Folliard, C.P.	Rev. Eberhard Olinger, O.S.B.
Rev. James Holland	Rev. Joseph J. Przewdziecki
Rev. Ronald Kunz, C.P.	Rev. Gerard Rooney, C.P.
Rev. Bernard LeFrois, S.V.D.	

Report on the English Bible. Msgr. Newton then informed the members of the manner in which the distribution of the revised New Testament was accomplished. To date 450,000 copies of the revised text have been distributed: 100,000 remain on hand. In the distribution of the text the Holy Name Society had the active co-operation of sixty-four bishops of the Hierarchy. In dioceses where the text has not been introduced, local circumstances have hindered the immediate circulation of the text.

The functions of the temporary National New Testament Committee ceased on Nov. 1, 1941. The work of distribution is being carried on by the newly established office of Confraternity Publications, 144 West 32d Street, New York City.

The Sunday Epistles and Gospels Book was edited by Msgr. Newton and Rev. Steinmueller; Msgr. William L. Newton supplied the notes on the Epistles; Rev. John E. Steinmueller, the notes on the Gospels.

First printing of Gospels and Epistles Book:	15,000
	Copies sold 14,300
Second printing in press	7,500
Royalties received	approximately \$3,000 (November 15)

The text is used in approximately 60% of the parishes in the U. S. It has been introduced by many priests in Canada and by some in England.

The Revision Committee and the Editorial Board for the New Testament, upon the completion of their work, automatically disbanded. Most of the members are reappointed for the revision of the Old Testament. This appointment comes in each instance from the Episcopal Committee on the Confraternity.

In place of the New Testament Revision Committee now stands the permanent New Testament Committee of the Catholic Biblical Association, which will consider all suggestions for further change of the text.

One obligation of the Association remains in this connection: to take care of the expenses of the Revision Committee and the Editorial Board. Until the present no funds were available; however, with funds now available, their expenses will be paid.

In conclusion Msgr. Newton extended his sincerest thanks to all who co-operated on the revision of the New Testament: revisers, editors, critics; to all the members who in many ways made this memorable work possible.

Report of the Committee on Scientific Commentaries. The following resolutions are the result of deliberations of the Committee on Scientific commentaries submitted by Msgr. Newton and recommended for adoption by the Catholic Biblical Association.

1. The preparation of scientific commentaries is a proper and fitting function of the Catholic Biblical Association; furthermore, the Association is in a position to promote such work.

2. This promotion has two aspects:

- A) A program for encouraging the members to prepare thorough scientific studies of the various books of the Bible. The actual means of accomplishing this should be left to the committee designated for the work by the Association. No new office of the Association need be created for this purpose; the functions of this committee could be given to the Editorial Board.

Assignment of the books to particular authors need not be made formally. Priority for each book might be arranged by asking the active members to indicate their willingness to enter upon the project. Those who have acted as revisers for the various books might be in the best position to undertake further study of the books they have been working on, though this might not be true in all cases. If more than one were interested in a book, collaboration might be effected. No question of time is insinuated into this promotion. Thoroughness and not speed is the first consideration. The C.B.A. should aid the authors in every way possible, even to the extent of financial assistance.

B) The second aspect of the promotion is one in which the C.B.A. as an organization can be most helpful: the preparation of a market and the actual distribution of the series.

The manner in which this is to be accomplished will rest with the proper agency selected by the Association. This would also include the questions of printer, royalties, etc.

The Committee on Scientific Commentaries recommends that this whole program be made one of the prime functions of the existing Editorial Board of the Association.

After some discussion the members approved of this report of the Committee and empowered it to proceed with its recommendations.

Report of the Committee on Visual Aids. The report of this Committee was presented by Rev. Stephen J. Hartdegen, O.F.M. The Committee decided on the establishment of a lending library whereby the slides of the individual members and of the Association might be interchanged. Rev. John J. Dougherty has begun a series of slides of Judea; Rev. John E. Steinmueller, a series on Transjordan; Rev. Stephen J. Hartdegen, a series of slides on Samaria and Galilee. These three series of slides together with lectures and catalogues are to be placed at the disposal of the members of the Association. The headquarters for the library of slides procured by the Association will be in Washington, D. C. In order that the Committee may continue its work the Association set aside \$300.00 for its use.

The Catholic Biblical Quarterly. The Rev. Wendell S. Reilly, S.S., Editor-in-Chief, asked for contributions to maintain the high standard of work that has marked the publication of the Quarterly. He urged efforts for its wider circulation. As an inducement and a recompense to writers the Association resolved that a honorarium be paid for all articles accepted for publication.

A suggestion was made that a new section "Brief Communications" be introduced into the Quarterly.

In connection with the literary work done in behalf of the Association, the members gave a rising vote of thanks to Msgr. Newton and Dr. Steinmueller for their work in editing the Sunday Epistle and Gospel Book.

The Most Reverend Edwin V. O'Hara informed the Association of the interest and desire of the Episcopal Committee to see the popular commentary on the New Testament an accomplished fact. The distribution will be taken care of by the Episcopal Committee; no financial obligations will fall upon the Association.

The suggestion to make Biblical Sunday a yearly event met with the approval of Bishop O'Hara. He vouched for the good will of the Hierarchy in the event that the Association would go on record for

the yearly observance of Biblical Sunday. The Association then empowered the Executive Committee to proceed with the suggestions made.

Bishop O'Hara further informed the Association that no immediate revision of the revised New Testament is contemplated. The Episcopal Committee is ready to lend its prestige and aid to the revision of the Old Testament. The text of the revision will be given to any publisher who can make some contribution toward popularizing the text in a literary manner, e.g., by the publication of missals, a harmony of the Gospels, etc.

Bishop O'Hara had the warmest praise for the excellent co-operation and assistance lent to the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine by the St. Anthony Guild Press.

Constitution and By-Laws. The following revisions of the Constitution were voted and accepted by the Association:

1. Article IV, was amended to read:

Life Members: Persons who contribute \$100 to support of the Association.

2. Article VII, Section I, was amended to read:

The Association shall be governed by an Executive Board composed of a President, a Vice-President, two Consultors, a General Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and not more than six others, specified in the By-Laws. The officers here named shall be elected yearly at the general meetings, except the Consultors, who shall be appointed by the Episcopal Committee of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for a term of two years. The President and the Vice-President shall be ineligible for immediate re-election to their respective offices.

The following additions were made to the By-Laws:

1. The publication of THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL QUARTERLY shall be in the care of an Editorial Board consisting of eight members, two of whom shall be elected by the Association at each annual meeting to serve for four years. Of these eight members one shall be editor-in-chief to direct the composition of the Quarterly and one a publishing editor to supervise the printing. Both the editor-in-chief and the publishing editor shall be members of the Executive Board of the Association.

2. Funds of the Association may be expended by the Treasurer for expenses under one hundred dollars. Between general meetings of the Association the President, General Secretary, and Treasurer together by unanimous vote may expend funds up to the amount of five hundred dollars. For the expenditure of higher sums, in cases of emergency between general meetings of the Association, the General Secretary

shall submit a resolution to the Executive Board: the expenditures as stated in the resolution may be made provided, it is approved by two-thirds of those of the Executive Board whose votes are received within fifteen days after the resolution is mailed.

3. The Association shall sponsor a biblical section at national and regional congresses of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

4. There shall be a Committee on Membership, consisting of four members appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. Each year one member of the committee shall be appointed for a period of four years. This committee shall invite members to the Association and solicit subscriptions to the Catholic Biblical Quarterly. The committee shall elect its chairman, who shall be a member of the Executive Board.

5. By-Law 7c was amended to read "Committee on Credentials" for "Committee on Membership."

6. There shall be a committee on Scientific Commentaries, consisting of five members, for the promotion of a series of scientific commentaries on the books of the Old and the New Testament. It shall be the duty of the committee to conduct all arrangements involved in the preparation and distribution of this series.

Because of unforeseen circumstances and the lack of time the report of the nominating committee was postponed until Sunday, Nov. 16.

8:00 P.M. Meeting of the Board of Revisers of the Old Testament. Rev. Patrick W. Skehan reported on the progress of the revision of the Old Testament. To date about 30% of the work of the revisions had been forwarded to the Editorial Board: the prospects are that the remainder will soon be in the hands of the Editorial Board. The meeting was very informal; its purpose was to give the Revisers some idea of the difficulties encountered in the work of revision and to request practical suggestions for handling problems common to a number of books in the Old Testament.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

10:30 A.M. His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty officiated at the Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated at Convention Hall. The sermon for the occasion was delivered by His Excellency, the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, D.D., Apostolic Delegate to the United States. The Rev. James A. Boylan, D.D., directed the choir of St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook, Philadelphia, Pa.

2:00 P.M. The first business on hand was the report of the Committee on Nominations, presented by Rev. Patrick Cummins, O.S.B. The following were elected by the members of the Association:

Officers

President	Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M., Ph.D., S.T.D., Lect. Gen. in S.S.
Vice President	John F. Rowan, S.T.D., S.S.L.
General Secretary	Edward H. Donzé, S.M., S.T.D., S.S.L.
Recording Secretary	John J. Dougherty, S.T.L., S.S.L.
Treasurer	John E. Steinmueller, S.T.D., S.S.L.

Editorial Board of the Catholic Biblical Quarterly

For four years: Wendell S. Reilly, S.S., S.T.D., S.S.D., and William L. Newton, M.A., S.S.D.

For three years: William H. McClellan, S.J., M.A., S.T.D., and Edward H. Donzé, S.M., S.T.D., S.S.L.

For two years: Michael J. Gruenthaner, S.J., S.T.D., S.S.D., and John P. Weisengoff, M.A., S.T.D., S.S.L.

For one year: Anthony C. Cotter, S.J., S.T.D., and Cyril Gaul, O.S.B., M.A.

Committee on Nominations

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 Richard J. Dobell, M.A.
 Kevin Smyth, O.F.M.Cap., S.T.D., S.S.L.

Committee on Scientific Commentaries

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 Matthew P. Stapelton, S.T.D., S.S.L.
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Committee on One-Volume Commentary

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 Edward H. Donzé, S.M., S.T.D., S.S.L.
 Louis Hartman, C.S.S.R., S.S.L., Ling.Or.L.

Committee on New Testament Expenses

John E. Steinmueller, S.T.D., S.S.L., Chairman
 William L. Newton, M.A., S.S.D.
 John J. Dougherty, S.T.L., S.S.L.

The Revised New Testament. Discussion Leader: Rt. Rev. Msgr. William L. Newton, Our Lady of the Lake Seminary, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Newton prefaced this discussion by a brief review of the history of the revised text of the New Testament. The re-

vision of the Challoner-Douay New Testament was undertaken by some twenty revisers, supplemented by eight or ten members of the Editorial Board. Eventually about fifty scholars participated in completing the revision.

The publication of St. John's Gospel served as an exemplar for the revision; the constructive criticism resulting from this trial publication greatly aided the Editorial Board in formulating its final rules and plans for the publication of the New Testament. The actual work, then, of the revision must be accredited to the Association. The Association proposes to make this revision as perfect as possible; hence, a responsibility still rests with the Association. Work that may remain to be done with the revision has been limited by the authority of the Episcopal Committee; however, necessary corrections, when found, will be made in the text.

Only twenty letters of appreciation and criticism have reached the Secretary of the Editorial Board; one of these came from a non-Catholic source. Owing to the method of distribution the reaction of non-Catholic scholars has of necessity been slow. The criticism received and advanced orally may be classified under two headings: 1) General criticism which for the most part is favorable; 2) Detailed criticism, both of the destructive and constructive type.

GENERAL CRITICISM

1) Criticism which emanates from the older clergy; this opposition is inspired by the reverence which individuals have invested in the old text. This sincere opposition will gradually cease.

2) Criticism coming from incompetent sources; this can be disregarded by the Association.

3) Criticism proceeding from publishing houses who have large investments in copies of the unrevised text. Significantly, however, the sale of the Challoner Bible has been augmented due to the renewed interest in the Sacred Text.

DETAILED CRITICISM

1) The style of the New Testament revision lacks consistency; some objection has been taken to the method of enclosing quotations within quotations.

2) Departure from consecrated wording of the Challoner Bible, e.g., Holy Spirit, denarius, etc. These types of criticism may be disregarded since the reason for the changes in the revision rest on excellent authority.

3) The type of criticism to be given consideration. a) Constructive criticism which deals with a better rendering of the text. Such is the suggestion of Father Powers, S.J., Australia, for the translation of Phil. 2:4. b) Criticism of the type submitted by Msgr. Bar-

ton in the *Clergy Review*; in this particular article, however, Msgr. Barton goes beyond the principles of the present revision.

At this point the President, Rev. Edward J. Byrne, asked for the observations of the members on the revision.

The Association agreed that criticism coming from its members should be subjected to the special committee rather than be aired in publications. Questions regarding format and the principles of the revision were thoroughly reviewed. One interesting discussion centered about the question of paraphrasing a passage and the interpretation of an Aramaic idiom translated into the Greek or Latin Text. This problem is of particular interest, since the principles of revision definitely excluded paraphrasing.

At the conclusion of the discussion Msgr. Newton, as Secretary of the Board of Revision, thanked the revisers for the humble tolerance with which they accepted the changes introduced in their MSS by the Editorial Board; furthermore, he expressed his sincerest gratitude to all the revisers and the members of the Editorial Board for their interest and help in bringing the undertaking to such a successful issue.

President's Address. Rev. Edward J. Byrne, St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y. Owing to the lack of time Rev. Edward J. Byrne confined himself to a few remarks from the formal address prepared for the occasion. The seriousness of the present world situation impresses upon us an all-out effort to save the world for Christ. In Europe biblical publications have ceased or been greatly curtailed; the work, however, must go on. Hence, the opportunities as well as the obligations of scholars in America. True, the difficulties in Europe have resulted in a religious revival; but, where outside of Catholic publications can individuals find the conviction and strength to bear up under present day conditions! Our contribution to religion, the revised New Testament, contains indeed the imperfections of a translation. These we must offset by insisting upon general and special studies of introduction; in particular, let historical criticism come into its proper place in the study of the sacred text. Present the historical Christ and His message to the world. In conclusion Rev. Edward J. Byrne expressed his appreciation and thanks for the co-operation of the Society's officers and members.

The newly elected President, Rev. Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M., thanked the retiring President for his guidance of the Association during the past year. The concluding prayer by the Most Reverend Constantine Bohachevsky, D.D., Bishop of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Diocese, Philadelphia, brought the fifth general meeting of the Association to a close.

CHARLES G. HEUPLER, O.F.M.,CAP.
Recording Secretary.