

REPORT OF THE FOURTEENTH GENERAL MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

The Manor Room, St. Clair Hotel, Chicago, was the scene of the Fourteenth General Meeting of The Catholic Biblical Association of America. At 10:00 A.M., November 8, 1951, the meeting was formally opened with prayer by the president, the Very Rev. G. H. Guyot, C.M. Due to the sudden and untimely death of the Recording Secretary, the Rev. Claude Zens, Professor of Sacred Scripture of St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the Chair with the approval of the Executive Board appointed the writer as Secretary pro tempore.

The Rev. Eric May, O.F.M.Cap. presented the first paper, . . . *For Power Went Forth From Him . . . (Lk. 6, 19)*, in which he rejected the view that Christ's Body was subjected to an actual loss of energy and power in the working of His miracles. He concluded his paper by a brief treatise on the part played by the Body of Christ in the working of His miracles.

The second paper, *Does the Departure Mentioned in CC. 14-17 of the Gospel of Saint John Refer Always to the Death or Also to the Ascension?*, was delivered by the Rev. Adrien Malo, O.F.M. In his paper the author distinguished between two discourses of Christ, one spoken at the Last Supper in which His "departure" means His death, and one spoken originally shortly before His Ascension in which His "departure" means His going to heaven.

After luncheon, which was served to the members at the Kungsholm Restaurant, the Very Rev. G. H. Guyot, C.M., presented his presidential address. He sketched the fifteen year history of the Association from its humble beginnings to the present. The address drew attention to the many notable projects achieved by the Association during this period, such as the establishment of THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL QUARTERLY, the publication of the one-volume Commentary, the difficult and laborious work now in progress in translating the Old Testament from the original languages, and the revision of the New Testament. The speaker then stressed the need of cooperation by all active members to insure an even brighter future for the Association than its glorious past.

In the afternoon session, the Rev. J. G. Hanley read his paper on *Popularizing the Sacred Scripture in the Catholic Press*. The author pointed out the advantages of the press over the radio and television. The popularizing of Sacred Scripture could be a powerful weapon in the apostolate of the Catholic Press. Methods of making this a reality were outlined, e.g., frequent editorials on Bible reading, feature articles on the books of the Bible, the use of Scripture in the explanation of Catholic Doctrine, human interest stories taken from the Bible, and the value of Scripture texts as fillers.

The Rev. B. J. LeFrois, S.V.D., delivered a paper entitled *The Woman in Apocalypse, Chapter 12*. After answering the objections against the Marian interpretation, the speaker proceeded to prove his thesis that God really intended the vision to mean the Blessed Mother.

At the morning session on Friday, November 9, 1951, His Excellency, the Most. Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, D.D., Bishop of Kansas City and Episcopal

Chairman of the C.C.D., honored the Association with his presence. In a short address, he extended greetings from the entire Episcopal Committee and expressed his pleasure at the progress of the Old Testament translations. He also stressed the importance of Biblical Sunday as a means of bringing God's Word to the faithful. The Very Rev. President thanked His Excellency in the name of the Association for his intense interest in the work of the Association.

The Rev. Patrick Cummins, O.S.B., mentioned the fact that a colleague was interested in preparing a list of editions of American Catholic Bibles. He appealed to the members to write him advising whether such a list is feasible and whether any such list had ever before been prepared.

The next paper, *The Use of Scripture in the Spiritual Theology of St. John of the Cross*, was read by the Rev. Barnabas Mary Ahern, C.P. After giving an evaluation of the interpretation of Scripture as used by St. John of the Cross, the speaker went on to show how frequently this mystic gained insight into the rich inner meaning and vital application of the sacred text. Thus, his example can provide helpful directives in reading and teaching Sacred Scripture.

Some Aspects of the Debate on Inspiration in the Louvain Controversy (1587-1588) between Lessius, S.J. and the University of Louvain was the subject of a paper given by the Rev. S. Pagano, O.M.I. The author discussed the three redactions "non ampliata" and "ampliata" of the Antitheses. He also pointed out the way in which the General House of the Jesuits acted with Lessius during the controversy.

On Saturday, November 10, 1951, Mother Kathryn Sullivan, R.S.C.J., described the latest additions to the Visual Aid Collection of the Association. She also had mimeographed copies for distribution to the members which described the recent additions. Some very interesting slides on the life of Christ and Rome were then shown.

The Rev. Roland Murphy, O.Carm., gave a very vivid description of his year spent as a fellow at the A.S.O.R. in Jerusalem. He also mentioned some of the hardships and difficulties which beset an archaeologist in his work.

After a short recess, the Business Meeting of the Association was held. Due to the fact that the Very Rev. John E. Steinmueller had been called to Rome for a meeting of the Consultors of the Biblical Commission, the Treasurer's Report was read by the Rev. Louis Hartman, C.Ss.R. The report was accepted as read by a unanimous vote.

The report of the General Secretary was read by Father Hartman. Among the many items of general interest it was noted that the number of subscribers to the *C. B. Q.* and active members had risen to a new high. By a unanimous vote, the report of the General Secretary was accepted as read.

The Editor's Report was made by the Rev. Michael Gruenthaner, S.J. He asked the members for suggestions regarding the *QUARTERLY* and also urged them to write more articles.

The Rev. Stephen Hartdegan, O.F.M., summarized the results of the committee laboring on the translation of the Old Testament. He also expressed the hope that the first volume of the translation would be published in the Summer of 1952. This volume will include the Pentateuch, Josue, Judges, and Ruth.

The Rev. John McKenzie, S.J., in the absence of the Rev. George Denzer, Chairman of the Committee on Summer Institutes, gave the report on this phase of the Association's activities. Although the number attending the Institute held in St. Louis, Missouri, was not as high as in previous years, yet many extraneous factors contributed to this decline and therefore the Association should not be discouraged from promoting this type of work.

The following candidates, having been approved by the Committee on Credentials, were proposed for active membership:

Atkocius, Rev. Valentine, M.I.C.	Kernel, Rev. Theodoric, O.F.M.
Balducelli, Rev. Ruggiero, O.S.F.S.	Kennedy, Rev. Gerald T., O.M.I.
Beaudet, Rev. Roland	Magyar, Rev. Joseph F.
Ceroke, Rev. Christian, O.Carm.	Maly, Rev. Eugene
Cordano, Rev. Virgil, O.F.M.	Melançon, Rev. Lionel
Crowley, Rev. Edward, C.Ss.R.	Montalbano, Rev. Francis, O.M.I.
Dannemiller, Rev. J. Lawrence	North, Rev. Robert, S.J.
Fallon, Rev. Joseph E., O.P.	Schneider, Rev. Bernardine, O.F.M.
Farley, Rev. Richard, C.S.P.	Schoenberg, Rev. Martin, O.S.C.
Ford, Rev. Daniel, O.F.M.	Siebeneck, Rev. Robert, C.P.P.S.
Grassi, Rev. Joseph, M.M.	Welsh, Rev. Robert, O.S.A.
Julienne, Sister M., C.S.J.	

By a unanimous vote, the candidates were elected to active membership.

A resolution was adopted empowering the Executive Committee to appoint a committee to investigate and study the problems connected with the enactment of a new constitution. The same committee was authorized to draw up a tentative constitution with the view of presenting it for further suggestions and emendations at the next General Meeting of the Association.

Father Hartman read correspondence relative to a grant of \$1000.00 by the Association for the purpose of microfilming valuable Latin manuscripts. When the microfilming has been completed a copy will be placed in the Library at Catholic University. A motion was made, seconded, and adopted that the Executive Committee be empowered to make this grant. The question of ownership of the copy to be deposited in the Library at Catholic University was left to the discretion of the Executive Committee.

The Rev. Edward Cerny, S.S., Chairman of the Nominating Committee, was unable to be present at this session. The list of candidates approved by the Nominating Committee was read therefore by Father Hartman as follows:

President: Very Rev. John E. Steinmueller
Vice-President: Rev. Brendan McGrath, O.S.B.
General Secretary: Rev. Louis Hartman, C.Ss.R.
Ass't. Gen. Secretary: Rev. Francis J. Crump, O.M.I.
Recording Secretary: Rev. Roger Mercurio, C.P.
Treasurer: Very Rev. Joseph O'Donnell
Nominating Committee: Rev. Richard Murphy, O.P.¹
 Rev. Adrien Malo, O.F.M.¹
Committee on Credentials: Rev. Achille Brunet, S.J.
 Rev. Charles Heupler, O.M.Cap.

¹ To serve for two years.

Committee on Summer Bible Institutes: Rev. Barnabas Mary Ahern, C.P.

Rev. George Denzer

Editorial Board of THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL QUARTERLY:

Editor: Rev. Edward Siegman, C.P.P.S.²

Book Review Editor: Rev. John MacKenzie, S.J.²

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Rev. Alan Smith, O.P.¹

Rev. Bernard Le Frois, S.V.D.¹

Rev. Eric May, O.M.Cap.⁴

Rev. Roderick MacKenzie, S.J.⁴

It was moved that the Rev. Michael Gruenthaner, S.J., be named to the Editorial Board. The Rev. Eric May then asked that his name be deleted from the list of candidates and that of Father Gruenthaner inserted. This motion was seconded and approved by a vote of the members. It was then moved, seconded and voted that the list of candidates as submitted by the Nominating Committee and as amended from the floor (i.e., Father Gruenthaner *vice* Father May) be declared elected unanimously.

Father Hartman announced that His Excellency, Bishop O'Hara had named the Very Rev. Msgr. Matthew P. Stapleton and the Rev. Edward Cerny as Consultors.

The Rev. Brendan McGrath, O.S.B., relayed to the members the kind invitation of his Abbot to hold the next General Meeting at St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Illinois. By a unanimous vote it was decided to accept the invitation of the Rt. Rev. Abbot and to hold the General Meeting in Lisle during the latter part of August, 1952.

The following members were in attendance:

Ahern, Barnabas Mary, C.P.	Dowd, William, S.J.
Atkocius, Valentine, M.I.C.	Farley, Richard B., C.S.P.
Balducelli, Roger, O.S.F.S.	Gallagher, Edward M.
Beaudet, Roland	Galus, Walter, C.R.
Benson, Alphonsus, M.Ss.T.	Gaspar, Joseph, M.S.C.
Brunet, Achille, S.J.	Grassi, Joseph, M.M.
Cerny, Edward A., S.S.	Griffin, James T., S.J.
Ceroke, Christian, O.Carm.	Gruenthaner, Michael, S.J.
Collins, T. A., O.P.	Guyot, Gilmore H., C.M.
Considine, J. S., O.P.	Halas, Roman, O.F.M.
Crowley, Edward J., C.Ss.R.	Hanley, John G.
Crump, Francis J., O.M.I.	Hartdegen, Stephen, O.F.M.
Cummins, Patrick, O.S.B.	Hartman, Louis, C.Ss.R.
DeGuglielmo, Antonine, O.F.M.	Heupler, Charles, O.F.M.Cap.
Desmond, Francis X., C.M.	Jensen, John A., M.M.
Dirksen, Aloys, C.P.P.S.	Julienne, Sister M., C.S.J.
Donovan, Victor, C.P.	Kenneally, William J., C.M.

¹ To serve for two years.

² To serve for four years.

³ To serve for three years.

⁴ To serve for one year.

Kernel, Theodoric, O.F.M.
Kronlage, Camillus, C.P.
Kutchera, Alvin
LeFrois, Bernard J., S.V.D.
Louis, Conrad, O.S.B.
MacKenzie, R. A. F., S.J.
Malo, Adrien, O.F.M.
Maly, Eugene H.
Martin, Daniel, C.M.
May, Eric, O.F.M.Cap.
McConnell, John F., M.M.
McDonnell, John F., O.P.
McEvoy, John A., S.J.
McGough, Columban, O.C.D.
McGrath, Brendan, O.S.B.
McKenzie, John L., S.J.
Mecurio, Roger, C.P.

Montalbano, Frank J., O.M.I.
Murphy, Richard T., O.P.
Murphy, Roland, O.Carm.
Murray, John O., C.M.
O'Connell, John P.
Pagano, Sebastiano, O.M.I.
Peters, Edward H., C.S.P.
Pickar, Charles H., O.S.A.
Quigley, Owen, C.M.
Rooney, Gerard, C.P.
Schoenberg, Martin W., O.S.C.
Siebeneck, Robert T., C.P.P.S.
Siegman, Edward F., C.P.P.S.
Smith, Alan, O.P.
Sullivan, Kathryn, R.S.C.J.
Whealon, John F.

FRANCIS J. CRUMP, O.M.I.