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In the last number of *SCRIPTURE* we asked for more co-operation in developing the work of the Association.

The response to the appeal has been most satisfactory. For nearly all the work specified in the April Editorial people have offered their assistance. It will now be possible to make real progress with study-plans, lectures, bibliographies, and reading-lists.

The sale of *SCRIPTURE* continues to increase and it may now be bought at most Catholic book shops in London as well as at many branches of W. H. Smith and Son. It is important that the periodical should be obtainable at non-Catholic shops. The Bible is a possession which Catholics and non-Catholics have in common—however differently they may interpret it. Through that common possession we may make the Faith known and appreciated. It is hardly too much to say that the Catholic interpretation of the Scriptures is little known in this country outside the Church. This is not altogether surprising since so much of our literature on the subject is in Latin, French or German, and a good deal of it not to be found in our libraries. It is for us to put the treasure of Catholic tradition before our countrymen.

Easter Meet'ng. The Committee and Council of the Catholic Biblical Association met at Downside Abbey on April 23rd—24th. Among other matters it was decided that nuns studying a definite course of theology (*e.g.*, the course for the Diploma of the Association of Convent Schools) should qualify for the student subscription rate of half-a-crown. This decision however cannot be made retrospective.

It was further agreed that an appeal should be made for sponsors to pay the subscriptions of missionaries and students in mission and native seminaries. Names of would-be sponsors, and names of missionaries and students who would like to avail themselves of this arrangement should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, C.B.A., St. Edmund's College, Old Hall, Ware, Herts.

It was further proposed that a list of special preachers be compiled. These priests would be willing to preach on Biblical subjects when invited to do so by parish priests. Considerable interest might be aroused in this way. Biblical literature could be on sale at the church door on the day of the special sermon. Priests who would be willing

to offer their services for this purpose are asked to send their names to Rev. W. Stibbs, Cathedral Clergy House, Francis Street, London, S.W.1, if they live in the south; or to Rev. W. Burrige, W.F., The White Fathers, Rossington Hall, near Doncaster, Yorks, if they live in the north.

September Meeting. The Association will meet at St. Benedict's School, Eaton Rise, Ealing, W.5, on Sunday, September 1st. The meeting is open to both clergy and laity. Two lectures will be given—one in the morning and the other in the afternoon—and lunch and tea will be provided at a moderate charge. Benediction will terminate the proceedings. Activities of the Association will be also discussed at the meeting. Those who come from a distance may care to avail themselves of the Headmaster's kind offer of accommodation for the night. But it should be clearly understood that the number of people who can be put up is strictly limited. On Sunday, Mass is celebrated in the Priory Church adjoining the school at 7, 8, 9, 10.30 (High) and 12.

The school is about three-quarters of a mile from Ealing Broadway Station and there are buses which run past the school entrance. Please notify the Secretary C.B.A. as soon as possible of your intention to be there. Bring a friend with you if you can. Notices of the meeting will appear during August in *The Tablet* and *Catholic Herald*, in which further details will be given.

Reprint of the January SCRIPTURE. In response to a demand this reprint has been made and is now being sent out to many who asked for it. If anyone is overlooked will he please let the Treasurer know. Copies of the reprint cost 1s. 6d. each. They are free to those who joined the C.B.A. between January and June 1946 and did not receive a copy then.

Context. We extend a hearty welcome to a new contemporary—*Context*, the first British Catholic Digest. Its net is flung wide and material is gathered from the four corners of the earth. One is pleased to see that a prominent position is given to mission literature. Much use is rightly made of the abundant American Catholic output and one is introduced to many new names. The result is that one gets a good bird's eye view of many aspects of the life of the Church today.

Lending Library. Your attention is called to the new book list at the end of this number and also to the fact that the library will be closed during August.

Recently some subscriptions were sent to the Treasurer with no indication of the sender. Will those who did not get a receipt write to the Treasurer, as it is likely that their subscriptions are the ones in question. Will all members in future make sure that name and address are enclosed when paying subscriptions?