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EDITORIAL

The January Scripture Day. In spite of all kinds of unforeseen catering and other difficulties, this meeting was held as arranged thanks largely to the very generous help and hospitality accorded us by the Dominican Fathers of Haverstock Hill, N.W.5. Under present circumstances it meant considerable trouble to provide lunch and tea for those who attended the meeting, and we record here our very grateful thanks to Father Prior and all those who helped to make the meeting a success. A special word of thanks should also be expressed to Miss Dorothea Monro, for much patient work in preparing the meeting. Two lectures were given, as announced. The first, on "English Catholic New Testaments since Challoner," by Fr. Sebastian Bullough, O.P., which gave us much interesting information, and some of it original, such as the connection between Challoner's revision and Dr. Witham's earlier work. In the afternoon, we listened to an absorbingly interesting paper from Fr. Jones of Upholland College, on "Prophecy." The paper showed a firm grasp of the subject and wide reading. We hope to publish both of these papers in the not too distant future.

Future lectures. We should like to increase the number of meetings but if we do not at present, it is because of the heavy financial loss. The expenses of the January Day may be of interest to our readers. Two advertisements in the *Catholic Herald*, £3; printed leaflets and postage £1 7s.; lecturers' rail fares £4; caretaker's tip 10s.; donation to the Priory £1. Total £9 17s. The charge for attendance was 2s. 6d. To cover our expenses therefore an attendance of nearly eighty would be necessary. In actual fact the attendance was much less than that.

Further Acknowledgements. Let us turn to the brighter side of things. I continue to receive many kind letters expressing appreciation of the Quarterly, and hereby record my very sincere thanks for them. They are welcome, not merely because everybody likes to know that his

efforts are appreciated, but even more because they show that the Quarterly is performing a useful function. The hope has been expressed that SCRIPTURE may soon become a monthly. I fear that there is no chance of that at present, but we shall try to make it as large as possible without raising the subscription. Unfortunately even here there is difficulty, as printing expenses have notably increased lately.

Articles in Scripture. Two new series of articles are in course of preparation. One consists of introductory articles to Books of the Bible; the other series is doctrinal. It is unnecessary to say that both series are urgently called for.

A Catholic Commentary on Holy Scripture. Requests continue to come in for information about the new commentary: when it will be published; at what price; and whether orders are being taken yet. All we can say at present is that the work is going steadily forward and that it is still hoped to publish it at the end of 1948. The price will probably be two guineas or fifty shillings. No orders are being taken yet, but notification will be given as soon as any decision is reached on that point.

Subscriptions for missionaries. Many thanks to all those who have sent in gifts of money in answer to our appeal in the January number. We have nearly enough now to cover the subscriptions for those missionaries who have applied. But no doubt more applications will be received in the near future and hence more gifts will be welcomed. At our last committee meeting it was decided to send the Quarterly gratis to ten selected missionaries in return for which we would ask them to pray for our work. This is to be in addition to those missionaries paid for by our members.

One or two members have written to say that they would be glad to forward their copy of the Quarterly to missionaries regularly. This seems an excellent idea and we recommend this forwarding scheme to others. In a later number we shall publish a complete list of missionaries receiving the Quarterly.

Translation work. We shall be glad to receive more suggestions of Scriptural works to translate and also names of would-be translators.

The St. Luke Study-Course. This is rather larger than first intended and in consequence the price is slightly higher than forecast. Also it was finally decided to duplicate it instead of printing it. This has now been completed and copies may be had for ninepence each from the Hon. Secretary, C.B.A., St. Edmund's College, Old Hall, Ware, Herts. As this is our first attempt to prepare a study-course of this kind,

we shall be glad to receive criticisms and suggestions for improvements. Please send money when ordering copies. They will be despatched post free.

Subscriptions. The leaflet inserted in the January number was put in all copies sent to members, as it would be impracticable to spend time sorting out only those who had not paid for this year. Its insertion was not an indication that a member had not paid, but merely a reminder in case he had not done so. Last year we tried to arrange seminary subscriptions to fit in with the scholastic year, i.e., from September to September. But so many complications arose that it seems best to revert to the usual custom of reckoning from January to January.

The Lending Library. Further gifts of books have been received and we again thank the donors. The list is as follows: Abbé Fouard, *La Vie de Notre Seigneur Jesus Christ, St. Paul, ses Missions, St. Paul, ses Dernières Années, St. Pierre et les Premières Années du Christianisme, St. Jean et la Fin de l'Age Apostolique*, all presented by Mrs. Sheldon. Fr. Gaffney, O.P., *According to the Scriptures* (A Gospel Harmony), presented by James O'Halloran, Esq. Sir Edmund Whittaker, *Space and Spirit*, presented by the Managing Director of Thomas Nelson and Company, Limited.

OBITUARY

Your charitable prayers are requested for the following members of our Association who have died recently.

His Eminence Cardinal Villeneuve, O.M.I., Archbishop of Quebec, the Rev. William Kane, S.J., Dom V. Hildebrand Dawes, O.S.B.

May they rest in peace.