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A Committee Meeting was held at St. Edmund's House, Cambridge, during the course of the Conference of Ecclesiastical Studies, on Wednesday, 9th April. Fr. Foster, S.T.L., L.S.S., was elected to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr Theissen. Dr. Leahy, D.D., Ph.D., L.S.S., and Fr. Sebastian Bullough, O.P., M.A., were then elected as members of an enlarged committee. The organization of lectures in London and Birmingham was discussed. After that an announcement was made of the publication in the summer of 1947 of two *Scripture books for children*. A full-page advertisement of these will be found on the back cover. This is the first attempt of the Association to supply Catholic needs in the way of books. It is hoped that the venture will receive the fullest support as our future activities in publishing depend very much on the sales of the first books. We can say without any hesitation that these two books are written with great skill and clarity and are well adapted to the mentality of the children for whom they are written.

The St. Luke Study-Course. Many copies of this have now been sold. A limited number of copies are still on sale and may be had for 9d. each from the Hon. Secretary, C.B.A., St. Edmund's College, Ware, Herts. Please send money with order. May we also take this opportunity of asking those who did *not* send money with their order to send it at their earliest convenience and so obviate the necessity of making out bills for small amounts.

A Membership List has now been printed and copies may be had for 6d. post free from the Hon. Secretary, C.B.A.

Lending Library. In future an initial fee of 2s. 6d. will be charged for borrowing books. After that, postage only need be sent. It should be noted that the postal rates have recently been raised and that now 7d. should be sent for one volume and 8d. for two.

On receipt of the initial 2s. 6d. copies of the rules-list and book-list will be sent. In the case of those who have made gifts already to the lending library the fee of 2s. 6d. will be waived. *Application should be made to the C.B.A. Librarian, St. Edmund's College, Old Hall, Ware,*

Herts. The following gifts have recently been made to the library: *Biblia Hebraica*, presented by R. B. Levack; Lagrange-Barton, *A Catholic Harmony of the Gospels*, presented by Mgr. Barton; Simonides (ed.) "*The Codex Mayerianus*," presented by N. W. Osborne. We sincerely thank the donors.

Publicity. A new edition of the leaflet describing the Association has been printed and copies of this may be had free for distribution on application to the Hon. Secretary. Likewise we have now printed a card bearing an advertisement of the C.B.A. and suitable for putting on a church notice-board. Here is a way in which many members could help. Copies of this will be sent on request and members could suggest to their parish priest that he should put it on the church notice-board. As it is only the size of a large post-card we feel sure that few priests will grudge the space which it takes up.

Declaration of the Hierarchy of Quebec. We have recently come across (rather belatedly) an important announcement of the Archbishops and Bishops of Quebec Province, Canada, on the subject of the Bible. The text is in French of which we give a summary here. After recalling the words of recent Popes encouraging Bible Societies which aim at the propagation of the Scriptures, they go on to congratulate their own Society entitled "*Société Catholique de la Bible*" for the good work it has done in this matter.

They then ask the Society to intensify its activity—and especially in the following ways: (a) To organize each year, at the end of September or at the beginning of October (about the time of the feast of St. Jerome) a Bible Sunday, on which occasion there would be sermons in all the churches of the Province on the importance of reading the Bible; (b) To propagate cheap editions of the Scriptures, selected by the "*Association Catholique d'études bibliques au Canada*" as best adapted to Canada; (c) To distribute free copies of these editions to all individuals or institutions which might have a lawful claim on them; (d) To further in every possible way the spread of the text of Scripture and a knowledge of its teaching among the people.

To fulfil these ends, the Archbishops and Bishops of Quebec province authorize the "*Société Catholique de la Bible*" to ask for gifts and alms, especially during the annual period of preparation for Biblical Sunday. Finally they bestow their blessing on the directors, members and benefactors of the said Society, as well as on all those who collaborate in its work.

The Declaration is signed by:

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