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EDITORIAL

The Annual General Meeting of the Association took place at the Newman Centre, 31 Portman Square, London W1, on Thursday, 7 January at 6 p.m.

The Secretary read a report for the year 1953. The long-awaited *Catholic Commentary*, he said, was published on 5 February by Thomas Nelson and Sons Ltd, Edinburgh. To mark the event, the publishers gave a reception in London at the Challoner Club, to which many prominent people, ecclesiastical and lay, were invited. A specially bound copy of the *Commentary* was presented to His Eminence the Cardinal by the General Editor, Dom Bernard Orchard. The first printing of the *Commentary* was sold out well before the end of the year, and the first American printing was also sold out, soon afterwards. Arrangements were being made for translating the *Commentary* into other languages. The next important event during the year was the publication of *Scripture* by Nelsons, beginning with the July number. Though some increase in price was inevitable, this should be offset by greater circulation and greater efficiency in production. The same publishers, he said, had also undertaken to publish the C.B.A. textbooks *Old Testament for Schools* Grades I and II, and these should appear shortly. Some further delay must elapse before Grade III was ready for the press. An entirely new series of textbooks for the higher forms of schools, and indeed for the educated layman, was in preparation, something on the lines of the *Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges*. The Gospels and *Acts* would be published in (five) separate volumes and a few of the more important O.T. books were also in preparation. The editors of the series were Dom Bernard Orchard and the Rev. R. C. Fuller, and the publishers would be Nelsons. The lecture course on the N.T. at the Newman Centre finished in March, and the three-year Scripture-cycle began again in October with the O.T. The number in attendance had so far been rather better than the previous year.

At the conclusion of the Secretary's report the Treasurer's statement was read, for the year ending 30 September 1953. This statement is printed overleaf.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1953

| RECEIPTS | | PAYMENTS | |
|--|-----------|---|----------|
| <i>To Balance at 1 October 1952</i> | | <i>By</i> Printing, Stationery and Publications | £299 5 1 |
| Westminster Bank | £31 13 3 | Fees for Contributions | 10 7 0 |
| Post Office Savings Bank | 61 13 8 | Honorarium to Treasurer | 20 0 0 |
| | | Bank Charges | 2 6 7 |
| | £93 6 11 | Postage and Incidentals | 4 17 9 |
| Subscriptions : | | | |
| Current year | £206 0 7 | | |
| Prior years | 42 0 8 | <i>Balances at 30 September 1953</i> | |
| Future years | 14 8 11 | Westminster Bank | £88 16 7 |
| Life Membership | 61 0 0 | Post Office Savings Bank | 63 4 2 |
| | | Cash in Hand | 9 10 |
| | £323 10 2 | | 152 10 7 |
| Donations | 3 19 6 | | |
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| | 327 9 8 | R. C. FULLER, Hon. Secretary | |
| Sales of Publications | 45 14 11 | | |
| Advertisements in <i>Scripture</i> | 21 5 0 | K. P. KENNY, Hon. Treasurer | |
| Interest on Post Office Savings Bank Account | 1 10 6 | | |
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| | £489 7 0 | | 489 7 0 |

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION

I have examined the above Receipts and Payments Account and certify that it is in accordance with the books and records of the Association and the explanations given to me.

1/4 Broad Street Place, London EC2
22 December 1953

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Father Sutcliffe suggested that more books should be bought for the C.B.A. Lending Library and that lists of accessions should be published in *Scripture*. Furthermore, the Library should be made known to a wider public. Professor Coppens, of Louvain University, whom the Chairman welcomed as a visitor to the meeting, then said a few words on Bible study in Belgium. Referring to last year's meeting, another member said that the Douay Version of the Bible was not readily available to Catholics today. The editions were too expensive, and often the paper was too thin and the binding too weak. Since there was still a demand for the Douay Version it was again asked if the C.B.A. could produce an edition of it, or if the Association could persuade a publisher to produce a good edition of it on strong paper and in a strong binding. Another member asked if a popular though scientific life of Christ could be produced and published in the Pelican Books, to offset such works as Cadoux's *Life of Jesus*.

At the end of the Business Meeting, Dr Fuller read a short paper on *The Trial of Jesus Christ*, and this was followed by an interesting discussion.