

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Monday, June 27, 1949:

THE fourth annual meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America was held at the Hotel Netherland Plaza, in Cincinnati, Ohio, from the evening of Monday, June 27, until the evening of Wednesday, June 29. The convention opened with the usual brief session, about 8:30 p. m. After the customary prayers, the members were given a cordial welcome by the President, the Rev. Eugene M. Burke, C.S.P.

Father Burke told the members of the enthusiastic invitation initiated by Archbishop McNicholas that, the Society convene at Cincinnati, and of the cooperative assistance extended by the Rector of the archdiocesan seminary—the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. James W. O'Brien. Father Burke's allusion to the semi-tropical weather struck a responsive chord. The President reported gratifying progress in the campaign to increase our membership. An explanatory communication had been sent to each of the hierarchy, together with a complete set of THE PROCEEDINGS. All Rectors of diocesan and religious seminaries had been circularized, by means of a letter coupled with a précis of our purpose and history.

Text of Letter to the Hierarchy

YOUR EXCELLENCY:

Under separate cover the Catholic Theological Society is sending you complimentary copies of its PROCEEDINGS for the years 1946, 1947, and 1948. Our object in so doing is to make known something of the nature and activity of the Society up to this point.

While the Society is small and will undoubtedly continue so, by its very nature we feel that it has a worthwhile contribution to make to the life of the Church in America. At the same time we are equally aware that a Society which calls itself theological necessarily depends for its norms and direction on the teaching

authority of the Church. In the long run, therefore, its effectiveness and success will depend on the interest and cooperation of the Hierarchy. It is to enlist that interest and cooperation that we send these volumes.

Perhaps, too, there are suggestions you would like to make in the matter of topics to be discussed. Likewise from time to time there may be points of dogmatic, moral, or ascetical theology that you would like to have us work upon and formulate into statements. All these are possibilities that are envisaged in our constitution and from the beginning we have felt that they constitute an integral part of our purpose. We, therefore, take this opportunity to offer such services as we are able to render.

Sincerely in Christ,

EUGENE M. BURKE, C.S.P., *President.*

Text of Letter to Seminary Rectors

VERY REVEREND FATHER:

We are taking this opportunity, on the occasion of the forthcoming meeting of our Society in Cincinnati, to inform you and, through you, the reverend members of your faculty, of the aims and purposes of the Catholic Theological Society of America. This letter with its enclosures is being sent to the Rectors of all major seminaries in the United States and Canada. We would ask you kindly to see that the explanatory leaflet and the program are posted on the faculty bulletin board, and that the self-addressed postcards are available to such as may be interested.

It is, of course, possible that you are yourself already a member of the Society, and that most, if not all the members of your staff are registered with us. If such be the case, we take this opportunity—the first we have had—to express our appreciation for your co-operation and our hope for your continued support.

If you are not yet a member, or if there are members of your faculty who are not yet members, we extend to you a cordial invitation to become associated with the Society. The enclosed leaflet will explain, at least to some extent, the nature of the Theological Society, its history and its present work.

Permit us to extend to you and to the members of your faculty our wish for your continued success in the work of theological and spiritual formation which is our common concern.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

EUGENE M. BURKE, C.S.P.,
President.

ALOYSIUS McDONOUGH, C.P., *Secretary.*

Précis

In the Spring of the year 1946, the faculties of theology in the major seminaries of the United States and Canada were invited to assist in the establishment of a new society for the purpose of encouraging theological study and research. The foundation meeting was held that June in New York under the gracious patronage of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman. More than one hundred priests, representing many dioceses, orders and congregations, and coming from all parts of North America, presented themselves to help inaugurate this new work. They adopted a constitution, elected a slate of officers and a Board of Directors, and appointed several committees to promote the aims of the organization.

With the blessing of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, the Society has made gratifying progress in these brief years, and the future is bright with promise. Successful meetings were held in Boston, at the invitation of His Excellency, the Most Reverend Richard J. Cushing, in June, 1947, and in Chicago, at the invitation of His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, in June, 1948. The Society now claims some two hundred members, an annual publication (*THE PROCEEDINGS* of the annual meetings), and several working committees which are engaged in projects designed to facilitate and to improve theological learning in America.

The Theological Society of America does not look for great publicity for its venture, nor does it seek a large membership list, merely for the sake of numbers. Its purpose does not make such aims desirable. By constitution it exists as an "association to promote an exchange of views among Catholic theologians," "to further studies and research in sacred theology," and "to relate theological science to current problems." This notice is intended only to solicit the interest of professors of dogmatic and moral theology and allied subjects, and to invite your co-operation in this endeavor. The avowed purposes of the Society can be achieved only insofar as those who are engaged in teaching theology co-operate toward that end.

All those who are teaching or have taught one or another of the varied aspects of scientific theology are entitled to active membership in the Society. The annual dues for such membership is five dollars. In honesty, however, it is necessary to say that, in its present formative stage, the Society does not offer much in the way of publications and services in return for the subscriptions of its members. The greatest advantage in membership has come to those who have been able to attend the annual meetings. These have consistently provided interesting

formal theological discussions in all fields and have invariably aroused the enthusiasm of those who partook. In addition, of course, the meetings have afforded invaluable opportunities for those informal discussions, which are so necessary and yet, in ordinary circumstances, so rare. To those who have been unable to attend the meetings, the published PROCEEDINGS have given some idea of their value. Aside from this, the Society at present offers its members only an opportunity to co-operate in a project which promises to be truly beneficial to the interests of theology and to the interests of the Church.

There has been enclosed with this notice a copy of the program for the 1949 meeting. Through the generous invitation of His Grace, Archbishop McNicholas, the Society will meet this year in Cincinnati from the twenty-seventh to the twenty-ninth of June. The program will give you a more concrete picture of the spirit and aims of the organization. Enclosed also are several self-addressed post-cards to enable you to obtain without difficulty more detailed information regarding membership in the Society and attendance at the Cincinnati meeting.

It is the sincere hope and prayer of the present membership, that, with your added co-operation, the Catholic Theological Society of America will some day become a valuable source of necessary services, along both speculative and practical theological lines, for the Bishops, the priests and the faithful of the Church in North America.

Among the members of the hierarchy who acknowledged THE PROCEEDINGS, we are indebted to the Most Reverend John P. Cody, and to the Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, for thoughtful and generous donations. Bishop Waters also honored the Society by applying for inclusion as an active member.

The President outlined, for our preliminary consideration, a plan whereby, on a national scale, sources of theological research material could be located and catalogued, and whereby inter-library loans and exchanges might be made feasible. A survey of prospects undertaken by Father Burke had revealed many unsuspected thesauri of research material. He also ascertained the cooperative interest of the Library of Congress, and the prospect of an establishment at Dunwoodie, under the auspices of His Eminence, Cardinal Spellman, of a central bureau to coordinate the project.

After an announcement as to available facilities for the celebra-

tion of Mass, the motion was made, seconded and carried that this initial meeting adjourn. The President then called the customary meeting of the Board of Directors.

As an aid to perspective, we embody here the program slated for the convention. The time schedule was adhered to, aside from minor adjustments necessitated by circumstances.

Monday, June 27

- 8:00 P. M. GENERAL SESSION
- 8:30 P. M. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 28

- 9:15 A. M. PONTIFICAL MASS OF THE HOLY GHOST
- 10:30 A. M. - 12:30 P. M. GENERAL SESSION

THE THEOLOGY OF THE INDWELLING OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Reverend Malachi Donnelly, S.J.

- 1.30 - 3:00 P. M. ELECTIVE SEMINARS

ASCETICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE ENCYCLICAL

Mediator Dei

The Very Reverend Godfrey Diekmann, O.S.B., Leader

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THE THEOLOGY OF THE PRACTICE OF RHYTHM

The Reverend Orville Griese, Leader

- 3:30 - 5:00 P. M. ELECTIVE SEMINARS

THE RECENT PAPAL CONSTITUTION ON THE SACRAMENT OF ORDERS

The Very Reverend Francis Connell, C.S.S.R., Leader

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THE THEOLOGY OF THE DOCTRINE OF THE IMMACULATE
HEART OF MARY

The Reverend Kilian Healy, O.Carm., Leader

- 5:30 P. M. BUFFET SUPPER

Wednesday, June 29

9:15 A.M. MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

10:30 A. M. - 12:30 P. M. GENERAL SESSION

THE SCIENTIFIC TEACHING OF THEOLOGY
IN THE SEMINARY*The Reverend Eugene Burke, C.S.P.*

1:30 - 3:30 P. M. ELECTIVE SEMINARS

THE SCIENTIFIC TEACHING OF DOGMATIC THEOLOGY

The Reverend Hubert Coughlin, C.S.B., Leader

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THE SCIENTIFIC TEACHING OF SACRAMENTAL THEOLOGY

The Reverend Joseph O'Leary, C.P., Leader

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THE SCIENTIFIC TEACHING OF FUNDAMENTAL THEOLOGY

The Reverend Anthony Cotter, S.J., Leader

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THE SCIENTIFIC TEACHING OF MORAL THEOLOGY

The Right Reverend James O'Brien, Leader

3:45 P. M. BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday, June 28, 1949:

At 9:15 a. m., at St. Louis' Church, the Most Rev. George J. Rehring pontificated at a solemn Mass of the Holy Ghost. The Rev. Eugene M. Burke, C.S.P., was arch-priest; the Rev. John Murphy, of Little Rock, Ark., was deacon; a student from the local Seminary, sub-deacon; a priest from the Cathedral staff functioned as master of ceremonies.

Shortly after the conclusion of the Mass, the members re-assembled at the hotel, for the general session of the day. This meeting featured a paper by the Rev. Malachi Donnelly, S.J., of St. Mary's College, St. Mary's, Kansas. Having summarized his paper, the full text of which had already been circulated by way of preview,

Father Donnelly directed a refined and fascinating theological discussion. His text and that of the masterful observations of the Rev. William R. O'Connor of Dunwoodie, will be found from page 39 onward. As recording secretary at the session, Father Lonergan, S.J., jotted down the gist of the discussion that followed. (Page 88). Upon its conclusion, Bishop Rehring addressed the assembly.

His Excellency expressed his gratification, both personally and as representative of the Ordinary of the diocese, at this opportunity to address the Society, and conveyed the Archbishop's message of regret that he was unable to be present in person.

The Bishop reminded us of Archbishop McNicholas' keen and dominant interest in the sacred sciences, and of the frequency where-with he has given inspiration and stimulation to sacred learning. Bishop Rehring declared that nothing is closer to the heart of this Master of Sacred Theology; that, true to his motto *Confidentia Divini Auxilii*, he has striven untiringly throughout twenty-four years to further the development of scholars. His Excellency referred to the impression current among some, to the effect that refined scholarship is to be found only in Europe, and indicated the *Institutum Divi Thomae* of Cincinnati as the Archbishop's refutation of that impression.

After adverting to the manifold improvement in priestly education which has developed over the years, His Excellency dwelt upon the widespread and urgent need for more theology, as a counterinfluence upon secular, ephemeral learning, centered as it is upon creatures rather than God. Apropos of this objective, the Bishop expressed his realization of the spirit of sacrifice that must characterize our Society, inasmuch as our endeavors entail so much painstaking, accurate, and thorough work.

In conclusion, Bishop Rehring voiced his appreciation as celebrant of the Mass of the Holy Ghost. Emphasizing the welcome of Archbishop McNicholas, he said that he considered Cincinnati to be honored by our convention, and that he hoped for us a profitable and happy sojourn.

The afternoon was divided into two periods, each about an hour and a half in duration. During each period, two seminars were conducted concurrently. An outline of the discussion led by the Rev.

Godfrey Diekmann, O.S.B., is incorporated on page 90. The members listed as having taken an active part in this discussion are the following Rev. Fathers: Joseph M. O'Leary, C.P., Louis Sullivan, S.J., James Rea, Rudolph P. Bierberg, C.P.P.S., John P. Haran, S.J., Francis S. Shea.

The seminar moderated by the Rev. N. Orville Griese was presided over by the Rev. Clement Fuerst, S.J. Father Griese's text will be found on page 91; following that text, a digest of the discussion as recorded by the Rev. John Goodwine. As a preview of seminar material, Father Kilian J. Healy, O.Carm., had circulated an Outline. But we are fortunate in having available his full text, embodied from page 102 onward. As a suffix, we have appended a digest of the discussion that followed, as recorded by the Rev. Eugene M. Burke, C.S.P. Beginning on page 99 is an outline of the seminar moderated by the Very Rev. Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R., together with a digest of the discussion that followed.

It is worthy of record that the evening social, which brought to a close the first full day of the convention, was an outstanding success.

As an indication of the continued interest of our esteemed host at Chicago, in June of 1948, we embody here a letter received by the Secretary.

June 1, 1949.

I thank you very much for sending me the program of your convention, to be held in late June, in Cincinnati. I am sure that in Cincinnati you will have a very successful convention. The Archbishop is most interested in your work and will be able to give you very much help.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠SAMUEL CARDINAL STRITCH
Archbishop of Chicago.

Wednesday, June 29, 1949:

After the annual Mass for the deceased members of the Society, celebrated by the Reverend President, the general session of the day convened about 10:30 a. m. The Vice-President, the Rev. Clement Fuerst, S.J., presided. The full text of the paper prepared

by the Rev. Eugene M. Burke, C.S.P., is to be found from page 129 onward. From the dais, the Rev. John C. Murray, S.J., added his observations. Other discussants listed as having taken part in the symposium are the following Rev. Fathers: Bernard Lonergan, S.J., Martin J. Healy, Joseph M. O'Leary, C.P., Walter J. Burghardt, S.J., Edmond Benard, Malachi J. Donnelly, S.J.

Discussion time, on the second afternoon of the convention, was restricted to one period, of about two hours duration, in order to allow time for the closing, business session. Four topics had been planned as practical follow-ups to the morning session. The discussions were held concurrently. The text of the Rev. Anthony C. Cotter, S.J., drawn up in question-answer form, is based upon his book, *Theologia Fundamentalis*, advertised on the second cover of this issue. Father Cotter's interrogatory, together with the jottings of the Rev. Edmond D. Benard who functioned as recording secretary, are to be found from page 185 onward.

The seminar under the direction of the Rev. Hubert P. Coughlin, C.S.B., was presided over by the Rev. Matthew Schumacher, C.S.C. For the text, and a digest of the discussion recorded by the Rev. Gerard Owens, C.S.S.R., we refer the reader to page 174.

Shortly before his sudden death, the Right Rev. Msgr. James W. O'Brien had sent to THE PROCEEDINGS a synopsis of his seminar material, together with a brief summation of the opinions expressed during discussion. (Page 193.)

The seminar conducted by the Rev. Joseph M. O'Leary, C.P., is outlined on page 181, and followed by a summation of the discussion that followed.

At the conclusion of the seminars, a brief intermission followed, before the convocation of the final meeting. This session was devoted to business matters, including the election of officers.

For the benefit of those who had been unable to attend the preliminary meeting of Monday evening, the Reverend President again outlined the library catalogue and inter-loan project. The motion was made, seconded and carried to approve this undertaking on an experimental scale. Mention was made of a quarterly publication; also of a brochure which would embody a reprint of the Society's Constitution and By-Laws, perhaps with the added feature of

biographical vignettes of the members. It was decided to consider these agenda during the time intervening until the next convention.

The President expressed appreciation to the Committee on Current Problems for the recommendations submitted to the Board of Directors, on the occasion of the annual meeting which had been held in Washington, D. C., on January 13, 1949.

The Rev. James Rea, Treasurer, then made a summary report of receipts, expenditures, and balance on hand. His detailed report is published on page 197.

The Secretary made mention of the several meetings held by the Officers of the Society, preparatory to the convention. He then ventured the suggestion that, if feasible, the date of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors be advanced considerably. Such an arrangement would make for an early issuance of invitations to convention speakers, and would encourage an earlier circulation of their preview Outlines. He mentioned also the desirability of holding the Board meeting at a time to coincide with the presentation of the Cardinal Spellman Award.

The President then called for the report of the Committee on Admissions. The Rev. Hubert P. Coughlin, C.S.B., Chairman of the Committee, announced the list of seventy-six applicants approved by the Committee—an approval that was ratified unanimously. Thereby, the following new members were inducted into the Society:

His Excellency, Vincent S. Waters

Ahern, John J.; 642 Deming Place, Chicago, Ill.

Bachmann, William A.; 1227 Ansel Rd., Cleveland 8, O.
Bourke, Myles M.; St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, Yonkers,
Brennan, J. H., S.S.; St. Edward's Seminary, Kenmore, Wash.

Callan, Charles J.; Dominican Fathers, Hawthorne, N. Y.
Carberry, Very Rev. John; 75 Greene Ave., Brooklyn 5, N. Y.
Carney, Edward J., O.S.F.S.; 907 Michigan Ave., N. E., Washington
17, D. C.

Carlson, Sebastian, O.P.; 7200 W. Division St., River Forest, Ill.
Cavanaugh, Joseph H., C.S.S.C.; Notre Dame University, Notre
Dame, Ind.

Clifford, John J., S.J.; St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Ill.

Cooper, J. L.; St. Mary's College, Xavier, Kan.

Costa, Francis D., S.S.S.S.; 17608 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 12, O.

Cotter, Anthony, S.J.; Weston College, Weston 93, Mass.

Coyle, Thomas W., C.S.S.R.; Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, Wis.

Craugh, Right Rev. Wilfred T.; 2260 Lake Ave., Rochester 12, N. Y.

Cremer, Matthias P., S.C.J.; Sacred Heart Monastery, Hales Corners, Wis.

Crepeault, Paul-Emile; Laval University, Quebec, Can.

Curran, J. W., O.P.; 7200 W. Division St., River Forest, Ill.

Diviney, Charles, E.; 245 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn 5, N. Y.

Dolan, George E., C.M.; St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, Calif.

Donnelly, Malachi J.; St. Mary's College, St. Mary's, Kan.

Fehring, Matthew, S.D.S.; Divine Savior Seminary, Lanham, Md.

Fives, Carl J.; Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md.

Ford, John C., S.J.; Weston College, Weston 93, Mass.

Fournier, Roland, S.S.; 2065 Sherbrook St., W., Montreal, Can.

Fraunces, John M., S.J.; Woodstock College, Woodstock, Md.

Gallagher, Edward M.; New Mellary Seminary, Peosta, Iowa.

Gault, J., S.F.M.; St. Francis Xavier Seminary, Scarboro Bluffs, Ontario, Can.

Gillis, J. R., O.P.; 7200 W. Division St., River Forest, Ill.

Goodwine, John; St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, Yonkers, N. Y.

Graf, John P., S.V.D.; St. Mary's Mission House, Techny, Ill.

Griese, N. Orville; P. O. Box 65 (Route 6) Green Bay, Wis.

Groot, Ambrose De, O.F.M., Cap.; St. Anthony's Monastery, Marathon, Wis.

Harvey, John F., O.S.F.S.; 907 Michigan Ave., N. E., Washington 17, D. C.

Heneghan, Very Rev. John J.; 75 Greene Ave., Brooklyn 5, N. Y.

Hesburgh, Theodore, C.S.C.; Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Ind.

Kelly, William F.; 191 Joralemon St., Brooklyn 2, N. Y.

Kostka, Leonard J., C.P.P.S.; 313 N. Weston St., Rennselaer, Ind.

Kowalski, Romuald, O.F.M.; 645 S. Irwin Ave., Green Bay, Wis.

Le Buffe, Francis P., S.J.; St. Ignatius' Rectory, Park Ave. at 84 St., New York, N. Y.

Lemay, Leo L., S.M.; Cherry Meadows, Framingham Center, Mass.

Leitsch, Valentine, C.P.; 1055 St. Paul Place, Cincinnati, O.

Leonard, Raymond S.; 256 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn 5, N. Y.

McCloskey, Eugene T.; 70 Adams St., Garden City, N. Y.

McDonald, J. J., O.P.; 7200 W. Division St., River Forest, Ill.

McGreal, J. J.; 1122 N. Jay St., Tacoma, Wash.

McHugh, John A., O.P.; Dominican Fathers, Hawthorne, N. Y.

McLaughlin, Jeremiah; 222 Tompkins Ave., Brooklyn 16, N. Y.

McQuaid, T., S.F.M.; St. Francis Xavier Seminary, Scarboro Bluffs, Ontario, Can.

Moholy, Noel F., O.F.M.; Theological Seminary, (Old Mission) Santa Barbara, Calif.

Mullaney, Thomas U., O.P.; 487 Michigan Ave., N. E., Washington 17, D. C.

Murphy, Joseph J., S.J.; Woodstock College, Woodstock, Md.

Murphy, Michael J.; 1227 Ansel Rd., Cleveland 8, O.

Murphy, Roland E., O.Carm.; 1600 Webster St., N. E., Washington 17, D. C.

Murphy, William, S.S.; St. John's Provincial Seminary, Plymouth, Mich.

Noonan, Michael, S.M.; Cherry Meadows, Framingham Center, Mass.

Oesterreicher, John M.; 425 W. 49 St., New York 19, N. Y.

O'Brien, Right Rev. James W.; Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Norwood, Ohio.

O'Connell, John P.; Immaculate Conception Rectory, Highland Park, Ill.

O'Grady, F. T., S.F.M.; St. Francis Xavier Seminary, Scarboro Bluffs, Ontario, Can.

O'Sullivan, John J.; Catholic University (Caldwell Hall) Washington 17, D. C.

Pelow, R. J., S.F.M.; St. Francis Xavier Seminary, Scarboro Bluffs, Ontario, Can.

Peters, Edward H., C.S.P.; Via Venti Settembre 14, Roma, Italia.

Plassmann, Very Rev. Thomas, O.F.M.; 135 W. 31 St., New York 1, N. Y.

Quinn, John J.; College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, N. Y.

- Savard, Maurice, O.M.I.; Oblate Scholasticate, Natick, Mass.
Schmidt, Firmin M., O.F.M., Cap.; 1421 Harewood Rd., N. E.,
Washington 17, D. C.
Shannon, Joseph L., O.S.A.; 3900 Harewood Rd., N. E., Washington
17, D. C.
Sharkey, Neil, C.P.; 1901 West St., Union City, N. J.
Sheedy, Charles E., C.S.C.; Notre Dame University, Notre Dame,
Ind.
Sheridan, Edward F., S.J.; 403 Wellington St., W., Toronto 2B, Can.
Sonntag, Nathaniel L., O.F.M., Cap.; St. Anthony's Monastery,
Marathon, Wis.
Steinmueller, John E.; Immaculate Conception Seminary, Hunting-
ton, N. Y.

Tolman, George C., C.M.; 7800 Kenrick Rd., St. Louis, Mo.

Waldschmidt, Paul, C.S.C.; 4001 Harewood Rd., N. E., Washington
17, D. C.
Weigel, Gustave A., S.J.; Woodstock College, Woodstock, Md.

We wish to record that several applications for membership were received too late for presentation at this convention. For that sole reason, consideration of these applications had to be postponed.

The Right Rev. Msgr. John Fearn, Chairman of the Committee on Research and Publications, who was obliged to leave before the conclusion of the meeting, requested the Secretary to announce that, aside from the proposals already outlined by the President, there were no agenda to present.

The President then announced the personnel of the several standing committees for the coming year, as listed on page 200. The conventional Committee on Nominations, consisting of the Rev. Fathers Martin Healy, Edmond D. Benard, John Murphy, and Kenneth Moore, O.Carm., through the spokespersonship of Father Healy as Chairman, submitted their recommendations. The Chairman explained that the Secretary and Treasurer were being nominated for reelection, with a view to the maintenance of a degree of administrative continuity. All names placed in nomination were ratified by the general membership, as follows:

- President*—The Rev. Gerald Kelly, S.J., St. Mary's College, St. Mary's, Kan.
- Vice-President*—The Rev. Thomas Smiddy, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington, N. Y.
- Secretary*—The Rev. Aloysius McDonough, C.P., *The Sign*, Union City, N. J.
- Treasurer*—The Rev. James Rea, St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, Yonkers, N. Y.
- Board of Directors*—The Very Rev. Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R., Holy Redeemer College, Washington, D. C.; The Rev. Gerard Yelle, S.S., Grande Seminaire, Montreal, Canada; The Rev. Eugene M. Burke, C.S.P., St. Paul's College, Washington, D. C.

In the absence of the Rev. Paul Palmer, S.J., of the Committee on the Cardinal Spellman Award, the Rev. Eugene Burke, C.S.P., had supplied his place. The Rev. Bernard J. Lonergan, S.J., of Toronto, Canada, was announced as the designated recipient of the Award for 1949. Amid an enthusiastic ovation, Father Lonergan arose and voiced his appreciation.

It was then proposed that the Most Reverend host to the convention, Archbishop McNicholas, O.P., and Bishop Rehring be elected to honorary, permanent membership in the Society. The motion was promptly seconded and carried.

Having ascertained that there was no unfinished or further new business to be considered, the President echoed the sentiments of the entire assembly, in his expression of earnest gratitude to all who had contributed to the success of the convention—particularly Archbishop McNicholas, Bishop Rehring, Msgr. James O'Brien, and the Fathers who had contributed discussion papers. Father Burke, C.S.P., then invited the President-elect, the Rev. Gerald Kelly, S.J., to address the members and to preside over the adjournment of the fourth annual convention.

Father Kelly thanked the assembly for the honor bestowed and for the confidence reposed in him. He suggested a rising vote of thanks to the officers and members of the Board of Directors who, during the past year, had worked so assiduously for the advancement of the Society. Then, in accordance with a motion duly carried, the President declared the convention of 1949 adjourned.