

## MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION

### Monday, June 25, 1951:

The sixth annual meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America was convened at the Hotel Statler, in Detroit, Michigan, from the evening of Monday, June 25, until the evening of Wednesday, June 27. The first general session opened with the customary prayers, about 8:30 p. m.

The President, the Rev. John J. Galvin, S.S., having voiced a cordial welcome to the assembly, made announcements pertinent to the early stages of the convention, and in a preliminary way, submitted a panoramic report on activities during the 1950-1951 period.

Father Galvin mentioned that prior and subsequent to the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, the officers of the Society had had several meetings, to plan *agenda* and to precision arrangements. Several months in advance of the convention, the President had gone to Detroit, to insure the approval of the archdiocesan authorities and to negotiate with the hotel management.

Announcement was made of ample facilities for the celebration of Mass, at nearby St. Aloysius' Church, and of the Pontifical Mass of the Holy Ghost, to be celebrated there on the following morning, at 9 o'clock, by His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Mooney.

The President requested the members of the Board of Directors to assemble for the customary meeting, at the close of the first general session. He then reminded the membership of the death of the Rev. Thomas L. O'Neill, C.S.P., and scheduled the annual Mass for deceased members for the morning of June 27. The Rev. William A. Bachman was appointed to replace Father O'Neill, C.S.P., as Chairman of the Committee on Admissions.

Father Galvin emphasized the appreciation of all for the commendable work accomplished by the Committee on Current Problems. During the 1950 convention, the members of that committee had been chosen from within a limited geographical area, in order to facilitate their attendance in person at committee discussions. A précis of their report, submitted to the Board of Directors on November 15, 1950, will be found on page 33.

The President echoed faithfully the grateful sentiments of all those who, over the years, have been the guests of the Very Rev. Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R., during the annual meetings of the Board of Directors at Holy Redeemer College, Washington, D. C. That annual meeting has become the setting for the presentation of the Cardinal Spellman Award. It is most gratifying to reveal the latest manifestation of the unflagging interest of His Eminence in our Society. The Award now includes, as a new feature, a gold medal bearing on the one side, the coat of arms of Cardinal Spellman, and on the other, the titles of the Society and of the Award, the name of the recipient and the date of bestowal.

Encouraged by the keen interest manifested during the 1950 convention at Washington, D. C., Father Galvin made arrangements for specialized discussions to be held "after hours." The symposiums were moderated by the following members: Fundamental Theology, by the Rev. Gerard Yelle, S.S.; Dogmatic Theology, by the Rev. Theodore D. Foley, C.P.; Moral Theology, by the Rev. Gerald Kelly, S.J.; Ascetic Theology, by the Rev. Charles Boyd. On the morning after the close of the convention, a considerable number assembled at the hotel for a final seminar.

The President appointed the Rev. John T. Feeney as chairman of the Committee on Nominations, together with the Rev. Ignatius McGuinness, O.P., and the Rev. Adam Otterbein, C.S.S.R., as co-members. He also announced the substitution of the Rev. Augustine P. Hennessy, C.P., as a member of the Committee on the Cardinal Spellman Award, in place of the Rev. Joseph M. O'Leary, C.P., who was in Rome for the current scholastic year.

The Reverend President then addressed the membership, as follows:

The American Catholic Theological Society is justly proud of its achievements in the few years of its existence. Our membership list grows steadily; our attendance at meetings is gratifying; our personal contacts and frank exchange of ideas are rewarding; our interest in modern problems is stimulating and our readiness to meet the challenge of troubled times is productive of good results.

Since our last convention, Pope Pius XII has issued his now famous Encyclical *Humani Generis*. Although our Holy Father

recognizes that the majority of Catholic teachers are far removed from the errors condemned in that Letter, he remarks: "We know also that such new opinions can entice the incautious; and therefore we prefer to withstand the very beginnings rather than administer the medicine after the disease has grown inveterate." There is, then, a spirit of moderation in the tone of the warnings, in the care with which directives are presented, in the balance between modern errors and the acceptance of those elements which are useful in theological studies, and in the encouragement given to research by those interested and competent.

Catholic theologians, in effect, cannot afford to ignore or neglect even more or less erroneous opinions. These opinions are to be rightly diagnosed, gleaned of whatever truth they contain and used as an efficacious stimulus to more profound and subtle discussions and evaluations of theological truths. The introduction of new questions imposes the delicate task of most careful research, and the adaptation of ecclesiastical teaching and methods to modern conditions and requirements. Some new explanations may need to be introduced. Yet the careful theologian will exercise necessary prudence and caution, realizing that speculation which neglects a deeper study into the deposit of faith will prove sterile. In all his labors the final arbiter will be the living Teaching Authority of the Church.

We are considered the experts. Our influence, however, is limited unduly if we restrict it to the experts. Our precious duty of training priests and seminarians will bear little fruit unless we breathe life into our presentation of theology. In a real sense our teaching must look to the practical effects theology should have in the lives of the clergy and in the daily living of the laity. This can and must be done without any watering-down or corruption of the whole truth found in the Church. Mutual encouragement and sympathetic appraisal of varying viewpoints will spur us on to a deeper understanding of our special problems and to greater efforts at radiating our influence among priests and laity alike.

At the conclusion of his keynote address, the President suggested a motion that this preliminary session adjourn. The motion was made, duly seconded and carried. After the customary prayers, the meeting came to a close at 9:12 p. m.

The Board of Directors devoted their discussion to the selection of an advisable locale for the convention of 1952. Mindful of the

preference expressed by many, due consideration was given to the availability of seminary premises. A promising selection was decided upon unanimously, with another as an alternate.

As an aid to perspective, we embody here a copy of the convention program. The summations of the seminars were so well presented, during the general session prior to the final, business meeting, as to amply justify this comparatively new procedure.

### Monday, June 25

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

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### Tuesday, June 26

9:00 A. M. . . . . PONTIFICAL MASS OF THE HOLY GHOST  
10:00 A. M. — 12:30 P. M. . . . . GENERAL SESSION

THE CATHOLIC CONCEPT OF TRADITION IN THE  
LIGHT OF MODERN THEOLOGICAL THOUGHT

*The Reverend Walter J. Burghardt, S.J.*

3:00 — 5:00 P. M. . . . . ELECTIVE SEMINARS

THE MORALITY OF GAMBLING

*The Reverend Francis F. Reh*

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THE INTELLECTUAL APOSTOLATE OF THE PRIEST

*The Very Reverend Lyman A. Fenn, S.S.*

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THE EVOLUTION OF THE HUMAN BODY: PRESENT SCIENTIFIC

*Status Quo* AND ITS THEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

*The Reverend Cyril Vollert, S.J.*

THE SENSES OF SACRED SCRIPTURE  
The Reverend Edward A. Cerny, S.S.

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5:30 P. M. . . . . BUFFET DINNER

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**Wednesday, June 27**

10:00 A. M. — 12:30 P. M. . . . . GENERAL SESSION

THE DOCTRINAL VALUE OF THE ORDINARY TEACHING OF THE  
HOLY FATHER, IN VIEW OF *Humani Generis*

The Reverend Edmond D. Benard

2:30 — 3:45 P. M. . . . . GENERAL SESSION

SUMMATION OF SEMINARS

4:00 P. M. . . . . BUSINESS MEETING

**Tuesday, June 26, 1951:**

During the Pontifical Mass of the Holy Spirit, His Eminence, Cardinal Mooney was assisted by his secretary, the Rev. Joseph M. Breitenbeck, and by the Rev. Thomas J. Brosnahan of St. Aloysius' staff. At the conclusion of the Mass, attended by laity as well as clergy, the Cardinal addressed us with an animation redolent of cordiality and enthusiasm. In welcoming us to his archdiocese, he expressed regret that both the major and minor seminaries were unavailable for the convention, because of the annual clergy retreats; he also voiced the hope that, on the occasion of some future convention, dates could be so adjusted as to render it feasible for us to convene at a Detroit seminary.

His Eminence stated that, of all the conventions slated during the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Detroit, he considered ours the most important. His Eminence paid generous tribute to the theologians of the Church, inasmuch as auxiliaries to the hierarchy and as representative of the *Ecclesia Docens*. Apropos of the work to which so many theologians devote their careers—namely, the formation of priests—His Eminence emphasized the need

of an alert zeal, of maintaining a happy balance of soundness amid the treatment of practicalities, and of strenuous endeavor to counteract the influence, nowadays and in this country so rampant, of pagan philosophy and its logically baneful effect upon the spirit of religion.

About 10 a. m., the members reassembled at the hotel, for the general session of the day, featured by the major paper of the Rev. Walter J. Burghardt, S.J. For this excellent presentation, the Rev. John F. Sweeney, S.J., was discussion leader; and, the Rev. James T. Griffin, S.J., recording secretary. For the text of Father Burghardt's paper, coupled with the recorded minutes of the discussion, we refer the reader to page 42 onward.

The afternoon sessions were given over to four concurrent seminars. The Rev. William A. Bachman was recording secretary for the timely discussion directed by the Rev. Francis F. Reh (page 112). For the seminar moderated by the Very Rev. Lyman A. Fenn, S.S., the Rev. William Murphy, S.S., functioned as recording secretary (page 115). During the discussion led by the Rev. Cyril Vollert, S.J., the Rev. Thomas Brophy, S.J., recorded the minutes (page 122). The seminar directed by the Rev. Edward A. Cerny, S.S., was recorded by the Rev. Christian Ceroke, O.Carm. (page 146).

It is gratifying to recall that the evening social was one of the best ever. Despite a most attractive menu, the table talk at this soiree consisted, in large part, of "talking shop." Two months later, we received a letter typical of the reaction of newcomers to a CTSA convention: May I convey my compliments on the Detroit convention? Although I have always read the PROCEEDINGS closely, it was my first opportunity to attend. So many conventions are a waste of time and money that, it was a pleasant surprise to take part in one with clear-cut objectives and eager to get down to business. Its smooth functioning bespeaks intelligent planning. From my point of view, one of the most delightful aspects of the convention was the breakdown of "party lines"—all seemed more intent on correct answers than on what their forebears had to say on a subject.

### **Wednesday, June 27, 1951:**

At 10 a. m., the membership gathered for the major paper by the Rev. Edmond D. Benard. The discussion leader for this master-

ful presentation was the Rev. Martin Healy; the recording secretary, the Rev. Eugene M. Burke, C.S.P. For a full report, we refer the reader to page 78.

Upon the conclusion of the first general session of the afternoon—taken up by the summation of the seminars of Tuesday—the President recommended that, with a view to expediting the closure of the convention, the usual intermission be waived, and that the business meeting commence immediately. In the form of a motion from the floor, this recommendation was duly approved.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

The President invited the Rev. John H. Harrington, chairman of the Committee on Research and Publications, to report on the progress of the library projects. Father Harrington's report is reflected faithfully in the following excerpt from his letter of October, 1951, sent to all members of the hierarchy, and to the librarian of every seminary in the country, as well as to all members of the CTSA:

The Catholic Theological Society of America has undertaken a project to locate in the Seminaries of the country material which would be of value in theological research. To do this it will be necessary to have the co-operation of every Seminary librarian. The purpose of this letter is to enlist your active participation.

Those co-operating will receive about the first of every month a list similar to the attached. These titles have been selected after consultation and represent materials which the Society is interested in locating. You are asked to check the items which are in your library and to indicate any variation of bibliographical significance. The first lists will be general but it is planned eventually to approach the problem by specific subject.

After your list is checked (and corrected to your library holdings) it is to be returned to the above address. The material received from the co-operating libraries will be collated and from this master list a copy will be made for the Society and another for the National Union Catalog at the Library of Congress. Both copies will be available for consultation by scholars either in person or by mail.

We hope that the value of this project will encourage you to add this task to your already full schedule.

Although Father Harrington is now in Rome, on assignment at the Vatican Library, the maintenance of the Library Catalogue project is being carried on efficiently by his associates. We are happy to record that His Eminence, Cardinal Spellman, has offered to finance this project of permanent importance, undertaken as a service to theological scholars.

The Rev. Alfred C. Rush, C.S.S.R., Archivist of the Society, then addressed the convention as follows:

In a paper read before the American Catholic Historical Association on December 29, 1950, that deals with the American Catholic Archival Tradition, Rev. Henry J. Browne states: "Presently other Catholic groups, for example, the youthful Theological Society, and the Catholic Press Association, have expressed interest in making a proper beginning with regard to records and archives." In the way of "proper beginnings," this is the first report of the Archivist, since it is only a year ago that the office of Archivist has been set up by the Catholic Theological Society of America. Hence some idea of our aims and purposes should be set before the members of the Society.

We have a twofold archival tradition, namely—archives for the administrator and archives for the historian. Both of these play a part in the Archives of the Society.

First, with regard to the archives for the administrator, our aim is to keep as perfect a record as possible of our official papers. In handling these papers, the policy at the beginning is to proceed slowly and prudently. It is better not to start setting them up until we are sure that all the papers are in. Hence I make the request that former officers of the Society go through their files to see if there are any papers that could be of use in our Archives. In this regard I do not expect that many papers will be uncovered because our Secretary, Father Aloysius McDonough, C.P., has been most thorough in keeping the official records and sending them on to the Archivist. However, even if only a few such papers are found it is worth while postponing the definitive setting up of the Archives until these are in. After this call has been publicized, it is my intention to start setting up the official documents for the first year, and then carry on year by year.

Second, with regard to the archives for the historian, I think our archives will perform a very valuable service. It goes without saying that the Church in America is, relatively speaking, a young Church. Nevertheless, in this short time the Church in our country has made astounding progress. No longer is it in the

"brick and mortar" stage. Certainly, the fostering of theology and the contributions made to theology is one field in which great progress has been made. The day will come when a chapter "Contributions to Theology" will have to find its way in any study of American Church History. The same thing holds good for the work being done by the theologians of Canada. In a study of this nature, the Archives of the Catholic Theological Society of America will be one of the depots in which source material will be found. Our archives, then, will be a help for the historian to gather material, and a help for ourselves in so far as we allow the historian to present a true and accurate picture of our work.

## THE COMMITTEE ON CURRENT PROBLEMS

### Annual Report

The Committee on Current Problems of the Catholic Theological Society of America met on October 25, 1950, in Curley Hall at the Catholic University of America. The principal purpose of the meeting was to consider which among the more pressing theological topics of the day were to be suggested to the officers and directors of the Society as possible subjects for the papers and seminars at the general meeting in June, 1951. Present were the following members of the Committee: Fathers Walter J. Burghardt, S.J., Kilian J. Healy, O.Carm., Bernard E. Ransing, C.S.C., and Edmond D. Benard. The meeting began at 2:30 p. m. and adjourned at 4:45 p. m.

The topics finally decided upon, together with a brief summary of the reasons for their choice as developed in the Committee's deliberations, were forwarded to the Rev. John J. Galvin, S.S., president of the Society, on October 28. They were as follows:

#### **Dogmatic Theology:**

1. "The Concept of Theological Tradition in relation to 'Purely Historical' Tradition."

As a special application, the Committee had in mind the apparent absence of early Christian "purely historical" tradition on the Assumption. The necessity of clarification of the con-

cept stated in the subject is pointed up by the current controversy in European theological journals between Altaner, who concludes that there is no valid historico-theological tradition on the Assumption, and Ternus and Filograssi, who reply to Altaner by claiming that he has a false idea of what theological tradition actually is. The Committee agreed that this subject is the most important of those considered at its meeting, and wishes to recommend the subject strongly as a topic for a general discussion.

2. "The Implications of *Humani generis* for the Teaching of Theology."

This might be considered both in general and with attention to such detailed points as "the 'return to the Fathers' movement," "the dogmatic value of Papal encyclicals," etc. Or the directors of the Society might prefer to make one such detail the subject of a general discussion.

3. "The 'Spiritual Sense' of Scripture in the Fathers and in Modern Hermeneutics."

Here two widely different points of view might be considered and evaluated. There are two extremes: those who prefer what they call the "simplicities" of the Fathers to the modern "scientific" exegesis; and those who regard the opinions of the Fathers on the "spiritual sense" as of no value whatever to the "modern Scripture scholar." The Committee feels that this subject might be an interesting one for seminar consideration. It suggests a two-man leadership, with a patristic specialist and a Scripture specialist each presenting a brief paper and then sharing the direction of the discussion.

4. "The Doctrine of the Mystical Body as the Unifying or Synthetic Principle of Theological Teaching."

Is it possible and/or advisable to make the doctrine of the Mystical Body the central point, not only of Ecclesiology, but of the total theological discipline?

5. "The Universal Mediation of Mary."  
What is the present theological state of the question as to the precise meaning and scope of Mary's universal mediation?
6. "The Evolution of the Human Body: Present 'Scientific' *status quo* and its Theological Implications."  
This would be discussed, of course, with reference to *Humani generis*. Or, if the directors wished to assign a discussion of *Humani generis* itself, this might be one of the details. (Cf. topic 2, *supra*.)

### Moral Theology:

1. "The Morality of Gambling."  
A glance at any newspaper suffices to illustrate the timeliness of this subject. The Committee has in mind not merely a statement of general principles, but concrete applications. How about legal and extra-legal gambling? How should the confessor act with regard to the penitent who conducts an "honest" but illegal gambling house? How about parish societies and games of chance? What is the morality of "clubs" set up obviously to circumvent laws on gambling—"clubs" where the "officers" are "elected" monthly by lot and paid a "salary"?
2. "The Laws of Fast and Abstinence."  
What, for instance, are the limits within which particular diocesan interpretations may be made of the general law? Is there an unalterable minimum of observance? What discretion is given to the Ordinary? An examination of various diocesan *pagellae* might be an interesting feature of this discussion.
3. "The Morality of Lobotomy."  
The constantly increasing use of this therapy—about which some surgeons are experiencing a growing uneasiness—lends point to a discussion of it at this time. The Committee feels that an interesting seminar meeting could be conducted with both a qualified surgeon and a specialist in moral theology as

joint leaders. The surgeon—preferably, of course, one with experience in these particular cases—could give an authoritative *exposé* of the medico-surgical aspects and psychosomatic effects of the operation.

4. "The Moral Problems of 'Biological Warfare.'"

This would seem an opportune time for such a discussion, in view of the frequent guarded newspaper references to the fact that both the United States and other countries are working on methods of this type of warfare. If the directors wished, consideration could also be given to the atomic and hydrogen bombs—has the discussion as to their morality crystallized into an authoritative position on the subject?

5. "Governmental Suppression of 'Subversive' Organizations."

Obviously a current topic in the light of the present "anti-subversive" law and the controversy over the anti-communist oath in publicly supported educational institutions. It has been remarked, for instance, that had the present anti-subversive law been on the books in "Know-Nothing" days it would certainly have been held to include Catholics. What about the power of the government to pass such laws?—specifically, are there any principles governing the stigmatizing of an organization as subversive which would prevent the state from merely calling "subversive" any organization that happened to be unpopular at the time?

6. "Morality of the 'Truth Serum' in Criminal Investigation."

Can such an examination under the influence of drugs be imposed on a suspect? The allied topics of the widely used "legal third degree" in the examination of suspects (no actual violence used) might also be investigated. And how about prisoners of war? Are their examinations to be conducted like the examinations of suspected criminals? Are exhausting questionings permitted in the hope that the prisoner will finally give information by slips of the tongue he makes out of sheer weariness?

7. "Relationships with non-Catholics in the Light of Recent Papal Directives."

Self-explanatory.

### **Ascetical Theology:**

1. "Spiritual Direction for the Laity."

Is it possible to train seminarians specifically for such work, and how should we go about it?

2. "The Intellectual Apostolate of the Priest."

It is certainly a fact that many priests lose all intellectual interests in the sacred sciences shortly after ordination. Can they be trained in the seminary for the continuation and advanced development of their theological interests after ordination? Can bibliographies and planned courses for further study be given them? And why cannot the diocesan seminary provide a sort of informal extension course for the priests of the diocese? What if anything is already being done along these lines, and how is it working out?

EDMOND D. BENARD,  
*Chairman.*

The President then called upon the Rev. William A. Bachman, chairman of the Committee on Admissions, to read and submit for approval the list of candidates for membership. Without dissent, the following thirty-seven new members were inducted into the Society:

- Arnoult, Leo A., O.P., St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind.  
Bouwhuis, Andrew L., S.J., Canisius College, Buffalo 8, N. Y.  
Ceroke, Christian, O.Carm., 1600 Webster St., N.E., Washington 17,  
D. C.  
Cope, Edward T., S.S., St. John's Provincial Seminary, Plymouth,  
Mich.  
Daly, John K., Earl Hall, Columbia University, New York 27, N. Y.  
Dorris, Roland, S.S., Grand Seminaire, 2065 ouest, rue Sherbrooke,  
Montreal 25, Canada.  
Dougherty, Kenneth F., S.A., Atonement Seminary, Harewood Road,  
Washington 17, D. C.

- Dwyer, John F., S.J., Fordham University, New York 58, N. Y.  
 Fenn, Very Rev. Lyman A., S.S., St. John's Provincial Seminary,  
 Plymouth, Mich.  
 Gembala, Stanislaus, C.R., P. O. Box 4486, Brookland Station, Wash-  
 ington 17, D. C.  
 Hagerty, Thomas G., St. Clare's Rectory, 137-35 Brookville Boule-  
 vard, Rosedale 10, N. Y.  
 Jasinski, Valerius J., SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard  
 Lake, Mich.  
 Kelleher, Stephen J., 560 Lincoln Avenue, Staten Island 6, N. Y.  
 Kippes, Albert A., O.M.I., De Mazenod Scholasticate, San Antonio 1,  
 Texas.  
 Lanagan, Very Rev. Berchmans, C.P., Passionist Monastery,  
 Jamaica 3, N. Y.  
 Little, Thomas F., 453 Madison Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.  
 MacDonald, Neil, O.F.M., Holy Name College, Washington 17, D. C.  
 McLaughlin, Michael J., O.Praem., Catholic University, Washington  
 17, D. C. (Box 15).  
 Magyar, Joseph F., St. Stephen's Rectory, 2015 Augusta Boulevard,  
 Chicago 22, Ill.  
 Marcotte, Eugene, O.M.I., Scolasticat Saint-Joseph, Avenue des  
 Oblats, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.  
 Montano, Edward J., St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers 4, N. Y.  
 Murphy, John L., 1968 North 36th Street, Milwaukee 8, Wis.  
 Newfield, John L., 2250 Main Street, Baton Rouge 9, La.  
 O'Brien, Elmer, S.J., 403 Wellington Street, W., Toronto 2-B,  
 Canada.  
 O'Brien, Joseph P., St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers 4, N. Y.  
 Rigney, James F., 115 South Fifth Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y.  
 Robichaud, J. Armand, S.M., Marist Seminary, Framingham Centre,  
 Mass.  
 Rock, Augustine, O.P., St. Rose Priory, Ashbury Road, Dubuque,  
 Iowa.  
 Rossiter, Francis S., St. John's Seminary, Brighton 35, Mass.  
 Schulien, John A., 3257 South Lake Drive, Milwaukee 7, Wis.  
 Sloyan, Gerard S., Catholic University, Washington 17, D. C.  
 Smith, Simon J., C.M., De Paul University, 1010 Webster Avenue,  
 Chicago 14, Ill.  
 Thirlkel, John H., S.S., St. Edward's Seminary, Kenmore, Wash.  
 Tymczak, Adolph, SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake,  
 Mich.  
 Van Ackeren, Gerald F., S.J., St. Mary's College, St. Marys, Kans.  
 Walsh, John J., S.J., Weston College, Weston 93, Mass.  
 Williams, Right Rev. Abbot John Augustine Aidan, O.S.B., Ports-  
 mouth Priory, Portsmouth, R. I.

The President then proposed that Edward Cardinal Mooney be elected an honorary member of the CTSA. The motion was carried, and Father Galvin sent notification to His Eminence.

The Rev. Bernard J. Lonergan, S.J., chairman of the Committee on the Cardinal Spellman Award, announced the choice of the year in the person of the Rev. William R. O'Connor of Dunwoodie Seminary, N. Y. Father O'Connor received a very spontaneous and gratifying ovation.

The President then announced the personnel of standing committees for the coming year, as published on the third cover of this issue of the PROCEEDINGS. A new appointment was that of the Rev. Theodore D. Foley, C.P., as Advertising Manager for the CTSA annual.

The Treasurer, the Rev. James E. Rea, presented a synoptic report on the fiscal health of the Society. An itemized report is embodied, beginning with page 149. Father Rea intimated that it is the desire for money, rather than money itself, that is evil. By quoting salient figures, Father Rea made it clear that, neither the income from annual dues, nor the registration fees paid in at convention time would suffice to cover annual overhead; that for the building of a reserve fund, we depend chiefly upon new memberships and upon advertising income. Pertinently, the Treasurer repeated a reminder already voiced by the President—that we patronize our advertisers in a spirit of reciprocity.

The Secretary opened his report by reading a message from the Apostolic Delegate, whereby His Excellency conveyed to our Detroit convention his blessing and earnest wishes for our success. Father McDonough then acknowledged the co-operation of those to whom credit is due for the increase in membership—a response to his appeal in the Secretary's annual newsletter. He urged all who as yet had not done so, to bring up to date the information to be incorporated in the forthcoming volume, which will consist of biographical vignettes of our members. In conclusion, the Secretary acknowledged the courteous co-operation of editors who had advertised our annual gratis—the Very Rev. Father Callan, O.P., editor of *The Homiletic and Pastoral Review*; the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, editors of *Emmanuel*; the editors of *The Voice* of St. Mary's Seminary of Balti-

more, Md. For the record, he acknowledged also the co-operation of the editors of *The Michigan Catholic*; the unfailing courtesy of Richard Reid of *The Catholic News* of New York and New Jersey; of Patrick Scanlon of *The Tablet* of Brooklyn, of the editor of *Under-scorings in America*; of Monsignor Matthew Smith of *The Register*; of the NCWC News Service and of RNS.

The Rev. John T. Feeney, chairman of the Committee on Nominations, submitted to the assembly the following nominees:

*President*—Rev. Edmond D. Benard.

*Vice-President*—Rev. Sebastian Carlson, O.P.

*Secretary*—Rev. Aloysius McDonough, C.P.

*Treasurer*—Rev. James E. Rea.

*Board of Directors*—Right Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Riley, Rev. John J. Galvin, S.S., Rev. Leonard McCann, C.S.B.

Father Feeney pointed out that, the Secretary and Treasurer were being again nominated for re-election, with a view to the maintenance of administrative continuity. After ratification by the membership of the nominated President and Vice-President, the Rev. Joseph C. Fenton made a motion that the Secretary be authorized to cast a single ballot for the ratification of all other nominations. Having ascertained that this procedure was in accord with Roberts' Rules of Order, and having been so authorized by the chair, the Secretary cast the final ballot whereby all other nominees were endorsed.

Father Galvin, the retiring President, voiced appreciation for the cordial kindness of Cardinal Mooney; also for the courtesy extended to the Society by Msgr. John A. Donovan and other priests of the staff of St. Aloysius; and for the co-operative spirit of the hotel management. Since inquiry indicated no further unfinished or new business to be considered, Father Galvin expressed eloquent gratitude to all and each of the Society, for the work undertaken throughout the year, and for the accomplishment of so gratifying a convention. The motion having been carried that this, the sixth annual convention be adjourned, Father Galvin invited the new President, Father Benard, to offer the closing prayers.

Immediately after adjournment, notification was sent to Cardinal Spellman as to the recipient of the Award. The Detroit convention was attended by 105 members—representing 17 States, the District of Columbia, and Canada; representing 14 dioceses and 21 religious communities.

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

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A set of the PROCEEDINGS of the Catholic Theological Society of America, comprising the first five issues, 1946-1950, is to be presented to the Vicar of Christ, Pope Pius XII. Each copy has been bound in white leather and stamped in gold with the papal coat of arms. For this favor, we are very grateful to Mr. Eric Raits of Benziger Brothers, Inc., New York, N. Y.

As acting editor of the PROCEEDINGS, the Secretary is indebted to the Rev. Theodore D. Foley, C.P., for his unstinting co-operation in the preparation of the 1951 issue of our annual.

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