

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION

Monday, June 28, 1954:

The ninth annual meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America was held at the Laurentien and the Mount Royal Hotels, Montreal, from the evening of Monday, June 28, until Wednesday evening, June 30. The first of our meetings to be held in Canada, it was marked by a larger attendance than any previous meeting. A list of the names of the members present will be found on page 243. Our gracious host was His Eminence Paul-Emile Cardiner Léger, who offered Mass on Wednesday morning at the ancient Church of Notre Dame de Bon Secours and preached a Marian sermon (*cf.* p. xxvii).

The first general session convened on Monday evening in the Conference Room of the Laurentien Hotel. Father Gerard Yelle, S.S., the President of the Society, opened the meeting with prayer, and, after speaking a word of welcome to Montreal, delivered the annual presidential address (*cf.* p. 224). At the conclusion of the address Father Yelle announced that on the following morning he would offer the annual Mass for the deceased members of the Society. He noted that three members had died since the previous June: Father George C. Ring, S.J., who had been a charter member of the C.T.S.A., Father Anthony C. Cotter, S.J., and Father Francis P. LeBuffe, S.J. (*cf.* the Necrology, p. 262). Before calling the inaugural session to a close Father Yelle appointed the following members to the Committee on Nominations: Father Edward Sheridan, S.J., Chairman, Father John Galvin, and Father Edward Hogan, S.S. After adjournment the members of the Board of Directors gathered for the semi-annual meeting required by the Constitution of the Society.

Tuesday, June 29, 1954:

The list of events scheduled for the second day of the meeting, as printed in the official convention program, follows:

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

NEW HORIZONS IN MORAL THEOLOGY

Reverend Noël Mailloux, O.P.

3:00 — 5:00 P. M. ELECTIVE SEMINARS

THEOLOGICAL QUALIFICATIONS AND THE ASSENT OF FAITH

The Reverend Martin Healy

MORAL PRINCIPLES FOR DISCERNING THE OBSCENE

The Reverend Harold C. Gardiner, S.J.

THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT

The Reverend Edward F. Hanahoe, S.A.

5:30 P. M. BUFFET SUPPER

8:00 P. M. INFORMAL SYMPOSIUMS

FUNDAMENTAL THEOLOGY

The Reverend Walter J. Burghardt, S.J.

DOGMATIC THEOLOGY

The Reverend Francis S. Shea

MORAL THEOLOGY

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

SACRED DOCTRINE IN OUR COLLEGES

The Reverend Eugene M. Burke, C.S.P.

The crowded Conference Room of the Laurentien Hotel was the scene of the morning's general session. Father Mailloux, who explored for us some of the fundamental relations between the science of moral theology and some of the newer discoveries of psychiatry and psychology (*cf.* p. 47), is president of Montreal's Research Center in Human Relations. Father Yelle moderated this session.

For the events of the afternoon and evening the scene of the convention was changed to the Mount Royal Hotel. The Laurentien, not being a convention-type hotel, could not provide the facilities we required for these events. The members were given a choice of four seminars. In addition to the three listed on the official program, a fourth seminar was arranged for those interested in the problems involved in teaching sacred doctrine on the college level.

Father Healy, who led the discussion of the vexing problem of theological notes and their relationship to the assent of faith, (*cf.* p. 104) teaches dogmatic theology at the Brooklyn Diocesan Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, L. I. Father Paul McKeever took note of the questions, answers and observations of the interested members who attended. The moral seminar concerned with the question as to how to determine the obscene in literature, art, the drama, etc., (*cf.* p. 126) had in Father Gardiner, who conducted it, a qualified leader who for many years has been the literary editor of the Jesuit Weekly *America*. Fathers Moffitt and Law of Georgetown recorded the main points of discussion. The analysis of modern developments in ecumenism was introduced by Father Hanahoe, whose interest in the subject stems from his position as national director of the annual Chair of Unity Octave (*cf.* p. 140). Father Eugene M. Burke, C.S.P., who conducted the seminar on the teaching of sacred doctrine in our colleges, had recently been elected as the first president of the newly formed Association of Catholic College Teachers of Sacred Doctrine. Since the afternoon as well as the evening session of this seminar were informal in character, no record has been preserved for THE PROCEEDINGS.

The afternoon seminars were followed by the Buffet Supper, which by now has become the traditional social event of our annual meetings. Refreshed by this lengthy and pleasant pause, most of the members gathered again at eight o'clock for the informal symposiums in fundamental, dogmatic and moral theology or for the continuation of the discussion of the teaching of sacred doctrine on the college level.

Wednesday, June 30, 1954:

The following was the official program for the last day of the meeting:

9:00 A. M. . . . PONTIFICAL MASS OF THE HOLY GHOST

MARIAN SERMON

NOTRE DAME DE BON SECOURS

His Eminence, Paul-Emile Cardinal Léger

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

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOGMA OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: OBSTACLES INHIBITING
UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE
The Reverend Gerard Owens, C.S.S.R.

2:30 P.M. PANEL DISCUSSION

INFUSED CONTEMPLATION AS THE NORMAL DEVELOPMENT
OF THE LIFE OF GRACE AND THE VIRTUES
The Right Reverend William R. O'Connor, MODERATOR

PANEL MEMBERS

- The Very Reverend Aelred Graham, O.S.B.
- The Reverend Raphael J. Gillis, O.P.
- The Reverend Michael Griffin, O.C.D.
- The Reverend Elmer O'Brien, S.J.

3:30 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING

In order that we might accord some observance to the Marian Year, Father Yelle, our President, had asked His Eminence Cardinal Léger to celebrate Mass for us at the Church of Notre Dame de Bon Secours, one of the oldest churches dedicated to our Lady in the Western hemisphere. Not only did His Eminence celebrate the Mass, but at the close of the Mass he preached a Marian sermon, which emphasized the place of our Lady in theology, as well as the devotion shown her by the American peoples. This inspiring discourse has been printed as the introductory paper of this issue of THE PROCEEDINGS.

The topic of the morning's general session was also chosen to mark the Marian Year. The Society owes a special debt of gratitude to Father Gerard Owens, who teaches at the Redemptorist Seminary in Woodstock, Ontario, for accepting the invitation to conduct this session. Owing to a sudden illness, Father Alfred Rush, C.S.S.R., of the Catholic University in Washington, who had accepted the original invitation, was unable to appear. Father Owens willingly stepped into the breach, even though he realized that he would have to com-

press a great amount of work within a short period of time. His paper which begins on p. 67 is, therefore, a reflection not only of his scholarship, but of his spirit of cooperation with the Society as well. The Society also is in similar debt to Father Mailloux, who gladly accepted our invitation, in spite of the fact that his ordinarily heavy burdens as President of the Center of Research in Human Relations were greatly increased by duties which were laid upon him in connection with an international convention of neurologists and psychiatrists, which had met in Montreal earlier in the spring. At Father Owens session, Msgr. Michael Murphy, Vice-president of the Society, presided, and Father Thomas Coyle, C.S.S.R., acted as secretary.

The afternoon session consisted of a new venture in the form of a panel discussion. Msgr. O'Connor, who moderated the panel, is pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church in New York City and Adjunct Professor of Religion at Columbia University. The panellists were chosen from four different religious groups in the expectation that this would provide four different views of the subject. That expectation was interestingly fulfilled in the statements of Father Aelred Graham who represented the Benedictines, Father Raphael Gillis who represented the Dominicans, Father Michael Griffin who represented the Discalced Carmelites, and Father Elmer O'Brien who represented the Jesuits. (*Cf.* p. 201.) Because of the shortage of time, however, audience participation was quite limited. What discussion there was, was recorded by Father John M. Paul, C.S.P.

BUSINESS MEETING

Immediately following the panel discussion, Father Yelle opened the annual business meeting, which proved to be one of the shortest in the history of the society. He first acknowledged on behalf of the society the work of the Current Problems Committee, whose deliberations, under the chairmanship of Father Burghardt, S.J., had provided the materials from which the Board of Directors had fashioned the present program. The President also acknowledged the hospitality extended to the Board of Directors at their annual November meeting in Washington by Father Connell and the other Redemptorist Fathers at Holy Redeemer College. He then spoke of

a committee set up at that meeting to look into the advisability of fostering regional meetings, especially for the benefit of those members of the society who found it impossible to attend the annual meeting. The chairman of the committee, Father Walter Burghardt, S.J. of Woodstock, who had had the assistance of Father Edmond Benard of Catholic University and Father John F. Sweeney, S.J., also of Woodstock, was called to the dais. Father Burghardt read a report (*cf.* p. 240) which recommended the inauguration of a program of regional meetings on a trial basis. The report which had already been approved by the Board of Directors met also with the favor of the members at the meeting.

The President next called for the report of the Committee on Admissions. In the absence of the chairman, Father Eugene Gallagher, S.J., Father McDonough, the Secretary of the Society had the pleasure of introducing a record number of names—ninety-seven—for the approval of the members. As a timesaving device the names were not read, but were rather displayed at the table on the dais for the inspection of those who might be interested. Needless to say, all the nominees, already screened by the committee, were accepted for membership, thus bringing the membership for the present to a total of four hundred eighty-seven. The names of the new members with their addresses:

New Members:

- Aucoin, Charles Louis, C.J.M., Holy Heart Seminary, 55 Quinpool Road, Halifax, N. S., Canada.
- Bérubé, Jean François, S.S.S., 4450 St. Hubert Street, Montreal 34, Canada.
- Bourassa, François, S.J., 1855 Rachel St. E., Montreal 34, Canada.
- Brueggeman, Edward Bernard, S.J., St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Ill.
- Burke, Joseph Arthur, P. O. Box 72, Chicopee, Mass.
- Buschmiller, Robert J., Mt. St. Mary Seminary of the West, 5440 Moeller Avenue, Norwood, Cincinnati 12, Ohio.
- Byrne, John Thomas, 1313 Academy Avenue, St. Louis 13, Mo.
- Callahan, Edward R., S.J., Weston College, Weston 93, Mass.
- Charbonneau, Paul Eugene, C.S.C., Oratoire St. Joseph, 3800 Chemin Reine-Marie, Montreal 26, Canada.

- Clark, Eugene Vincent, 546 West 150th Street, New York City, N. Y.
Collins, John T., S.J., 7101 West 80th Street, Los Angeles 45, Calif.
Cronin, Daniel Anthony, Casa di Santa Maria Dell'Umilta, Via Dell' Umilta 30, Rome, Italy.
Crowe, Frederick Ernest, S.J., 403 Wellington Street W., Toronto 2B, Ont., Canada.
Cummings, Juniper, O.F.M.Conv., Assumption Seminary, Chaska, Minn.
- Désparts, Jacques, Séminaire des Missions-Etrangères, Pont-Viau, Montreal, Canada.
Donahue, Joseph Francis, S.J., Boston College, Chestnut Hill 67, Mass.
Dubee, Matthew Daly, 1650 Valois Avenue, Montreal 4, Canada.
Duffy, Finian C., O.F.M., Christ the King Seminary, St. Bonaventure P. O., New York.
Dutil, J. A., M.S., 109 Ouest, Ave. des Pins, Montreal 18, Canada.
- Ecker, George, C.P.S., All Saints Rectory, 110 Fairview Avenue, Manassas, Va.
Egan, Willis J., S.J., University of San Francisco, San Francisco 17, Calif.
Enderbrock, Donald Martin, 540 N. Olden Avenue, Trenton 9, N. J.
Ennis, Arthur John, O.S.A., Archbishop Carroll High School, 4300 Harewood Road N. E., Washington, D. C.
- Farren, Edward Joseph, S.J., Georgetown University, Washington 7, D. C.
Finn, Edward E., S.J., St. Louis University, 221 North Grand Boulevard, St. Louis 3, Mo.
Firth, John Joseph Francis, C.S.B., St. Basil's Seminary, 95 St. Joseph St., Toronto 5, Ont., Canada.
Foley, Philip H., O.S.A., St. Rita Monastery, 6310 South Claremont Avenue, Chicago 36, Ill.
- Gallo, Joseph John, 70 Cross Street, Paterson 1, N. J.
Gardiner, Harold, S.J., 329 West 108 Street, New York City 25, N. Y.
Garthoeffner, William Charles, 1521 North Hudson Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Gauthier, Rev. Roland, C.S.C., St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal, P. Q., Canada.
Goetz, Rev. Gerard Louis, O.S.B., Holy Cross Abbey, Cañon City, Col.
Graham, Very Rev. Aelred, O.S.B., Portsmouth Priory, Portsmouth, R. I.

- Graham, George Peter, St. Joseph's Rectory, 1346 Broadway, Hewlett, L. I., New York.
- Green, Gerard, St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers 4, N. Y.
- Hain, Raymond, Catholic University of America, Washington 17, D. C.
- Hennessy, James E., S.J., Fordham University, New York 58, N. Y.
- Higgins, Gall Edward, O.F.M.Cap., Glencllyffe, Garrison, N. Y.
- Hurley, Philip Stephen, S.J., Fordham University, New York 58, N. Y.
- Igo, James, St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg, N. Y.
- Iranyi, Ladislaus Anthony, S.P., Queen of the Pious School College, 307 Michigan Ave., N. E., Washington 17, D. C.
- Keating, Francis M., S.J., Woodstock College, Woodstock, Maryland.
- Kelly, John L., St. Bernard's Church, 928 Gorsuch Avenue, Baltimore 18, Md.
- Kelly, Joseph P., St. Mary's Rectory, 62 Warren Street, Glens Falls, N. Y.
- Kittleson, J. F., Box 289, Billings, Montana.
- LaChance, Eugene, C.J.M., Holy Heart Seminary, 55 Quinpool Road, Halifax, N. S., Canada.
- Lally, Campion, O.F.M., St. Anthony's Shrine, 103 Arch Street, Boston 10, Mass.
- Lehner, Francis Christopher, O.P., St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana.
- Leimkuhler, Edwin Matthias, S.M., University of Dayton, Dayton 9, Ohio.
- Loney, Norman G., St. Charles Seminary, Baltimore 28, Maryland.
- McAuliffe, M. F., 3147 Broadway, Kansas City 11, Mo.
- McClain, Joseph Patrick, C.M., Mary Immaculate Seminary, Northampton, Pa.
- McClea, Ernest V., S.J., St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Ill.
- McCormick, John Patrick, S.S., 401 Michigan Avenue, N. E., Washington 17, D. C.
- McGee, J. T., C.S.C., CAPO 5052, % Postmaster, Montreal, P. Q., Canada.
- McShane, Very Rev. Msgr. Gerald, S.S., 460 Dorchester Street West, Montreal, Canada.
- Mailloux, Noël, O.P., Centre de Recherches en Relations Humaines, 2765 St. Catherine Road, Montreal 26, Canada.

- Masterson, Robert Reginald, O.P., St. Rose Priory, Dubuque, Iowa.
 Meaney, Joseph Patrick, M.M., Maryknoll Seminary, Glen Ellyn, Ill.
 Mehr, Aloysius John, C.S.C., Crosier Fathers, Hastings, Nebraska.
 Miceli, Matthew M., C.S.C., University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind.
 Moore, John Daniel, 1129 Locust Street, St. Louis 1, Mo.
 Moreau, Ernest Philip, 104 Springfield Street, Chicopee, Mass.
 Mulligan, Very Rev. Thomas Charles, S.S., St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, Calif.
 Murphy, John Joseph, St. Michael's Rectory, 826 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring, Md.
 Murray, Bernard Joseph, S.J., Canisius College, Buffalo 8, N. Y.
 Murray, Edward Joseph, S.J., Woodstock College, Woodstock, Md.
 Nolan, John Gavin, Mater Christi Seminary, 1134 New Scotland Rd., Albany 8, N. Y.
 O'Connor, Edward Dennis, C.S.C., Box 407, Notre Dame, Indiana.
 O'Meara, Edward Thomas, 5130 Wilson Avenue, St. Louis 10, Mo.
 O'Neill, Bartholomew Lawrence, S.J., Alma College, Los Gatos, Calif.
 Pageau, Louis Joseph, Séminaire des Missions Etrangères, Pont Viau, Montreal, Canada.
 Palladino, Alfonso Gustavo, St. John's Seminary, Brighton 35, Mass.
 Pelton, Robert Stuart, C.S.C., Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Ind.
 Perkosky, Francis J., St. Edward's Seminary, Kenmore, Wash.
 Principe, Walter Henry, C.S.B., St. Basil's Seminary, 95 St. Joseph St., Toronto 5, Ont., Canada.
 Quail, Myles Joseph, Church of the Ascension, 48 Vernon Street, Worcester 4, Mass.
 Quinn, Edmund William, O.F.M.Cap., St. Fidelis' Monastery, Victoria, Kan.
 Redmond, Richard Xavier, S.S., St. Edward's Seminary, Kenmore, Wash.
 Rock, Joseph F., S.J., University of San Francisco, San Francisco 17, Calif.
 Rouse, Silvan, C.P., 3800 Frederick Avenue, Baltimore 29, Md.
 Roy, Lucien, S.J., Collège Jean de Brébeuf, 3200 Chemin Ste. Cathérine, Montreal 26, Canada.
 Sauvé, Irénée, S.S., 2065 ouest, rue Sherbrooke, Montreal 25, Canada.

- Sellinger, Joseph Anthony, S.J., Georgetown University, Washington 7, D. C.
- Siedlecki, Aloysius M., 477 New Jersey Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Smith, Richard F., S.J., St. Mary's College, St. Marys, Kan.
- Stanczak, Right Rev. Msgr. Wladislaus J., 516 East 13th Street, Erie, Pa.
- Sullivan, Francis Bartley, C.P.P.S., Howard Hall, Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Ind.
- Tavard, George Henry, A.A., 229 West 14th Street, New York 11, N. Y.
- Taylor, John Edward, O.M.I., Pine Hills Seminary, Pass Christian, Miss.
- Thomas, Alphonsus, C.S.S.R., St. Alphonsus' Seminary, Woodstock, Ontario, Canada.
- Torontali, Laszlo, S.P., St. Elizabeth's Rectory, 1845 N. 23rd Street, Philadelphia 21, Pa.
- Trahan Roméo, S.S.E., St. Edmund's Seminary, Burlington, Vt.
- Vanier, Very Rev. Paul, S.J., Collège Jean de Brébeuf, Montreal 26, P. Q., Canada.
- Van Roo, William, S.J., Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Vigneault, Joseph Albini, C.J.M., Séminaire des Pères Eudistes, Gros Pin, P. Q., Canada.
- Whalen, Norman Matthew, All Saints Rectory, 410 South Sixth Avenue, Tucson, Ariz.

Father McDonough was next introduced by Father Yelle in what was described as "his formality" as Secretary. He acknowledged the cooperation of the members in the year's membership campaign, giving special credit to Father Yelle and to Father Edward J. Hogan of St. Mary's Seminary, Roland Park. He expressed the gratitude of the Society for the favorable reviews of the eighth annual number of THE PROCEEDINGS which appeared in the *American Ecclesiastical Review*, the *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*, *The Priest*, *Emmanuel* and *The Voice*. For special service in giving publicity to the Society and its work, Father McDonough commended the N.C.W.C. News Service, the Religious News Service, the *Tablet* of Brooklyn and the *Catholic News* of New York.

The next item on the agenda was the Treasurer's report, which will be found in some detail on p. 232. Father Rea remarked that while the financial condition of the Society afforded no cause for

alarm, nevertheless it had to be taken seriously. He pointed out that rising costs would cause the Society to incur a deficit of over five hundred dollars for the current fiscal year. The cost of printing and distributing *THE PROCEEDINGS* alone was two hundred dollars greater than the total amount collected in membership dues during the entire year, and the cost of the convention was nine hundred dollars greater than the total amount collected in registration fees. This deficit was largely covered by the proceeds from advertising in the annual. But for the ordinary running expenses of the Society it had been found necessary to draw upon the surplus remaining from the previous fiscal year. Father Rea advised, in the light of these unpleasant facts, that serious consideration be given to ways and means of increasing the annual revenue of the Society. He urged that in the meantime the members obtain new advertisers for *THE PROCEEDINGS* and patronize the old ones, and that they continue their efforts to obtain new memberships.

Father Rea also reported on the results of the inquiry, made on the occasion of the solicitation of the annual dues, regarding the dates preferred by the members for the annual meeting. Of the 151 responses received, 57 registered approval of the traditional last week of June, while 39 indicated a preference for the next-to-last week of the same month. 4 members indicated that either of these two weeks would satisfy them. The Easter recess was the first choice of 27, and 14 opted for the Christmas recess. 10 members chose one or another of the weeks of the early or late summer. In view of these responses, the Board of Directors had decided to adhere for the future to the last week of June, but to see to it that no meeting would begin later than June 26th in any year. An exception had to be made immediately, however, for the tenth annual meeting of the coming year, since final arrangements had already been concluded with the Commodore Hotel in New York for June 27th-29th.

Father John Harrington, of St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, N. Y., Chairman of the Committee on Research and Publications, who at the last minute was unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting, had telephoned a brief report, which at this point was read by Father Rea. Father Harrington's full report, however, appears on p. 234 of this issue of *THE PROCEEDINGS*.

Father Yelle voiced the gratitude of the members for the kindness of Father Fournier of the Grande Seminaire, of the Right Reverend Rector of the Cathedral and of Monsignor McShane of St. Patrick's Church, in providing facilities for the celebration of Mass. As a token of our appreciation of his gracious hospitality, it was moved, seconded and unanimously voted that His Eminence Cardinal Léger be made an honorary member of the Society.

Before calling for the last two reports, the President appointed the members of the standing committees for the coming year. Eight regional chairmen were appointed to supervise local meetings of the Society throughout the United States and Canada. These chairmen were also made the members of the Committee on Admissions. The members of the Committee on Research and Publications were continued for another year with the addition of Father Theodore D. Foley, who was named Advertising Manager. Two new members, Father John M. Paul, C.S.P. and Father Kenneth Moore, O.Carm., both of Washington, D. C., were named to the Committee on Current Problems to replace Monsignor Thomas McCarthy, now of the Military Ordinariate in New York, and Father Bernard Ransing, C.S.C., who is at present in Rome. The complete personnel of the standing committees is listed on p. xxxi.

Father Yelle, as Chairman of the Cardinal Spellman Award Committee, now announced as recipient of the Award for 1954, the first President of the Society, Father Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R. Father Connell rose to the applause of the members and briefly expressed his pleasure at having been chosen.

The last matter of business was the report of the Committee on Nominations which was made by Father Edward Sheridan, S.J. Father Sheridan presented the following slate:

President: Rt. Rev. William R. O'Connor.

Vice-President: Rev. Paul Waldschmidt, C.S.C.

Secretary: Rev. Aloysius McDonough, C.P.

Treasurer: Rev. James Edward Rea.

Members of the Board: Rev. Gerard Yelle, S.S.

Rev. Joseph A. M. Quigley.

Rev. Edward F. Hanahoe, S.A.

Ratification of all the names was unanimously voted by the assembled members.

Invited to the dais by Father Yelle, Msgr. O'Connor pledged himself to promote the interests of the Society to the best of his ability during his term of office. He then brought the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Society to a close with a prayer.

ALOYSIUS McDONOUGH, C.P.

JAMES EDWARD REA