

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

The year past marked the last lists of titles for the *Union Catalog of Theological Source Materials* to be circulated from the original listing of titles proposed at the beginning of the project. In past years through the generosity and deep interest of Francis Cardinal Spellman and the scholarly work of many librarians titles were located in 112 institutions in the United States, Canada and Europe. The advantages of the project to theological research are too obvious to be mentioned and the fine spirit of sympathetic co-operation so evident among the institutions participating has shown beyond doubt the necessity of the work and the possibility of co-operative endeavor on an international scale.

The original listing of titles has been exhausted and it will now be possible to build subsequent lists with greater attention to subject divisions. The next group of titles will be drawn from standard bibliographies and texts in the field of sacramental theology. The emphasis will be on source materials and an effort will be made to keep to the original limit of 1800 A.D. However, in individual cases later works will be included.

While some time must now be spent in necessary revision and editing of the titles and locations it is not too soon to consider a problem which must soon be faced by the Society—how best to make the present results of the project available to all members. It has been suggested that the titles and their locations be copied in some form and circulated among the members of the society or at least to the co-operating institutions. The many difficulties involved in such a program and the correlation of the cost and the benefits are questions which will be considered and reported on by this Committee.

During the past year the Society, through this Committee, was asked to advise the *Administratiebureau der V.S.K.B.* of Nijmegen, Netherlands, on their program of reprinting at popular prices various of the classical authors in the field of theology. They are particularly interested in existing series of reprints and the possible interest and

sale in this country. The problem is currently under consideration and the best information available will be forwarded to them.

It is again a privilege to close the report of the activities of this Committee with an expression of gratitude to those librarians who have brought the work to its present stage of success and to the students of St. Joseph's Seminary who have worked through the many problems of clerical organization so routine in nature and nevertheless so essential to the project. The sympathetic interest and generosity of His Eminence, Cardinal Spellman, can be adequately appreciated only by the students and scholars whose researches and investigations will profit by these activities.