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CANADIAN SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL STUDIES.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies was held concurrently with the seventeenth annual meeting of the Canadian Section of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, at Wycliffe College, Toronto, Ontario, on May 19th and 20th, 1955, with the president, the Rev. Professor E. R. Fairweather, Th.D., in the chair.

FIRST SESSION, THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 19th.

The president opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the previous annual meeting as contained in the nineteenth bulletin were, by motion duly seconded and agreed, taken as read and approved.

The Secretary, Rev. C. J. de Catanzaro, read the names of those who had written to express their regret at being unable to attend the meeting. In addition, he reported on a total membership of 99, of whom 51 were paid up.

Financial Report.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported total receipts of \$ 96.14 for the fiscal year 1954-55, and total expenditures of \$ 17.24, leaving a balance of \$ 78.90. The report was, on motion by Professor Meek duly seconded and carried, received. Principal J. M. Clague and Rev. D.C. Wotherspoon were appointed auditors.

Nominating Committee.

On motion by Professor Barnett duly seconded, it was resolved that the chair appoint a nominating committee. Professors Barnett and Staples were accordingly appointed.

Other business.

The following were nominated for membership - Rev. Roderick A.F. MacKenzie, S. J., Rev. David M. Stanley, S.J., Rev. Robert D. Creuse, Miss Helen Milton.

Professor Meek raised the question of enlarging the bulletin of the Society. Professor Barnett pointed out that in the future, papers of the society contributed to the Canadian Journal of Theology might be available in offprints.

Professor T. A. M. Barnett, in the absence of Principal W. R. Armitage, welcomed the members of the Society to Wycliffe College, and announced arrangements concerning the serving of lunch.

Professor R. J. Williams reported on the formation of the Canadian Theological Society.

On motion the business session was adjourned.

Papers.

The following papers were read and gave rise to lively discussion -
Professor F. W. Beare - "The Insufflation Narrative in S. John xx.19 ff. "
Professor John Wevers - "Blessing and Curse in Hosea i - iii".

SECOND SESSION, FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 20th.

The society re-convened at 10 a.m. at Wycliffe College.

BUSINESS SESSION.

The nominating committee presented a report, but its approval was deferred, owing to the necessity of nominating a separate President for the Canadian Section of the Society of Biblical Literature. A special committee of Professors Barnett and Meek were asked to go into this matter.

The auditors' report was presented, to the effect that the Treasurer's Report was correct. On motion duly seconded, this was approved.

Professor David Hay reported on the newly established Canadian Journal of Theology, the first issue of which was on display for the members.

The Rev. Leslie Hunt was added to the nominees for membership in the Society. On motion duly seconded and approved, the Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for election of the nominees to membership in the society.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

The Rev. Professor E. R. Fairweather, Th. D. then delivered his presidential address on "The Use of the Bible in Christian Theology".

PAPERS.

The following papers were read and discussed -

Père Adrien Brunet, O. P. - "Notes on the Prophecy of Nathan according to the Chronicler" (I. Chron. xvii.1-15)

Professor G. Gerald Harrop - "On the Translation and Interpretation of 'ish in Isaiah xxxii.2"

Professor T. J. Meek - "The Translation of Job xix.25-27"

The meeting adjourned at 12.30 p. m., after which lunch was served for the members in the refectory of Wycliffe College at 1 p. m.

THIRD SESSION, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 20th.

The society re-convened at 2 p. m.

BUSINESS.

On motion of Professor T. J. Meek, duly seconded and approved, the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Principal of Wycliffe College for the hospitality of the college and the use of its facilities.

Election of Officers.

The nominating committee and the additional special committee presented their report. The following were elected officers for 1955- 56:

- Honourary President: Rev. Dr. F. H. Cosgrave
- President, C. S. B. S. Rev. W. Morison Kelly
- President, Canadian Section, S.B.L. E. Professor John Wevers
- Vice-President: Rev. Professor M. T. Newby
- Executive Committee: Rev. Professor E. R. Fairweather
Professor G. Gerald Harrop
Professor George Caird

Other business.

It was resolved, that, in view of the balance of \$ 9.30 in the travel pool, there be no collection for it at this session.

It was suggested that the Society meet at regular intervals outside Toronto, particularly at Montreal in view of the large membership in that centre.

Papers.

The following papers were read and discussed:

- Professor W. S. McCullough; - "Some Notes on Black: 'An Aramaic Approach to the Gospels and Acts' (Second Edition)"
- Professor R. J. Williams - "On the Syntax of the Propositions Kaph and Lamedh "
- Professor T. A. M. Barnett - "Sacrifices in Connection with the Birth and Early Development of a Child"

The meeting adjourned at 3.35 p. m.

Members in attendance for one or more of the sessions

Barnett	de Catanzaro	Jackson	Naughton
Baare	Fairweather	Kelly	Newby
Brunet	Fennell	MacKenzie, S.J.	Orr
Clague	Harrop	Macpherson	Parke-Taylor
Cotter	Hay	McCullough	Shein
Cosgrave	Hunt	McKenzie	Stanley
		Meek	Staples
		Mulligan	Warne
Williams	Winnett		Wevers
Wotherspoon			

Rev. Professor F. W. Beare, Trinity College.

The Insufflation-Narrative: A Study of John 20:19-23.

1. There are variant readings of no great interest in each of verses 19 to 22 inclusive; and in v. 23, ~~xxxx~~ we have to notice especially the variant tinon (twice) for tinon (the sins of anyone in place of the sins of any), which is the reading of Codex Vaticanus with some support in Old Latin and Syriac and several of the ancient Fathers.

2. Form-critical analysis indicates that the story came into the hands of the Evangelist in the form of a popular legend closely akin to Luke 24:36-49, though literary dependence is not to be demonstrated. It is complete in itself, not pre-supposing the narration of vv.1-18, and not anticipating the following Thomas-story. Transmitted in the tradition as a self-contained unit, it has been given characteristically symbolic treatment by the Evangelist, and now takes up ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ several of the fundamental themes of the Gospel, especially, of course, the intimations that the glorified Jesus is the giver of the Holy Spirit.

3. The main interests exhibited by the pericope are the following:

- (a) The identification of the risen Lord of the Church with the crucified Jesus. There is no need to regard the clause "he showed them his hands and his side" as an interpolation, or as anticipating the Thomas-story. It is necessary here, partly as evidential, but much more as establishing the identification.
- (b) The identification of the Spirit that inhabits the Church with the Spirit that was in Jesus. ~~Insufflation is~~