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TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies was held concurrently with the twentieth annual meeting of the Canadian Section of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis at Trinity College, Toronto, on May 13, 1958. The President, the Rev. Principal G. B. Caird, of the United Theological College, Montreal, was in the chair.

MORNING SESSION, TUESDAY, MAY 13th.

The President opened the meeting with prayer shortly after 9.30 a. m. After informal words of welcome to those attending by the President, it was moved by Professor W. S. McCullough, duly seconded, and carried, that the minutes of the 1957 meeting as circulated be accepted.

The Secretary, Rev. C.J. de Catanzaro, reported briefly on the current state of the membership of the society, noting that 59 members were paid up to the current year or beyond it, with 23 members paid up to 1957. One member had resigned because of his inability to contribute to the work of the society. On motion duly seconded, his report was received.

The Secretary-Treasurer then presented the financial report, indicating a balance carried forward from 1957 of \$167.74, further receipts of \$61.44, and disbursements of \$14.34, leaving a balance on hand of \$214.84. The chairman appointed Professor D.K. Andrews and Rev. J.R. Brown as auditors.

On motion of Rev. Professor F.W. Beare, duly seconded, and carried, Professors W.E. Staples and R.J. Williams were elected a committee on nominations.

The following were then nominated to membership - Rev. H.B. Barrett, Rev. J.V. Dahms, Mr. R.C. Culley, Rev. J.T. Forestell C.S.B., Dean S.B. Frost, Mr. Kirk Grayson, Mr. W. Power, Rev. J.M. Wilkie, Professor Lovesay Higgins. On motion duly seconded and carried, the secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for their election as members of the society. (also Professors A.J.E. Higgins, K. Joblin, M.R.R. Lovesay)

The following papers were then read and discussed:

"Recent Studies in I. Peter", by Rev. Professor F.W. Beare;

"The Root in Hebrew", by Rev. Professor E.C. Clarke;

"The Structure of St. John xvii", by Rev. Dr. G.S. Cotter;

"Some Reflections on the Recent Re-issue of Wellhausen's Prolegomena in a Paperback Edition", by Professor G.G. Harrop;

"The Yahweh Speeches in Job- Solution or Mystery ?", by Rev. R.A.F. MacKenzie, S.J.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Society re-convened shortly after 2 p.m. and the following papers were read and discussed:

"Some Problems in Old Testament Translation", by Professor T.J.Meek.

" , , etc in the Old Testament", by Rev. Wolfgang Roth.

"The Exclusion of the Tribe of Simeon from the Blessing of Moses",
by Rev. G.H.Parke-Taylor.

"Notes on the First-Fruits Offering of Deuteronomy xxvi",
by Rev. Professor T.A.M.Barnett.

"Asseveration by Thanksgiving", by Dean S.B.Frost.

"The Concept of Wisdom in James iii.13-18", by Rev.J.V.Dahms.

"The Relative Clause in Hebrew", by Professor R.J.Williams.

EVENING SESSION

The Society re-convened shortly after 8.15 p.m. The auditors' report to the effect that the Treasurer's reports and accounts had been duly scrutinized and found correct, was brought by Rev. J.R.Brown, who moved its acceptance. On being duly seconded, it was carried nem. com.

The question of the travel pool was then brought forward. Due to the excellent state of the Society's accounts, no levy was made upon the members, but the treasurer was instructed to pay travelling expenses out of current funds. On motion of Professor Beare, duly seconded, and carried nem. com. the treasurer was instructed to pay the cost of overnight accommodation for members, and also railway fare. In the discussion it was pointed out that it was desirable that new members, particularly from distant parts, should be notified of the possibility of part of the expenses of attending meetings being assumed by the Society. Further it was pointed out that it was the practise of S.B.L.E. and other learned societies to encourage colleges and universities to subsidize attendance at meetings by their staffs by supplying letters in support of this from an officer of the society, and the adoption of this practice by the society was suggested.

The Nominating Committee brought in its report, and on motion duly seconded, the following slate of officers for 1958-1959 was unanimously elected President- The Rev. David M. Stanley, S.J., Toronto.

Vice-President- The Rev. Professor R. Dobbie, Toronto.

Secretary-Treasurer- The Rev. David C. Wotherspoon, Toronto.

Executive Committee- Rev. Adrien M. Brunet, O.P., Montreal

Rev. Professor D.K.Andrews, Toronto

Professor W.S. McCullough, Toronto.

Professor T.A.M.Barnett moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Secretary for his faithfulness and his introduction of bilingualism into the notices of the Society, which was duly seconded and passed.

The President thanked the Executive and the Committees for their assistance, and expressed the thanks of the Society to Trinity College for the use of their facilities and hospitality, instructing the Secretary to convey this to the authorities of the College in appropriate fashion.

Following this, there was a lively discussion on the question of the programme of future meetings. It was suggested that the Society revert to the older practice of having its meeting over two days, and spreading them over a greater period of time, in order that there might be more time for discussion. It was further advocated that in future there be two major communications by invitation, and sufficient time for their discussion, together with anumber of minor communications offered by the members. It was suggested that the two major communications might appropriately be divided between the fields of Old and New Testament. A further suggestion was advanced, that the Presidential Address might be more fittingly be given in the morning.

There was also some discussion on the place and date of the next meeting. This, together with matters of programme, was left in the hands of the incoming executive.

The President, The Rev. Principal G.B. Caird, then delivered his presidential address on:

"The Exegetical Method of the Epistle to the Hebrews".

Following this the meeting adjourned.

The following members were present at one or more of the sessions:

Anderson	Forestall	Power
Andrews	Freeland	Roth
Armstrong	Frost	Shein
Barnett	Grayson	Smith, Neill
Barrett	Harrop	Staples
Beare	Hay	Telcs
Brown, J.R.	Jellicoe	Walsh
Caird	Kirby	Wilkie
Clarke	McCullough	Williams
Cosgrave	Macpherson	Winnett
Cotter	McDormand	Wotherspoon
Dahms	Meek	
de Catanzaro	Naughton	
Dobbie	Parke-Taylor	