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Rules of the Association. A draft of the proposed rules was issued with the April number of *SCRIPTURE*. This draft was the result of discussion at the last General Meeting of the Association, held at the Newman Centre in London in December 1950, and each rule will be voted on at the next General Meeting meeting. Any alterations or additions should be sent to the secretary as soon as possible, for consideration by the Committee. Those who have not had a copy of the proposed rules may obtain one from the Secretary.

Biblical Lectures at the Newman Centre. This Association, in conjunction with the Newman Association, has arranged a further series of lectures, starting next October at 31 Portman Square, London W.1. The subject is the New Testament and the course comprises twenty-four lectures. The Gospels (fourteen lectures) will be treated by Dr Fuller and this will be followed by ten lectures on the Pauline epistles by Dr Leahy. The course aims at giving an introduction to the Gospels and Pauline epistles with some account of current literary criticism of the subject. This will lead to a treatment of the teaching of Jesus and St Paul, considered in relation to the historical setting.

This is the third year of a cycle of Scripture lectures, of which the first two treated of the Background of Bible Study and the Old Testament respectively. It is not, however, necessary to have attended the previous courses in order to follow the New Testament lectures.

The lectures will be given on Fridays at 6.30 p.m. as previously, and they will start on 5th October 1951. Each lecture will be followed by a discussion. Members of the C.B.A. will be admitted at the same fee as Newman members, i.e. £1 for the course, instead of the ordinary fee of £1 10s. od. Anyone who is a full-time student will be admitted for 10s. There is a canteen on the premises, which anyone attending the lectures may use, whether or not they are members of the Newman Association. Application to follow the lectures should be made to the Hon. Secretary, Adult Education Committee, Newman Centre, 31 Portman Square, London, W.1.

It should be stated that the lectures are intended for the ordinary educated Catholic and are not for the specialist. We hope that as many as possible will attend, as this will help us greatly in the planning of future courses.

A Catholic Commentary on Holy Scripture. At long last we are able to announce that the work of preparing the Commentary is now finished and the publishers, Thomas Nelson and Sons, intend bringing it out early next year. It is now over seven years since the work was begun, and considering the size of the undertaking we have no reason to complain at the length of time taken. One might on the contrary feel some surprise that it has in fact been completed so soon, in view of all the unforeseen difficulties encountered. Certainly the committee have done all in their power to ensure that the Commentary shall be a worthy product of the English-speaking Catholic world and the publishers too are sparing no pains to make it everything that such a volume should be. An interesting prospectus has been produced by them giving a description of the work together with a list of contributors and the articles. Several specimen pages are included in the prospectus. Orders are being accepted and application should be made to Thomas Nelson and Sons, Ltd, 3 Henrietta Street, London, W.C.2.

Recent Catholic Truth Society Pamphlets. We have received a number of recent issues. The Papal Encyclical *Menti Nostrae* has been translated into English by Dr Cartmell under the title *The Priestly Life*. The Letter reads well in the translation and has been very conveniently divided into sections with headings. The Torch Series will be already well known to most readers. A selection before us contains such titles as 'One Church', 'Catholic England', 'The Mass', 'Death', 'The Redeemer', 'Why Marry?' The series is designed to reach a wider public than the usual C.T.S. pamphlets and is written in a more popular style. These samples of the series augur well for the success of the enterprise.