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Annual General Meeting. This was held as usual at the Newman Centre, 31 Portman Square, London W1 on Thursday 6 January at 6 p.m. The Secretary read a report for the year 1954. He spoke of the continued sales of the *Catholic Commentary on Holy Scripture*, and stressed that its present widespread use made it easier to see what improvements would be called for in a possible future revision. The first four volumes of the new *Scripture Commentaries* for schools and colleges were, he said, now well under way, and the preparation of four or five others was starting. Grades I and II of *Old Testament for Schools*, in their new edition, should appear shortly. The lecture course at the Newman Centre during the scholastic year 1954-5 had had for its subject *The New Testament*. Attendance had been fair but could be better. The interest shown by those who did come had been well maintained. Next year 1955-6 it was expected that the lectures would deal with *Luke* and *Acts* or *Luke* and *John*. Not much use had been made of the Lending Library, except by those attending lectures, and it was agreed that more mention of it might be made in *Scripture*. The Secretary reported that several requests had been received during the year for Bible Reading plans. In response to these, several attempts had been made to find a planner, but so far unsuccessfully. However it was hoped that a scheme would be undertaken shortly.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr Winter, seconded by Mr O'Brien and passed by the meeting.

The Treasurer's statement was then read (see pp. 34-5). It was proposed for adoption by Miss Parsons, seconded by Mr Delepine and passed by the meeting.

As their term of office had expired, the officers of the Association then resigned. Mgr Barton and Dr Fuller offered themselves for re-election and were duly elected. Miss Agnes Boyle was proposed for election as Hon. Treasurer in place of Miss K. Kenny, and was also elected. Fr R. Foster having resigned from the Committee it was proposed that Fr L. Johnston should replace him, and in addition, Mr A. H. N. Green-Armytage was proposed for election to the Committee. Both were duly elected. The Committee is now as follows: Rt. Rev. Mgr J. M. T. Barton D.D., L.S.S. (Chairman),

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Rev. R. C. Fuller D.D., L.S.S. (Hon. Secretary), Miss A. Boyle (Hon. Treasurer), Rev. A. Jones S.T.L., L.S.S., Rev. D. J. Leahy D.D., PH.D., L.S.S., Rev. S. Bullough O.P., M.A., S.T.M., Dom B. Orchard O.S.B., M.A., Rev. E. F. Sutcliffe S.J., M.A., L.S.S., Rev. L. Johnston S.T.L., L.S.S., R. A. Dean Esq. M.A., A. H. N. Green-Armytage M.A.

Commenting on the report for 1954 a member asked if the *Wisdom* literature would soon be dealt with in the new Commentaries. The secretary replied that this seemed unlikely, whereas the Book of Psalms seemed to require early attention. Another member thought that parts of the Bible, especially the Old Testament, could be published separately with advantage, so as to familiarise people with the text. The suggested Bible Reading plan met with considerable approval, and various names were suggested as editor. The distribution of such leaflets would be a problem, but might perhaps be solved through some arrangement with the Catholic Truth Society.

Membership. 14 members had resigned during the year and another 2 signified their decision to continue subscription to *Scripture* only. Unpaid subscriptions amounted to 50. New members totalled 91. The total membership of the Association on 31 December 1954 was 531 apart from those who subscribe only to *Scripture*.