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Newman Lectures. The course for the coming scholastic year starting in October will be on all four Gospels with the larger share given to St John. This arrangement is in response to various requests for a more detailed treatment of the Gospels. The lectures will be given as usual at the Newman Centre, 31 Portman Square, London W1, but readers are asked to note that the day is Wednesday and not Friday as hitherto. The time, 6.30 p.m., is the same as before. Those interested should communicate with the Registrar at the above address. The first lecture will be given on 5 October.

Australian Biblical Association. We have now received more detailed information of this new Association which was founded at Sydney on the Feast of St Jerome, 30 September 1952. Its general aims are very much the same as our own, with greater stress on the needs of the professional Scripturist as distinct from the Catholic laity. Though founded in 1952, its activities were postponed till 1954 in order that all efforts might be concentrated on the great National Eucharistic Congress of 1953, which, as all know, was an enormous success. It so happened that also in 1954 a Theological Faculty was instituted in the Major Seminary of Sydney by Decree of the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities—and a memorable meeting of the Biblical Association was held that year at the Seminary on 3 November under the Presidency of His Eminence Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney. Among the interesting points to notice are the expressed desire to maintain close ties with our Association here in England and the provision that members should automatically receive *Scripture*, our Quarterly. We deeply appreciate this and will do our best to reciprocate interest and co-operation. Cardinal Gilroy is Patron of the Association and Bishop Lyons and Bishop Carroll honorary Presidents. The executive comprises Rev. Dr Leonard (Chairman), Rev. Father W. Dalton, S.J. (Vice-Chairman), Rev. Dr H. Davies, D.Ph., L.S.S. (Secretary) and Very Rev. Father H. Johnston, S.J. (Editor). It may finally be added that Dr Leonard has himself had a great part in establishing this Association, and to him and all his fellow-workers we offer our hearty congratulations and good wishes for the future.