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During 1958 the first regional meetings of the Mariological Society were held. There were three such meetings: the first at Holy Name College in Washington, D.C. on May 5 for the Washington-Maryland region; the second at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington, N.J. on May 7 for the New Jersey-New York area; and the third at the Immaculate Conception Church Hall in Worcester, Mass. for the New England region. Fr. Kenneth Dougherty, S.A. was Chairman for the Washington-Maryland region; Fr. William F. Hogan was Chairman for the New Jersey-New York region; and Fr. William F. Neary of Auburn, Mass. was Chairman for the New England region.

In Washington thirty-four priests were present for the meeting at which two papers were presented; one by Fr. Christian Ceroke, O.Carm. giving An Evaluation of Recent Work of the Marian Theology of Luke 1 and 2; the second by Fr. Dominic Unger, O.F.M.Cap. on John 19, 26.27 in the Light of Papal Documents. A spirited discussion followed each paper.

At Darlington there were also thirty-four priests present,—about evenly divided between members and non-members. At this meeting Monsignor George Shea discussed Mitterer's Opinion on the Virgin Birth; and Fr. Richard Kugelman, C.P. developed The Evidence for the Faith of Mary in the Divinity of Christ from the Annunciation Narrative. Both discussions were very lively and had to be cut short to keep the program on time.

In Worcester Bishop John J. Wright as well as thirty-one priests were present. At this meeting Fr. Edmund Benard of the Catholic University of America read a paper on The Lessons of Lourdes which was followed by three seminars. At these seminars Fr. John P. Haran, S.J. led a discussion on...
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The Queenship of Mary; Fr. Donald Desilets, on The Co-redemption of Mary; and Fr. Joseph Pelletier, A.A., on Prayer and Penance. These papers also provoked spirited interest.

The reports of the Chairmen indicate that in every case the meeting was a success. There were considerable difficulties in organizing these meetings and the Regional Chairmen are to be commended for the splendid work done. A special vote of thanks is due to those who prepared the papers for the meetings. It is hoped that through the co-operation of the members of the Mariological Society the fine work that has been begun may be continued.

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