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herd with His sheep. This causes me to shudder and fear that at some time He may send a council of angels upon Germany utterly destroying us, like Sodom and Gomorrah, because we so wantonly mock Him with the council." What Luther said about Germany, he could today say of the world. Christians all over the world could well have a council to plan their strategy for the preaching of the Gospel to every creature and for making disciples of all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Holy Trinity. If that were the pope's concern we could wish him well. That concern alone can make a worldwide council worth the time and effort and deserve the acclaim of God's people.

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CATHOLIC INTEREST IN MATTERS BIBLICAL

The *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (January 1959) announces that the picturesque site of Sardis near Smyrna, excavated in 1910—58 by various scientific expeditions, has yielded some important archaeological finds. The excavation area of Sart, by which name the site of the former Sardis is now known, is about three miles in perimeter, even without the steep climb to the Acropolis or the theater area, but attention centers in the neighborhood of the standing Artemis Temple columns. In the large structure, popularly considered the palace of Croesus, a magnificent inscription referring to the Emperor Lucius Verus (A. D. 161—169) and some reliefs of the local Artemis and the goddess Cybele were found. Other finds were fine Roman bronzes, including a bronze dish which may have been used for charcoal or incense in Christian worship, and some very beautiful pottery. Much effort was spent on a monumental city gate apparently of pre-Christian Roman times. The excavations also brought to light some ancient tombs. According to Rev. 3:1-6, the congregation at Sardis was a dying church, though there remained a few that had not defiled their garments. The troubles of the church seem to be reflected in the pagan finds made there.

More important is the announcement in the same periodical of a new Spanish Bible translation and commentary to be published by the *Biblioteca de autores cristianos*. The work is to be prepared by Spanish and Latin American Jesuits. It will consist of five volumes for the O. T. and two for the N. T. The Bible text will be newly translated from the original languages. The first volume (N. T.) is expected to be ready for the printers by the end of 1960. The commentary will be given under the Scripture text.

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