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DAYTON, Ohio, March 30, 1972 --- An Assistant Professor of Theological Studies at the University of Dayton, Mr. Werner H. Kelber, has been invited to participate in "Hermeneia"--a critical and historical commentary on the Bible which is being published by Fortress Press, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Kelber was invited by Dr. Norman Perrin, professor of the New Testament at the University of Chicago, Divinity School, to join him and Dr. John Donahue, S.J., presently research assistant at the Divinity School in collaboration on a commentary of the Gospel of Mark. The commentary will appear as authored by Perrin/Donahue/Kelber.

Fortress Press considers the "Hermeneia" project a milestone in the history of theological publishing in America. The International and interconfessional character of "Hermeneia" assures a broad representation of 20th Century Western, Christian approaches to the Bible. The volume will include works of European specialists, both in their native language, and with an English translation, as well as the creative efforts of American Biblical scholars.

There are editorial boards for both the Old and the New Testament, including members of faculty from such universities as Harvard, Yale, the University of Munich, Case Western Reserve University, the University of Montana, Weston College School of Theology, and Claremont Graduate School.

Benefits of the volumes of "Hermeneia" include: a level of scholarship found in no other current English-language commentary, original volumes by scholars of all nationalities, both Christian and Jewish in background, translations of major commentaries not available in English, commentaries on extra-Biblical writings as well as on the canonical literature, special focus on new discoveries such as those at Qumran, Nag Hammadi, and Ugarit; full use of scientific methods of investigation by each scholar, all Greek, Hebrew, and other non-English citations accompanied by complete translations; additional or revised volumes which will reflect updatings and new advances in research, and interpretation of the Bible in its ancient historical and religious environment.

The first volumes have been scheduled to appear in 1971 and 1972, while a tentative deadline for the Markan volume on which Mr. Kelber is to work, has been set for 1975.