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## Preface

"Resurrection" aptly describes what has occured in Anselm studies in the course of the twentieth century. With the publication of six volumes of Anselm's works from 1938 to 1961, F.S. Schmitt laid the foundation for all research on Anselm to date. By establishing both the canon and the critical texts of Anselm's works, Schmitt's scholarship led directly to Sir Richard Southern's important historical and interpretive achievements and the Concordance of St. Anselm by G.R. Evans. Thereafter, Anselm scholars from all over the world assembled periodically. The third international Anselm conference launched the series entitled *Anselm Studies*.

The present edition is the third occasional volume in the series. The first volume, edited by G.R. Evans and published in 1983, contains nineteen studies presented at the Canterbury conference in July, 1979. The second, edited principally by J.C. Schnaubelt and F. Van Fleteren and published in 1988, consists of twenty-eight essays from the Conference at Villanova University in September, 1985. This third volume of the series contains articles solicited by H. Kohlenberger and edited by F. Van Fleteren and J.C. Schnaubelt. We anticipate volumes generated from the conferences in Paris in 1990 and Canterbury in 1993.

The first two articles of Volume III present a status quaestionis on Anselm. C. Viola reviews and critiques Anselm research presented at L'Abbaye Notre-Dame du Bec in July, 1982. Viola's evaluation is thorough and trenchant. Along with a brief critique, F. Van Fleteren submits a bibliography garnered from English sources. Almost thirty years ago André Mandouze, the distinguished French scholar, observed the "galloping" nature of Augustinian bibliography. Similarly, Anselm bibliography has been advancing at a slow, but steady "trot." The bibliography contained in this volume does not pretend to be final, but awaits completion in the printed bibliography of Klaus Kienzler of the University of Augsburg and the computer bibliography of Kevin Staley of St. Anselm College.

The next two articles deal with Anselm's biography. W. Fröhlich gives Anselm's itinerary from birth c. 1033 to death in 1109. Gathered from the