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Subscription

As announced in the November 1983 *Bulletin* (28, p.3), the subscription for 1985 will be £4.00 (\$10.00 for North America). This is the first increase since January 1980 — five years at the same rate! Please use the enclosed invoice to pay promptly.

Annual Conference

This will be held at Chichester Theological College, 12-14 April 1985 — see item 5, page 2.

ABTAPL GENERAL MEETING, 26th October 1984

1. Conseil International

Miss Elliott reported on the meeting of the Conseil International des Associations de Bibliotheques de Theologie which she attended at Cologne on 2nd-3rd October. Her report is on a later page of this issue.

2. Automation

Delegates from the Abbey of Maredsous (Belgium) spoke about their co-operative automated library system DEBORA-DOCUMENTATION. Questionnaires were distributed to gauge the extent of computerization or interest in automated systems in British theological libraries.

3. Handbook of U.K. Theological Libraries

Mr Walsh presented the work done by Miss Dennis, which now required editing and indexing (some 180 libraries had also to be contacted for information). The Handbook Sub-Committee were to meet and take decisions very soon.

4. Guide to Religious Bodies in U.K.

Mrs Rogers reported delays because of staff shortages at Birmingham, but interest in the project had been expressed by Mansell's, the publishers.

5. Chichester meeting, 12-14th April 1985

There would be a seminar on theological librarianship, with speakers from different types of library. The guest speaker would be the Rev. Kenneth Rowe of Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, on Methodist archives. Dr Mary Hobbs would speak on Chichester Cathedral Library on the Sunday afternoon.

6. American Theological Library Association U.K. Study Tour,

1 - 21 July 1985

Mr Gage spoke of his recent discussion with the A.T.L.A. organizing committee. It was hoped that details of their itinerary would be confirmed shortly and that those who had offered to act as couriers would be informed.

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CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL, COLOGNE, 2-3 OCTOBER

The Maternushaus, the conference centre built for the Archdiocese of Cologne, could not have been a greater contrast to the Maison St-Joseph at Lyons. Cologne is a rich diocese and has spent to great effect. The building is spacious, marvellously well appointed and includes halls, seminar rooms, bedrooms and the Diocesan and Cathedral Library, which lacks nothing but readers. Its Protestant equivalent, tucked away in what was the old Charterhouse, is far more heavily used.

The opening session of the Conseil, as last year, consisted of news from all the member Associations. I was particularly struck this year by the great difference, in fact gulf, between the Continent and us in the Anglo-American world. Several delegates spoke of subject headings and other cataloguing procedures in the manner of those slowly and painfully working out a whole new discipline, Some seemed surprised that ABTAPL isn't making pronouncements of this nature. At the same time there is tremendous interest in automation - I heard about projects such as publishing an index of theses in Belgium, and an index to incunabula in German libraries. The Italian delegate is into user education and others are looking at education for librarianship; though in Poland there seems to be no structure of library schools at all. We then returned to the subject of automation; the picture corresponds very much to what we have discovered in the responses for the Handbook, namely that large libraries, particularly university libraries, are the most likely to be attached to a recognized system, while smaller libraries are not. Even so it was surprising to discover that in Italy there is only one automated library at present. Bro. Ferdinand Poswick of the Abbey of Maredsous in Belgium has devised a system called BIBOS which he envisages as linking up theological libraries throughout Europe. He did some energetic demonstrating last year at Lyons, and he has been visiting people he regarded as possible subscribers, including King's College and Heythrop College. The Conseil has very definitely been discouraging him on account of the cost

One of the sessions the next morning was on international contacts. Hans Arns, from the Catholic Institute of Sydney, Australia, hopes to make a tour of Dutch, German and Belgian theological libraries in January 1985.

The Secretary reported that he had been able to help a library in the Philippines by sending them Migne on microfiche. Fr Morlion proposed that next year we should have some concrete suggestions for helping countries in the Third World. The morning sessions finished with the arrangements for next year's meeting in Paris. Automation is going to be on the agenda again. 1986 is going to be the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Conseil and Fr Morlion wondered if the Conseil should consider publishing something, even if only details of each Association and a list of members. This will obviously be discussed at greater length next year.

The afternoon session debated the Clavis Periodicorum inconclusively, and the meeting ended with a collective audience of the Archbishop, Cardinal Höffner, who was very charming and obviously interested in libraries.

Great interest has been aroused in the Committee of the Conseil at the A.T.L.A. visit to Britain, and one of its members hoped to be able to attend whatever reception we provide for the Americans in London in July.

Mary Elliott

ABTAPL AUTUMN MEETING, 26th October 1984

On 26th October about twenty three members of ABTAPL visited the Evangelical Library in Chiltern Street, London, W.1. We were welcomed by the librarian, Mr Gordon Sayer, who told us that he had only just said goodbye to the cleaners who had been clearing up after the completion of the new extension to the Reference area.

After a preliminary look at the library and its catalogue we listened to a taped history of the library, recorded by the founder-librarian, Mr Geoffrey Williams in 1972. This described how his private loan collection had begun in the 1920s at his home at Beddington in Surrey, and outgrew first his house and then a purpose-built building nearby. A committee was formed in 1939 under the chairmanship of Dr Martyn Lloyd-Jones and the library was eventually moved into its present home at the end of the war. Mr Sayer then brought us up to date with the history of the library, explaining that with its world-wide branches it is now the largest collection of evangelical books for loan in the world. There is a minimum membership fee of £6.50 per annum and the library is funded by legacies and donations. Three full-time and four part-time staff are employed, plus volunteer workers on Saturdays, and working conditions appear to encourage longevity. We heard that Mr Williams retired at the age of 88 and we were told of a hymn-singing packer who only finally retired at 93.

We then toured the stack areas, where every inch of space in the tall rooms is utilized, visited the Puritan Room which houses a collection of puritan literature, poetry, and row upon row of hymn books, and saw some of the large collection of portraits. Finally we were given a very welcome cup of tea in the newly refurbished Reference Area, where there was a small exhibition on the history of the library and on the life and works of Dr D. Martyn Lloyd Jones.

Theological libraries for the twenty-first century: Project 2000, final report, by Stephen L. Peterson. 114pp. (Supplement to Theological Education, vol. 20, no. 3, 1984)

"Project 2000" was established in 1981 by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, together with the American Theological Library Association. Its purposes (somewhat paraphrased) were to:

Examine the present and future role of the libraries of member institutions;

Identify the resources of materials and staff they needed;

Propose ways of using their resources collectively; and

Propose guidelines for development and evaluation.

The basic assumption was that the quality of "a theological seminary should be judged by its library . . . and the use made of it by students and faculty". Dr Peterson, Librarian of Yale Divinity School, made this report to the Advisory Committee of Project 2000 in respect of North American libraries. It is nevertheless of considerable interest to British and European theological librarians, and it is hoped that a fuller discussion of it will be published during 1985.

BIBLE SOCIETY AND ARCHIVES MOVE TO CAMBRIDGE

Some while ago the General Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society decided to examine the advantages and benefits of continuing to run the Society from its London headquarters. As a result of this study it was decided in principle that the Society should sell the London building and move from London-based operations to purpose-built premises at its Swindon site, which since 1982 has been the home of the Publishing Division of the Society.

In May 1984 the principle was confirmed and a decision taken to move from London in the summer of 1985.

This decision obviously has implications for the Society's collections of Scriptures and Archives. Early on in the planning it was recognised that Swindon was not the best place to locate these internationally-important collections and, after much research and negotiation, an agreement was concluded with Cambridge University Library under which the Society will deposit these collections on loan and the Library will maintain them.

The Scriptures Library and the Society's Historical Archives (i.e. material prior to approximately 1940), will continue to be housed as separate collections, rather than being merged with the University's stock.

The deposit has been arranged to take place in two phases. The Scriptures are being moved to Cambridge during the period May — September 1984, whilst the Archives will be moved during a similar period in 1985.

It is hoped and intended that this will minimise disruption to our researchers, but we regret that some limitations to our services are inevitable.

The Society's Librarian, Alan F. Jesson, MLS, ALA, MBIM, will be joining the staff at Cambridge University Library on 1st August 1984. Enquiries about Scriptures may therefore be addressed to:—

BFBS Librarian Cambridge University Library West Road CAMBRIDGE CB3 9DR Tel. (0223)61441

Archives enquiries should be addressed to

(until 30th April 1985) (from 1st September 1985)

The Archivist
Bible Society
Bible Society
146, Queen Victoria Street
London EC4V 4BX
(Tel. 01-248 4751 ext. 212)

The Archivist
Bible Society
Stonehill Green
Westlea
SWINDON, Wiltshire
SN5 7DG

(Tel. (0793) 486381)

Scholars requiring access to the Library or Archives for the first time will require a letter of introduction from a supervisor or head of department or person of similar standing.

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The Evangelical Library 78a Chiltern Street, London W1M 2HB Tel: 01 935 6997

Librarian: Mr Gordon R. Saver

History:

Five minutes walk from Baker Street Station, London, is the Evangelical Library, founded in 1924 by Mr Geoffrey Williams. He started, with a dozen books in the sitting room of his house at Beddington, Surrey, to build up a library which became known as The Beddington Free Grace Library.

The collection continued to grow but it was not until 1939 that Dr Martyn Lloyd-Jones heard about it, and expressed concern that such a large and unique collection of Evangelical books was, to all intents and purpose, hidden away in a semi-rural district of Surrey. Dr. Lloyd-Jones' opinion of the spiritual, literary and historical value of the collection may be judged by the following extract from a letter addressed by him to the Founder:

"As far as I am aware, there is, and can be, no other such collection of books anywhere. For anyone who is at all interested in true Protestantism, and especially in its revival . . . the Library is a sheer delight! It should be somewhere in the heart of London, within easy reach and access."

For this and similar reasons a number of Evangelical leaders were of the opinion that steps should be taken at once to make the Library available to the Christian public, and eventually, in 1943, it was moved to 55 Gloucester Place, South Kensington, London. In 1946, through the help of the Rev. Colin Kerr, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Portman Square (now Robert Adam Street), the books were moved to the present building. As funds have become available, improvements have taken place, and quite recently, the Reference area has been extended and designated as the Dr Martyn Lloyd-Jones Reference Room, in his memory.

Aim:

The Library seeks to promote the study and general knowledge of those truths of Holy Scripture traditionally known as evangelical. By lending such books it provides the means whereby, under God, men and women may be established in our most Holy Faith, and help all who believe and are anxious to propagate evangelical witness.

Stock:

There are over a quarter of a million volumes at home and overseas. Many of the works are long since out of print. The evangelical classics of all centuries are here. At the same time it is constantly being kept up-to-date by the acquisition of recent evangelical books of merit and importance. The range of books covers the following main subjects: Bible Study, Biographies, Church History, Commentaries, Devotional, Doctrine, Hymnology, Language Study, Missionary work, Periodicals, Puritans, Revivals, Works of the Reformers. There is also a section for

Juniors and young Children.

Classification:

This is a letter and decimal scheme prepared by the present Librarian.

Catalogues:

- i. Author
- ii. Subject (Classified)
- iii. Subject index.

Both are for printed books, pamphlets and articles from approximately 50 magazines. All are on cards. Printed copies of some subject lists are available for sale.

Access:

is open to members on payment of the suggested donation/subscription, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. incl. Monday to Saturday (open lunch times). It is closed over public holidays as announced. The Library Bulletin is issued twice a year to all members, who are invited to the Annual General Meeting and Lecture.

Branches:

There are 120 branches in this country and throughout the world. These are independently administered through Committees, and are asked to make an annual return to Headquarters.

Staff:

Librarian + 2 full-time + 4 part-time (equivalent of $1\frac{1}{2}$ full time) + 20 Saturday helpers who work in pairs on a rota system.

Committee.

There is a Committee of thirteen who are all Directors of The Evangelical Library (Limited by Guarantee).

Postal and Personal Service:

is available for all members.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES & REFERENCE BOOKS - 45

Bibliography of French Bibles: fifteenth- and sixteenth-century
French-language editions of the Scriptures.
Compiled by Bettye Thomas Chambers. Geneve, Librairie Droz, 1983.
(Travaux d'humanisme et Renaissance, 192.) xvii, 548p. S.fr. 85.00 (£45.90).

The compiler of this most extensive and detailed bibliography states her aims in the introduction — "to present, in separate entries, a standardized, comprehensive bibliographical description of "ideal copy" of every Frenchlanguage edition of the Bible and New Testament published in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries". The result is a remarkable achievement.

It is interesting that the most recent previous attempt at such a bibliography, Willem J. van Eys' Bibliographie des Bibles et des Nouveaux Testaments en langue française des XVme et XVIme siècles (Genève, 1900-01) was still being reprinted as recently as 1963. From the statistics quoted, this work includes van Eys' 362 separate entries, now expanded to 554, and additional entries from other sources. An encouraging response was received from libraries approached and a total of about 2,500 volumes were verified. However, the compiler speculates at numerous editions still to be discovered, and offers the work only as a "modest step in the direction of the goal of creating a complete bibliographical picture of this field".

The work is well set out and benefits from the advantages of modern methods of typography, including very often a reduced format reproduction of the titlepage, although this is at times too small to be of great assistance in identifying an edition. The amount of detail in the description is extensive, with many additional checkpoints listed, secondary sources, both older and more recent. The list of locations is also extensive, although one might debate the merit of quoting actual shelfmarks or other identification for each library.

Each entry is identified by an individual number and code, the numbers being sequential, running from 1 (a "Bible abregee" of c. 1473) to 551 (a New Testament of 1600), and the code indicating whether it is a complete Bible ("B") or New Testament ("N"), with some entries under, for example, "BP" (for Biblia Pauperum). There follows the year of publication and the name of the printer and/or publisher, abbreviated to their first three letters; for example: N1543gir = New Testament, dated 1543, printed by J. Girard (Geneva). There follows titlepage transcription, bibliographical the description, including format, measurement (length by width in millimetres), type of character with measurement for text proper, collation, contents. References follow from other bibliographical sources, then library locations known to the compiler, and finally comments on the text and remarks on the particular edition in question.

The introduction gives a full and helpful explanation of all parts of the description, which will be appreciated by those of us claiming no close knowledge of this particular field, or even of the description of early printed books in general. There is also a readable survey of the history of these early French Bibles as additional background.

The total result, involving much detailed research, will be of great assistance to scholars working in this field and to librarians anxious to revise their own catalogue entries in the light of modern scholarship.

Joyce M. Barrie

BIBLIOGRAPHIES & REFERENCE BOOKS - 46

Scholars' Guide to China Mission Resources in the Libraries and Archives of the United States, Fascicle I, Pennsylvania: by Archie R. Crouch, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J. 1983, 84pp. \$19.50.

This is an extremely useful and well-organised work of reference for any scholar interested in Christian Missions to China down the ages. It locates and describes over one million documents and books in forty-two repositories in Pennsylvania.

It inevitably refers to material that is primarily relevant to nineteenth and twentieth century Protestant missions, but the much longer span of Roman Catholic missions is also reflected in the resources listed.

The missionary impact on China is of enormous importance for the study of Chinese history, political and social as well as religious. This first fascicle of what one hopes will be a series which will soon cover the rest of the United States, is a significant step towards creating an invaluable tool for scholars in these fields. This fascicle alone is of great value to scholars.

Dr. Crouch provides a clear explanation in the foreword of how to use the guide. This is necessary because the material is listed by city and then by each repository within that city. The necessary complement to this is the index of topics, people and institutions. In addition there are two lists, again cross indexed, one of relevant periodicals held and the other of unpublished theses.

A.C. Ross

BIBLIOGRAPHIES & REFERENCE BOOKS – 47

Theological libraries and librarianship: a bibliography.

By Coralie E.J. Jenkin. xi, 142pp. 1984. Available from the compiler, U.C.A. Synod Office, P.O. Box 2145, Adelaide 5001, South Australia, at \$A10.00 (overseas postage extra).

Description

This bibliography was prepared by the Rev. Coralie Jenkin as part of her work for a graduate diploma in librarianship at the South Australian Institute of Technology, Adelaide. It gathers a wide range of references to theological library practice and, naturally, to theological libraries in Australasia. Descriptions of libraries elsewhere are excluded, as are church and parish libraries, special collections of religious books, and libraries outside the Judaeo-Christian tradition.

Each of the approximately 575 entries gives its title followed by imprint, if a monograph, or serial title and reference, if an article (with reviewer's name if a review) and finally the original author of the item or item reviewed.

These entries are arranged alphabetically by title within the sub-sections of a classified subject sequence. This is followed by an author index, on blue paper, and the third section of the book is a title index. The indexes refer to the main entries by sub-section symbol.

Printing is by a computer-generated process, giving a page that is clear rather than beautiful, and the spiral binding is awkward on the shelf but very convenient when lying open flat.

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Arrangement criticized

Before discussing the major issue of the contents and omissions, there are some irritations in the arrangement, mainly I suspect, because the computer was not told better. The computer zero (a) is an abomination and should be avoided in printed matter for general use — it was obviously possible to print a 7 without the oblique. Alphabetization of titles, as explained on page 84, is by the first word not an article, unless the article is preceded by an inverted comma. This has the ridiculous result of The awful perpetuity of print following Automated techniques in comprehensive indexing, 'The apostolate of the book' follows Terminology in a Catholic library. Moreover the abbreviation of titles by the omission of subtitles in the title index results in many repetitions (6 or 7 in some cases) which cannot be resolved without looking at the main entries. E.g. Literature of theology turns out to be a guide for pastors and students by John A. Bollier (Westminster Press, Philadelphia, 1979) with reviews in 3 different periodicals. It also seems odd to have reviews sometimes listed before the work reviewed and sometimes after. But if the review has a different title from the work reviewed they are not listed adjacently at all.

Subject arrangement

There are 8 main divisions (A - H) and 23 sub-divisions, for example, division DA (Co-operation, standards, associations) is sub-divided DB Theological library associations, DC Co-operation, DD Standards. A systematic subject arrangement gives a more useful analysis than the dictionary approach. This is helped by entering a few items under more than one sub-division. On the other hand, there seems to be some confusion when 3 articles on the cataloguing and classification of hymnbooks are at GB, HA, and HC.

It should also be stressed that this is, for better or worse, an un-annotated bibliography. And when we get entries like *Balance in boom-time* and *A view from my bedroom window*, it is definitely worse.

Chronology

"Many of the works cited here are out of date" says the compiler. Perhaps there is historical value in the entry from 1910 and the few from the 1920's, but most of them date from the last four decades, and if they do not all reflect current practice, most are worth inspection by the would-be theological librarian of tomorrow. But the reference to the article *Theological Libraries* by W.H. Allison in the *New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia* is a big disappointment. It is not a 55-page article published in 1956: the correct reference is Vol. 11, pp336-341 (not 391), and the edition quoted is a reprint of the 1911 one, Moreover, there is surely an anachronism in citing a 1954 review by Elsa H. Ihm of the *Index to Religious Periodical Literature* as if it referred to its successor *Religion Index One*, which began in 1982.

Criticism of contents

The great majority of entries originate from the English-speaking library world. Some 15 good German articles are noted and fewer French. Retrieval seems to have been mainly by consulting 4 indexes: Catholic Periodical Index, Library Literature, Library & Information Science Abstracts and Religion Index One. This has netted a good catch: the many articles in Library Trends 1960, vol. 9 (2); Religious and Theological Resources 1970-10

72) from the Boston Theological Institute; A Theological Library Manual by Janette Newhall (T.E.F. 1970); Les Revues de Sciences Religieuses by Otto Lankhorst (Strasbourg 1979); the Calvin Schmitt Festschrift (1980); and the more useful articles from both the old and the new series of the Bulletin of ABTAPL. There are also some worthwhile M.L.S. dissertations. But the obvious omission is the long series of articles in the annual Summary of Proceedings of the A.T.L.A. since 1947, and its quarterly Newsletter. The compiler says these were not cited because a complete index was not available. This amounts to "Please sir, I couldn't get the book I needed to do my homework from." Index or no index, this series is required reading, and one can at least scan the contents pages in the microfilmed back file, though this is not at present available anywhere in Australia. (The Newsletter has cumulated indexes, but carries much more news than articles, as its name implies) It is probably an accidental oversight that has led to the omission of M.J. Walsh's review of Cyril J. Barber's Introduction to theological research (Chicago 1982) which appeared in the Bulletin of ABTAPL no. 25 (1982) n 12 Scope

The difficulty of limiting the scope of a bibliography like this is obvious, and several exclusions were noted at the beginning. There is also the exclusion of "subject materials". When do tools for selection become subject materials? Religion Index One and Barrow's Bibliography of bibliographies of religion, Elenchus Bibliographicus (Louvain) and Bulletin Signaletique 527 are in, but New Testatment Abstracts, Elenchus Bibliographicus Biblicus (Rome) and the Index of Articles in Jewish Studies are not. This merely looks like the natural omission of the host of specific subject bibliographies and the inclusion, without much logic, of a few general ones.

It is hoped that librarians and students of librarianship will be helped by this bibliography, and that a supplement or revision will appear before long to fulfil the expectations it has aroused. They will also have to remember that much if not more general library literature refers to theological libraries than that which is written with their specific problems in view. Whether the problems of Australian libraries of theology differ significantly from those of the Old World, the New World or the Third World, may perhaps appear from future works by Coralie Jenkin.

J.V.H.

EXCHANGE AND MART

For Sale in new condition Dictionnaire de Spiritualité, 12 vols (Abandon — Photius), Paris, Beauchesne, 1937-84
Inquiries to the Editor, Bulletin of ABTAPL

Periodical duplicates available (1)

St John's College Library, Nottingham, are offering inter alia Bible Translator 1952-57; Chrism 1972-81; Christian Graduate 1954-78; Crusade 1970-81; Faith & Thought 1965-75; Frontier 1963-75; International Review of Mission 1966-79; One in Christ 1971-80; Practical Anthropology 1966-71; Renewal 1973-82; Sojourners 1976-81; Theology 1966-83.

Write for full list to —
The Librarian, St. John's College, Chilwell Lane,
Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3DS.

Periodical duplicates available (2)

New College Library, Edinburgh, are offering inter alia Biblical Archaeologist 1951-72; Biblicotheca Sacra 1844-84; 1951-81; British Weekly 1887-1914 (bound newspaper volumes); Christian Century 1959-68; Christian Newsletter 1939-49; 1953-57; Christianity & Crisis 1945-84; Christianity Today 1958-77; Church of Scotland General Assembly Reports 1932-80; Church of Scotland Yearbooks 1929-68: Crozer Quarterly 1948-52: Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses 1982-83; Irenikon 1953-65; Journal of Ecumenical Studies 1970-74; Journal of Theology for South Africa 1981-83: Judaism 1975-83: Learning for Living 1962-69: Lumen Vitae 1965-66: New Christian 1965-70; Recherches de Sciences Religieuses 1932-35: 1983-84: Reformed World 1956-77; Religion in Education 1947-61; Scottish Episcopal Church, Reports to the Representative Church Council 1947-62: Sobornost 1952-82; Stimmen der Zeit 1952-63; Stockholm 1928-31; Student World 1949-77; Theology 1956-75; Theoria to Theory 1966-72; Union Seminary Quarterly Review 1948-74; World Dominion 1931-53.

Write for full list to

The Librarian, New College Library, Mound Place, Edinburgh EH1 2LU, Scotland.

(The inclusive dates in the lists above do not imply complete runs)

Periodical duplicates available (3)

Exchange lists are regularly issued by the American Theological Library Association, the lastest received by the Editor being no 24 (August 1984). Write to ATLA Periodicals Exchange, Princeton Theological Seminary, Speer Library, Princeton, N.J. 08542, U.S.A.

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