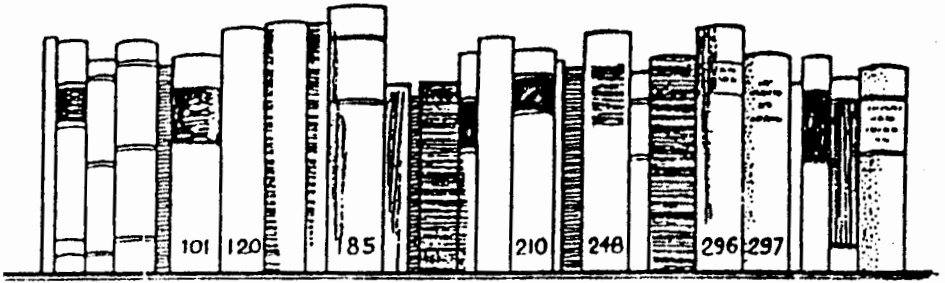


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SION COLLEGE LIBRARY

I am very sad to have to report that Sion College Library, despite surviving the ravages of the Civil War and Hitler's bombings, and despite a vigorous campaign to save it, closed on Friday, 28th June, 1996. At the time of writing, members of the Library (of which Spurgeon's is one) have not been officially notified either that the closure has taken place or about the fate of the bookstock.

However, I am assuming that the Embankment building is now being sold and that the books are being split between Lambeth Palace Library (the pre-1850 collections), King's College Library (Strand/Embankment site), Westfield College and the new Sion College premises (site still to be announced) as was mentioned in a letter to Sion Library's members by the College's President, the Revd Canon David Hutt, in March.

It seems fitting that I should record here something about Sion's history and the valuable contribution that the Library and its staff have made to ABTAPL over the years. Sion College Library was established in 1630 and became a copyright deposit library in 1710, a privilege it held until 1836. Its collections grew to over 200,000 volumes, including many rare items, such as the unique Babylonian Talmud. Its holdings of church history, Anglican theology and liturgy were magnificent and the dispersal of these collections will be mourned by many who appreciated the ease of access to the books and journals, the congenial surroundings and the helpfulness of its staff. Sion College was one of the founder members of ABTAPL in 1956, and its then Librarian, Elizabeth Edmondston was one of its early Chairmen. Its successive Librarians Jessie Oddie and Stephen Gregory have continued to play an important role in ABTAPL's development. Fellow members of ABTAPL will greatly miss Sion College Library's contribution to the Association.

Judith Powles
Chairman ABTAPL
9th July, 1996

THE CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE AT
REGENT'S PARK COLLEGE, OXFORD

The 'Christian mind.' For many years this has been a central pursuit of Regent's Park College - the search for a perspective on truth and experience that provides a Christian direction for people's life and work. In that sense, the search for a 'Christian mind' informs all that we do at Regent's. But it is easy, under the pressure of deadlines and exams, to get preoccupied with conventional priorities and perspectives. For this reason, the Fellows of Regent's have founded The Centre for the Study of Christianity and Culture to be a presence and a prod, stimulating the College community and inviting other members of the University to reflect Christianly, in connection with life issues, and in order to enable new forms of action.

Connecting theology.

The Centre does this, in part, by fostering the interdisciplinary study of theology. Although theology can, of course, be studied on its own, Regent's is convinced that the Christian mind is not compartmentalised, and that theology is greatly illuminated when studied in light of, indeed together with, other disciplines. The Centre thus provides a framework within which the study of literature, or of science, law or history, can shed light upon the study of theology and preparation for pastoral ministry, and vice versa. The Centre also stimulates students to analyse the cultural and socio-economic contexts of their theological thinking. And, true to its name, the Centre fosters theological reflection upon culture in its many dimensions - 'high' and 'popular.' As it promotes awareness of the interaction of Christianity and culture, the Centre is committed to encouraging awareness of the realities of Western Civilisation at the end of the twentieth century. It therefore encourages questioning: what 'good news' might Christianity offer to contemporary people in their cultures? In what ways do contemporary cultures imply or articulate a critique of Western Christianity and its practice? Does the heart of Christianity (the 'gospel') bring a

critique to the enterprise of academic and popular theology?

A Christian mind.

The Centre is also interested in encouraging the study of other disciplines from a perspective that seeks a 'Christian mind'. Non-theological disciplines such as history, literature and law quite as much as theology benefit from reflection in a cross-disciplinary manner. Essential to the study of any discipline, of course, is an awareness of its cultural and socio-economic contexts. But since the Centre fosters the development of a Christian mind, it is concerned to query the autonomy of every discipline by posing questions and exploring explicitly Christian perspectives. Thereby the Centre will seek to develop a theological critique of the disciplines: what light do Christian understandings of God and the 'gospel' shed upon the practice and priorities of, for example, poetry or technology?

Values for the world of today.

Because the Centre fosters the Christian study of culture, its attentions inevitably extend beyond the University to the world of today and the challenge of living Christianly within it. The Centre encourages the development of a critical awareness of the practices and institutions of contemporary societies, and of the values and priorities which they presuppose. More than this, the Centre sponsors thinking which contributes to the development of Christian values for a world of many religions; from a Christian perspective, it seeks to address major ethical issues of our time. For example, can biblical understandings of justice breathe new insights into the current crisis in Britain's criminal justice system? Or into the ethics and practicalities of health and health-care, or the environment? Through the Centre, the College provides opportunities for practitioners in these and other areas to reflect upon their work and to converse with others about it.

Programmes and opportunities.

The means by which the Centre pursues these

objectives are several, which affect members of the Regent's community in differing ways. For undergraduates, the Centre supplements the existing programmes by additional events. Some will be seminars where those studying theology will be brought into interaction with students dealing with similar themes who are reading other degree subjects. Others will be participatory and less academic in character, and will encourage the students to become engaged in the enjoyment of and critical reflection upon culture in its many forms. For Regent's ministerial students, the Centre provides means of thinking in an informed way about the culture in which they will be working. In addition, it will stimulate them to become aware of the peculiarities of 'church culture' which may assist or impede Christian witness in the wider cultures. For postgraduate students undertaking University higher degrees in Applied Theology, Theology and English Literature, and Women's Studies, the Centre provides an encouraging environment. The College also makes available annually five research scholarships of £1500 to graduate students who are members of Regent's as they pursue research in Oxford in areas of concern to the Centre. For those who are interested in spending a period of time in Oxford, reflecting about their professional life or pursuing their research interests, the Centre also offers a base for Visiting Fellows.

Public events.

For the entire Regent's community, the Centre annually sponsors public events. In Michaelmas Term there is a series of lectures addressing some issue of Christianity and Culture: for example, the 1996 lectures will be given by a series of eminent scholars on "Culture and the Nonconformist Tradition in England." Other lectures and seminars are given by Regent's Fellows and by academics and practitioners from outside the College. The Centre intends a regular programme of publishing the papers which are read at these events. Through publications as well as through events both formal and informal, the Centre hopes not only to provide a point of integration within the life of Regent's Park College. It also seeks to offer insights

from a 'Christian mind' to the churches and to a pluralistic University and world.

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MAIDSTONE PAROCHIAL LIBRARY

Maidstone Parochial Library is one of ten parochial libraries known to have existed in Kent. Five libraries, originally located at **Maidstone**, **Crundale** (deposited at Wye College), **Doddington** (deposited at Faversham Heritage Centre), **Elham** and **Preston-next-Wingham** (both deposited at Canterbury Cathedral Library), have survived. The other known libraries at **Ash-next-Ridley**, **Detling**, **Patricxbourne**, **Thurnham** and **Westerham** have been dispersed or lost.

The Maidstone Library contains 712 printed books, chiefly on history, theology and topography, and three manuscript volumes: the second part of a twelfth-century Bible, the first part of which is at Lambeth Palace Library; a thirteenth century volume of sermons in English and French; and a fifteenth century book of hours. The Library was founded sometime before 1716 when a list of 38 volumes was entered into a contemporary burial register; and it may date from the brief incumbency of Josiah Woodward (1711-1712), a strong supporter of both the parochial library and charity school movements, though his successor, Samuel Weller (1712-1753), was also a diligent high-churchman. In 1732 cupboards were erected in the vestry room to house the library, which was thereafter substantially augmented by the purchase of 599 volumes from the residue of the library of

Thomas Bray to whose exertions the parochial library movement, not to mention the SPG and the SPCK, owed so much. Books continued to be added to the library throughout the later eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, and in 1810 the library was rearranged and re-catalogued by the assistant curate of Maidstone, Robert Finch, who was obliged to destroy some of the books that were beyond repair. The surviving book plates and numbering scheme date from this time. In 1867 the library was deposited by the parishioners in the recently established Maidstone Museum, which compiled a new catalogue in 1882. Since the compilation of that catalogue, a further 22 books can no longer be accounted for, and the original bookcases, which had also been transferred to the Museum, were destroyed in the late 1970s.

As a result of negotiations begun by the then County Archivist, Dr Nigel Yates, most of the library was transferred to the former Kent Archives Office, now the Centre for Kentish Studies, at Maidstone in 1982, though the manuscript volumes remain at the Museum as display items. The surviving catalogues of 1736, 1810 and 1882 and the register of borrowers for the period 1755-1871 have also been deposited at the Centre for Kentish Studies. It was Dr Yates who suggested that a trust should be set up to secure and manage the library though the terms of this trust required agreement from Maidstone Borough Council and the Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Maidstone as well as the diocese of Canterbury and the Charity Commissioners. After several abortive attempts the draft trust deed was agreed by all the parties and the trustees-designate began to meet as a formal body in 1994. They comprise two representatives each of the Kent County Council, Maidstone Borough Council and All Saints PCC, with a further three places filled by persons with a particular knowledge of parochial libraries. To date the trustees have arranged for a detailed conservation survey of the library to be carried out and for a conservation programme to be started. They have obtained substantial grants from the Kent County Council and the British Library to appoint a qualified rare book librarian to catalogue the library.

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CONFERENCE REPORT

This year's Spring Conference was hosted by Regent's Park College, Oxford, a Baptist theological college, and we were welcomed by the Librarian, Sue Mills. Sue got the proceedings off to an interesting start with a talk on the history of Regent's Park College, its Library and the important Baptist Archive housed there. After this talk, all those attending the Conference now know why a College in Oxford is named after Regent's Park in London!

On the Saturday morning Sue followed up her talk by showing us over the Library and Archives of Regent's Park College in some detail. There are in fact two libraries in the College, an undergraduate Library and the Angus Library. The undergraduate Library consists mostly of theological works, but also supports students of other disciplines. A manual self-service circulation system and a card catalogue are in use. Automation may take place when funds are available to enable the College to join the Universities union catalogue of College libraries, OLIS. Visitors are usually excluded from this Library, thus helping to keep the books available for use by the Colleges students. One particular point of interest was the couch on which the pioneer Baptist missionary William Carey died in Serampore in 1834, and which is now preserved, both as a holy relic and an unofficial napping place for weary students, in the College Library.

The couch is overlooked by a large, and rather splendid window engraved with a map of the world.

From there we left Regent's Park College, and just a stone's throw away, entered the rather different atmosphere of Pusey House where members of the conference were shown around by the two Priest Librarians, Fr. William Davage and Fr. Kenneth Macnab. As well as looking after Pusey House and their clerical duties, they act as Chaplains to the University, complementing the work of College Chapels. Pusey House was founded in 1884 in memory of Dr. E. B. Pusey, who was for more than fifty years Regius Professor of Hebrew and a Canon of Christ Church. He was a leading spirit in the Catholic revival in the Church of England, known as "the Oxford Movement". Pusey House was offered as a gift to the University and was given an endowment to pay for the stipends of three Priest Librarians.

We were first shown the beautiful Chapel; with its altar, baldachino and great east window by Ninian Comper. In the window, among the small figures kneeling before the risen Christ, was Pusey himself. Then we were invited to view the Library, the core of which is made up of Pusey's own collection of books (about 10,000) many of which are not in the Bodleian Library. This has been supplemented over the years by a number of benefactions and by purchase. The Library of the former St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, is also deposited at Pusey House, and the collection is particularly strong in the fields of patristics, church history and liturgy.

We were shown a selection of the Library's rare books; including two Sarum Missals printed by Richard Pynson, Thomas Aquinas' *Cabena Aurea* printed by Anthony Coberger and a nineteenth century English Missal, beautifully illuminated by Fr. Kenrick of Hoxton.

There are also large collections of archives, pamphlets and photographs relating chiefly to nineteenth century members of the Oxford Movement, including material relating to Archbishop Dennison, described as an "eccentric mix", and 151 volumes collected by Canon Liddon for his life of Pusey. Also deposited at Pusey House are the archives of Nashdom Abbey and a number

of other Anglican religious communities. Perhaps most surprising was the Hall collection of 2,300 photographs of late Victorian clergy in 38 volumes, a collection which provoked some amusement and particular interest. As the Archivist remarked, the collector must have gone the rounds of the photographic studios of London saying, 'Got any vicars!?'

This visit complemented admirably the visit paid earlier the same morning to the Baptist Library and Archive at Regent's Park College.

The final formal session of the conference was devoted to the use and abuse of the telephone, its power and perils, illustrated by a video from the John Cleese management video stable. The increasing use of electronic methods of communication - such as fax, e-mail, voice mail, answering machines etc. - may lead some to believe that we are making less use of the telephone. But this is not the case in many areas, the most obvious being the Library enquiry desk, an area which often requires a fairly instant response to the person on the other end of the line.

Professional Telephone Behaviour (PTB) is usually considered to be innate, and is not considered to be a skill in its own right. It is easy to omit training in PTB from induction programmes, and to assume that anything which is not known or understood about the telephone on the enquiry desk will somehow be "picked up" on the job. This point was made fairly graphically in the video *Telephone behaviour: the power and the perils* which highlighted many of the traps we can fall into when using the telephone without due care and attention. The perils are very obvious, but often not thought through, e.g. How do we know we are speaking to the right person? We do not unless we ask! How do we know it is convenient to talk to them? We do not unless we ask! Even if it is convenient how do we know they are going to really listen to what we say? There is no body language on the telephone to establish a rapport. We do not know what distractions there are at the other end of the line etc. But we can repeat salient points and follow up the conversation by a written communication, or close the conversation by summarising the discussion and explaining to the caller what the outcome of his enquiry will be. Finally, and most importantly, the video then

reminded us, "to smile on the phone, as we can actually 'hear' a smile!"

The Conference ended with an informal session on legal issues affecting Librarians lead by Marion Gibson, a solicitor who has contributed articles to the *Bulletin*. The session dealt with areas of concern to Conference delegates, in particular health and safety at work and redundancy law, delegates also suggested a series of future articles for the *Bulletin* on a variety of legal topics.

With its variety of presentations and visits the Conference contained something for everyone. But over and above the specific presentations is the opportunity to meet people, to talk, exchange views, opinions and experiences; to see how other people do things and to compare notes on projects or problems you are currently engaged with. If you have never been on an ABTAPL Conference we would strongly urge you to consider attending next years Spring Conference in Winchester, details of which will be available shortly.

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Birmingham Central Library

REVIEWS

Wares, Alan C. *compiler: Bibliography of the Summer Institute of Linguistics*. Dallas, Texas; SIL, 1992. ISBN 0883128217 paperback; 0883128241 hardback 603 pages, 24 x 16.5 cm

The Summer Institute of Linguistics published this, its ninth, *Bibliography* partly to commemorate its fiftieth anniversary. The Preface and the Foreword provide much interesting

information about the foundation, growth and work of the organisation and of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, now incorporated into it.

Compiled from a computer database, the volume covers the work of SIL in more than fifty countries, chiefly in the Americas and in Austronesia, and touches upon more than 1225 languages and dialects. Over 8600 entries on academic works are followed by over 12000 on vernacular items, and there are comprehensive indexes to language and subject. At first glance the numerical references to subject, particularly the longer ones, can rather rattle the eyes, but this is a minor criticism in a clear and well-researched bibliography. The paperback version is sewn in sections and would appear to be able to stand up well to the frequent use it will undoubtedly get from linguists and translators of the Scriptures.

Rosemary Mathew

McIntosh, Lawrence D *compiler*. *A Style Manual for the presentation of papers and theses in religion and theology*. Centre for Information Studies in association with Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association [&] Australia and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools. ISBN 0949060275 140 pages, 30 x 21 cm

This is an excellent work of reference full of sensible, practical and accurate advice, which every one presenting a paper or thesis, will find an invaluable guide to current practice in the presentation of documents.

Its own lay-out is exemplary, having good, clear type, that is well spaced and easy to read. The main thrust of its direction for Australian and New Zealand readers is not a handicap for others, indeed it provides illumination on some matters that might otherwise be overlooked.

As a modern source it is aware of the relevance of such contemporary issues as inclusive language, and deals with them in a detached and impartial way.

The preface states that the work 'is not designed to be read straight through', but prolonged browsing leads to the conclusion that it will be of use and application to a far wider audience than just the group addressed in the title.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Obituary

It is with deep regret that we announce the death on July 6th, 1996 of the Revd **John V.M. Sturdy**, Dean of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge since 1963 and Librarian of the Faculty of Divinity there until ill health forced his retirement from the latter post in 1995. He was a longstanding member of ABTAPL and very supportive of theological librarianship, though his reserve and diffidence often hid his warm and helpful personality.

Librarians' Christian Fellowship: twentieth anniversary activities continue.

As part of their anniversary celebrations the LCF have published an anthology edited by Graham Hedges and published on the LCF's behalf by the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship entitled *Issues in Librarianship 2: the debate continues*. This anthology reprints selected articles from past issues of *Christian Librarian* and *Librarians' Christian Fellowship Newsletter*, and copies can be obtained by contacting the LCF Secretary, Graham Hedges, 34 Thurlestone Avenue, Ilford, Essex. IG3 9DU.

Wing Short-Title Catalogue 1641 - 1700 on CD-ROM

All scholars of the seventeenth century know and value Donald Wing's *Short-Title Catalogue*. Originally published between 1945 and 1951, and complementing Pollard and Redgrave's *Short-Title Catalogue, 1475 - 1640*, the new CD-ROM, published by Chadwyck-Healey in association with the Modern Language Association of America, contains over 100.000 entries for all known material printed in English between 1641 and 1700 and, as the blurb announces, "enables you to search the information in ways never before possible".

Further information is available from Chadwyck-Healey Ltd. The Quorum. Barnwell Road. Cambridge. CB5 8SW. Tel: 01223 215512.

Selly Oak Colleges

In the *Bulletin* of November 1995 (Vol3, No 6; p. 625) we reported that a new Learning Resources Centre incorporating the Selly Oak Colleges' Central Library and Westhill College Library is being planned. We have now heard that Newman College Library will be formally associated with the proposed Selly Oak Learning Resources Centre and a joint catalogue of the collections will be available to users.

Further information from Stephen Dixon, Theology Librarian at Newman College, Genners Lane, Bartley Green Birmingham B32 3NT. Tel 0121 476 1181

Maidstone Parochial Library

An exhibition displaying the rare books of Maidstone Parochial Library, and a one-day Conference devoted to the parochial library movement will be held at the Centre for Kentish Studies, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent on 9th November, 1996.

Details and registration forms may be obtained from Mrs Penny Brook, Keeper of the Maidstone Parochial Library, at the above address. Please see also the article earlier in this edition of the *Bulletin*

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(in liaison with the Library Association)

NOTICE of MEETINGS

**The 1996 Annual General Meeting and
Autumn Day Conference**

will be held on

Monday, 4th November, 1996

at

Birmingham Central Library

**Organiser: Marion Smith, Social Sciences Dept,
Birmingham Central Library, Chamberlain Square,
Birmingham B3 3HQ**

The 1997 Spring Residential Conference

will be held from

Saturday 5th - Monday 7th April 1997

at

King Alfred's College, Winchester

The Conference theme will be 'Design and Display'

Organiser: Margaret Ecclestone, Conference Secretary

**Details of both these Meetings will be posted to UK
members as follows:-**

Autumn Meeting on Thursday 12th September;

Spring Meeting on Thursday 12th December.

**Members not resident in the UK who would like further
information should contact the Honorary Secretary as
soon as possible to register their interest**

Alan F. Jesson, Honorary Secretary.