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This Bulletin should explain itself. Its history from 1956-66 and the purpose of the Association are discussed in the chairman's article on page 13. It is planned to issue three numbers a year, in Spring, Summer and Winter. It is intended to be brief, informative and cheap.

Members of library staffs and all who are personally interested in the sort of information in the following pages are urged to send in a subscription without delay, and to urge those responsible for sanctioning such subscriptions on behalf of their libraries to do the same.

In the present economic crisis some libraries have imposed a moratorium on any new subscriptions. If this is so in your library, and if this appears to be the only reason for not subscribing, please let us know. We cannot finance free copies, but would be glad to hear if such interest was being shown.

PERSONALITIES

Robert J. DUCKETT (*The parlous state of the librarianship of religion*) has recently moved to Bradford City Libraries as Social Sciences Librarian from the Department of Philosophy and Religion of Birmingham Reference Library.

He has been invited to contribute the religion and philosophy sections to *Five years work in British Librarianship and Information Science, 1971-1975*, and would welcome notes of any enterprises or events of this period known to members.

The Rev. Michael J. WALSH, S.J., is currently on leave of absence from Heythrop College Library (University of London) in order to complete his Ph.D. thesis on the recusant books of the St. Omer press. His assistant, Stephen POOLE, one of the few laymen at Heythrop, is Acting Librarian *pro. tem.*

Fr. WALSH was also appointed editor of *The Month* in 1974 in addition to his duties as Librarian and assistant editor of the *Heythrop Journal*. Readers of this *Bulletin* are also in his debt for laying the groundwork of this new series.

Graham P. CORNISH (editor of *Theological and Religious Index*) has been appointed to the board of the *BLL Review* at the British Library, Lending Division. We look for revelations of the breadth, length, depth and height of religious resources at Boston Spa, that Gatherum Castle of British librarianship.

ANGLO-AMERICAN CATALOGUING RULES 1967

Work has just started on a revised edition of AACR, which is intended to be complete by the end of 1976, for publication in 1977. It is planned that this will take into account detailed revision which the Library Association's Cataloguing and Indexing Group has been engaged on, and the agreements on International Standard Bibliographical Descriptions for Monographs — ISBD(M). It is also hoped that it will be possible to publish an agreed text instead of separate British and North American texts.

ABTAPL has been asked, along with all other associations and groups of librarians, to offer any observations or suggest any amendments which are relevant to the special interests of members and member libraries. "While positive statements of alternative treatment, with examples if possible, should be given, there is no need to attempt to formulate the exact wording of a new rule."

Rules 27-32 (Certain religious publications) under *Entry and heading*; 49C-49F (Entry under given name or byname) under *Headings for persons*; 92-97 (Religious bodies and officials) under *Headings for corporate bodies*; and 108-114 (Bible), 115-118 (Other sacred scriptures), 119 (Liturgical works) under *Uniform titles* are the most relevant. While it is doubtful that many large theological collections have been recatalogued to the extent that it has been possible to make major changes in such headings as *Bible* or *Liturgies* if these followed the British Museum rules, the constructive ideas of anyone who has contemplated what is involved would obviously be of value.

Contributions to the revision are wanted by R.A. Christophers, Secretary of the Library Association & British Library Committee on AACR Revision by 1st April 1975. This is too soon to allow for the collation of individual views into an ABTAPL view, so it is suggested that you write direct to Mr. Christophers at The British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG, sending a copy for information to Mary Elliott, honorary secretary of ABTAPL.

An Abridged edition of AACR has been compiled under the editorship of Michael Gorman of the British Library, (Bibliographical Services Division). It is hoped to publish it during 1975.

EXCHANGE AND MART

The following duplicates are available free to any library willing to refund the postage. All are unbound periodical parts except where otherwise noted. A + sign means that two or more copies are available. Write to New College Library, Mound Place, Edinburgh EH1 2LU.

Andrew University Seminary Studies (Berrien Springs, Mich.)

Vols 2-4 (1964-66), 7, 2 (July, 1969)

Canadian Journal of Theology (Toronto)

Vols 1,1 (Apr 1955), 4,2 (Apr 1958), 15, 3/4 (1969), 16, 1/2 (1970)

Baptist Quarterly (London)

Vols 13,6 (Apr 1950), 21, 8 (Oct 1966), 22, 1 – 23,4 (Jan 1967-Oct 1969)

Bible Translator (London)

Vols 2, 1,2,3, (1951), 19-20 (1968-69) +, 21,2 (Apr 1970), 22,2 (Apr 1971),
Ten Year Index to vols 11-20 (1960-69)

Christian News from Israel (Jerusalem)

Vols 11,2 (July 1960), new series 21,2; 4; 22,1-4; 23, 1-4 (1970-73) +

Church History (Chicago)

Vols 9,3 (1940), 10,3 (1941), 13,3 (1944), 20,1 (1951), 34,1 (1965) +
40,3 (1971)

Churchman (London)

Vols 75,1 (1961), 80,3,4, + (1966), 81, 1-4 (1967) +, 82,1,2 (1968) +
83,2 (1969), 86, 1,3,4 (1972) +, 87, 1,3,4, (1973), 88, 1,2 (1974)

International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion (The Hague)

Vols 1,1 (1970), 2,4 (1971)

Israel Exploration Journal (Jerusalem)

Vol 12 (1962) *bound*

Jewish Year Book (London)

1972, 1973, 1974

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion (Missoula, Montana)

Vol 11,4 (Dec 1972)

Learning for Living (London)

Vols 3,5 (1964) 4,1 (1964), 5,1,2 (1965), 6,1,2,3 (1966-7), 9,1,2
(1969), 10,4 (1971)

LIBRARIES – 3

Dr Williams's Library

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01-387 3727

Secretary and Librarian: Rev. Kenneth Twinn, MA, FIL, DBEA,

History: Founded under the will of Dr Daniel Williams (d.1716) a Presbyterian minister, and opened in 1729 in Red Cross Street, Cripplegate. Moved to its present (fourth) home in 1890. Part of an endowed charitable trust.

Function: Lending and reference facilities for readers with interests covered by the Library.

Coverage: Theology, ecclesiastical history, English Nonconformity, Byzantine history, philosophy, and much else besides.

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17th century French Protestant theology

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Joseph Priestley

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Norman H. Baynes Byzantine Library, c.6,500 items

MSS include:

Minutes of the Westminster Assembly, 1643-1652

Richard Baxter's MS remains and letters

George Herbert, MS poems

John Evans, List of Dissenting Congregations, 1715-29

Priestley and Lindsey letters

Diary and correspondence of Henry Crabb Robinson (including Coleridge, Lamb and Wordsworth letters)

C.E. Surman, Index of Congregational ministers.

Classification: None.

Catalogues: Complete author card catalogue

Bibliography of early Nonconformity (author, subject, and chronological catalogue of holdings relating to the period 1567-1799) – Available in published form from G.K. Hall, Boston, Mass., 1968
Handlist of MSS.

Access: Open to all persons duly introduced and guaranteed in accordance with the Trustees' regulations. There is a subscription for borrowing. All particulars may be had of the Librarian. No facilities for documentary reproduction.

Publications: *Catalogues of accessions* of books published since 1900 –

1. 1900-1950, ed. Doris M. Johnson, 1955

2. 1951-1960, ed. Inez Elliott, 1971

3. 1961-1970, ed. John Creasey, 1972

(Earlier catalogues, now out of print, may be borrowed)

Annual *Bulletin* of accessions, etc. (latest is no. 80 – 1975)

Occasional papers, nos. 1-11, 1954-1964

Guide to the MSS, by K. Twinn, 1969

Nonconformist congregations in Great Britain: a list of histories and other material in Dr Williams's Library, 1974

Annual lectures, published by the Friends of Dr Williams's Library, 1947 – (e.g. Piety in Queen Victoria's reign, by Elizabeth Longford, 1973)

(For history, see)

A short account of the charity & library established under the will of the late Rev. Daniel Williams, D.D., 1917

Jones (S.K.) *Dr Williams and his library*, 1947.

SOCIETIES – 2

Catholic Record Society

c/o 114 Mount Street, London W1Y 6AH.

01-493 7811

Aims: Originally (1904) to transcribe, edit and publish records of Roman Catholicism in England and Wales since the Reformation. Revised Constitution (1952): 'the advancement of education in connection with the history of Roman Catholicism in England and Wales since the Reformation'.

Publications: (1) An annual volume in the Record Series (latest is vol. 64, 1974).
(2) Occasional volumes in the Historical Monographs Series (vol. 1-1966/67, vol. 2-1970/71)
(3) *Recusant History* vol. 4 (1957)– (continuation of *Biographical Studies*, vols. 1-3 – 1951-56), published three times a year (6 parts to a volume)

Other activities:

- (1) Occasional public lectures
- (2) An annual three-day conference of recusant history, held at St. Anne's College, Oxford, usually during the Summer
- (3) The maintenance of
 - (a) A small collection of archives,
 - (b) The Gillow Library (formed by Joseph Gillow, compiler of the *Bibliographical Dictionary of the English Catholics*, 5 vols. London, 1885-1902), of some 2,000 volumes, containing numerous rare 17th-century items, and scarce pamphlets, primarily of Catholic interest.
 - (c) A card index of Catholic priests who worked in England and Wales between 1557 and 1829.

Membership: Open to Institutions and individuals.

Subscription: This can be to journal only, to the annual volume only, or a combined subscription. Details can be obtained from the Secretary of the Society at the above address.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES & REFERENCE BOOKS – 2

Nonconformist congregations in Great Britain: a list of histories and other material in Dr Williams's Library. Dr Williams's Trust, 14 Gordon Square, London, 1973, (publ. April 1974) £1.50 (151 pages, cloth bound)

This list includes entries for manuscripts, microfilms and photostats, books and pamphlets, and articles in periodicals. It has a three-tier topographical arrangement: the main section, England, being subdivided by (pre 1974) counties (London by the post 1963 Greater London Boroughs), with cities, towns and villages arranged alphabetically within their county, preceded by a general section. These are followed by smaller sections on Wales (9 pages), Scotland (3 pages) and Ireland (1 page). Under each place the entries are arranged in alphabetical order of denomination, Baptists, Congregationalists, Methodists, etc. There are no indexes.

The manuscript entries are numerous for London and some other early strongholds of protestant nonconformity. Printed congregational histories from the last 25 years have been assiduously collected, and there are many earlier ones. References to relevant articles in the Baptist Quarterly, Transactions of the Baptist Historical Society, and transactions of the other denominational historical societies are very thoroughly listed, except that it would have been more consistent and helpful to give dates in these entries as in those for printed or MS items.

Where the Victoria County Histories have included nonconformist local history, they quote a much wider range of sources. In the Cambridgeshire history, volume 3, 1959 (Cambridge City) and volumes 4-5, 1953-66 (the villages) there is copious detail on the dissenters. Dr Williams's Library has less on Cambridge and Cambridgeshire than on Norwich and Norfolk. But for many counties the V.C.H. has a long way to go.

The British Humanities Index can also supplement this list, and of course, no researcher can neglect the local collection of the appropriate public library for this sort of history. But every reference collection worth its salt will have to have this List. Dr Williams's Librarian, and his deputy John Creasey, who edited it, have put historians and students of English local history in their debt once again.

J.V.H.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND REFERENCE BOOKS – 3

Readers' Guide to Books on Philosophy. 2nd ed. (New series no. 133)
1974 (56 pages 25p.)

Readers' Guide to Books on Religion. 2nd ed. (New series no. 135)
1974 (105 pages 40p.)

Library Association County Libraries Group.

H.I. Hammond, c/o Shire Hall, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 1RX.

Both these publications are compact and fairly comprehensive guides which would be useful tools for the librarian. The presentation and classification of contents at the beginning is clear and well enough defined to afford a high chance of finding a half-remembered title in the appropriate section.

The actual scanning of pages would be eased in both if there were some marginal indentation at headings of new sections. In particular the lower case headings of sections within broad parts of the book (e.g. DEATH AND THE FUTURE LIFE, FREEWILL, HISTORY) would register more immediately if not aligned to the left-hand margin.

The Philosophy guide offers more than the Religion one in terms of summary comment. This is most useful where it simply specified information about contents which would not be immediately clear from the title (e.g. 'a basic collection of texts': 'The standard work. Very detailed') There is however a line between the consensus of scholarship on what is a standard work, and some of the evaluations offered in the appended comments. It isn't clear whether the compiler, R.J. Duckett, is himself responsible for these, or if he adopts them from other sources, but I found some of the value words annoying. 'Useful' for instance is fairly uncommunicative until one says to which class of reader and for what purpose. And in some instances I felt the comments seemed merely to reflect book-jacket praise, which, though not misrepresentation, was scarcely informative for a potential buyer. It seemed also that the absence of comment on some texts was not clearly significant. Why, for instance, should Ayer's *Language, Truth and Logic* be annotated as 'A basic work' when Heidegger's *Being and Time* is left without comment? Is a footnote intended to recommend discrimination in favour of a book to a librarian with a choice to make?

The distribution of sections seemed a little uneven in the Philosophy guide, though obviously the space given to ETHICS, EPISTEMOLOGY and LANGUAGE reflects still current priorities in British philosophy. In particular however the

sections on PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY and AESTHETICS seemed to do insufficient justice to the range of available publications.

The scope of the Religion guide is more massive, covering the whole range of world religions as well as detailed aspects of CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY, within the Christian section. I found the divisions of sections not too helpful. Some of the books included under PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION might equally well be classified elsewhere (e.g. Phillips *Death and Immortality*) or vice versa, several of the authors quoted later, e.g. I.T. Ramsey might as happily appear under PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION. The subdivisions under CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY AND DOCTRINE would possibly be clearer if not mainly seen as subdivisions of THE TRINITY. Many of the authors on theology or Christology in these sections would be amazed to find themselves so categorised; and more specific headings like DOCTRINE OF GOD, CHRISTOLOGY, HOLY SPIRIT, TRINITY, SALVATION would give more information.

Also, whether it comes under THEOLOGY or under BIBLE, the guide seems to me barely to represent the enormous growth in the field of Hermeneutics, which any theological library must now treat as a major topic.

A fairly random recollection of important books spanning the academic-to-intelligent-layman gap suggests a few surprising omissions in so thorough a guide [e.g. Van A. Harvey's *The Historian and the Believer* or H. & M-L. Keller's *Miracles in Dispute*, Käsemann's *Jesus Means Freedom*, Don Cupitt *Christ and the Hiddenness of God*, I.T. Ramsey *Images of Divine Activity*.

These, however, are minor reservations about publications which would certainly enable a librarian, or an interested reader, to find his way around a bewildering mass of material. And for that the compiler must be thanked.

Elizabeth A. Maclaren,
New College, Edinburgh.

SHORTER BOOK NOTES

CHICAGO AREA THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, *Union list of serials*

1st ed. Chicago, 1974 (C.A.T.L.A., \$ 25.00)

673 quarto pages listing approximately 6,500 titles, of which 90% are of religious or theological interest: Monograph series are excluded, as C.A.T.L.A. has published a separate union list. Annuals, and titles on natural science or general education have also been omitted. The 22 contributing libraries include 5 Roman Catholic colleges.

Each entry gives title, place of publication, volume numbers and years of issue; followed by very full notes on issuing body, details of previous and subsequent titles, changes of sub-title and variations in numbering, and finally the locations and detailed holdings of each set reported.

Separate entries are made for each title when a serial has appeared under more than one. Cross references are made from minor variants.

Many British and European titles are included as well as mission magazines from many lands. There are less of the latter than in *Dictionary Catalog of the Missionary Research Library, New York, Vol. 17, Periodicals & Reports* (Boston 1968), but the editors claim that they include many other titles not in Gregory's *Union list of serials in the U.S. and Canada*.

An expensive but valuable addition to the sources for identifying those untraceable references to periodical articles. Computer typeset in small caps, but well designed and clearly printed with very substantial binding.

SCHEER (Gladys E.) *The church library - tips and tools* (The Bethany Press, St. Louis, Missouri, 1973. \$2.50) 80 pages

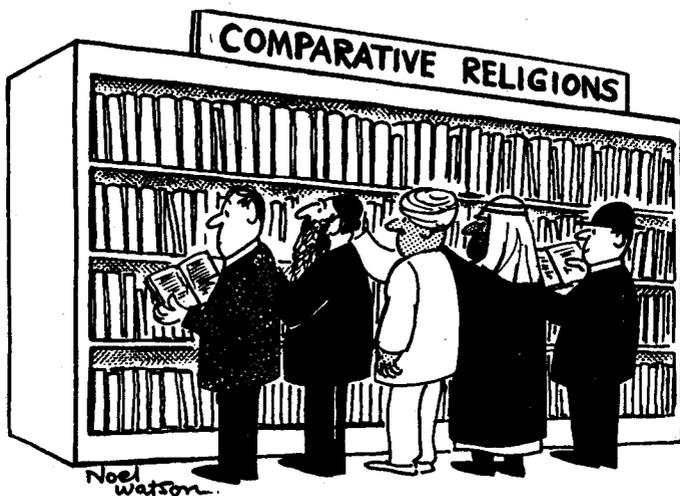
How many congregations in British churches have libraries of 2,500 volumes, subscriptions to periodicals, audio-visual aids, classification schemes and card catalogues? This booklet is planned as a help to the voluntary librarian of an American church congregation, however small the collection of the premises. The author apparently expects most of the records and routine of a small public library to be applied.

Nevertheless she does have many suggestions under the headings of selection, finance and promotion of the library's use that could be translated with advantage to the U.K. scene. Perhaps an enlightened publisher would commission an abbreviated British version?

Who's who in moral and religious education, compiler, Peter Lefroy-Owen (Bulletin of the Association for Religious Education, Supplement 12) 1974. (45p., A.R.E., Maplewood House, Boundstone Road, Rowledge, Farnham, Surrey, GU10 4AT.)

The first edition of a 40 page directory of statutory bodies and voluntary societies in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland concerned with religious and moral education. Names and addresses of officers and members of societies are listed in ten sections, such as *Main R.E. Bodies*, *Schools' Council*, *Editors of Periodicals* (includes 17 titles), *Overseas contacts*, and in the same way, R.E. advisers to local education authorities and H.M.I.'s The SHAP Working Party, the BLOXHAM Project, the R.C. Diocesan directors of education are all here.

There is an efficient index of names. The type is tiny but clear. The cover title, struggling through blue and yellow stripes, is *Who's who in R.E. and M.E.* There is no biographical information. It is really a Who's what.



With acknowledgment to *Life and Work*, the Record of the Church of Scotland

The Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries –
a personal view of its past, present and future – Part 2

John V. Howard

Union list of serials

Work on a union list of theological periodicals was also begun in 1964. A preliminary list of about 500 titles agreed by the committee was prepared and bibliographical checking and the inclusion of the holdings of the first three or four libraries by Miss H. Cuthell had been partly completed when work was discontinued. It is proposed to re-examine the need for such a list and the possibility of its compilation in reasonable time and at reasonable cost.

Several factors must be considered, especially the future policy of the British Library Lending Division (the combined N.L.L. and N.C.L.), and the future of the *British Union Catalogue of Periodicals*. The theory current in B.L.L.D. circles appears to be that all worthwhile current periodicals should be available on loan or by photocopy from them. Even if this is possible or desirable in the long run, there are still the problems of locating and obtaining back issues, and the greater convenience of complete volumes in a nearby library than a photocopy of a single article bought from Boston Spa.

How, also, would such a list be kept up to date? Perhaps only by means of the information and equipment available at the B.L.L.D. The present *BUCOP Journal* is a poor answer, for this gives only a minimum of locations for new titles. In the humanities it is equally valuable to know of additional locations and to have the locations of back files even of discontinued serials brought up to date.

That there should be such a list of the British Library's own holdings which would be a 'major bibliographic list of national value' is recommended in the report *The Scope for Automatic Data Processing in the British Library* (HMSO, 1972.). It is encouraging to see the publication of a *Union List of Statistical Serials in British Libraries* (Library Association, 1972), produced by a joint committee of the L.A. and the Royal Statistical Society. *The Union List of Serials* of the Chicago Area Theological Library Association (1974) noticed earlier in this Bulletin is a good example of what can be done, given adequate resources.

Putting aside the pipe-dreams (a grant from the British Library Research and Development Department?) we propose a pilot survey for, say, half a dozen titles, of as many lesser known library collections as possible – especially those not recorded in *B.U.C.O.P.* Observations on this project are welcome, and a further report will be made later.

Foreign bibliographical work

I have in mind a fifth project, which has not been discussed or agreed in the way that the four already mentioned have. It is perhaps rather an idea for a series of articles than a separate project, but its importance stems from the paucity of British bibliographical work. This is the process of making known all the valuable work going on in Europe and America. It means the current bibliographies and abstracting services like

Index to Religious Periodical Literature,
Religious and Theological Abstracts,
Bulletin Signalétique 527 (Sciences Religieuses),
Catholic Periodical and Literature Index,
International Bibliography of the History of Religions,
Elenchus Bibliographicus Biblicus,
Internationale Zeitschriftenschau für Bibelwissenschaft und Grenzgebiete,
New Testament Abstracts,
Internationale Oekumenische Bibliographie and
Repertoire Bibliographique des Institutions Chrétiennes (RIC).

There are also the Theological Education Fund's *Theological Book List* compiled by Raymond P. Morris and others (1960, 1963, 1968, 1971) and the work of the Association for the Development of Religious Information Systems (ADRIS) and the Council on the Study of Religion. I have given enough examples. I do not believe there are any ABTAPL members who could cross their hearts and say they know all about these.

ABTAPL and L.A.

Beyond this discussion of ABTAPL's immediate programme, I have three other topics to mention, all of them touching on the past and future.

The first is the relationship of ABTAPL to the Library Association. In 1963 a petition for the formation of a Theological and Philosophical Libraries Sub-section of the University and Research Section was submitted to the L.A. In 1964 the Section Committee convened a meeting of people interested to see whether there was sufficient support to carry the proposal further. In the event, so many of those who attended were not L.A. members

and were therefore not eligible to join the proposed Sub-section that the scheme was dropped.

These negotiations followed the weekend conference of the University and Research Section at Durham in April 1962 when part of the programme was arranged for the benefit of ABTAPL members. Now that many more subject interests are catered for by semi-autonomous Groups of the Library Association, the question of affiliation may be raised again. There is no fun in being independent and impecunious on principle. But I think I will leave others to debate this issue.

Professional education

A related question is that of professional education in the literature and librarianship of religion and philosophy. The examination on these subjects was first offered in the Library Association's syllabus in 1964, and discontinued at the end of 1970. As there is a continuous trend away from the L.A. syllabus, and an almost complete cessation of part-time professional education, it would be unrealistic to expect that examination to be reinstated. If enough potential students arose, however, it might be possible for one or more of the schools of librarianship to introduce such a course in the future.

International Associations

My last question is that of international relations. It is absurd for a moribund association to talk about relations with similar associations overseas, but in fact this is the context in which ABTAPL began. Roger Thomas and others of the SCOTAPLL committee were involved in 1955 in the formation of an International Association of Theological Libraries. IFLA (The International Federation of Library Associations) and the World Council of Churches Study Department had given the initial impetus. It was hoped to produce a Bulletin of Current Theological Literature and an International Bibliography of Books on Religion. Enthusiasm waned when the cost of the operation was realized and IATL never had an effective existence. ABTAPL was however founded to be the British national section of this international enterprise.

The American Theological Library Association has flourished both before and since that time, and has now held 28 Annual Conferences. The Conference papers in each year's volume are full of useful matter, and the record of its business sessions shows the wide range of its activities. In the publishing field alone there is the *Index to Religious Periodical Literature*, the huge programme of microfilm reprints of scarce books and periodicals,

and now the ATLA series of bibliographies. For many reasons, ABTAPL could not equal ATLA, but the pattern is there to be copied, if only in part.

On the continent of Europe, theological librarians have been coming gradually together as well. There are separate associations in Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, France and Spain and together they comprise the Conseil Internationale des Associations de Bibliothèques de Théologie, which with a Secretariat at Nijmegen, has been in existence since 1961. It is compiling a descriptive bibliography of theological periodicals called *Clavis Periodicorum*.

As soon as ABTAPL could adequately demonstrate its own existence, it could join this European international group, contribute to its activities and benefit from being associated with it.

This discussion of the future of ABTAPL in the light of its past is enough to be going on with. What you have to do now is to decide what part you are going to play in the Association, put pen to paper, and tell any of the committee members listed at the front of this Bulletin.

Correction: Mrs Statham, referred to in the previous Bulletin on page 13 is Mrs *Jennifer* Statham.

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