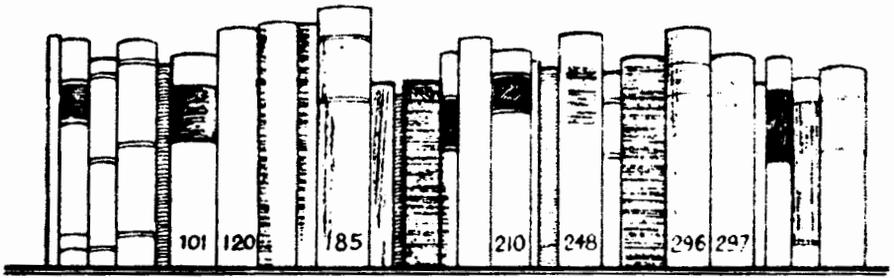


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AUTUMN MEETING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held at Lambeth Palace Library, London, S.E.1. on Friday
28th October, 1983. Details will be circulated to U.K. members in
September. Nominations for officers and committee are required by the
Honorary Secretary.

ABTAPL IN EDINBURGH, 25–26 March 1983

Armed with *What's on in Edinburgh*, a bewildering genealogy of Scottish dissent, a battery of information about New College Library, more than two dozen members of the Association made their way to the capital of Scotland (or stayed put and waited for the rest to arrive) to spend the last week-end of March in and around the Theological College of the Scottish Episcopal Church. Arrangements were in the hands of Mr John Howard. He had more than his fair share of ill-luck, but the programme as eventually experienced by the participants was both full and varied. And there was ample time to enjoy the city itself in what was, for the most part, pleasant Spring weather.

The week-end's proceedings opened gloomily, with an account of the problems faced by Dr Stephen Pattison in his attempts to supervise, among his many other duties, the library of the theological college in which members were housed. Nor did the gloom lift the following morning when members descended upon the library of the Scottish Congregational College. Both institutions provided object-lessons in the problems faced by under-funded, understaffed and under-used collections of religious literature.

A much more optimistic picture was presented by the second visit of Saturday morning. At 10.00 members gathered at New College, where the library was clearly flourishing. There was a talk, a display, a tour, and a particularly good and much appreciated cup of coffee. There was also an address by the Principal on New College's past, present and probable future, its student body and the courses on offer. Dr Ross's up-beat report was in marked contrast to what had been heard the previous evening and earlier that morning.

The ABTAPL crocodile then set out for the Catholic Chaplaincy to the University where the Dominicans in charge had arranged an intriguing little collection reflecting some of the less discussed aspects of Roman Catholic life. Lunch at the University Club was followed by a more substantial chunk of Roman Catholic life at Columba House, the home of the Scottish Catholic Archives. Again a small display had been arranged, and the Archivist, Dom Mark Dilworth, spoke about the history of the collection.

For those so inclined, a walking tour of Edinburgh was next on the schedule, ably led by Miss Joyce Barrie. Later that evening Miss Barrie entertained the assembled members with a survey of the vicissitudes of William Robertson Smith. Her presentation was preceded by Dr Lionel Madden on division within Methodism and followed by Mr Howard's account of his detective work – illustrated by exhibits – on the Dumfries Presbytery library.

It was all much appreciated, especially the care which had gone into planning a nicely balanced week-end.

M.J. Walsh

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Rutherford House Library

Rutherford House, Research and Study Centre of the Scottish Evangelical Research Trust, 17 Claremont Park, Edinburgh EH6 7PJ

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Warden of Rutherford House: The Revd. N. M. de S. Cameron, MA, BD, PhD

History:

Rutherford House was opened in the Spring of 1983, eighteen months after the establishment of its parent body, the Scottish Evangelical Research Trust. The Trust aims to foster theological study and research, at various levels, by providing a centre where scholars and ministers can engage in private work and also where study groups can assemble.

Function:

The House consists of a Seminar Room, five twin-bedded study-bedrooms (with self-catering facilities), and the Library. The accommodation is available to post-graduate students, ministers and scholars with Sabbatical leave, and others. The Library includes a number of study carrels, where regular readers may leave books, in addition to tables for occasional users.

Coverage:

Three principal areas are currently being built up: Scottish theology, modern conservative Biblical scholarship, and practical theology. In addition to these special interests we have and intend to maintain a general stock in most areas of theology.

Stock:

We begin with rather more than 6,000 volumes, and subscription to around 60 serials.

Classification:

Our own system, based upon Dewey.

Catalogues:

We are preparing card-indexes by author, subject and title, and the intention is to include periodical articles, essays from *symposia* and *Festschriften*, and certain other materials within them.

Access:

Users require a Reader's Ticket, available free to Residents and Friends (supporters) of the House, and at a nominal charge to others. Carrels may be rented for a small fee. Volumes may not be borrowed from the Library, but there is a reserve system whereby books in use may be retained in carrels or by the Library staff overnight.

Photocopying facilities (including reduction) and micro-form readers are available.

Staff:

The Warden is the only full-time staff member. He is assisted by the Library Supervisor (a post-graduate student) and a rota of Volunteers, who are on duty whenever the Library is open.

CHRISTIAN LIBRARIAN 1983

The Librarians' Christian Fellowship have now published the 1983 edition of their annual journal. Copies are available to non-members price £1 (including postage) from The Secretary: Graham Hedges, A.L.A., 34 Thurlstone Avenue, Seven Kings, Ilford, Essex, IG3 9DU. Several articles are likely to be of interest to a wider readership within the library profession.

Two centuries of New Testament criticism, by F.F. Bruce

The eminent biblical scholar and author surveys the major developments in New Testament studies during the 19th and 20th Centuries, with special reference to writers and works likely to be of interest to librarians.

Christian publishing today, by Edward England

A survey of current religious publishing, written by a former director of Hodder and Stoughton, now working as a literary agent and publishing consultant.

The influence of religion on children's literature, by Ann M. Parker

An account of the history of children's literature from Tudor times until the end of the 19th Century. The article considers the impact of developments in Christian theology – such as the Reformation; the Puritan movement, and the Evangelical Revival – on the growth of books for younger readers. The author is Assistant County Librarian in Hertfordshire, with responsibility for Education & Young People's Services.

Exploring the added dimension: the occult and the supernatural in children's fiction, by Pat Wynn-Jones

A survey of the use and abuse of the supernatural in current children's literature – including the fantasies of Ursula Le Guin, Susan Cooper and Alan Garner, and more sinister tales of ghosts, witchcraft and the demonic. The author was formerly Senior Lecturer in English Literature and Professional Studies at the Froebel Institute in London.

ANGLICAN LIBRARY LOST IN AUSTRALIAN BUSH FIRE

(This report from the Rev. Trevor Zweck, Librarian of Luther Seminary, North Adelaide, South Australia, and Chairman of the Association of Theological Libraries in South Australia, is reprinted from *InCite* the Newsletter of the Library Association of Australia and from the *Newsletter* of the American Theological Library Association.)

The devastating bushfires which raged through the Adelaide Hills in South Australia on Ash Wednesday, February 16, 1983, struck with disastrous effect on St. Michael's House, Crafers (on the Mt. Lofty Summit), including in its path of destruction one of the finest theological libraries in Australia. The library building was totally destroyed and not one of its 40,000 volumes was spared.

The historic and architecturally important buildings had been bought by the Bakewell family in 1879 and extensively added to in 1880, 1895 and 1902. It was taken over by the Society of the Sacred Mission in 1946 and further extended in 1959 and 1967. The latest of these additions, the refectory, was the only building which survived the disaster. Curiously, it was from this building that the residents had first fled when the fire initially descended upon the idyllic hills retreat. All seven residents (including two guests) escaped with nothing worse than minor burns, although their final dash to safety (after 40 minutes of being trapped inside the building) led them past a flaming staircase.

Among the books and periodicals destroyed were some of unique and priceless value. The library had contained an exceptional collection of rare books, including 243 volumes (140 titles) of pre-1801 imprints. (Records of these items have been preserved in the Early Imprints Project of South Australia.) In addition, there was a collection unique in Australia of books on the religious and monastic life, personal piety and prayer (some 2500 books, many of them irreplaceable), sermons (some 800 volumes), and some rare Australiana. The collection of 2000 biographies included the stories of Anglican and other church divines and missionaries, as well as many first edition works of early Australian colonists, missionaries, and explorers, and books of Australian songs and ballads. Politics and economics were also strongly represented.

The oldest books were a work of Erasmus (1512), a Roman missal (1512), a volume of Lucretius (1515), and a work of George Agricola (1533). There were two Geneva ("Breeches") Bibles (1600), one of which had come from Lord Nelson's Flagship.

Among the unique items relating to Anglican divines were early editions of John Jewel, Jeremy Taylor (1647), Richard Baxter (1652), Sir William Dugdale's *Monasticon Anglicanum* (1655-1673), illustrated with the author's own sketches, and the diaries of Archbishop William Laud, "written in the Tower" (1695). Other treasures included hymn writer John Mason Neal's altar book (an ornamental Gothic edition of the first Anglican communion order), and a magnificently illustrated colour glossary by A.W. Pugin (architect of Big Ben) on the Gothic revival (1846). There was an almost complete set of the classic collection of early church fathers, J.P. Migne's *Patrologia*. Among the periodicals collections destroyed was a complete set of the *Bible Christian Magazine* (Primitive Methodist), believed to have been

the only complete set in the world. The commercial value of the total collection would have been about a quarter of a million dollars. The real value, however, was in the information contained within the covers of the volumes destroyed. Since much of it was unique and now irreplaceable, the world has lost many a priceless treasure.

The institution itself, established and administered by the Society of the Sacred Mission, is to be re-established on a site yet to be determined in the Melbourne area (a decision made already in 1982 but now hastened by this catastrophe). The person chiefly responsible for the establishment of the library and its building up into the fine collection it eventually became was Antony Snell. The present librarians, Joseph Kinsela and Jean Wilson, along with other members of the community, now have before them the arduous task of creating from nothing a new library collection to undergird the work of the new institution. The constant reminder of what has been lost will make that not only a slow but often, one suspects, a painful task. Any individual or library wishing to assist in the rebuilding of the library collection is invited to send a donation to: The Society of the Sacred Mission, c/o The Prior, St. John's Priory, 14 St. John's Street, Adelaide, South Australia 5000, Australia.



HEWITSON LIBRARY, KNOX COLLEGE, DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND

The Hewitson Library of the Theological Hall, Knox College, is one of the best theological libraries in Australasia. It serves students for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in New Zealand and the Faculty of Theology at the University of Otago. Members of the church and the general public use it increasingly.

The capacity of its present building is 40,000 volumes, but at present it holds 50,000. An extension has been planned which will continue the building southwards on four floors, three of which are to be devoted to the Library. These will hold an additional 36,000 books and 80 reader places. The cost of the extension at November 1982 was NZ\$650,000.

Stage One consists of the erection, the completion of all exterior work and the commissioning of one floor. The commissioning of the remaining floors would be undertaken when space requirements demand it. An appeal called "Operation 3,000" has been launched to ask for contributions of \$100 or more from 3,000 people in the church and the wider community. Grants have also been sought from the Synod of Otago and Southland and through the University of Otago from the University Grants Committee of New Zealand.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES & REFERENCE BOOKS – 33

Newman: A Bibliography of Secondary Studies, by John R. Griffin.
Christendom College Press, Room 3, Box 87, Front Royal, Virginia 22630.
1980, 145p. \$12.00

In his Preface to the Bibliography the author admits his debt to the multi-lingual bibliographies of Newman literature which have appeared in successive volumes of *Newman Studies*, but he claims that "there is much in this volume that has never been listed in any of the bibliographies including dissertations and articles from obscure journals". Omitted are "newspaper articles (with some exceptions), pamphlets (?), editions of Newman's works and shorter book reviews".

The list of over 200 journals, of very varying degrees of scholarly pretensions is itself an indication of the author's thoroughness. It is especially helpful to have notice of articles and reviews that appeared in Newman's own lifetime. Even more useful is the listing of unpublished dissertations, and the book is worth having for this service alone.

One notices the odd slip here and there. Surely the B. Brownson who was writing about Newman's work over a hundred years ago is the formidable *Orestes* Brownson, who published his own journal (not listed by Griffin). And the present reviewer seems to have become confused with a certain *M. O'Donoghue*, who has it seems produced a dissertation on Newman's educational ideas.

However my main criticism of this book is that it has no index of authors. Since the book is divided very carefully into sections (on the *Grammar of Assent*, *Apologia* etc.) it is difficult to check on a particular author's contribution, e.g. if I want to know whether e.g. Joseph Rickaby, wrote anything on Newman I am forced to leaf through the whole book. The author tells us rather disarmingly that such an index would have meant a "much larger book". Not "much larger" surely! Much more useful, certainly.

Nevertheless, this bibliography is quite clearly a must for all Newman students and all theological libraries.

N.D. O'Donoghue

CATHEDRAL LIBRARIES CATALOGUE

Work on this union catalogue of all the English and foreign books in English and Welsh cathedral libraries, printed before 1700, began in 1943. The number of books and the time taken for the project were seriously underestimated, and only now is the first of two volumes approaching completion. This will cover the English section, in the form of a finding list of STC and Wing numbers, plus full catalogue entries for items not in those catalogues. The second will be a full catalogue of the foreign books printed before 1700.

A short history of the heroic efforts of one woman to accomplish this huge task, its support by the Pilgrim Trust, and its revival by the Bibliographical Society and the British Library, is given by Dr David Shaw in the *Newsletter* of the Library Association Rare Books Group, no. 21, May 1983, pages 11-15.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES & REFERENCE BOOKS – 34

Encyclopedia of library and information science.

Allen Kent and Harold Lancour, eds.

New York: Marcel Dekker, 1968-1982. 33 vols.

Students and others hoping to find information – general and bibliographical – on philosophical, religious and theological literature and libraries in the *Encyclopedia of library and information science*, will be grateful for the item in the March 1983 issue of the *Bulletin* which heralds a forthcoming multi-volume work entitled *Topics in religion: a bibliographic series*. This work promises to meet a specific need which the encyclopedia only sporadically satisfies and only then through the serendipity approach rather than any systematic method.

Volume one of what was then reckoned to be an eighteen volume work appeared in 1968. *The Encyclopedia of library and information science* (ELIS) with its very distinguished, international advisory board of thirty two members (twenty-five of whom were still serving in that capacity in 1982) promised "to create a basic compendium of what has become an integrated library and information science". Furthermore the editors indicated in the preface to the first volume a commitment to a "one-world" concept of their science "not so much international as non-national". Very little more than this appears in what is a disappointingly short and uninformative preface: the user is unsure as to scope; criteria for inclusion; for whom the work is intended; editorial control and standards etc. A much fuller statement of editorial intentions appears in an article by Allen Kent in the *Wilson library bulletin*, March 1973, p.602-604.

In 1982, volume thirty-three took the coverage to 'Zoological literature' and, apart from a cumulated index for the first five volumes which appeared in volume six, the user must still await what the editors promised in 1968 – "a final volume will contain a detailed analytical index to the entire work which has to be used as a *principal* means of getting into the body of the text". The italics are mine. Without this means, the best access available, apart from browsing (which incidentally merits nine pages of volume three) is the alphabetical list of contributors to each volume with what topics they are writing on – the connection is not always apparent. Professor Lawrence S. Thompson of the department of Classical Languages and Literature at the University of Kentucky, writes on such disparate subjects as 'Monastic libraries'; 'Wood engraving – from Bewick to the present day' and 'Microform publications'.

Using the alphabetical approach through the various volumes the reader will find no entry for religious literature or libraries, nor one for theological literature or libraries. Philosophical literature merits *three* pages by the director of the Philosophical Documentation Center at Bowling Green State University, Ohio, which publishes *Philosopher's index* so the connection is

immediately apparent, but without the references or bibliography which are common features of so many of the other entries. This must be seen in relation to items such as 'Association trails' twenty-seven pages; 'Geological literature' fifty six pages; 'Slavic paleography' one hundred and thirty pages; and 'Oriental literature and bibliography' which, at two hundred and six pages, constitutes more than one third of volume twenty-one.

In volume one, the first item which has any link with the subjects under discussion appears to be 'Ancient and medieval libraries' which has two 'see also' references viz 'Oriental libraries' and 'Renaissance libraries'. Unfortunately neither item appears at the appropriate place in later volumes. Although further searching under headings such as 'Church libraries', 'Liturgical books', 'Seminary libraries' provides the user with much useful information, most of it is American — national at best and often parochial at worst. The item on 'Catholic libraries and collections' is better since its coverage extends beyond the confines of the United States and the twentieth century. The article is Catholic in subject matter and catholic in presentation in accordance with the "non-national" principle of the preface. 'Monastic libraries' too fulfils the non-national principle and presents an overview of libraries from the early Christian Church through the centuries and the continents until the sixteenth century when the monasteries lost their peculiar role as the custodians of cultural tradition.

Sources of theological and religious teachings are equally difficult to find. Under 'London — University of London Libraries' King's College is mentioned briefly as having a "specific responsibility for theology"; Heythrop College — 'teaching mainly for the Bachelor of Divinity . . . the library originally served the needs of the house of studies of the English Province of the Society of Jesus"; while New College under 'Edinburgh University libraries', "recognised as primarily the university's theological library" merits only four lines. Under 'Scotland, Libraries in' the number of theological libraries — eleven — is given but without any further information on locations, special interests or readership. We are however directed to *Library Resources in Scotland* as the source through which they can be identified.

From this brief and, admittedly, selective survey it is clear that users of ELIS have to approach the work with a degree of diligence and perseverance, the end result of which may be disappointing and which seldom justifies the means. An interim index like that contained in volume six would have been welcome as the volumes were being published. The final analytical index is eagerly awaited by students of all disciplines and it will be interesting to see how and if this facilitates the user's task. In the meantime perhaps, further scrutiny of 'Association trails' in volume two may be the answer.

Patricia M. Baird

BIBLIOGRAPHIES & REFERENCE BOOKS — 35

UK Christian Handbook, 1983 Edition, ed. by Peter Brierley. London; Evangelical Alliance, Bible Society and MARC Europe. November, 1982. £9.95

Rightly described as the "first combined edition", this Handbook is a revision of the four separate booklets of 1977-80 reviewed in the *Bulletin of ABTAPL* n.s, 19; November, 1980, p.10-11. It is now organised into the following four sections:

- Articles — five short introductory essays;
- Statistical section — with pie charts, block graphs & maps (p.14-39);
- Directory section — alphabetically by topic (p.41—321);
- Index section — especially the alphabetical index & locational index.

Statistical section

In general the statistics that are reproduced in this section are interesting, important and sometimes unavailable elsewhere. So, it is notoriously difficult to get reliable membership figures for Roman Catholics in Britain, for sects and for immigrant churches. These are all available here, and overall a clear picture emerges of the relative distribution of church membership amongst different denominations. In addition an invaluable picture of church decline over the decade 1970-80 emerges, with one or two very marginal areas of church growth, mainly amongst pentecostal and immigrant churches/sects.

Inevitably there are weaknesses. Like all compilations of differing church statistics a wide variety of criteria of membership and means of gathering statistics are used. Sometimes these are more clearly stated than at other times. Further, changes in membership are noted only over ten years at the most, and projections for the future are based solely upon them. Longer time scales are available for many of the churches in question (see for example Robert Currie, Alan Gilbert and Lee Horsley, *Churches and churchgoers*, Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1977) and might have usefully been included. Nevertheless, such criticisms can always be made, and to balance them there are useful (and suitably modest) analyses by two sociologists from the London School of Economics, Eileen Barker (*Religion in the UK today; a sociologist looks at the statistics*) and Nancy Nason-Clark (*The sexual division of labour in missionary societies*).

Robin Gill

Directory section

Expanded to 61 topics, including the very large sub-sections on *Protestant Missionary Societies* and *Roman Catholic Missionary societies*, this section includes almost all the activities one could imagine Christians engaging in. From *Adoption Agencies to Youth Organisations*, it takes in *Church Furnishers, Conference Centres, Healing Organisations, Record Manufacturers, Theological Colleges*, etc., etc. These headings inevitably overlap, such as *Book Publishers, Literature Producers* and *Newspapers*, but copious cross-references almost always give sideways links.

But a quick search failed to reveal three of our *Bulletin's* advertisers. SPCK's publishing activities seem to have fallen between two stools, being

only in the *Book Publishers' "see also" list*, which refers you to *Literature Producers & Distributors (Primarily Overseas)* which only mentions SPCK's bookshop side (and specifically only in Great Britain!). Likewise the Saint Andrew Press – "see Church of Scotland on page 138" an entry in the useful *Denominational Church Headquarters* section. But this entry does not mention the Church of Scotland's publishing house nor its output. The third is perhaps a minor quibble – *Concilium*, on page 256. It is only the English language edition that is published by T. & T. Clark of Edinburgh, and the name given is that of a director of the firm, not the editor of the journal.

Indexes

The alphabetical index of organizations, etc., is excellent, and the location index (by counties and towns) revealed organizations in my locality which I did not know about. There is still no index of personal names. Perhaps this is too much to expect when secretaries and other office-holders change so often, and there is so much other information which needs continual updating.

Recommendation

This book is a mine of information which almost every British theological, public and university library should possess. It is clearly organized and well printed and not expensive. Clergy and laity in churches and church organizations will also find it the equivalent of an ecclesiastical Whitaker's Almanack.

John V. Howard

SERIALS ON MICROFILM

A selection from the American Theological Library Association's current list

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MONKS, HUNTERS AND FISHERMEN

From 20th–24th June I attended the 37th Annual Conference of the American Theological Library Association at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. Representing ABTAPL, giving a paper on British Theological Libraries, 1983, and going with proposals for an ATLA tour of British Libraries in 1985, I received a very warm welcome from the 200 participants, and from the weather too, which was continuously in the eighties. Here I should express my sincere thanks to ATLA for their invitation, and also to the Travel and Research Committee of the University of Edinburgh for their generous contribution toward my expenses.

The main conference proceedings extended over three days, preceded (for the first time) by a day of "continuing education" and followed by a day reserved for full-day excursions or directors' meetings, according to responsibilities. Your reporter declined to go to Williamsburg on the grounds that he could not follow Margaret Thatcher anywhere, but lost the choice of Charlottesville and Monticello when he was obliged to witness the in-fighting of the ATLA Directors conducted with charity and diplomacy surpassing most committee meetings he had attended in the U.K.

The conference proper opened with a commemoration of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's birth in an outstanding lecture by Hans J. Hillerbrand, Provost of Southern Methodist University, Dallas. Most of the professional papers and discussion sessions were then held in parallel, with 2, 3 or even 4 simultaneous events to choose from. I missed two good historical papers in this way, one on the Oxford Movement and one on the long-awaited reunion on 10th June of the two major Presbyterian churches in the United States.

Factually, I learnt a good deal in sessions on Collection description and analysis; on On-line searching in the Religion data-base; in the Publications group on the work of members and others in the ATLA Monographs and ATLA Bibliographies series, on other work in progress, and whether ATLA should publish a journal; and on the relationship of ATLA to AATS (the American Association of Theological Schools, whose accreditation involves each library in the observance of agreed standards).

In several contexts, there was much reference to *Theologia* by Edward Farley, a new critique of theological education in North America. I learnt that the whole Faculty of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia were to be studying and discussing it in the fall. I had a chance later to browse in a Richmond bookstore where I found *Theologia*, and also *Megatrends* by John Naisbitt, a stimulating piece of futurology in the vein of Toffler's *Future shock*. *Megatrends* was the basic text for Robert Dvorak's presidential address, a plea for theological librarians to become aware of what was happening in society around them (such as the fact that there were now 15 million Spanish speakers in the U.S.A.!).

The final session, labelled Theological Round Table, attracted so many that the other two options must have been starved of contributors. The convener, Dr. James Dunkly, proposed the theme, The role of the theological librarian in theological education. Professor Donald Dawe of UTS, Virginia, extolled their Library as a teaching and research instrument. Faculty members could assist the library staff up to a point, but ultimately decisions on library management had to be taken by the librarian, resting on a basis of theological understanding. Others felt tied by seminary curricula which taught an exclusive attitude to the truth of Christianity, as opposed to those which recognized multi-religious approaches. One also wanted the development of survival techniques for the librarian who happened to be located in a theological faculty.

There was also emphasis on the influence of the librarian on research through his collection-building policies. If, for example, Christian literature from the Third World (whose populations would soon comprise the majority of Christians in the world) were not collected, the awareness of the library's readers would be severely restricted. Another plea was for the librarian as teacher to teach bibliography, his or her proper trade, and not wander off into teaching theology.

Somehow this meeting also found itself discussing the pros and cons of an ATLA journal. The quantity of articles alleged to be available was unfavourably contrasted with their quality. The fact that one librarian had plenty of paper left over from another project to print it on did not seem the most convincing recommendation.

Someone said that ATLA conferences were becoming more "religious". Was this because there was a short chapel service each morning and grace before the final dinner? Or because the dinner itself was graced by seven splendid gospel singers from a local black Baptist church, called inexplicably The Ten Men of Song? It was nevertheless a moving social event, crowning a crowded but highly organized and satisfying programme.

My weekend was spent relaxing and sightseeing in Richmond as the guest of the conference host, Dr John Trotti, Librarian of UTS, Virginia, and his family. Richmond is so full of Civil War history it was no surprise to be stopped at one point by Confederate troopers with fixed (historic) bayonets and grey uniforms heavy in the heat, re-enacting and giving detailed explanations of the campaigns of 1862. And the history went back to 1775, when we worshipped in the white painted, timber built, St. John's Episcopal Church where Patrick Henry made his "Liberty or death" speech in the presence of Washington, Jefferson and the Virginia Convention.

In the next six days I saw thirteen libraries. These included the theological libraries of Duke University and Southeastern Baptist Seminary in North Carolina, and then, travelling back through Richmond and Washington,

D.C., those of Princeton; Union Theological Seminary, New York; Yale, at New Haven; and the Episcopal Divinity School and Harvard Divinity School, at Cambridge, Mass. There were glimpses also of the great university libraries and rare book collections in those universities. I was universally received with courtesy and interest, and my ignorance was appreciably reduced day by day. The Librarians of Princeton and Yale Divinity Schools, Dr. Charles Willard and Dr Steven Peterson, were also my hosts, and went out of their way to make my life and journeyings comfortable. I was overwhelmed with impressions of size and geographical extent (though I was never far from the East coast), of energy (though what I saw was well directed) and of getting value for money (though there seemed to be plenty of it). What I missed (and my Virginian and New England friends will hate me for this) was a lack of real history – the history that goes back century after century in one place. But that no doubt is the one thing that Europe can offer America.

In a strange way, though, I found my sort of history on my first day in Richmond, in the campus bookstore. There we were offered copies of *Paradise*, a new novel by Dikkon Eberhart, a librarian who was also attending the conference. *Paradise* is about St. Aidan (d.651), bishop of Lindisfarne or Holy Island, still a place of pilgrimage and not a hundred miles from where I write. One of Aidan's companions in the book is coincidentally named ATLA – "a monk by calling, but a hunter and a fisherman by inclination"!

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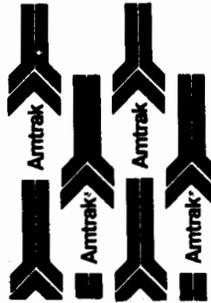
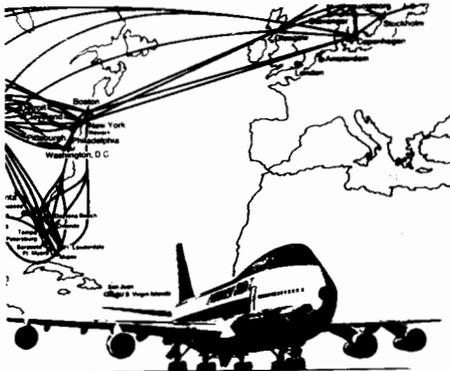


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