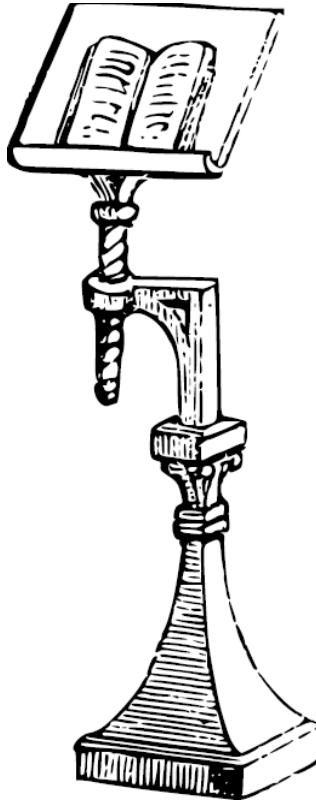


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## **NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

### **2014 ABTAPL SPRING CONFERENCE & AGM**

**3 - 5 April 2014**

**Sarum College, Salisbury**

The ABTAPL Spring Conference 2014 will be held from April 3 - 5 at Sarum College, Salisbury. Booking forms will be available towards the end of January and an early response is advised as previous conferences have been very popular. At this stage of planning, the cost for a residential delegate is estimated to be no more than last year, so we are sure you'll agree that the Conference is excellent value for money! The Rt. Rev. Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury is giving a talk on the first night and visits have been arranged to Salisbury Cathedral Library, Winchester Cathedral and Library (to see the Winchester bible) and Wimborne Chained Library. Issues relevant to more modern library collections will also be considered by one of the librarians from Salisbury Public Library. The Conference is a great opportunity to learn and develop professionally, meet likeminded colleagues, share experiences, and make new friends. We do hope you will be able to join us - put the dates in your diary now and contact Jenny Monds at [jmonds@sarum.ac.uk](mailto:jmonds@sarum.ac.uk) if you have any questions.

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## **REPORT OF THE ATLA CONFERENCE: CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 19<sup>TH</sup>-22<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2013**

By Carol Reekie

This year's 2013 American Theological Library Association Conference was held in Charlotte, North Carolina. Named after Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, wife of George III and nicknamed 'Queen City', Charlotte is the largest city in the state of North Carolina. Charlotte is a very modern metropolis and is the second largest financial centre in the US. Wells Fargo has its headquarters there and is home to an excellent museum illustrating the development of the famous Wells Fargo stagecoach and Pony Express services immortalised in film. It was also home to evangelist Billy Graham and the old movie actor Randolph Scott. Although it is evident that Charlotte is very proud of its historical past, this sits comfortably with its modern skyline of skyscrapers. The conference was held in the very modern Westin Charlotte hotel and was a short walk away from a number of interesting museums and arts complexes.

I received a warm welcome from our North Carolinian hosts at the opening reception held in the Mint Museum of American Craft & Design. After the reception we were able to visit the exhibitions and spend some time looking at the interesting local arts and crafts displays.

The title of the conference was 'The Speed of Change' and it focused on the developments in education, technology and librarianship and how we, as librarians, can prepare for the future. The programme offered many options, in fact I was spoilt for choice. I attended an excellent pre-conference workshop on RDA given by Armin Siedlecki, Head of Cataloguing at Pitts Theology Library, one of the Library of Congress's trial RDA libraries. It was extremely informative and for those who the thought of spending a whole day learning about the intricacies of RDA would be torturous, I am pleased to report that the time flew by and much was learnt.

The conference began with an excellent plenary session by Peter Ochs which called for inter-religious dialogue and a greater understanding of the views of others. Other sessions that I attended included Apps for the theological library, international library collaboration, overcoming staffing

and budgeting challenges, teaching analytical reading skills, supporting online education, understanding the context for change, inspiring users through library space and many more. There were also some excellent Exhibitors stands which provided an opportunity to discuss new products and publications.

There were two other plenary sessions. William H. Willimon gave a very thought provoking lecture on the challenges that librarians face in the midst of the rapid developments in technology. He suggested that we need to take time to evaluate the changes rather than rushing from one new development to another. The final plenary session was given by Joan Frye Williams, a library consultant. This final session was very upbeat and positive. The speaker suggested that whilst we cannot do more with less, we can do different. Since the trend was consumer driven technology, she suggested that we should look beyond current trends and consider the future. We need to raise the profile of the library, let people know who we are and what we have to offer. Many users are now independent so we need to look for other ways of providing a service. It was suggested that librarians should make their expertise more widely known and should pursue the idea of collaborative partnerships with other institutions. It was a very good session upon which to end the conference.

During the conference all the international delegates were invited to attend a luncheon hosted by the International Collaboration Committee. We were treated to a tasty packed lunch and good conversation. It provided an opportunity to meet the other overseas delegates and discuss library developments in various parts of the world. We also met the new committee chair, Chris Anderson and we were able to share our concerns and relate topics of interest.

As part of the conference there was a memorial session to remember those who were no longer with us. Margot Lyon gave a moving speech in remembrance of Dennis Norlin, the retired ATLA Executive Director who had died just before the conference. I also gave a short memorial for Andre Geuns, a past President of BETH.

Another important aspect of the conference was the personal networking that I was able to undertake. I was able to have discussions with both Brenda Bailey-Hainer, the ATLA Executive Director and Chris Anderson. I also tried to raise ABTAPL's profile by discussing our concerns, aims and achievements with our American colleagues.

A full report of the conference proceedings will be produced by ATLA as it constitutes a permanent record for the association. Meanwhile many items of interest and photos of the event can be found on their website (<http://www.atla.com>).

I would like to conclude by thanking the many kind and helpful people that I met, particularly the Host Team, who made my stay so enjoyable. I count myself blessed to have met so many nice people and to have represent both ABTAPL and BETH at the 2013 ATLA Conference.

*Carol Reekie*  
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## **THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTERS RECEIVED**

### **Christian Librarian** No 62, Autumn 2013

(Selected contents: Life is like riding a bicycle; Dr Williams's Library; On fire? volunteering with Flame Christian Local Radio; Am I just a librarian? Preparing to make a change in career path; Retirement : what good is it? )

### **Christian Librarian** No 63, Winter 2013

(Selected contents: The art of the impossible; From the Middle Ages to Middle Earth; C. S. Lewis : meeting people where they are; Libraries and their communities)

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## **MINUTES OF THE 42ND BETH ASSEMBLY, 13-14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013, FIAP, PARIS**

By Carol Reekie

1. Presidential Welcome.
2. Introductions & Apologies. Inmaculada Gomez Canizares was welcomed to the Assembly.  
Apologies were received from Katharina Penner, Heinz Finger and Hermann-Joseph Schmalor.
3. Adoption of the Agenda: the Agenda was adopted as presented.
4. Adoption of the Minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of BETH, Belfast, Northern Ireland. The minutes were certified correct.
5. Revision of Statutes: The President explained why the BETH statutes needed to be revised. Copies of the proposed revised statutes had already been sent to the membership and some comments had already been received. Since representatives from all 12 Ordinary members and 5 of the Extraordinary members were in attendance, it was proposed that the revised statutes should be adopted. The General Assembly unanimously agreed to adopt the revised statutes.  
It was proposed that the President, Geert Harmanny, should visit the Notary and sign the necessary documents. The General Assembly unanimously agreed to this proposal.

**This portion of the minutes were adopted by the General Meeting on Friday 14th Sept 2013.**

Bylaws: A copy of the proposed Bylaws had already been circulated amongst the membership. The President explained that the introduction of bylaws would allow the Assembly to change any aspect of a bylaw without

having to go through a legal process. The proposed bylaws were discussed item by item.

**New members.** It was proposed that voting on the admittance of a new member would be undertaken by email for those libraries or associations seeking membership up to 6 months after a General Assembly. The need for a quorum would still apply. If admitted, the new member would be expected to attend the next Assembly. Those applying for membership 6 months after a General Assembly meeting would have to wait for the next Assembly. It was suggested that application for membership could initially be undertaken by email. The General Assembly agreed to this suggestion.

**Subscription Fee.** The subscription fee would be proportion to the length of the remaining formal subscription period.

**General Meeting.** This item would be removed as it was already formally regulated.

**Board of Directors.** It was noted that it would be permissible to nominate oneself.

**Elections.** It was proposed that individual elections were unnecessary. The Assembly could determine the number of Board members and the Board would allocate the duties. The Assembly unanimously agreed to adopt the proposed Bylaws.

6. Finances. Since the financial year was now 1st April until 31st March, the Treasurer reported that it was not possible to present a clear set of financial accounts this year as we were only seven months into the new financial year. It was proposed that a full financial overview should be presented at the next Assembly in Poland, together with the budget and proposals for new projects. The Assembly agreed to this proposal.

7. Audit. The Treasurer reported that since the association was increasing it was felt that an audit of the accounts was required. A request for volunteers had been circulated on the membership email list and two Ordinary members had volunteered, Anja Emmerich and Maaïke Van Rossem. It was proposed that both Anja and Maaïke should act as auditors. The Assembly agreed to this proposal.

8. Membership Fee. The subscription fee would remain the same for this year but it would be seven twelfths of the usual fee to take into account the move to the new fiscal year. The membership fee would be reviewed next year. It was also reported that the bank transfers were working well. The Treasurer was thanked for all her hard work.

9. New Members. Three written requests for membership had been received and approved by the Board. The Societe de Port Royal, Paris, the Theological Institute of Bucharest and the Marcianum Foundation, Venice. Two further requests had been received by email: the Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv and the Bibliotheque Municipale de Lyon (Collection Jesuite des Fontaines). Fabian Vandermarcq provided an overview of the library and explained that they want to show commitment to European co-operation by joining BETH. The Assembly agreed to admit the Society de Port Royal as an extraordinary member. Emanuel Contact was not present but the Assembly approved the admittance of the Theological Institute of Bucharest as an extraordinary member. Marek Rostkowski provided an overview of the Marcianum Foundation. The Assembly agreed to admit the Marcianum Foundation as an extraordinary member. Since no formal letter of request from the Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv) had been received by the Board, it was decided that the Board should reconsider their application and try to re-establish contact. Odile Dupont suggested that the Mazarine Public Library should be considered for membership. It was felt that if they were interested they should follow the procedure stipulated in the Statutes.

After the break, Marek Rostkowski announced that the Marcianum Foundation were delighted to be informed of their admittance to BETH and that they had invited BETH to hold their Assembly in Venice in 2015.

10. Summary of Board Meetings. The minutes had been published and questions were invited. The President reported that the Board would have one face to face meeting a year as well as regular virtual meetings. The members were asked to email the Board if they required clarification on any topic discussed at these meetings.

11. IFLA. Marian Papavoine and Geert Harmanny had visited the IFLA headquarters in The Hague and had met with officials. Since the benefits to BETH were unclear and the membership fee would not be cost effective, they felt that they could not recommend joining IFLA. After much discussion the recommendation not to join IFLA was approved by the Assembly.

12. GlobeTheoLib. The President reported that BETH had become a member of the Steering Committee and that the membership fee had been set at 500 euros. The membership of GlobeTheoLib would be evaluated after three years. An invitation to attend the next meeting in Geneva had been received but unfortunately no Board member was able to attend on this occasion. Since Melody Mazuk would be attending the meeting, she promised to take

our greetings and to report back to the Board. It was felt that a list of the meeting dates should be publicised in order to ensure that BETH would be represented. Unfortunately no funding would be available to the person volunteering to attend. Andreas Waldvogel reported that the forth coming meeting would discuss budget strategy and future developments.

13. Website. The Webmaster, Marian Papavoine was thanked for all her hard work on the new website. Future developments were outlined and the Assembly was reminded to provide items in English as it was difficult to mix languages on the same page. After much discussion it was felt that the main pages should be available in other languages. Veronique Verspeurt agreed to discuss this possibility with the IT department in Leuven. Michele Behr agreed to help translate the main pages into French and Anja Emmerich would translate them into German. It was felt that more news was needed and that associations should be invited to advertise their meetings and events on the website. It was decided that the use of other social media such as Facebook would be considered by the Board.

Emmanuel Contac offered to translate the BETH Wiki entry into Romanian and Laszlo Kontos would translate the entry into Hungarian. It was noted that an Italian version was not yet available.

14. BETH Discussion List. The question of how the list should be used was discussed. It was felt by some that a second list was required. This would be a public list upon which other interested parties, such as publishers, could register. The Board would consider this. The membership were reminded not to use the list to send pdf's of article requests as this infringed copyright law and was illegal. Items should be sent directly to the requesting library. It was felt that if a request was satisfied, the rest of the membership should be notified.

15. Future Assemblies. The next Assembly would be held in Wroclaw 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Fr.

Jerzy Witczak presented an overview of Wroclaw and outlined the proposed visits. Marek Rostkowski and Fr. Jerzy were working on the programme and hoped to provide something that would be both interesting and practical. The theme would be preserving collections for the future. The Assembly thanked Fr. Jerzy for his presentation and said that it looked forward to visiting Wroclaw and Poland next year. The members were requested to send the names of any Eastern European contacts that they had to the Board so that they could be invited to the Wroclaw Assembly.

Sandrine Cunnac was welcomed to the Assembly as the representative of the Bibliotheque Municipal de Lyon. Sandrine provided an overview of the Lyon public library and its rich theological collection. It was felt that until a formal letter of application for membership had been received by the Board, their application could not be considered.

16. Reports from Member Associations. The members were commended for sending in their reports prior to the Assembly. All reports would be made available on the website after the Assembly. It was felt that in future reports should be restricted to one page. Each Association then proceeded to provide a brief overview of their report.

Emanuel Contac was welcomed to the Assembly and provided an overview of the Pentecostal theological seminary in Bucharest, Romania. He reported that he was trying to establish connections with other Romanian libraries. This news was welcomed by the Assembly and it was hoped that some of these libraries would be able to send a representative to the Wroclaw Assembly in 2014.

17.A.O.B. Fr. Jerzy reported that his library was working with the National Library to enrich catalogue authority files. He also reported that they were co-operating with the National Library and other institutions to correct errors in their catalogues. The Assembly felt that these were good examples of co-operation.

*Carol Reekie*  
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## REPORT OF THE 42ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF BETH

By Penelope Hall

The 42nd General Assembly of BETH was held in conjunction with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the French Theological Library Association, now known as Associations des Bibliothèques Chrétiennes de France (ABCF). The first day of the BETH conference overlapped with the final day of the French meeting.

The first evening on arrival we met together with our French colleagues at a reception at the Institut Catholique de Paris where we were welcomed by the Rector of the college, Monseigneur Philippe Bordeyne; by Michele Behr, President of the French association; and by Geert Harmanny, the President of BETH. A buffet dinner was followed by a delightful concert of chamber music, presented by *Ensemble Aparte* in the lovely old Carmelite Chapel adjacent to the Institut.

As is customary in the French meetings, the next morning began with Mass, held again in the Carmelite Chapel. After Mass, the combined associations moved into a large lecture hall in the Institut, where Odile Dupont presented the question: *Are religious libraries in danger in Europe?* We then had a panel discussion on the present day situation in some of the various countries represented -- Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Finland and Belgium. Following the coffee break, we heard presentations on some solutions to problems from the experiences of our colleagues in France and The Netherlands. Lunch was picnic style, either in a room where coffee and tea were provided or in the courtyard of the Institut. The afternoon proceeded with round table discussions on

- Acquisition Policies, led by Valerie Grignoux and Benedicte Hammon of the Bibliothèque Nationale de France
- Digitization and Collaboration Perspectives in Religious Studies, led by Sophie Bertrand and Corinne Bouquin of the BnF
- Gallica White Mark, presented by Albert Poirot, Administrator of the Bibliothèque Universitaire de Strasbourg
- The next WLIC IFLA Congress in Lyon, invitation given by Elizabeth Lemau from the French Committee for international libraries and documentation.

At the end of the round table discussions, we bade farewell to some of our French colleagues, and then walked to the Bibliothèque Mazarine (<http://www.bibliotheque-mazarine.fr/>) on the bank of the Seine, across

from the Louvre. There we were treated to a very thorough introduction to this very special, beautiful, historic library by Yann Sordet, the Director of the library. We were told about the history of the library, shown the magnificent architecture of the various buildings of the French Historic Society buildings, and left to wander around and explore the interesting contents of this remarkable library. It was providential that the rest of the evening was free after such a very full day.

The next two days were dedicated to the business of BETH, interspersed with some presentations from EBSCO, Bible Works (by John Weaver), Relindial (Odile Dupont), GlobeTheoLib (Stephen Brown), ATLA (Brenda Bailey-Hainer), Brepols, and De Gruyter-Saur.

Saturday evening we were supposed to have been treated to a Seine River cruise sponsored by the Dutch Association, but the steady rain that day and the rising waters made it quite impossible to carry through with that plan. Instead we gathered in the small cafe in the FIAP hostel where we were lodged for some warming drinks and pleasant conversation. It often seems at these meetings that a great deal is accomplished through informal networking, where such collegial sharing provides new ways of looking at our problems and encouragement to carry on.

*Penelope R. Hall, Ph.D.*

## **THE LATTER GLORY OF THIS HOUSE <sup>1</sup>: A HISTORY OF TWO THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES IN BIRMINGHAM**

By Michael Gale

When I first moved to Birmingham in 1992, I lived in a flat in Cassowary Road on a site then owned by Aston University (my employer) but which had previously been the site of the Wesleyan Methodist Handsworth College. Ten years later I took up my present post at what is now the Queen's Foundation but which for most of its existence was known as the Queen's College. In 1970 the two colleges merged on the Queen's site in a pioneering ecumenical venture between the Anglican and Methodist Churches. Among the collections I inherited as the Queen's librarian was an almost complete set of the Handsworth student magazine, *The Cassowary*, named – for reasons which are no longer certain – after a flightless Australian bird.

Handsworth College had been founded in 1881. The Queen's College goes back even further, to 1828, when it was originally founded as a medical school, and its history is a complex one. Now Andrew Chandler, the Director of the George Bell Institute, which was based at Queen's until 2008, has written a new history of the two institutions, with a rather obscure subtitle, 'a history of two Christian commonwealths in modern Britain'. In the introduction, he argues that it is more than just a corporate history, but rather " ... a contribution to the history of theological life and thought in the British churches at large across the later nineteenth and twentieth centuries .. [which] in its turn, finds a place within a broader picture of intellectual, cultural and social life in Britain itself across that distinctive period" (p.4). Here, I would suggest, lies its significance for the wider ABTAPL community.

The result, I think, is a celebration tinged with some regret. It is a celebration of the achievements of both institutions: of Handsworth in particular, for its intellectual achievements, and of Queen's, for the simple fact of its survival over such a long period of time in the face of so many trials and challenges. The regret, which is most apparent in the concluding section, refers more generally to the failure of the churches to value their

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<sup>1</sup> The title is taken from the prophet Haggai: "The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, saith the Lord", quoted by the then Principal of Queen's, J.O. Cobham, in the midst of the Second World War, one of several periods when the future of the college was very much in doubt.



institutions, and the contribution which Christian institutions can make to the intellectual life of the nation.

For the author, the “fine library” at Queen’s (which now includes the historic Methodist collections from Handsworth) is “the definition of intellectual adventure and freedom” (p.158). But for me the book highlights the tension which I often experience as librarian, between a desire to act as a guardian of the heritage of the past and the need to resource a new generation of students, all within limited means.

Since Andrew completed his text, the 1847 charter, which, though not the earliest charter, nevertheless comes close to establishing Queen’s as Birmingham’s first university, has been discovered in a cupboard. We have had it restored, and it now hangs proudly in the library.

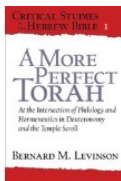
This book is no mere commemorative booklet. It is a scholarly but thoroughly readable work of history, full of deft turns of phrase (and some typos, too, which I’m sure are no fault of the author). It is affectionate, sometimes sad, and surprisingly affordable.

*The latter glory of this house: a history of two Christian commonwealths in modern Britain, 1828-1980* is written by Andrew Chandler, and is published in hardback by Darton, Longman & Todd. ISBN 9780232530421. £18.99.

*Michael Gale*  
*Librarian*  
*The Queen’s Foundation*

## REVIEW OF *A MORE PERFECT TORAH*

By Penelope Hall



Levinson, Bernard M., *A More Perfect Torah: At the Intersection of Philology and Hermeneutics in Deuteronomy and the Temple Scroll*. Critical Studies in the Hebrew Bible 1. Edited by Anselm C. Hagedorn, Nathan MacDonald and Stuart Weeks. Winonan Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns, 2013.

This book is divided into two distinct, yet related studies. Part 1 is a revision of a previously published article, co-written by Molly M. Zahn and the author, dealing primarily with the hermeneutics of the conditional "if" and the replacement of this conjunction in the Qumran Temple Scroll, with particular reference to the three legal codes in the Pentateuch. Part 2 looks at the law of vows in Deuteronomy 23:22-24 examining the syntax and the content, and the problem of the conditional "if" in this passage. In essence, this entire book is about the word "if" in the two differing forms as it appears in Deuteronomy and in the Temple Scroll.

In the preface, the author states that his goal is "to complicate the relationship between 'Scripture' and 'Rewritten Scripture'" and in my opinion he definitely achieves this goal. To read this book with any degree of understanding, the reader must have a detailed knowledge of linguistics and the terminology used in that discipline, as well as an excellent grasp of Hebrew and the historic development of that language. Without this prior knowledge and understanding, this book would be virtually meaningless to the reader.

The book does show clearly that in order to clearly understand the replacements of the conditionals in the redaction of the Temple Scroll one must combine the disciplines of linguistics and hermeneutics, so that historical linguistics brings the history of interpretation to bear on the passages under study. Furthermore, in the first part the authors conclude that the Temple Scroll from Qumran was the result of a community working together, "engaged with a scriptural tradition and a scriptural language from which they were long distant," endeavouring to make the words live anew and ultimately become their own.

The second part looks more specifically at the likelihood of interpolation being added in the vows studied: why such interpolation was deemed necessary; the problem of disruption in the passage as it reads; and the

circumspection with regard to making vows.

While this is not a book for the casual lay person, it is valuable for the specific study of syntax as it affects the meaning of Scripture, with particular attention to the methodology of redaction. It will only be understood by a select few, because in my opinion, the author goes out of his way to write using obscure terminology, which further complicates the already complicated subject matter. However, the text is extensively footnoted; there are 3 appendices and an extensive bibliography that contribute to the value of this book in any library collection of Old Testament studies.

*Reviewed by Penelope R. Hall, Ph.D.*

### **From the Editor**

Could you contribute to the Bulletin? Over the years, the ABTAPL Bulletin has been a great way for members to share information and to learn from the experiences of other libraries. But in order to continue, we need your contributions! If you're new to ABTAPL, why not write a short introduction about your library? Everyone else: have you recently remodelled/refurbished your library? Have you found any interesting gems in your collection? Have you started tweeting or blogging (this would tie in with the training day next February) or found any other ways of publicising your collection? Have you embarked on any other projects? If so, please don't keep these to yourself - share your experiences with the rest of us... Articles don't have to be long and illustrations are welcome. Please send your contributions to the editor at [library@sarum.ac.uk](mailto:library@sarum.ac.uk).

*Many thanks, Jayne Downey*

## **REPORT OF THE 2013 ABTAPL AUTUMN MEETING, 7th NOVEMBER 2013, WILLIAM BOOTH COLLEGE, LONDON**

By Jayne Downey

This year's Annual Meeting ventured 'south of the river' to Denmark Hill and the very impressive setting of William Booth College, the education centre for the Salvation Army. We met in the iconic building designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott and after the meeting had the opportunity to visit the recently-refurbished Library and the new International Heritage Centre. The day proved a welcome diversion from our 'day jobs', providing thought-provoking discussion and an inspiring visit as well as the chance to network with colleagues.

We began with apologies for absence and the minutes of the Spring Meeting, which resulted in three matters arising:

1. The main problems with producing an online databases of PhD theses seem to be establishing who owns the copyright and obtaining retrospective permission to scan and make the theses available online. The ABTAPL Committee had discussed this earlier and decided that it isn't practical to proceed at the present time. However, it was felt that a searchable union listing of PhD and possibly MA theses, hosted by Rob Bradshaw, would still be really useful.
2. The new ABTAPL leaflet should be available in Spring 2014.
3. The next training course will be on Social Media in February.

The meeting then went on to discuss other points of interest:

- Common Award. This will affect several libraries from Autumn 2014 but the details are still unclear. Several libraries are concerned that their students will be worse off in terms of resources than at present and it was suggested that ABTAPL could compose a letter offering help and advice. This proved quite controversial, however. The validation process was due to begin soon after the meeting and it was agreed that the librarians of affected Colleges could feedback any information they glean from these visits.
- ATLA and BETH. Carol Reekie had attended both conferences over the summer and found them both really interesting. Her reports appear elsewhere in the Bulletin.

- Spring Conference. Plans are underway for the next couple of conferences, at Salisbury and Cambridge. Further details are under 'Notices of Meetings' and will be posted on the ABTAPL website. The booking form will be available in the New Year.

After tea we were given the opportunity to visit the Library and Heritage Centre. Winette Field showed a group of us round the recently refitted library which offers a lovely light and bright working environment for students with lots of computers and seating and even an electronic noticeboard!

Steven Spencer introduced the Heritage Centre and remained on hand during our visit to answer our questions. The Salvation Army International Heritage Centre is really impressive and tells the story of The Salvation Army from its origins in the 1860s to the present, both in the UK and overseas. The collections form a library, archive and museum and receive about 200 visits per month from students, cadets and members of the public.

The museum is beautifully arranged, providing an overview of the history of The Salvation Army in six themed galleries:

- A People's Army: An introduction to The Salvation Army and the people who have made a significant contribution to its work including some of the first Salvationists. William and Catherine Booth founded The Christian Mission in 1865, which became the Salvation Army in 1878.
- A Persecuted Army: Stories of opposition to the work of the Army, from its earliest days to the present, including when the Salvation Army was expelled from Russia and China and officers were interned during the 1939-45 war.
- A Joyful Army: The story of the Salvation Army's history of musical evangelism, looking at instruments, music, composers and musicians that have made the Army so distinctive
- An Army fighting for Social Justice: An exploration of the Army's commitment to working with the socially disadvantaged which began with rescue work amongst London's prostitutes and expanded to include hostels, maternity hospitals and children's homes.
- A Responsive Army: The Salvation Army's role in helping the public during times of conflict and disaster, from Welsh mine disasters to the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001.

- A Global Army: The story of how a mission spread all over the world, and still grows today. The Salvation Army is now established in more than 120 countries.

As well as displaying archives, photographs and objects, the museum also makes good use of multimedia. This includes interactive databases, films of Army work, listening points for music clips and oral histories and an interactive map showing the growth of the Army worldwide.

The archive collection includes paper records, photographs and film and the archive and library catalogue can be searched online. The aims of the archives are to store the official records of the work of the organisation and to allow the International Heritage Centre to fulfil its mission of telling the ongoing story of The Salvation Army. This involves collecting records from both the UK and overseas, including:

Records of Salvation Army UK Territorial departments (THQ)

Records of Salvation Army UK Social centres

Records of Salvation Army UK businesses, groups or training centres

Records from UK Corps and Divisions

Officer records

Records of Salvation Army International headquarters departments (IHQ)

Records from Salvation Army overseas territories (who are unable to keep their own)

Records of Salvation Army international groups or committees

Personal paper collections of individuals who have a significant association with the life and work of The Salvation Army

The Heritage Centre reference library has a collection of about 3,000 books and pamphlets published by The Salvation Army, or written about the Salvation Army. They also have a large collection of UK Salvation Army publications and periodicals, dissertations on Army topics, and some research and reference material arranged by subject. The library receives about 20 visits per month and approximately 100 enquiries.

The Heritage Centre website is at

<http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/uki/heritage> and includes a link to the library and archive catalogue.

*Jayne Downey*

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## NEWS

Exhibition : *Art under Attack: Histories of British Iconoclasm*

Tate Britain, 2 October 2013 – 5 January 2014.

<http://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-britain/exhibition/art-under-attack-histories-british-iconoclasm>

## WEBSITES

ABTAPL

<http://www.abtapl.org.uk/>

ATLA

<http://www.atla.com>

ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials

<http://www.ebscohost.com/academic/atla-religion-database-with-atlaserials>

BETH

<http://www.beth.be>

Bibliothèque Mazarine

<http://www.bibliotheque-mazarine.fr/>

EBSCO discovery Service

<http://www.ebscohost.com/discovery>

Librarian's Christian Fellowship

<http://www.librarianscf.org.uk/>

Queen's Foundation Library

<http://www.queens.ac.uk/library/>

Salvation Army International Heritage Centre

<http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/uki/heritage>

Sarum College

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