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Existing subscribers are also reminded that the 1979 subscription is now due. Please use the enclosed form to post yours immediately!

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, London, 27th October, 1978

Swiss Cottage Library is part of the London Borough of Camden Libraries and Arts. One of its attractions for ABTAPL members is the collection of philosophy and psychology books (begun as part of the subject specialisation scheme of the London Metropolitan Boroughs, now enlarged to cover the London and South East Region [LASER]) and prior to the AGM, the members were shown around the 20,000 volume collection by the librarian, Mr. J. Shearing. Almost all B.N.B. entries in Dewey Class 100 are purchased (around 1,000 items a year) and the Library also subscribes to 55 periodicals. Inevitably it is an important loan source for philosophy and psychology books in the region. The tour was extended to the whole library, other notable features of which were the important local studies collection, and the efficient Plessey charging system. (See also *Bulletin of ABTAPL* n.s. no. 8, March, 1977, p. 2-3.)

This year ABTAPL broke new ground by inviting a guest speaker to give a short talk before the AGM. We were most fortunate to have Professor J.H. Burns of University College, London, the general editor of the Athlone Press edition of the complete works of the Utilitarian philosopher and jurist Jeremy Bentham (1748-1832). Taking as his subject 'Editing Bentham', and combining fluency with a ready wit, he expounded the many problems involved in such an undertaking. These included the vast output of Bentham's work, its wide subject content, Bentham's inability to organise his work to a systematic method, the illegibility of his handwriting, the bibliographic problems caused by early editors of his work, and last but not least, the financial cost of completing the proposed 40 volume work (at the moment 6 volumes have been published). We wish Professor Burns and his team every fortune in completing the project and extend to him our thanks for an extremely interesting talk.

C.R. + A.S.

Main topics discussed at the AGM were:

1. *Bulletin*. There had been a considerable increase in foreign subscribers, especially theological libraries in the U.S.A. These had in most cases also bought the back numbers (all of which were still available at £1.00 each) bringing in useful revenue. New U.K. subscribers roughly balanced those who had not renewed. Printing costs had increased, but were offset by increased contributions from advertisers. There was no shortage of copy for printing.
2. *Affiliation to the Library Association* had made no progress because of the L.A. decision to accept no applications to form new Groups before its Working Party on Branch and Group Organization had made its report.
3. *Guide to current religious abstracting and indexing services*. Mr. Walsh and the other Working Party members had assembled a list of about 150 titles, discussed the arrangement of the Guide and were about to enter into a contract with Mansell Information/Publishing Ltd. The co-operation of other members in annotating the titles for inclusion was being sought, as well as in tracing titles in further relevant subjects.
4. *Weekend visit to Bristol* An invitation from Trinity College, Bristol, to meet for a programme of visits to libraries in the area on 30th - 31st March 1979 was accepted. Details would be circulated to U.K. members early next year. (See also *Bulletin of ABTAPL* n.s. no. 10, November 1977, p.3-4.)

## **EXCHANGE & MART**

These periodical parts are available free to any library willing to refund postal charges.

From **Manchester College Library, Oxford OX1 3TD**  
Journal of Theological Studies N.S. 6(2) 1955, 8(2) – 12(2) 1957-61,  
13(2) – 14(2) 1962-63 15(2) – 17(2) – 1964-66

From **New College Library, Mound Place, Edinburgh, EH1 2LU**  
Anglican Theological Review 58(4) 1976, Suppl. ser. 1 1973  
Bangalore Theological Forum 2(2) 1968  
Bibliotheca Sacra 129(514-516) 1972  
Christian News From Israel N.S. 21(4), 22(2-4), 23(3-4) 1971-73  
Concilium 1(3) 1967  
Contact (Christian Medical Commission, World Council of Churches)  
nos 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 30 1973-75  
Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses 50(4) 1974  
Greek Orthodox Theological Review 3(2) 1957  
Indian Church History Review 1(2) 1967  
Interpretation 8(4) – 21(4) 1954-67 incomplete  
Irenikon 26(3) – 38(4) 1953-65  
Japanese Religions 5(3,4) 1968, 7(1)–8(1) 1972-74  
Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion 11(4) 1972  
Journal of Philosophical Studies 3(9) 1928  
Journal of Theology for Southern Africa nos 15 – 23 1976-78  
Judaism 24(4) – 26(3) 1975-77  
Kerygma und Dogma 1(1) 1955, 8(4) 1962, 14(3,4) 1968, 17(1) 1971  
Laity (World Council of Churches) nos 13 – 24 1962-67  
Lumen Vitae (English language ed.) 20(1) – 21(3) 1965-66  
Lutheran World 4 (1,4) 1957-8  
Migration Today (World Council of Churches) nos 13 – 15 1969-70  
New Blackfriars 50(587, 591) 1969  
North East Asia Journal of Theology nos 8 1972, 11 1973, 12 1974,  
16 1976  
Orita (Ibadan Journal of Religious Studies) 5(1,2), 6(2) 1971-72  
Semeia ("an experimental journal for biblical criticism") no 8 1977  
Southeast Asia Journal of Theology 1(3) – 5(4) + index 1-5 1959-64  
Studia Liturgica 1(1) 1962  
Svensk Teologisk Kvartalskrift 47(1) 1971, 48(1,2,4) 1972

## LIBRARIES – 13

### *Heythrop College Library*

Heythrop College (University of London), 11-13, Cavendish Square,  
London W1M 0AN. Telephone (01) 580 6941

<b>Librarian</b>	M.J. Walsh, S.T.L., M.A., A.L.A.
<b>History</b>	The Library began, at the same time as the College, at Louvain in 1614, where it served the needs of Jesuits studying philosophy and theology in preparation for work mainly on the English mission. It moved to Liege in 1626 and remained there until 1794. The College and its Library were then transferred to Stonyhurst in Lancashire. The Philosophy collection remained there until 1926, but the theological section went to St. Bueno's College in North Wales in the middle of the 19th century. Both collections were re-housed at Heythrop in Oxfordshire – hence the name – in 1926. In 1970 the College became part of London University and moved, with its Library, to the present site.
<b>Function</b>	To provide for the needs of the students and teachers of the College in the faculties of Theology and Arts (Philosophy).
<b>Coverage</b>	Thorough coverage of Library of Congress class B, together with ancillary disciplines (e.g., classical and semitic languages, the history and archaeology of the Near East, some sociology and general history for reference purposes, etc.)
<b>Stock</b>	Estimated at c. 200,000 items, with c. 300 periodicals taken.
<b>Special collections</b>	Considerable holdings of pre-1800 controversial writings by Catholics and their adversaries early Catholic (especially Jesuit) spirituality. The Library (though not the College) is still the property of the English Province of the Society of Jesus, and an extensive section of 'Jesuitica' is maintained, including early scientific, philosophical and literary as well as theological works. In collaboration with the Linacre Centre for the Study of the Ethics of Health Care a collection of works and periodicals on medical ethics is being established.

- Classification** Library of Congress, using the Lynn-Peterson *Alternative Classification for Catholic Books*.
- Catalogues** There are separate Author (or, for works acquired or re-catalogued in the last 5 years, Author/Title) and Subject Catalogues. A dictionary catalogue of pre-1800 imprints, at present comprising some 1700 main entries, is in process of arrangement. There is access to this catalogue by date of imprint, place of publication and publishers' names (if known), as well as by conventional means.
- Access** Open (09.00-19.00 hours during term, and until 17.00 hours outside term. Saturdays 09.00-17.00 during term only) to staff and students of the College, and to all other members of the University in accordance with the provisions contained in the *Guide to Admissions* to the University's libraries. The Library is open to other readers at the Librarian's discretion, on presentation of a letter of introduction.
- Publications** 'Heythrop College Library' in *Libraries Bulletin (University of London)* no. 10 (April-June 1977, pp. 14-17).

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## BIBLIOGRAPHIES & REFERENCE BOOKS — 15

*Directory of humanities librarians in British academic libraries, 1978*  
Compiled by Susanna Guy.

This 74 page booklet is distributed free from Exeter University Library with the support of a grant from the British Library's Research and Development Department. It was compiled by Miss Guy as part of a survey of information work in the humanities in British academic libraries.

It lists the names of librarians whose duties involve them in answering inquiries in the subject areas indicated. Addresses and telephone numbers of their libraries are given. The arrangement is by subject. Six broad divisions — A General humanities; B Language & literature studies C Ancient history & languages; D Fine and performing arts; E History & archaeology; F Religion & philosophy; G Oriental & African studies — are further sub-divided as appropriate, e.g. — B into 14 sub-divisions, and F into 2, separating religion from philosophy.

Under most sub-divisions there are a further list of personal special interests on which the librarians named are willing to be consulted. Examples of special interests under Religion are Anglican theology & worship, 1500-1900; Hymnology; Medieval Scottish church; Methodist history; Quakers.

It is not claimed that the list is complete, and indeed with any such list based on answers to a questionnaire it would be foolish to make such a claim. But it does break new ground, offering the experience gained by others in fields in which one may often lack resources or expertise. Its publication should stimulate others to put forward their own (or other people's) names to supply further subject areas. Obsolescence is built in to such directories (and this has its list of corrections and additions on publication), but if this stimulates frequent new editions, this can only be to the good. It is difficult, however, to see the point of some entries where the person named is "reluctant to accept outside enquiries", and one is suspicious of certain polymaths whose names appear under a great variety of special subject interests.

*Recent Philosophical Papers* is a monthly contents list from the University of Warwick Library at Coventry. Each issue, duplicated on pink A4 paper, has an average of 12 pages, comprising about 150 entries. Each entry gives the author and title and abbreviated reference to the periodical title with volume part, year and page numbers. Occasional expansions of article titles are given if they are not full enough to speak for themselves.

Arrangement is by broad subject headings, preceded by a name sequence of "Philosophers, A-Z", then e.g. Ethics, Mind, Aesthetics & Poetics, Philosophy of religion, Linguistics, etc. The list begins with a list of abbreviations and full titles for the periodicals indexed in that month's list.

The lists are compiled mainly from the holdings of the University of Warwick Library, but with the co-operation of the libraries of the Universities of York and Lancaster, and of the University College of Wales at Cardiff. 11 periodicals in French, 7 in German and 2 in other languages are scanned, but the majority are English language titles. The total scanned by this co-operative is 120.

There is no attempt to compete with the indexing and abstracting provided by the Philosopher's Index. It is not cumulated, and has no ambition to be a permanent reference tool. It provides instead a quick current awareness service for librarians and scholars in its subject field. It is at present circulated free to other libraries by the Library of the University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL.

*Some British Christian magazines and periodicals.* Compiled by Tony Holden, 1977. ONE Publications, 169 Forest Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire. 30 pence.

In its 16 pages this pamphlet lists 105 current titles in alphabetical order. Each entry includes Title; Classification; Frequency & cost; Address; Date begun; Stance; Subject; Style; Contents; Format; Usual number of pages.

"Classification" is indicated by a word or phrase, e.g. Charismatic, Church & society, Communities, Ecumenical, Peace movement, Race, Radical, "Stance", is the point of view in theological or organizational and denominational affiliation – or lack of it. "Style" is described as Popular, Serious, Academic, etc.



Examples:

63. *New City* (Theology) 2 per annum/£3. Urban Theology Unit (UTU) 210 Abbeyfield Road, Sheffield S4 7AZ. 1971. UTU is concerned with 'doing theology' in urban grass roots situations. It organizes courses and is part of Sheffield Inner City Ecumenical Mission (SICEM). Urban theology. Serious. Articles and information, photos. Magazine. 20p.

67. *The Newman* (Radical) 4 per annum/£1.50. The Newman Association (NA), 15 Carlisle Street, London W1V 5RE. NA is a RC graduate association. Post Vatican 2, plus Newman. Serious. House journal and articles. Magazine. Small format. 22p.

The compiler has excluded newspapers, magazines, for children, campaign literature and "many missionary magazines". What he (and his organization "ONE For Christian Renewal") is interested in becomes apparent in analysing the frequency of certain "classifications". "Theology" is first with 16 titles; then "Ecumenical" – 9; "Communities" and "Politics" – 8 each; "Mission" – 7; "Education" and "Church & Society" – 6 each, (these total 60 of the 105).

It is an interesting, idiosyncratic selection, bringing to light sources of information for Christian activity and community involvement, both inside and outside the traditional church structures. This is not a staid and serious academic bibliography: the compiler has enjoyed making his selections, and even more, his annotations. It is worth thirty pence for them alone.

J.V.H.

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**A Bibliography of Gladstone Publications at Saint Deiniol's Library,**  
compiled by Patricia M. Long. [1978] Available from the Warden & Chief Librarian, St. Deiniol's Library, Hawarden, Deeside, Clwyd CH5 3DF, at 50p.

British researchers are apt to be patronising about the well publicised libraries and archives of recent American Presidents, forgetting that the father of them all was the Gladstone memorial at St Deiniol's, Hawarden, near Chester. This residential research library now has over 100,000 volumes which include the Glynne-Gladstone and other manuscript collections as well as the most complete collection of printed items by William Ewart Gladstone himself.

Patricia Long's *Bibliography*. 14 pages of facsimile typescript, is organised in five sections Classics, History & literature, Politics (home, foreign, Irish), Religion & philosophy, Miscellaneous. Each section is an alphabetical list (by title) of books, articles, speeches, book reviews, etc. Pagination of books and pamphlets is given, but for periodical articles year and month only, without actual page references. There are no annotations, but instead an informative introduction by H.C.G. Matthew, joint editor of the *Gladstone Diaries*, who describes him as a man who "never seems to have doubted the significance of his own opinions or his duty to lay them before the public", and whose "contribution to the Victorian mind was remarkable, even if politics is left out".

The Religion & philosophy section contains 70 items. Given the broad division into subjects, it might have been more revealing to have arranged these sections in chronological order — presumably within the Library itself the items can be located individually from the card catalogues. The great time span and range of Gladstone's interests might then have stood out even more clearly — from *The State in its Relations with the Church* (1838) to his edition of *The Works of Joseph Butler. . . Bishop of Durham* (1896). In between there are articles and speeches supporting the Scottish Episcopal Church Jewish emancipation, Royal Supremacy, others dealing with Ritualism, Genesis, the Atonement, the Vatican decrees of the 1870's. If many others have written *Is the Church of England worth preserving?* (1875) or something very like it, there can be few politicians whose *Manual of prayers from the liturgy, arranged for family use* have gone into four or more editions.

Mr Matthew points to a few omissions from the St Deiniol's collection, but compares it very favourably with the catalogues of the B.M., Bodleian, the C.B.E.L. etc. "These holdings.....constitute the most complete deposit of 'the printed Gladstone', and this bibliography of them will be of value to all students of the nineteenth century".

It should be added that the Hawarden library is no disused museum piece, but one that receives substantial annual additions, and has facilities for all students of the Victorian mind in its many manifestations. Details are given in the *Bulletin of ABTAPL* n.s. no 9, June 1977.

J.V.H.

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## BIBLIOGRAPHIES FROM ABROAD — BRIEF NOTES

*Theological dictionary of the Old Testament* Ed. by G. Johannes BOTTERWECK and Helmer RINGGREN. Tr. by John T. Willis. Rev. ed.

Vols 1 and 2 (of a projected set of 12) \$18.50 each  
Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1977.

The German edition, *Theologisches Wörterbuch zum Alten Testament*, began appearing in fascicles in 1970. Band 3 is not completed yet, so the translator is really hard on their heels.

*Library of Congress Classification. Schedules. BR Christianity, BS the Bible, BT Doctrinal theology.* 2nd ed. Updated by the incorporation of all additions and changes through .....July-September 1976. Compiled by Robert J. KEPPLER and Thomas F. GILBERT.

A typescript available from the compilers for \$10.25 at 1973 Rosewood Road, Decatur, Georgia 30032.

The 2nd edition of these LC schedules appeared in 1962, and this useful interpolation of the additions and changes should help regular users. There is no index.

*Religion Index One: Periodicals.* A subject index to periodical literature, including an author index with abstracts and a book review index. 1978—2 issues annually, with biennial cumulation, \$74.50  
American Theological Library Association, McCormick Theol. Seminary, Chicago, 111.60615

This is the new title of the *Index to Religious Periodical Literature*, adopted to align with the title of its new offshoot, noted in the next entry. It now indexes many more titles than in earlier years, and the recently added abstracts section is growing in each issue. Researchers introduced to this index keep coming back to it all the time. The subscription must be balanced against the inability of any but the most generously staffed library to provide such information from its own resources.

*Religion Index Two: Multi-author works.* 1976—

1 bound volume annually, \$50.00 A.T.L.A., Chicago, 1978—

The volume covering 1976 is the first of this new Index to be published. It is intended to produce retrospective volumes also. It covers articles in conference proceedings, Festschriften, etc., which have up to now been very difficult to locate bibliographically. The arrangement follows the style of the *I.R.P.L.* under alphabetical subject headings. There is a full account by the editor, G. Fay Dickerson, *The Religious Essays Index* project, in *A.T.L.A. Proceedings (31st) 1977* (publ. 1978) pp. 77-81.

*A Bibliographical index of five English mystics:* Richard Rolle, Julian of Norwich, the Author of the Cloud of unknowing, Walter Hilton, Margery Kempe. Compiled by Michael E. SAWYER. Pittsburgh, Pa., 1978. From the Clifford E. Barbour Library of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, \$7.50, the 10th in their series *Bibliographia Tripotamopolitana*.

*Index to the World Council of Churches' official statements and reports, 1948-1978.* P. Beffa A.J. van der Bent, and others. Geneva, World Council of Churches, 1978.

*What in the world is the World Council of Churches?* An interview with Philip Potter, text by Ans J. van der Bent, and some useful reference material. Geneva, W.C.C., 1978.

*Revision of the code of canon law.* . . . international bibliography 1965-1977 indexed by computer, compiled by Marie Zimmermann. (RIC Supplement 29) Strasbourg, Repertoire des Institutions Chretiennes, 1977.

*African theology* . . . international bibliography 1968-1977 indexed by computer . . . Compiled by Raymond Facelina and Damien Rwegera. (RIC Supplement 30) Strasbourg, RIC, 1977.

## THE LIBRARY OF THE UNITED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, ABERYSTWYTH

*John Tudno Williams*

The United Theological College is the theological college of the Presbyterian Church of Wales. The 'United' in its title stems from its foundation in 1906 when two theological colleges of the Connexion, those of Bala and Trefeca came together in the present building at Aberystwyth next door to the University College of Wales.

The College is at present an associate college of the University of Wales and its academic staff are members of the University's Faculty of Theology. It prepares students, without regard to their religious affiliation, for the B.D. and M. Th. degrees and for the Diploma in Theology of the University of Wales. In addition there is a final year Pastoralia course designed specifically for ministerial candidates of the Presbyterian Church of Wales. Next session it is proposed to set up a University School of Theology at Aberystwyth in which the United Theological College, the Memorial (Congregational) College at present at Swansea, the University College of Wales, and Saint David's University College, Lampeter, will participate.

Two years ago a project was initiated under the auspices of the Government's Job Creation Programme to catalogue all the United Theological College's books and periodicals according to the classification scheme of the Library of Congress. (This is the scheme already followed by both the National Library of Wales at Aberystwyth and by the University College Library.) This work has now been satisfactorily completed. Six members of staff were appointed to carry out the work: three professional staff (including two chartered librarians and a graduate) and three typists.

A "Dictionary Catalogue", that is an index of authors and subjects, has been produced with the author and subject cards inter-filed. Another sequence of cards was typed to form the basis of a shelf-list and filed in book number order. Finally, one more card was produced for each book and included in the catalogue of the University College Library. As a result the volumes in the Theological College Library can be made available to users of the University College Library and also to the Inter-Library Loan System. The Library's stock of Welsh language books are listed in a separate catalogue. In total about 100 000 cards have been housed in four excellent sets of 48-drawer card cabinets which were purchased from Bradford University Library.

The Library contains some 30,000 bound volumes and about 50 sets of periodicals. There is a rich stock of nineteenth century works of theology and an interesting collection of foreign, mainly German, biblical studies from the last century and the early part of this century. The subjects covered in the main are Biblical Studies, Theology, Church History, Philosophy, and Pastoral Studies.

When the Bala College ceased to function as a pre-theological preparatory school in 1963, more than 6,000 volumes were transferred from there to the Aberystwyth Theological College. These included over a hundred volumes of Migne's *Patrologiae* and the six volumes of Brian Walton's *Biblia Sacra Polyglotta* (London, 1653-7). There was in fact a bitter controversy about the disposal of the Bala Library and accusations were made that much valuable material had been sold cheaply or lost at this time. Actually the most valuable and useful of the theological works were incorporated into the Aberystwyth Library and an important collection of bibles was deposited in the Library of the University College of North Wales, Bangor.)

The Library at present possesses a number of pre-nineteenth century volumes, many of which date from the seventeenth century. Some of these are in need of repair and demand the kind of care and storage facilities which the Library is not able to provide. As a result it is proposed to deposit this material in the National Library of Wales.

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## THEOLOGICAL RESOURCES IN DURHAM LIBRARIES

*Roger C. Norris*

Those members of ABTPL who attended the annual meeting in Durham in April 1978 will have visited four of the libraries on the peninsula, and perhaps have discovered it to be not only the shrine of St. Cuthbert and an extraordinary grove of academe, but also an enclave of theological books which with Ushaw College is unrivalled in the North of England.

The *library of the Dean and Chapter* derives from the collections of the pre-conquest monastic houses of Lindisfarne, Jarrow and Wearmouth which were incorporated with Durham at the foundation of its Benedictine house in the 11th century. The Benedictine emphasis on learning and Durham Priory's foundation of an Oxford college (later Trinity) set a firm foundation to mediaeval book-collecting. Of that collection 303 manuscript books and 53 printed books (the monastery was dissolved in 1539/40) survive in their ancient home, with another 11 at the University library and 42 at Ushaw College. Other mediaeval Durham books survive in other great libraries throughout the country (vide N.R. Ker: *Mediaeval Libraries of Great Britain* 2nd ed. 1964 and R.A.B. Mynors: *Durham cathedral mss to the end of the 12th century* Oxford 1939).

A new library was set up in the old Refectory in the 1680s and in the mid-19th century the 14/15th century Dormitory was taken over as another new library (generally for post-1800 books) and a museum as well. As a working theological library that of the Dean and Chapter (holdings in all, over 40,000 printed books) can provide *Acta Sanctorum* through the gamut of most expected antiquarian theology. In the present century no co-ordinated attempt has been made to sustain the collection as one of modern theology in view of the build-up of the University's own collection and that

of the Department of Theology. However, in terms of a stock of important long-standing reference works, together with a lending collection on monasticism and history (including the great historical series) the Dean and Chapter Library provides an essential complement to the other theological collections to be mentioned. For theological research the most important manuscript collections are the complete papers of J.B. Lightfoot, the journals and letters of H.H. Henson (currently being worked on by the Master of Selwyn), and the non-episcopal papers of I.T. Ramsey.

The Archdeacon Sharp Library, also housed in the monastic Dormitory, is the loan collection of current theology (about 5,000 volumes) of the University department of theology, used by all Northumbrian students of theology.

The University of Durham, being a joint foundation in 1832 of the Bishop and the Dean and Chapter has consistently put great store by theological teaching to the extent that there are currently four professors in the Department. There are over 2,000 feet of shelving taken up by theology books at the Palace Green library and its store at Elvet Hill, together with much material of Old Testament interest at the Oriental section. In addition there are the historic libraries of John Cosin the 17th century theologian of Book of Common Prayer fame, of M.J. Routh the 18/19th century scholar whose 16 000 books reflect his interest in patristics and 17th century history, of the Sharp family from Bamburgh Castle and of the Sunderland Quaker meeting.

St. Chad's college, founded as an anglo-catholic college for Church of England ordination candidates in 1904 and now a secular college providing residence for University students, has a collection of about 10,000 volumes mainly of theology, history and classics, with a tradition of interest in Anglican-Orthodox relations.

St. John's College, founded in 1909, provides training for the ministry of the Church of England especially in Cranmer Hall, and the library has over 12,000 volumes mainly of theology.

Ushaw College is the descendent of the Douai English College founded by Cardinal William Allen in 1568, and settled in its present home in 1808.

The northern Roman catholic seminary, the college has had official status within the University since 1968 and its Big Library contains the historic collection of the college of over 40,000 volumes. There is a particular richness in English and foreign Catholic publications with special strengths in series and periodicals. The library of current theology for ordination training is known as the Divines' Library. The archives of the Northern vicariate and the papers of leading catholics such as John Lingard and Nicholas Wiseman are at the college. Recently 2,000 books and the complete archives of the English College at Lisbon (1628-1971) have been finely housed in Ushaw.

## CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS AT THE INSTITUTE FOR THEOLOGICAL RESEARCH, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

G.E. Gorman

In July and August 1978 I was visiting Research Fellow at the Institute for Theological Research with the task of assisting in ongoing work on the New Testament Studies Information Retrieval Project. Because this research now involves several people in Britain and America and because other projects at the Institute will be of interest to Western scholars, it is appropriate to offer readers of the *Bulletin* a summary of present activities.

### **New Testament Studies Information Retrieval Project.**

As reported in earlier issues of the *Bulletin* (no. 7:10-16, no. 10:9-10), work on the project continues unabated. There is now a panel of ten critics who will be receiving in October the index to *New Testament Abstracts* vol. 20 and draft outline of the thesaurus on which the index is based. These people will be invited to criticise all aspects of the project in order to provide the international, ecumenical input needed to make the research as widely applicable as possible. In the meanwhile the thesaurus itself is being revised for eventual publication by the University of South Africa in a preliminary edition, although this will not be ready for perhaps two years.

### **Old Testament Studies Information Retrieval Project.**

Project leader: Professor F. Deist.

Coverage: thesaurus of Old Testament terminology, index to *Old Testament Abstracts* and relevant material in *Internationale Zeitschriftenschau für Bibelwissenschaft und Grenzgebieten*.

Date of inception: 1977/87.

Following the precedent set by the NT project, this work is intended to have a threefold focus: development of a full thesaurus of OT terminology, establishment of a Termatrix-based index of *OTA* and *IZBG*, compilation of a printed index to abstracts in both serials.

In its initial stages the project has focused on the thesaurus, with members of UNISA's Department of Old and New Testaments supplying relevant descriptors from their fields of specialisation. These terms have now been passed to the project's trained librarian/indexer, who is attempting to establish the necessary terminology list with hierarchical relationships, etc. In addition certain key reference tools have been utilised to expand the thesaurus (e.g., Kauffman's *Dictionary of Religious Terms* and Bright's *History of Israel*, the latter for its chronological list of names). At present the thesaurus consists of 1500 terms which have been assigned hierarchical relationships.

As work proceeds in indexing *IZBG* (vol. 1-3, 23 to date) and *OTA* (vol. 1, no. 1 to date), new descriptors are generated as literary warrant dictates, this has resulted in further 500 terms being added in 1978. A particular advantage in starting the project at this time is that *OTA* has only begun to appear so it will be possible not only to add terms from this important publication but also to index each issue as it appears. In the case of *IZBG*, of course, most of the indexing is retrospective and includes only those abstracts relevant to OT studies and related fields (e.g. archaeology).

Like the NT project, a major aspect of this work involves the input of indexed abstracts from both *OTA* and *IZBG* into the University's Termatrix system. Thus a twofold indexing procedure is being following to provide two quite different reference tools. Although it has not yet been possible to make use of the Termatrix, in due course this data base will be able to satisfy enquiries from around the world in much the same way as the NT project is already doing. The control language in the thesaurus will be arranged in alphabetical sequence with transcribed Hebrew words being interfiled in the main listing and hierarchical relationships displayed through the use of standard symbols. In this respect the project follows the pattern of the NT thesaurus, and there is close cooperation between members of both projects in order to draw on the expertise already developed by researchers on the NT project.

It is envisaged that eventual published output will include both the thesaurus and two indexes, although no time limit has yet been set for any publication. Perhaps the index to *OTA* will be the most useful output in the first instance, as it will then be possible to have a current index to an important new research tool in Old Testament studies. It is understood that UNISA will assume responsibility for publishing all materials stemming from the project. Overall it must be said that this is an important project not only because it breaks new ground in OT information retrieval but also because of the three services which it will provide, and by relying on knowledge gained from the NT project it should be possible to avoid many of the pitfalls which attend a complex undertaking of this sort.

#### **Bibliography of Theology in South Africa.**

Project leader: Professor C.F.A. Borchardt, University of Pretoria.

Coverage: index to theses and serials published in South Africa in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Dates: 1973-1978 for initial compilation.

This project involves the preparation of a combined index to South African theses and South African published serials on all aspects of theology. The theses include all theological dissertations presented to South African universities, while the initial indexing of periodicals covers some thirty titles of a scholarly and "semi-popular" (i.e., for the informed layman) nature. The periodicals so indexed are published by all denominations represented in South Africa, from Roman Catholic to Dutch Reformed, in both Afrikaans and English. It is intended that approximately biennial supplements will serve to update the initial volume and also to continue retrospective indexing of titles not included in the first edition.

The methodology for selecting theses has involved checking the sources listing such works presented to South African universities as well as contacting the institutions themselves. In this way it has been possible to collect comprehensive data on all theses and dissertations (both M.A. and Ph.D.). In deciding which periodicals to index requests were sent to various individuals and institutions asking which titles were felt to be of sufficient substance to warrant inclusion. In this way it has been possible to achieve widely representative coverage of various traditions. No time limit has been placed on titles, so



the index includes both ongoing and defunct serials. There are now some 3000 entries for both theses and articles to be included in the initial volume, which will extend up to the end of 1977, and work is currently under way on the first supplement, covering in particular periodical titles not yet indexed, as well as recent theses and articles in titles scanned from 1977 onwards.

The material thus collected will be arranged in a classified sequence according to the six theological subdivisions (Old Testament, New Testament, Systematics and Ethics, Practical Theology, Missiology, Church History) with a further breakdown into facets, periods, denominational groups and geographical regions. Because of this arrangement, there will be no subject index, although an author index is proposed. While initial analysis suggests that a straightforward alphabetical listing would have been simpler, if supplemented by a full subject index, the project leader is well aware of classification difficulties and has elicited the assistance of colleagues in the various theological disciplines in arranging the materials. There will be neither abstracts of theses or annotations of articles, so this must be regarded only as a bibliographical listing. However, bibliographers will be pleased to know that the project leader has recognised the disagreement over forms of bibliographical citation and will probably use the Chicago *Manual of Style* as a guide to setting out entries. It is hoped that the first edition will be ready for publication by UNISA at the end of 1978.

Professor Borchardt has pointed out that approximately 65% of the citations are in Afrikaans and because of this has assumed that the compilation would be of interest only to South African theologians. In some sense this is true, but the fact that nearly 1000 entries will be in English suggests that the project may have a much wider value. This is particularly so when one realises that much theological writing in this country derives its impetus from overseas and therefore reflects the wider trends in theological scholarship. In addition the place of such ancillary disciplines as sociology, psychology and ethics in theology means that the listing will have some relevance outside its stated field of interest. Finally, the international interest in African studies as a whole will give this

South African guide a place in Africanist circles as well.

#### **Bibliography of Church History of Africa South of the Sahara.**

Project leader: Professor J.A.A.A. Stoop/Dr. J.W. Hofmeyr.

Coverage: comprehensive bibliography of church history in South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Rhodesia from the beginnings to 1975/76, then expanding to other sub-Saharan regions (East, West and Central Africa).

Dates: 1974-1979/80 for initial compilation.

The project is intended to provide a comprehensive but not exhaustive bibliography of the field and will include books, monographs, periodical articles and perhaps theses. Coverage will include African published materials as well as published Western sources, largely British, Dutch, German and North American. While limited to published materials, there will also be an appendix listing the major archival sources in South Africa and in the former colonial powers for documentation in church history.

The methodology involves in the first instance scanning of generalographies and specialised bibliographies for relevant citations. This work both done in the bibliographical field at Cape Town and Witwatersrand universities as well as the coverage of such specialised journals as the *d'Histoire Ecclesiastique*. The project is now engaged in these two areas and will eventually move on to more authoritative sources (e.g., Sundkler's *Prophets*) and finally periodicals, including the abstracting and indexing available in the historical, religious and Africana fields. To date nearly 1200 titles have been collected (1200 in 1978, 700 in the preceding years).

It is expected that the material will be arranged by denominational and then perhaps chronologically. There will be author/title and subject indexes as well as an appendix on archival resources. The subjects covered include major religious movements, biographies of important church figures, specialised studies and interpretive evaluations. It is not yet known whether annotations will be feasible, although it is hoped that they may be included in order to increase the usefulness of the published guide. It is probable that the *Chicago Manual of Style* will be used as a stylistic guide, which will bring the entries in line with other publications of this type; UNISA will be the publisher.

Preliminary analysis suggests that the project is not only feasible but also well supervised. If the work continues as planned, it will be a valuable contribution in a field which as yet has not benefited from any scholarly work of this type. The published output will be of value not only to church historians in South Africa but also to historians overseas and more particularly to Africanists. As yet little thought has been given to subsequent volumes. In other parts of Africa, the intention perhaps being to await reactions to this volume.

Further details on the Institute and its work may be obtained from the Director, Institute for Theological Research, University of South Africa, P.O. Box 392, Pretoria 0001, South Africa. Certainly many of us outside South Africa will continue to follow with interest the activities of this new and unique approach to theological scholarship.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>See also W.S. Vorster, "The Institute for Theological Research – a new approach to Theological Research in South Africa," *Theologia Evangelica* 9(1976):105

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