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ATLA HOLDS THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN DENVER, COLORADO

The American Theological Library Association held its thirty-fourth annual conference on the campuses of the Iliff School of Theology and the University of Denver in Denver, Colorado, June 16-20, 1980. Approximately 175 members and friends of the Association were in attendance. Jerry D. Campbell, Director of the Library at the Iliff School of Theology, was host to the conference; and Sarah P. M. Lyons, Librarian of the Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary in Denver, was hostess to the Association at the reception held on the initial evening. Simeon Daly, Librarian of St. Meinrad College and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Indiana, and President of the ATLA, prepared the program and presided over the conference.

Prominent features of the program were day-long workshops on Serials Cataloging, AACR 2, Computer Output Microfiche Catalogs, and Archives; miniworkshops on Women's Studies and Religion, Automated Systems, and Accreditation Standards and Libraries; and an afternoon joint session with the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada which was holding its biennial meeting in Denver simultaneously with the ATLA conference. This session was opened with addresses by John Dillenberger, President of the Hartford Seminary Foundation in Hartford, Connecticut, and John B. Trotti, Librarian of the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia; and then the group was divided into seven small discussion sessions to discuss the topics: Preserving Disintegrating Collections, National Cooperative Library Work, Goals for Small Theological Libraries, Library Networks and Automation, Resourcing Professional Education, and Budgeting Library Costs in a Day of Shrinking Dollar Values. The address following the banquet on Thursday evening was entitled "Humor and Religion" and was delivered by Dr. Harvey Potthoff, Professor of Christian Theology at the Iliff School of Theology. The annual Proceedings of the ATLA to be issued later in the year will include the reports, papers, and addresses delivered at the conference.

The Association named Jerry D. Campbell as Vice-president for 1980-81 and President-elect for the following year. At the time of his election Mr. Campbell was Director of the Library at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado; but subsequently he has been

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named Director of the Library at the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Simeon Daly will continue to serve as President for the 1980-81 year. Father Daly was elected to the vice-presidency for 1979-80 but almost immediately succeeded to the presidency upon the unexpected resignation of President Paul G. Hamm. Elected to three-year terms as Members-at-Large on the Board of Directors were Roberta Hamburger, Seminary Librarian at Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma, and James Dunkly, Librarian of Nashotah House in Nashotah, Wisconsin. The Association re-elected Grant Bracewell, Librarian of Emmanuel College, Victoria University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and Edgar Krentz, Professor of New Testament at Christ Seminary-Seminex, in St. Louis, Missouri, to three-year terms on the Index Board, re-elected Pamela Darling, Head of the Preservation Department at the Columbia University Libraries in New York City, to another three-year term on the Board of Microtext, and elected Ronald F. Deering, Librarian of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, to his first three-year term on that Board. A complete roster of the officials of the ATLA, the membership of the Board of Directors, the constituency of the various boards and committees, and the holders of several special appointments in the Association will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter.

In a series of meetings held prior to, during, and following the conference, the Board of Directors took the following actions:

- nominated Mr. Christopher Francis of Blackwell's in Oxford, England, for honorary membership in the Association;
- authorized John Baker-Batsel to prepare for distribution to foundations a brochure which will outline the nature, interests, and goals of the ATLA;
- voted to recommend to the membership of the Association the proposals of Task Force 80 that the Class B Board of Directors position of Recording Secretary be deleted from the structure of the ATLA, that the responsibility for the creation and retention of minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Association be lodged in the Board of Directors, and that the By-Laws be amended to accomplish the foregoing proposals;
- appointed Joyce Farris as Recording Secretary for a minimum term of one year, with the permanent length of term to be decided upon at the mid-winter meeting of the Board;
- established an ad hoc advisory committee to the Coordinator of the ATLA Library Consultation Program, the committee to consist of Simeon Daly and Cecil White;
- accepted the invitation of Christ Seminary-Seminex to host the 1981 annual conference of the Association on the campus of Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri;
- authorized the personnel of Christ Seminary-Seminex to enter into a contract with Washington University on behalf of the Association for the use of the University facilities next year;

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- accepted the invitation of the Toronto School of Theology in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, to hold the 1982 annual conference on its campus;
- accepted the invitation of St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth, Michigan, to hold the 1983 annual conference on its campus;
- discharged the Ad Hoc Committee on Continuing Education;
- decided not to consider a joint meeting with the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada in 1982;
- discharged the Ad Hoc Committee on Serials Control;
- appointed a task force consisting of Stephen L. Peterson and Norman Kansfield to study a proposal by Charles Willard that the Association meet biennially rather than annually;
- charged the Publication Committee to consider who might be appointed Editor of the ATLA Proceedings and to report to the Board at its mid-winter meeting;
- directed Donald Vorp, Richard Spoor, and David Schuller to prepare a proposal for establishing regular joint discussions between the ATLA and the ATS on matters of mutual interest; and
- decided to hold the mid-winter meeting of the Board in St. Louis, Missouri, on January 7-9, 1981.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
LIBRARY REDEDICATED

The remodelled and refurbished library of Boston University School of Theology was formally rededicated on May 16 as part of the alumni reunion activities connected with the 1980 commencement of the University. Previously on April 24, faculty and students gathered in the chapel for a service of jubilee with a procession from the chapel to the library where a service of celebration was held with students and library staff taking part.

The Library renovation took nearly a year and library services were curtailed during that period. The project was thorough; the result was the relocation and redesign of every space and function of the library. Frances Huston of New York City served as architect and adviser.

New features include full carpeting, redesigned and air-conditioned work areas, and new window coverings. Large study areas have been broken up into smaller and more private areas. Most standard library tables have been replaced with more up-to-date study carrels. Although no new space was added, the design gives the impression of much more space. In connection with this the staff is carrying out a careful reduction of the collection to move toward a more adequate use of space. In addition large numbers of serials are being replaced by microforms, and plans are underway for storage of low-use items in the collection. William Zimpfer is the Librarian.

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RECENT WEDDINGS

Margaret M. Durham and Alec R. Allenson were married in the First Congregational Church in LaGrange, Illinois, on May 30, 1980. Mr. Allenson has for decades been engaged in the religious book trade in the Chicago area and is an honorary member of the American Theological Library Association. Mrs. Allenson is the sister of Mr. Allenson's first wife, Elizabeth, who was taken by death in January.

Patricia Pressey and John D. Batsel were married in an early morning ceremony performed in the presence of many ATLA friends in Washington Park in Denver, Colorado, on June 20, 1980. Upon their marriage they took the name Baker-Batsel. Mr. Baker-Batsel is Librarian of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, and prior to her marriage Mrs. Baker-Batsel was Assistant Director of the Library at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver. Their address is now: Apartment 205, 5160 Claremont Avenue, Oakland, California 94618.

A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT DALY

The Conference in Denver has come and gone. All in all it served us well. Jerry Campbell, Pat Pressey, and the staff of the library at Iliff have put us in their debt. One learns that not everything is subject to control. Next year we can hope to apply some lessons learned, but no one can take away the euphoria that comes from team effort well applied.

There was a marked sense of hospitality and general friendliness at this ATLA Conference that distinguished it from many others that I have been to. I attribute this very much to the ease with which Jerry and Pat provided for the needs of the group. I also feel that the Princeton Institute held last year and attended by seventy members contributed noticeably to that friendliness. The Institute workshops provided extended time together so that many people meeting this time knew each other better than ever before. This created an atmosphere so that even those who were new to the Association or to conferences could feel a sense of general congeniality. I believe this atmosphere helped toward the success of the conference itself.

By now the membership has received the 1978 and 1979 Proceedings of the ATLA conferences. We have established a target date of October 15 for the Proceedings of the June conference. Much hard work has gone into all these projects. Special recognition goes to David and Joy Wartluft, Elmer O'Brien, and Joyce Farris for their efforts to expedite these publications. A wealth of information is in them. They are the official record of the structure and activity of the ATLA and deserve careful perusal.

With the reasonable hope that the 1980 Proceedings will be out on schedule, the Board of Directors decided it would not be necessary to include the minutes of the Association's business meetings in this Newsletter. We had insisted on that last year as a stop-gap measure to keep the Association informed. Having eliminated the Proceedings publication problem, the Board felt it reasonable not to encumber the pages of the Newsletter unnecessarily.

A special word of appreciation is due to Dorothy Parks and her Committee on Serials Control for the hard work over the years on the ATLA plan. The rejection of our proposal for funding by the National Endowment for the Humanities was due to circumstances over which we had no control. In fact, the quality of the application scored high with the readers and improved our image in their sight. Some project down the road may have an easier time for the work that went into this one.

Although the Ad Hoc Committee on Serials Control has been disbanded, the Board has appointed Russell Pollard to the Bibliographic Systems Committee with the charge to continue to oversee projects that forward the intent of an ATLA serials program. Individuals and groups grappling with phases or stages of serial cataloging and holding records are asked to keep in touch with Russell so that we can keep track of and coordinate what is being done.

At the Princeton Institute held this year in July - another enrichment to the morale and competence of many ATLA librarians - an

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evening was given to sharing felt strengths and weaknesses of ATLA. Under different guises the need for more opportunity to become involved was noted. The need for greater visibility of women in leadership roles was cited; the fact that there are so few minorities in the ATLA may not be something we can control but says something to us; a certain insensitivity to new and young members was expressed. These and other similar expressions challenge the whole Association to be alive to the ways we can respond to such concerns. The Board will try, but I ask you individually to speak up, volunteer, put your name up for committees. There are a limited number of slots to fill, but we can be much more effective if committee preferences are expressed.

1981 ATLA CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN ST. LOUIS

The thirty-fifth annual conference of the American Theological Library Association will be held June 22-26, 1981, on the campus of Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, with Christ Seminary-Seminex serving as the host institution. Lucille Hager, Librarian of Christ Seminary-Seminex, will be hostess to the ATLA, and Jerry D. Campbell, Director of the Library of the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and Vice-president of the Association, will be responsible for the conference program. Details of the program will appear in subsequent issues of the Newsletter.

WESTMINSTER SEMINARY OPENS CALIFORNIA CAMPUS

Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia opened its West Coast campus, to be known as Westminster Theological Seminary in California, in Escondido on July 29. After the concentrated summer term which began on that date, the first year of a complete seminary program will start in September. The Seminary will be offering the full three-year theological program that leads to the Master of Arts degree after two years, and the Master of Divinity degree in the third year. Only first-year students will be admitted in 1980. The curriculum is being phased in one year at a time; and all courses will be available in 1982. It is possible that Doctor of Ministry training will be offered on the Escondido campus when the full faculty is in place, but present plans limit the Master of Theology and the Doctor of Theology programs to the Philadelphia campus.

ATLA RECEIVES TWELVE NEW MEMBERS

The American Theological Library Association welcomes the following new members:

Full:

- Mr. Sean M. Barnett, Cataloger, Episcopal Divinity School-Weston Libraries, 99 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138.
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SOME "STANDARD" WORDS

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The annual conference of the American Library Association (New York) for 1980 included the first truly substantive sessions of the Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (a committee of the Cataloging and Classification Section within the Resources and Technical Services Division). As has been noted in earlier columns, this committee (called CCDA) is responsible for recommending, on behalf of ALA, any positions relating to the adjustment or extension of the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules and forwarding such recommendations to the Joint Steering Committee for the Revision of AACR. The recommendations, transmitted by the ALA-JSC representative, Frances Hinton, are to be reached through a somewhat complex but carefully arranged committee process which involves the nine voting members of CCDA and some forty or more non-voting members representing interested ALA and non-ALA library and information organizations.

At a June meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, the JSC (reconstituted) considered a number of documents and suggestions but essentially decided to delay making changes in AACR until the library communities in Britain, Canada, Australia, and the United States have had time to assess the application of AACR 2 to cataloging done after 1980. No specific time period for assessment was specified, but in the meantime JSC will accept all comments and recommendations from its membership. In addition, JSC has received a request that Australia be included on JSC according to the terms under which Canada has membership, namely, one representative jointly serving the library association and the national library. CCDA endorsed Australian membership on JSC, and it will likely be accorded at the next JSC meeting (now scheduled for San Francisco, in conjunction with the ALA conference in late June/early July 1981).

Because of the JSC position on changes, CCDA's deliberations relating to a revision of the rules for description of microform copies of previously published originals were relieved of some pressure. The CCDA Subcommittee on Microforms presented a three-option report, and CCDA voted on these along with a fourth option (to recommend no change in AACR 2). The option to recommend no change prevailed, on a close vote.

Two of the options forwarded by the Subcommittee were those reported earlier in this column. The third option was essentially to return to the cataloging rules specified in earlier codes, especially the Revised Chapter 6 of AACR 1. This option was supported by Charles Willard and informally by the Library of Congress, although the position of LC was officially to support retention of the existing AACR 2 rules if the Willard proposal could not be accepted. The LC position, somewhat different from its stance during the code revision process, appears to have resulted from consideration of the problems associated with preparing catalog records for items microformed as

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part of a national preservation project. LC would like to be able to use the cataloging for the original, adjusting it minimally (by, e.g., adding a note about the microform version) to show that the original has been replaced by a microcopy.

Clearly the opposition to the existing AACR 2 rules for microform copies was badly divided. Since CCDA has doubts about the wisdom of changing AACR 2 at this point and since JSC had expressly encouraged the deferral of such matters until experience could illuminate the weaknesses, if any, of the existing text, CCDA opted for the rules as published.

Other matters claiming CCDA attention included the problems related to entering sound recordings under performer, the difficulties associated with "Type 3" of the "subordinate body" rules in Chapter 24, finding an appropriate General Material Designation for certain types of three-dimensional materials, and questions associated with "relator" designations for persons associated with the design or ownership of rare books. CCDA also heard reports about forthcoming manuals for the application of AACR 2 to music, government documents, audiovisual materials, and maps; and Michael Gorman commented on his work on the Concise AACR 2, scheduled for completion in 1980 (as, according to Gorman, a "work of personal authorship"--to be published by ALA).

At ALA's Midwinter meeting in Washington, D.C., CCDA will be under the guidance of its new Chairperson, Nancy John. The new JSC chair is Frances Hinton.

ATLA members should be sure, wherever possible, to attend one of the LC "road shows" on its implementation of AACR 2. The schedule for these sessions has been published widely and is being well advertised. Previous participants report that the two-and-a-half day institute offers highly valuable information.

PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PUBLISHES BOOKLET ON LOCAL CHURCH HISTORY

The Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, Montreat, North Carolina, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its Local Church History Program with a reception on July 13 at the beginning of the annual Women's Conference. One of the features of the celebration was the publication of an anniversary booklet containing human interest excerpts from various histories over the years, and giving a cross section of life in the church. The booklet is available for \$2.50, including postage, from The Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, Montreat, North Carolina 28757.

BULLETIN AVAILABLE FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF
BRITISH THEOLOGICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL LIBRARIES

The new series of the Bulletin of the Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries (ABTAPL) has been appearing three times a year (March, June, and November) since 1974. It is partly a news medium for British libraries and librarians and partly an international contribution to the librarianship and bibliography of religion.

Articles in recent issues have included "Information Retrieval in New Testament Studies," "Reviews of the Religion and Philosophy Classes of Bliss 2 and Dewey 19," "The Ancient Christian Libraries of the East" by Sir Steven Runciman, "Teaching Theological Bibliography," and "Bibliography on the Care of the Dying and Bereaved." Among the regular features of the Bulletin are up-to-date descriptive articles on the theological libraries in the United Kingdom; details of the activities and publications of societies such as the Alcuin Club, the Society for the Study of Medical Ethics, and Keston College; and critiques of recently published bibliographies and reference books in the field. It is edited by John V. Howard, Librarian of New College in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The Bulletin circulates in most English-speaking countries and on the continent of Europe. There are at present twenty-four North American subscribers. It is indexed in Library and Information Science Abstracts. The annual subscription rate is \$8.00 and subscription orders should be directed to the Honorary Treasurer, Leonard H. Elston, Belsize Library, Antrim Grove, London NW3 4XN, United Kingdom. Copies of numbers 1 through 17 of the new series are still available at \$3.00 each.

DUKE PUBLISHES GUIDE TO ITS MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

A Guide to the Cataloged Collections in the Manuscript Department of the William R. Perkins Library Duke University has just been released by Clio Books in Santa Barbara, California, and Oxford, England. The 1005-page quarto volume describes the 6,000 cataloged manuscript collections, ranging in size from one to 442,000 items and extending in time from the fourteenth century to the present, held by the central library of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. Holdings are especially strong in such fields as the antebellum South, the Civil War and Reconstruction, Afro-American history, slavery and the abolition movement in the United States, religion, education, politics, social history, business and economic history, labor and socialism in the United States, and Southern literature. The volume is priced at \$32.50. Orders should be directed to: Ms. Gloria Acuna, ABC-Clio, Incorporated, Riviera Campus, 2040, A.P.S., Box 4397, Santa Barbara, California 93103.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE
ATLA LIBRARY INSTRUCTION CLEARINGHOUSE

The following progress report gives some indication of what kinds of library instruction the ATLA libraries provide for their students and what types of instructional materials will be available for loan through the Clearinghouse. Eighty-nine libraries returned the questionnaires, 57.4% of the 155 questionnaires distributed last April. Seven of the libraries indicated that the questionnaire was not relevant in their situation because of the nature of the library, for instance, denominational archives.

To the question "Does the library have an orientation-instruction program?", seventy-one libraries responded positively. In addition, several of the negative respondents checked either instructional methods or materials which are in use at their libraries. Of those who answered the question "Are there written goals and objectives for the program?", only twenty responded yes while forty-four gave negative replies.

Slightly more libraries require library orientation-instruction activities than do not; thirty-eight do, thirty-two do not. The percentage of the student population reached by these activities ranges from 5% to 100%. New students and/or juniors receive most of the instruction offered.

The academic subject areas covered by library instruction include the whole range of theological concerns, but the emphasis is on biblical studies (16), church history (10), and ethics (5). Many more libraries, however, provide instruction in using various library tools. The card catalog (47), periodical indexes (45), bibliographies (20), reference books (20), abstracts (14), and encyclopedias (12) were cited most frequently.

The ATLA libraries utilize a wide variety of methods for orientation and instruction. Sixty-five libraries provide staff-guided tours. Several others have self-guided tours, with printed tours the most prevalent form in this category. Programmed self-instruction is available at seven libraries and six others use exercises for self-instruction. Instruction concerning library tools at the point-of-use is performed by a librarian in the majority of cases (67), but also through printed materials at fifteen libraries and through non-print materials at two libraries. Individual instruction is most often supplied at the reference desk (46), but also at other locations in thirty-five libraries. Thirty-eight libraries give instructional lectures to classes and nine lecture to other groups. Mini-courses and workshops are the most popular type of informal group instruction (14), followed by term paper clinics (6) and faculty workshops (4). Separate courses in general library use are taught by librarians at twenty-eight locations, sixteen for credit and twelve non-credit. Instruction in library use in a specific academic subject is found at five libraries for credit and at six without credit.

Printed materials are used far more often for instructional purposes than non-print materials in ATLA libraries. Student handbooks are the most popular (33), followed by guides to library tools

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(30), subject bibliographies (27), exercises or assignments (21), subject guides and tests (both 15), and textbooks or manuals (13). Faculty handbooks and programmed materials are each reported in only one library. Transparencies (15) lead the non-print materials utilized. Eight libraries have slide-tape presentations. Graphic displays are used in six libraries, slides only in five, audiotapes and/or cassettes in three, videotape in two, and filmstrips in one. No one reported using films, television, or computers.

Publicity for instructional programs appears most often as announcements in student publications (33). Personal contacts with students (30) are also important sources of publicity, as are personal contact with the faculty (29), signs and posters (27), and announcements at faculty meetings (24). An equal number of libraries (10) use letters to the faculty, announcements in faculty publications, and announcements in library publications. Several libraries make use of the seminary catalog for publicity and many incorporate announcements about library programs into the registration materials given to incoming students.

Of the libraries responding to the question "Has the program (or any part of it) been evaluated?", more answered positively (38) than negatively (28). Informal feedback was the most frequently cited method of evaluation. Twenty-four libraries do attitude surveys of their students and twelve survey the faculty. Formal tests of student library skills are given in ten cases, informal tests in five. Statistics are kept by six libraries regarding instructional activities.

Responses concerning the most effective method of instruction varied widely. Libraries frequently mentioned a combination of methods which have been used successfully together. Some type of practical application through exercises or course-related assignments following a session with a librarian proved valuable in numerous settings. Individual instruction also produced excellent results. Methods which had been eliminated at some libraries, such as required courses with credit, have been the best methods elsewhere, indicating the importance of assessing the needs of each library individually.

A more detailed analysis of the findings from the questionnaire will be mailed to all the ATLA libraries early in the fall, along with a list of the instructional materials available for circulation and the procedures for borrowing. We wish to extend our appreciation to all the libraries who responded to the questionnaire.

Sara M. Mobley, Chairperson
Reader Services Committee

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS

William Fraker Abernathy has been appointed to the position of Librarian of the Manna Bible Institute in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For the past five years he has been Director of Learning Resources at the Columbia Graduate School of Bible and Missions in Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Abernathy is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond and Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, and holds the degree of Master of Librarianship from the Graduate School of Librarianship at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

The Reverend Dean Timothy Andrews has retired as Librarian of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Theological School in Brookline, Massachusetts. He had served in this position since 1954.

John Beverage was named Public Services Librarian of the Mosher Library at the Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas, effective July 1, 1980. Mr. Beverage was formerly a member of the Mosher Library staff but more recently had held a position in the Admissions Office at Dallas Seminary. He will now begin work toward an M. L. S. degree at North Texas State University in Denton.

Arnold D. Ehlert will retire September 1, 1980, as Director of Libraries of Christian Heritage College and The Institute for Creation Research in El Cajon, California. Dr. Ehlert will continue to edit the periodical, The Bible Collector.

Gilbert R. Englerth retired from his position as Librarian of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 30, 1980. Dr. Englerth had served as Librarian at Eastern Seminary since 1967.

Stephen Harthan was promoted, effective July 1, 1980, to the post of Technical Services Librarian of the Mosher Library at the Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas, after serving for two years as a part-time technical services supervisor. Mr. Harthan expects to receive the M. L. S. degree from East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas, later this month.

Timothy Hui was appointed Periodicals Librarian and Editor of the Mosher Subject Index at the Mosher Library of the Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas, effective July 1, 1980. Mr. Hui has been a student assistant in the Mosher Library for the past six years and will be working toward an M. L. S. degree at North Texas State University in Denton.

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS - Continued

Sister Dorothy Johnson has resigned her position as Director of the Salzmarn Library at St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

James A. Overbeck assumed the position of Director of the Library at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, on July 1, 1980. He was formerly Director of the Library at the School of Theology at Claremont in Claremont, California.

Andrew D. Scrimgeour has resigned his position as Director of the Library Development Program at the Boston Theological Institute, Cambridge, Massachusetts, to become Director of the Library at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado.

Martha Lund Smalley was appointed Archivist in the Yale Divinity School Library, New Haven, Connecticut, effective July 1, 1980. Ms. Smalley completed the Master of Arts degree in history at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, this spring, specializing in American religious history and particularly in the history of the American missionary movement. Her appointment to her new position recognizes not only the completion of her graduate study but also her training in the National Archives Institute and her extensive previous experience in the Divinity School Library. The archives division of the Yale Divinity Library is in a period of rapid growth and development. It has over fifty record groups including the China Records Project, the Mission Pamphlet Collection, the Archives of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, the Archives of the World Student Christian Federation through 1938, the papers of John R. Mott, and a large collection of American sermons. The division is also currently developing a documentation program for Third World Churches. Registers for the collections are available at cost from the Yale Divinity School Library, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06510.

1979 BAPTIST SPANISH PERIODICAL INDEX AVAILABLE

The Indice de Materias de Publicaciones Periodicas Bautistas - 1979 is now available from the Libreria Bautista, 4024 Montana, El Paso, Texas 79903, at a cost of \$2.00 plus handling charges. The volume indexes twenty-two Baptist Spanish periodicals from over the Hispanic world. The previous four annual volumes are also still available at the same price as that for 1979.

VANDERBILT DIVINITY LIBRARY CELEBRATES
ANNIVERSARY OF ITS JUDAICA COLLECTION

The staff of the Divinity Library at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, celebrated the thirty-fifth anniversary of its Judaica Collection with a reception held in the library on May 29, 1980. Guests included faculty of the Vanderbilt Divinity School, librarians of the Vanderbilt University Library, and friends and members of the Vanderbilt Jewish community.

Two exhibits were prepared for the occasion: one was entitled "Facets in the Development of the Hebrew Book from the Dead Sea Scrolls to Modern Times," featuring such titles as David Nieto's Mateh Dan weKazari Helek Sheni, London, Thomas Ilive, 1714; and the second was arranged by the use of the four bookplates familiar to the Judaica Collection (Teitelbaum, Rosenthal, Goodhart, and Eskind) and by which its history was very nearly written.

The guest of honor at the reception was Dr. Lou H. Silberman, Hillel Professor of Jewish Literature and Thought at Vanderbilt since 1952, who addressed the group on "Marks of Distinction of the Judaica Collection." The other main feature of the program was a history of the Collection prepared and presented by David Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins, a doctoral candidate in Old Testament studies at Vanderbilt, served the Divinity Library as bibliographer for the Hebrew Scriptures during the 1979-80 academic year.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS COMMITTEE TO
CONDUCT AACR 2 CLINIC AT 1981 CONFERENCE

Are you encountering problems deciding whether a publication that "emanates" from a corporate body fits into one of the five categories specified by the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, Second Edition? Are proper uniform titles for liturgical works eluding you? You may want to bring such problems to the "doctors" who will conduct a "clinic" on AACR 2 under the auspices of the ATLA Bibliographic Systems Committee during the 1981 ATLA conference. The Committee is asking you to take note of specific application dilemmas you encounter as zero-hour January 2, 1981, approaches. Either send them to Elizabeth Chambers, Department of Library Science, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois 60115, or bring them with you to the conference. The Committee would also appreciate suggestions for experts who might be invited to conduct the "clinic."

Elizabeth Chambers, Chairperson
Bibliographic Systems Committee

POSITIONS OPEN

Head, Reference Library, Central Library, Boston College. Directs reference service in humanities and social sciences, including bibliographic instruction, computerized literature searches, reference collection development. Will participate in planning of reference services facilities in projected new main library which will replace three branch libraries. ALA accredited MLS; doctorate or masters in humanities preferred; 5-8 years experience in reference or bibliographic services. Salary range \$19,700 to \$24,650 depending upon experience. Send letter and resume to Dianne Rogers, Associate Director, Personnel, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02167.

Director of the Library Development Program of the Boston Theological Institute, a consortium of nine theological schools. Duties include assisting in the development and execution of policies and programs of the BTI Library Committee and member libraries; administering cooperative programs in public and technical services, including instruction of the BTI library personnel in systems (BTI libraries are on-line in OCLC) and bibliographic aids; liaison between BTI and other cooperative networks and agencies; and management of the Library Development Office. Requirements: MLS; knowledge of theological subject matter desirable. Salary: \$17,000-\$20,000 range, depending upon qualifications, plus benefits. Submit detailed curriculum vitae with names of references to: Mr. Allan Stifflear, Library Development Office, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Assistant Editor for Religion Index Two: Multi-Author Works. Responsible for production of RIT annuals, including supervision of clerical staff, identification of works to be indexed, primary indexer. Equal Opportunity Employer. Position vacant as of October 15, 1980. Requirements: Graduate degree in theology or religion, and M.L.S. or proven competence in bibliography. Language competence for indexing in German and/or French; additional languages desirable. Salary: \$13,000; 21 days vacation, 7 holidays, sick leave, health insurance. Contact: G. Fay Dickerson, Editor, Religion Indexes, 5600 South Woodlawn, Chicago, Illinois 60637, (312) 947-9418.

Full-time indexer for NEH-funded bibliographic project in Religion. Some searching and clerical duties related to indexing, as assigned. Equal Opportunity Employer. Dates of employment: As soon as possible through December 31, 1981. Requirements: M.L.S. or extensive bibliographic training, and strong background in theological and/or religious studies. Good reading knowledge of German and French; any other western European languages an asset. Salary: \$11,500 and medical benefits. Contact: G. Fay Dickerson, Editor, Religion Indexes, 5600 South Woodlawn, Chicago, Illinois 60637, (312) 947-9418.

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Applications should be sent to Mr. David J. Wartluft, Executive Secretary, American Theological Library Association, Krauth Memorial Library, Lutheran Theological Seminary, 7301 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19119.

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