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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee presents as candidates for the ATLA elective offices which are to be filled in 1990:

Vice-president - Class B Director (one to be elected):

Mary R. Bischoff, Director, Jesuit-Krauss-McCormick Library, Chicago, Illinois

Board of Directors - Class A Director, three-year term, 1990-1993 (one to be elected):

Norma S. Goertzen, Director, Mellander Library, North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois

Mary Williams, Head of Technical Services, Graduate Theological Union Library, Berkeley, California

Board of Directors - Class A Director, three-year term, 1990-1993 (one to be elected):

Richard R. Berg, Librarian, Philip Schaff Library, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Russell O. Pollard, Head of Technical Services, Andover-Harvard Theological Library, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Index Board - Class B Director, four-year term, 1990-1994 - (one to be elected):

Robert A. Dvorak, Pastor, Winnetka Covenant Church, Winnetka, Illinois

Other nominations may be made by petition, signed by not less than ten (10) full or retired members of the Association and submitted to the Executive Secretary, The Reverend Simeon Daly, O.S.B., Saint Meinrad School of Theology, Archabbey Library, St. Meinrad, Indiana 47577, not later than January 25, 1990. After all additional nominations have been filed, the Executive Secretary will prepare the final ballot and mail a copy to all full and institutional members not later than April 10. All ballots must be returned to the Executive Secretary by mail. In order to be counted, ballots must be postmarked not later than May 10. Ballots will be counted during the month of May and a report of the results will be made to the President of the Association not later than June 1.

The members of the Nominating Committee submitting this report are: Diane Choquette, Roberta Hamburger, and John R. Muether, Chair.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the August issue of the Newsletter, I referred to 1988-89 as "a very good year" in the life of ATLA and promised to tell you, in the next issue, more about why I think that is true. My attempt to justify my rating of 1988-89 follows.

(1) Membership, first and foremost in importance, remained strong statistically as well as in the level of participation. A small drop in the number of full members was balanced, numerically at least, by gains in associate and student members. More significantly, we gained five new institutional members, bringing that total to 181.

(2) Participation of personal members was certainly at a high level. Approximately 200 registrants for the annual conference is an indicator. All but a few of them were either full or associate members, two categories which totaled 397 at the time. Another indicator is the number of members serving in an official capacity. By my count, at the end of the conference, there were 61 members serving as officer, board member, committee member, or representative to an outside agency. Many more had participated in sections.

(3) The level of membership participation together with excellence in programming and hosting made the annual conference one of the best we have had. We left the conference with plans well underway for the 1990 conference in Evanston, with planning begun for the 1991 conference in Toronto, and with Dallas chosen as conference site for 1992.

(4) The Index staff and the Preservation staff, already working under one Director but in separate locations, were brought together in a single, more spacious location in Evanston. The unified staff adjusted beautifully and became quickly a highly dedicated and productive group.

(5) The Index program continued its excellent products with an enviable on-time production schedule and expanded its product line to include on-line and CD-ROM availability through H.W. Wilson Company. It also won major grant support (\$375,000) for its International Christian Literature Development Project.

(6) The Preservation program solidified its position as a national leader in preservation microfilming, evidenced in part by receiving a two-year grant of \$210,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

(7) There were improvements in the financial positions of the Index and Preservation programs, and the over-all financial condition of the Association was good.

(8) The Association made good progress in a major strategic planning process.

Even if you don't agree with my assessment at every point, I hope it is helpful to have these elements in our associational life brought out in this way. It has been helpful to me. I am both thankful for and proud of all that we, the ATLA, have achieved in 1988-89. The current year offers an opportunity for equal or greater achievement. I believe that we shall not fail to seize it.

H. Eugene McLeod
President, ATLA

ATLA RECEIVES EIGHTEEN NEW MEMBERS

The American Theological Library Association welcomes the following new members:

Full:

- Mr. Gary Holloway, Librarian, Institute for Christian Studies, 1909 University Avenue, Austin, Texas 78705
- Ms. Valerie R. Hotchkiss, Library Director, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 106 East 27th Street, Austin, Texas 78705.
Mailing address: 505-B East 38th Street, Austin, Texas 78705
- Dr. David Rhew, Director of the Library, Luther Rice Seminary, 7565 B Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32216. Mailing address: 1716-1 El Camino Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32216
- Mrs. Margaret Storms, Librarian, Manahath School of Theology, 1111 North Juniata Street, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16643. Mailing address: 2730 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16602
- The Reverend Jules A. Tate, O.S.B., Assistant Librarian, Notre Dame Seminary, 2901 South Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118
- Ms. Ruby Wesson, Head Librarian, Fred J. Graham Library, Trinity Bible College, Ellendale, North Dakota 58436
- Mr. Andrew E. West, Head of Cataloging/Classification, University of St. Michael's College, 113 St. Joseph Street, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1J4, Canada

Associate:

- The Reverend Joan Youst, Salem Presbyterian Church, 3132 Mozart Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

Student:

- Brother James Doyle, OFM Conv., 6107 North Kenmore Avenue, Chicago Illinois 60660
- Mr. Brent A. Koehn, 732 South Park, Bloomington, Indiana 47401
- Ms. Janice M. Rod, 3087 Main Library, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242
- Mr. David R. Rodgers, Campus View Apartment No. 126, Bloomington, Indiana 47406
- Mr. Nicholas S. Thorndike, 551 South State Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109
- Mr. Charles Van Heck, 1169 McIntyre Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105

Institutional:

- North Campus Library, Benedictine College, 801 South Eighth, Atchison Kansas 66002
- George Mark Elliot Library, Cincinnati Bible College and Seminary, P.O. Box 043200, Cincinnati, Ohio 45204
- Miller Library, Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, 1001 East Beltline, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505

ATLA WELCOMES EIGHTEEN NEW MEMBERS - Continued

The Library, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School, Building 1207N.
Fort Monmouth, New Jersey 07703-5000

RUTH C. EISENHART DEAD AT 79

Ruth C. Eisenhart died on April 7, 1989, in Washington, D.C. at the age of 79. Born in Binghamton, New York, September 28, 1909, she held degrees from Mt. Holyoke College and the Columbia University School of Library Service. She served as a cataloger at the Yale University Library from 1932 until 1940 and then as Head Cataloger at the Union Theological Seminary Library in New York City from 1940 until 1967. Miss Eisenhart resigned her position at Union to join the National Union Catalog Publication Project at the London offices of the catalog's publisher, Mansell Publishing. She returned to the United States in 1969 to join the Project staff at the Library of Congress as an Associate Catalog Editor of the National Union Catalog Pre-1956 Imprints. She retired in 1979 after completing the editorial work on the Bible entries that comprise four of the Catalog's 754 volumes. She was active in the American Theological Library Association from its founding until she left the field of theological librarianship in 1967. A great friend of Seymour Lubetzky, the prominent cataloging theoretician, Ruth Eisenhart made many significant contributions to the development of the several cataloging codes that led, finally, to the writing of AACR1 and AACR2.

5TH EDITION OF FAX DIRECTORY IN PREPARATION

The Fifth Edition of the Directory of Telefacsimile Sites in North American Libraries is in the final stages of preparation. New and expanded, more than 2,000 libraries will be included along with a separate section listing fax numbers of organizations doing business with or providing services to the library community. Libraries wishing to be included should communicate with CBR Consulting Services, P.O. Box 248, Buchanan Dam, Texas 78609, phone: 512-793-6118, or fax: 512-793-6521. Provide (1) complete address, (2) fax number, (3) contact person and (4) phone number, (5) kind of fax equipment, (6) OCLC, RLIN, or similar bibliographic system symbol, and (7) any notes concerning fax use limitations. If more than one fax unit is in use in your library, please send information on all units, indicating any service or use limitations, e.g., ILL only, administration only. Several libraries began listing departmental library fax units in the fourth edition. This trend is expected to continue in the fifth edition, since there is no charge for listing either the first or subsequent fax unit sites. The deadline for submitting entries for the fifth edition is January 15, 1990.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

I had two personal goals when I accepted the job as Executive Secretary. One was to get the Proceedings out as soon as possible. Each of the first four years the Proceedings came out earlier than ever before. We had hoped to beat last year's record this year but it is clear at this point that we won't. We did pay a price for promptness. Printing and mailing costs put us over budget. This year, to save money, we have changed our procedures. We will be well within budget but you will not be receiving your Proceedings until mid-December. I am sorry about that but I am delighted that at least we will be within budget.

My second goal was to try to improve communication in the Association. In the office, I have tried to respond to queries and requests promptly, using the phone vigorously. Further, I have tried by means of the Newsletter to have a word for you in each issue. This letter marks the 18th time I have addressed you thus. Truth to tell, I am already beginning to feel a slight tug of regret that I will soon be relinquishing this forum.

During the last fiscal year we were very concerned that we might have to dig into the cash reserve of the General Fund. As it turned out, due mostly to the Annual Conference, we ended up improving our holdings by several thousand dollars. That reserve is still not what it should be, but adding to it, and not drawing from it as we have for the past few years, is very encouraging. I am also happy to report that both programs also are moving along well. All together we are in a far more positive fiscal position than we were even a year ago. Any number of factors have contributed to the upswing, not least of which are good management and grant funds from outside sources.

In the August Newsletter, the recommendations of the Task Force on Strategic Planning were published. Those recommendations had been made to the Board in June. The report was favorably received by the Board with the understanding that discussion would continue. The Task Force was further asked to make the appropriate revision of the Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws to express in formal terms the changes proposed. The whole issue will be discussed and acted upon at the winter Board meeting. The nature of that action will be whether, or whether not, to present the proposed changes to the Association for vote at the June Annual Conference. Because those changes proposed will require a change in our Certificate of Incorporation, a two-thirds majority of the members present at that meeting will be required. Be assured that every effort will be made to get the details out to the membership as soon as possible after action on the recommendations at the winter Board meeting.

I wish we all would have the opportunity to discuss the proposal at length. The Ohio Theological Library Association (OTLA) and The Theological Educational Association of Mid-America (TEAM-A) met together on Monday, October 30, and spent the whole time airing concerns and seeking clarifications. I felt it was an important exercise. We all have a clearer idea of what is going on. A number of genuine concerns will be forwarded to the Task Force.

The ATLA has developed dramatically in the course of just a few years. We are having to cope with success. Our programs have grown by leaps and bounds. Much of the restructuring is necessary to deal responsibly with

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY - Continued

operations that are handling well over a million dollars a year. Ironically, there has not been a similar development in Association income and services. The general fund is only one tenth of annual operating income. Membership services cry out for more funds and leadership. The proposed restructuring takes small steps to address this need. Reality factors and fiscal restraint prevent anything more dramatic. Small wonder that some are anxious that membership needs will be swallowed up in the ever increasing money needs of the programs.

On the other hand, the programs serve us well. As has been stated many times, if the Index and Preservation Programs were not there, we would have to invent them. The Index has come a long way and could conceivably exist on its own, or be sold to a commercial company. That might provide relief in the short term, but it would remove theological librarians from the decision-making process on the direction and content of the publications. It would also lead to a dramatic increase in prices that would affect us all negatively, in the long run. Because of these convictions, the present leadership of ATLA feels we should opt for restructuring. That doesn't preclude revisiting this decision at a later date. There is some appeal to the thought of a lump sum that could generate annual funds for membership projects including consultation fees, scholarships, grants, and/or the salary for a Director of Membership Services.

I want to thank all those who responded to my query about active theological groupings. At last count, I believe there are about sixteen different groups around the country. I am convinced that these groups are logical fora for airing ATLA concerns, and for getting the pulse of the membership. I think we should maintain better ties with these groups, even if they are informal.

We still wait with bated breath the arrival of the Religion Indexes on CD-ROM. Hopefully, by the time you read this the discs will have been issued. I, for one, already have the hardware in place. Mr. Hurd reports that discussions continue with the Catholic Library Association. The goal here is to incorporate the Catholic Periodical and Literature Index into one database, making for the most comprehensive religious periodical database in the world.

By now you have received the ATS surveys. You will note that they are much more "user friendly" for librarians. We will be sending out our statistical report forms. Again this year they are separate. However, the data gathered is fairly consistent now so you should not have to do a lot more work to get the figures we need. As we have noted before, we will want to continue to publish our reports because they are institution specific. The ATS Fact Book gives only averages and generic summaries. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our members move in and out of library work. I get notes occasionally from one or the other attesting interest in friends even though work environment has changed. Most recently I heard from Fr. Larry Miech who felt the pull to parish ministry. His address is 3100 South 41st Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215.

Simeon Daly, O.S.B.
Executive Secretary, ATLA

PITTS THEOLOGY LIBRARY RECEIVES NEH GRANT
TO FILM AND CATALOG ONLINE HYMNODY COLLECTION

The Warrington-Pratt-Soule Collection of Hymnody and Psalmody at Pitts Theology Library, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, is one of nine distinguished humanities collections selected for filming in the Great Collections Microfilming Project of the Research Libraries Group (RLG). The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded Emory University a grant of \$410,000 over a three-year period to film and catalog online the approximately 4,000 volumes in the collection published between 1850 and 1950. The entire collection will be reviewed for conservation treatment of unique non-brittle items.

The Warrington-Pratt-Soule Collection draws together significant works in the field of sacred music, ranging from a Pontifical of the Catholic Church printed in 1497 to the most recently published hymnals from many denominations in a variety of languages including Arabic, Hawaiian, Cree Indian, Chinese, Tamil, and Welsh. There is particular strength in the areas of early American psalmody and nineteenth-century gospel hymnals. The major portion of the collection was acquired from the Hartford Seminary Foundation in 1975, thus creating at Pitts Theology Library one of the largest collections of its kind in America. Dr. Channing R. Jeschke is the Librarian.

OHIO THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEETS

The Ohio Theological Library Association met on October 30 at the Cincinnati Bible College & Seminary to discuss the proposed changes in the structure of the ATLA. Members of the ATLA from Kentucky and Indiana were also in attendance with the OTLA acting as hosts. During the course of the meeting, a conference call was held with Dr. William C. Miller, Chair of the Task Force on Strategic Planning, in order to apprise the Task Force of the concerns of those attending.

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE FOR NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCED

The Publication schedule for the remaining two issues of volume 37 of the ATLA Newsletter is as follows:

	<u>Copy Deadline</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
no. 3	February 13, 1990	February 17, 1990
no. 4	May 8, 1990	May 12, 1990

AMERICAN THEOLOGICAL USERS GROUP DATABASE FORMED

According to the ATLA Proceedings for 1988, the Association has 175 institutional members. Of those, a vast majority (66%) claim OCLC membership. Together the membership of ATLA can claim ownership of a database of 57,000 serial holdings, 1.4 million bibliographic records in all formats, and 4.5 million holding symbols. In an effort to further cooperation among ATLA libraries, those records have been brought together into a unique subset of the OCLC database called the American Theological Users Group (ATUG).

The genesis of this project arose from discussions held at the OCLC Theological Users Group session at the 1988 annual conference in Lexington, Kentucky. At that session the question was raised as to what OCLC could do for ATLA besides holding informational meetings at each annual conference. During the discussion, the suggestion arose of forming an ATLA Union List of Serials derived from ATLA holdings in existing lists. Being assured by the OCLC representative present that formation of such a list was possible by use of member records in the database, a committee was formed to investigate the matter further. The committee consisted of Richard Berg (Lancaster Theological Seminary), Christopher Brennan (Colgate Rochester Divinity School), Sandee Collins (Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry), and James Maney (Oblate School of Theology).

To determine the size of the list, the number of OCLC participants, and the intensity of interest in the project, Jim Maney distributed a survey to all ATLA member libraries. The results of the survey were rather surprising. For example, only 48 institutions reported belonging to an existing OCLC union list. Many institutions that one would expect to be in an OCLC list (e.g. many Boston Theological Institute libraries) were not. Another surprising result was that, almost without exception, ATLA libraries reported approval for such a listing if one could be formed.

While the number of initial participants (48) was smaller than expected, it was decided to start the project with those libraries as a foundation, expecting that other members could be added as time went on. The next step was to contact OCLC about options and prices. The first option, forming a "real" union list through OCLC's union listing capability was rejected as being inappropriate for the needs of the Association. The second option, of forming a Group Access Capability (GAC) group, presented some real attractive features. The group could be formed by machine manipulation of all ATLA OCLC member records, not just the 48 members in existing union lists, to form a union catalog consisting of bibliographic records in all formats. Also, while the group holdings were derived from OCLC records, the database of the group could be searched by non-OCLC member libraries. Finally, and most importantly for many ATLA libraries, OCLC would waive the profiling costs and charge users solely on the basis of normal interlibrary loan transactions (e.g. normal produce charges, etc.)

At the June 1989 annual conference in Columbus, the Theological Users Group heard a presentation by Jim Maney detailing the results of the survey and the options available to us. Following the subsequent discussion, the group approved formation of the GAC group. At the Friday meeting of the ATLA Board of Directors, Jim made a second presentation to the Board for their approval. The Board then gave official endorsement to the plan.

AMERICAN THEOLOGICAL USERS GROUP DATABASE FORMED - Continued

Following the Board's approval, a listing of 117 libraries believed to be full participating members of OCLC was sent to OCLC for profiling into the GAC group. Before the profiling was completed, though, some minor problems arose. One library had suspended its OCLC membership and so was not included in the final profile. In addition, several ATLA member libraries who are part of larger parent institutions had the same OCLC holding symbol as their parent. The question then arose, "Do we want to include all the holdings of the parent institutions in the group, or do we want to separate the seminaries' holdings from the parent institutions?" In all instances it was decided to leave all the institutions' holdings in the group, with no attempt to separate the seminary holdings from its parent. With the resolution of those issues, profiling was completed, and the database was made available for public use.

The ATUG group may be used by logging onto the Interlibrary Loan Subsystem. To retrieve group holdings for a given monographic title in any format, simply type "dhatug." For complete union list holdings for a given serial title, simply type "ulatug." In both instances the system will display complete holdings for the title owned by ATLA libraries.

The committee would like to urge all ATLA members who can do so to use ATUG as often as possible and to keep records of its use. That will enable the Theological Users Group meeting in Evanston to discuss intelligently additional issues surrounding this resource, such as: Is it useful? How can it be made more useful? Do we want to distribute microfiche copies of the database to non-OCLC members of the Association? Do we want to broaden holdings by including non-OCLC and/or non-ATLA members, such as the institutional members of the Association of Christian Librarians?

Until then, enjoy using this special resource!

Christopher Brennan, Chair
OCLC Theological Users Group

DALLAS SEMINARY TO HOUSE CAM INTERNATIONAL ARCHIVES

CAM International, a missionary agency working in Mexico, Central and South America, and Spain, designated Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, as repository for its archives. Founded in 1890 by Dr. C. I. Scofield, then pastor of First Congregational Church in Dallas, the mission first focused on Central America as The Central American Mission. Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer, founder of Dallas Seminary in 1924, served as General Secretary of the Mission from 1921 to 1925. Since the Seminary's founding, many of its graduates have served with the Mission, including Dr. Albert T. Platt, current president of CAM International. At present the CAM International collection consists mostly of early correspondence and mission records. The Dallas Seminary archives are located in the Mosher Library wing adjoining the new Turpin Library dedicated in 1988. Dr. John A. Witmer is the Seminary Archivist.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY LIBRARY ISSUES
NEW EDITION OF SCRIPTURES OF THE WORLD

The American Bible Society Library announces the availability of its biannual publication, Scriptures of the World, 1988 edition. Published under the auspices of the United Bible Societies, this 146-page volume presents a statistical summary of the remarkable phenomenon of Scripture publication. By the end of 1988, Bibles, Testaments, or portions consisting of at least one complete book of the Bible had appeared in print in 1,907 languages and dialects. Each language and dialect presented in Scriptures of the World appears in alphabetical order, chronological order of first publication, and geographical order by continent and country. A series of maps, charts, and tables also constitute handy reference resources, documenting the extraordinary growth of Scripture translation and publication.

Scriptures of the World is not limited in scope to Bible Society publications, but includes Bibles, Testaments, and portions published by all Scripture-producing agencies. All languages are included in which at least one complete book of the Bible has been registered by either the American Bible Society Library in New York City or the British and Foreign Bible Society Library in Cambridge, England. Copies of the items cited may in almost every case be found in the collections of one or both of these libraries. The new edition may be secured for \$2.75 from: Order Department, American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, New York 10023. The order number is 17217. The ISBN number is 8267-0304-6.

DALLAS SEMINARY RECEIVES GIFT FOR AUTOMATION

The Turpin Library of Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas, has received a gift of \$90,000 for the establishment of the Gunther Automated Bibliography Alcove. This will include three CD workstations and a variety of CD products such as Wilsondisc Religion Indexes, ERIC, Dissertation Abstracts, and BIP Plus. Microform equipment and collections, including the first three phases of the ATLA Monograph Preservation Program, will also be in the alcove. Robert D. Ibach, Jr., is the Librarian.

FUTURE CONFERENCE SITES APPROVED

The following sites of future annual conferences of the American Theological Library Association have been approved by the Board of Directors:

- 1990: Garrett-Evangelical and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois. June 25-30.
- 1991: Trinity College, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Dates to be announced.
- 1992: Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Dates to be announced.

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS

Donald L. Huber, Librarian of Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, is the author of Educating Lutheran Pastors in Ohio, 1830-1980 : A History of Trinity Lutheran Seminary and Its Predecessors, recently published by The Edwin Mellen Press. The work is volume 33 in the publisher's series, Studies in American Religion.

Kathy Jastrab, Assistant Librarian of the Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin, is the new president of the Wisconsin Chapter of the Catholic Library Association. She took office on November 4 and will serve until the Fall of 1991.

David L. Laughlin received the Master of Library Science degree from the Graduate Library School at the University of Arizona in Tucson in May, and now holds the position of Reference Librarian at Texas Arts and Industries University in Kingsville. His article on the Arizona Post, Arizona's first Anglo-Jewish newspaper, has been accepted by the Journal of the West for publication in 1990.

Louis J. Reith, Rare Book Cataloger at the Georgetown University Library in Washington, D.C., attended the annual Sixteenth Century Studies Conference held at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, October 26-29, 1989. Dr. Reith chaired a session on "Justice in the City" and commented on two papers: "Public Charity and Private Finance: Supporting the Needy in Seventeenth-Century Augsburg" by Professor Thomas Safley of the University of Pennsylvania; and "Piety and Punishment: The Lay Conforteria and Civil Justice in Sixteenth-Century Augsburg" by Professor Nicholas Terpstra of Luther College at the University of Saskatchewan.

Kenneth E. Rowe, Methodist Librarian at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, delivered the Carl Lecture at the First United Methodist Church in Schenectady, New York, in October. Dr. Rowe's address was entitled, "Weeping and Rejoicing: Freeborn Garrettson and the Shaping of American Methodism."

Joel L. Samuels became the Director of Libraries, University of Dubuque and Wartburg Theological Seminary, in Dubuque, Iowa, on January 1, 1989, succeeding Duncan Brockway. Mr. Samuels had been a member of the staff of the Newberry Library in Chicago, Illinois, since 1970, and at the time of his move to Dubuque was serving as Administrative Vice President and Deputy Librarian. He holds the B.A. degree (1958) from Houghton College in Houghton, New York; the B.D. degree (1960) from the Evangelical School of Theology in Myerstown, Pennsylvania; the Th.M. degree (1968) from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia; and the M.A. degree (1973) from the University of Chicago Graduate Library School. His most recent article, "The John M. Wing Foundation on the History of Printing at the Newberry Library," was published in the April 1988 issue of Library Quarterly.

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS - Continued

Ans J. van der Bent retired from the staff of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, on September 1, 1989. He served for twenty-three years as the Director of the Council's Library and Archives and for the past three years as its Ecumenical Research Officer. During his long career, Mr. van der Bent published a number of ecumenical bibliographies and reference works, sixteen monographs on ecumenical topics, more than eighty periodical articles, and over a hundred book reviews in various journals. A member of the ATLA for three decades, he served as Catalog Librarian at the Andover-Harvard Theological Library of the Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, from 1959 to 1960, and as Librarian of the Bangor Theological Seminary in Bangor, Maine from 1960 to 1963, when he went to his post in Geneva.

DREW UNIVERSITY RECEIVES TWO ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS

Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, has recently acquired two archival collections: the records of Ruth Winfield and Joe Brown Love, the founders of the Methodist Student Movement; and the papers of Paul Deats, Professor Emeritus of Social Ethics at the Boston University School of Theology.

UNITED SEMINARY AWARDED GRANT FOR AUTOMATION

United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, has received a grant of \$69,000 from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation of Jacksonville, Florida, for the further automation of its library resources. The major portion of the grant will provide for the computerization of United's 31,000 bibliographic records not currently on computer, and for the reclassification of materials from the Dewey to the Library of Congress system. This process will utilize the OCLC system. The completion of this program will mean that all of United Seminary's 85,000 bibliographic records, representing over 114,000 volumes, will be in machine-readable form. Included in the conversion will be materials relating to the history and work of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church which had its national headquarters in Dayton for many years. The remaining portion of the grant will fund the planning and design of an online catalog with the unique feature of a Theological Resources Component. This will provide for the indexing, beyond books, of media, bibliographic materials, curricular materials, and people resources. United Theological Seminary, founded in 1871, is a graduate professional school of the United Methodist Church. Elmer J. O'Brien is the Librarian.

INTERNATIONAL ACCESS TO THE WCC LIBRARY OFFERED

The Library of the World Council of Churches (WCC), founded in 1946, offers its users resource material of great value. Its ecumenical collection comprises 90,000 books and pamphlets, 900 periodicals, and, last but not least, an important collection of archival documents acquired from nearly all ecumenical bodies that exist since the end of the last century. Ever since, the library has tried its best to help persons doing serious research anywhere by supplying them with bibliographies and photocopies. We are now ready to extend the nature of our services.

In fact, thanks to our computer and the URICA software, library users now have direct access to a very wide range of bibliographic information covering nearly exclusively the field of ecumenism. 25,000 bibliographic records have been entered into our computerized catalogue system by the end of March 1989. Of these, 5,000 are new titles acquired by the library since January 1986. 19,000 are recatalogued titles and 1,000 are titles referring to archival documents. The average increase is of 500 titles per month.

Recently, the WCC's Documentation Service has been integrated into the library in order to allow direct access to its documents by one computer only. Other bodies could still join, the aim being to build an independent mini-network system. Organisations and persons with a close interest in ecumenism can now profit from a direct access to our data bank, which is probably unique in the world. The information offered is considerable, yet covers only part of the project under development. Contacts are sought with partners around the world who share the same interest, and we expect to find many of them both in the United States and in Canada.

Suffice it to note here that in order to communicate with the WCC Library computer one needs to be equipped with a compatible IBM PC, MS-DOS operating system, a modem for the link by telephone, the REALLINK R software, and a pass word. The latter two can be obtained from the Library of the WCC. If you are interested and/or wish to obtain more information, please write to: Pierre Beffa, Director, WCC Library, P.O. Box 2100, 1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland.

Pierre Beffa, Director

CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NAMES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Board of the Catholic Library Association has appointed Natalie H. Logan as the new Executive Director of the Association. Ms. Logan has been Editor of The Catholic Periodical and Literature Index since February 1985. The Index is published by the CLA. In July 1987 she was named Assistant to the Executive Director of the Association and Convention Coordinator. In April 1989 she was appointed Acting Executive Director, replacing Brother John T. Corrigan, CFX, who had taken a medical leave. She will continue to carry her duties as Editor of the Index until a replacement is found. The Catholic Library Association, which was founded in 1921, has its headquarters in Haverford, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia, and serves more than 3,000 members in the United States and abroad.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS COMMITTEE REPORT

The June 1990 Bibliographic Systems Section meeting in Evanston will feature a discussion on cataloging standards and philosophies, or, "How Long Does It Take to Memorize LC Rule Interpretations?" We would like to put together a panel of librarians representing both the more conscientious about RI's and other "regulations" and, shall we say, those who put more emphasis on efficiency.

This is to be a practically oriented discussion, so we would like to have examples of how issues like these are treated in different libraries:

Use of OCLC/RLIN member copy: do you verify headings? description?

call numbers? How many times does the record get proofread?

Use of LC copy: same issues

What level of staff does your copy cataloging: professional, paraprofessional, or students?

In what areas, if any, do you (or have your predecessors) intentionally deviate from LC practice:

non-approved use of subdivisions?

difference in choice of series title?

variations from LC Name Authority form of corporate body names? (Come on now, 'fess up!)

How do you deal with unverifiable LC call numbers in LC copy?

Are there certain LC-assigned subject headings that you routinely add or delete?

How often does your staff consult the reference works such as LC's Subject Cataloging Manual, the CONSER Serials Editing Guide, OCLC/MARC Format documents, etc.? Is it often enough?

Hopefully, there will also be time to talk more generally about how our cataloging standards affect productivity, and how standards vary dependent on the size of library, participation in a union catalog, and implementation of an online system. Things just aren't as simple as they were at one time, but perhaps we might be able to help each other through the maze.

Catalogers, please be thinking about issues you face: write them down when you are dealing with them and bring something with you in June! If you have any brilliant ideas before we meet, please share them with me at The United Library, 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Illinois 60201 (708-866-3912).

John W. Thompson, Chair
Bibliographic Systems Committee

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY ACQUIRES KILPATRICK LIBRARY

A. Webb Roberts Library at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, has acquired the personal library of George Kilpatrick, the British New Testament scholar who died earlier this year. Dr. Kilpatrick was for twenty-eight years Professor of Exegesis at Oxford University and Fellow of Queens College. His library contains approximately 3,000 volumes. Dr. Carl Wrotenbery is the Director of Libraries at Southwestern.

POSITIONS OPEN

LIBRARIAN. The American Bible Society, a non-profit organization, seeks an innovative, enthusiastic, flexible, and service-oriented individual to manage all aspects of its Biblical rare book collection and in-house corporate reference Library. The successful candidate will supervise a small staff and must possess good communications skills. S/he will oversee collection development, cataloguing, reference, user services, conservation, periodicals, and technical services. Familiarity with current automation technologies highly desirable. Expanding the Library's user network both within the organization and among the scholarly community is a high priority. Qualifications: M.L.S., with appropriate subject specialty and minimum three years professional library experience. Send resume and list of three references to: Personnel Department, American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, New York 10023.

SERIALS CATALOGER AND LIBRARY PROGRAMS COORDINATOR. Boston Theological Institute, an ecumenical consortium of nine graduate theological schools, has an opening for Serials Cataloger and Library Programs Coordinator. Approximately 50% of the position will be Conser-level cataloging of religious and theological serials. The remaining time will be spent coordinating and administering a variety of library development programs among the member institutions. Requirements include: an MLS or equivalent; serials cataloging experience; competence in AACR2, MARC formats, and OCLC. Theological training and interests helpful. Compensation is competitive. Please submit resumes to: BTI Library Search, 99 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138.

CATALOGER. The Emmanuel School of Religion Library is seeking a Cataloging Librarian. Emmanuel School of Religion, a seminary of the Christian Churches and Churches of Christ, is an institution accredited by both the Association of Theological Schools of the United States and Canada, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, granting both the M.Div. and the M.A.R. degrees. Requirements: (1) MLS degree from an ALA-accredited institution; (2) a masters degree, preferably an M.Div. degree, in religious studies from an ATS accredited school; (3) knowledge of LC classification and subject headings, AACR2, MARC formats, OCLC terminal procedures and the OCLC CATCD450 system; (4) experience in computer applications in libraries; (5) a working knowledge of the literature of the Campbell-Stone tradition; (6) a working knowledge of both Hebrew and Greek, and of one or more of the following languages: Latin, German, French or Spanish; (7) accuracy, dependability, adaptability, initiative, organizational skills, and ability to work with others. Responsibilities: (1) the original and online cataloging of all book and non-book materials, and (2) assistance in reference services. Salary: negotiable in relation to qualifications and experience. Generous benefits. A full-time, 12-month position. Starting date: Fall of 1990. Please send resume and three references, by March 15, 1990, to: Dr. Robert F. Hull, Academic Dean, Emmanuel School of Religion, One Walker Drive, Johnson City, Tennessee 37601-9989.

POSITIONS OPEN - Continued

DIRECTOR OF THE LIBRARY. Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, an evangelical institution, invites applications for the position of Director of the Library. Persons with at least master's level qualifications in theology/ministry and library science are invited to communicate with the Vice-president for Academic Affairs, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, 130 Essex Street, South Hamilton, Massachusetts 01982. Applications from women and under-represented constituencies are encouraged.

PUBLIC SERVICES LIBRARIAN. Jesuit-Krauss-McCormick Library, Chicago, Illinois. Provides reference services, database searching, and bibliographic instruction to the seminary communities at McCormick Theological Seminary and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, as well as to faculty and graduate students from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. Supervises circulation, reserves, and ILL. Is responsible for maintaining the reference collection. Some evening and weekend hours. Qualifications: ALA-MLS; education in theology and/or religious studies; supervisory and reference experience; good communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills; experience in database searching and OCLC. Preferred: background in Lutheran and/or Reformed theological traditions; knowledge of Biblical languages, German, other modern European languages. Salary: based on qualifications and experience; minimum \$24,000 plus benefits. Starting date: June 1, 1990. Closing date for applications: January 15, 1990. Send resume and names of three references to: Mary Bischoff, Director, JKM Library, 1100 East 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60615.

REFERENCE LIBRARIAN. Mature, energetic, patient librarian with sense of humor and ability to manage time and service pressures with composure and resourcefulness for historical agency of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Major responsibilities: (1) Provide mail, telephone, and in-person reference services for constituency of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), academic researchers, and general public. (2) Administer Department's microfilming program, which fills 150+ contracts and orders yearly. Responsibility involves the entire process from negotiation of orders and contracts through production and distribution, and includes supervision of microfilming technician, and compiling and maintaining catalog for micropublications. (3) Share book selection responsibilities with Manager of Information Services. Qualifications: M.L.S.; M.A./M.Div. concentrating in American Presbyterian history; 2-3 years reference experience in a research library; familiarity with history and polity of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); training and experience in preservation microfilming; familiarity with microcomputer applications in libraries; sympathetic to mission and program of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Send resume plus names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references to Boyd Reese, Department of History, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 425 Lombard Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19147. Applications should be received by December 29. Women and minorities encouraged to apply. The Department of History is a component of the Office of the General Assembly, and is the research library and archives of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

POSITIONS OPEN - Continued

CATALOG LIBRARIAN. Ryan Memorial Library, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. The Library supports the study and research of students and faculty in a college, theologate, and school of religious studies, located in suburban Philadelphia. Responsibilities include: original and copy cataloging of all library materials (including rare books and A.V. media) using AACR2, LCC, LCSH and OCLC; maintenance of library card catalogs, including authority control; maintenance of serial holdings data on OCLC Union List; supervision of book processing operations; assisting library patrons in the use of the library catalogs and collections, including regular evening reference service; participation in planning for library automation. Qualifications: master's degree in library or information science, with B.A. in humanities or background in theology preferred; thorough knowledge of AACR2, LCC, LCSH and MARC formats; appropriate professional-level experience in an academic library; ability to work independently and take responsibility for problem identification, analysis and resolution; reading knowledge of at least one foreign language; excellent interpersonal and communications skills. Salary range \$19,950-\$24,950, depending on qualifications. Excellent fringe benefits including 20 days vacation, 11 paid holidays, fully paid medical and disability insurance and pension plan. Position available immediately; applications received by December 29 will receive first consideration. Send letter of application, resume and names of three professional references to: Lorena A. Boylan, Director of Library Services, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 1000 East Wynnewood Road, Overbrook, Pennsylvania 19096-3012. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

CATALOG LIBRARIAN. The Marian Library (University of Dayton), a theological library and the world's largest collection of published materials on the Blessed Virgin Mary, is seeking a catalog librarian. Qualifications: familiarity with OCLC, MARC format, AACR2; degree in library science; knowledge of several European languages; background in Catholic theology and history. Duties: responsible for cataloging (original/online) and conversion of collection. Most of the holdings not in English. Faculty status and rank position. Salary dependent on experience and qualifications. Send application and resume to the Reverend Thomas A. Thompson, S.M., The Marian Library, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio 45469.

HEAD LIBRARIAN. Westminster Theological Seminary announces an opening for a Head Librarian, effective July 1, 1990. Responsibilities include supervision of library staff, budget and external relations; instruction of a doctoral-level course in theological bibliography, and implementation of the Library's collection and retention policy. Applicants should possess graduate degrees in both library science and theology. The Seminary especially welcomes applications from qualified minority and female candidates. Commitment to reformed theology and Presbyterian church government, as shown by subscription to the Westminster Confession of Faith, is required. The Head Librarian is a voting member of the Faculty; and salary will be commensurate with rank. Contact Dr. Samuel T. Logan, Jr., Academic Dean, Westminster Theological Seminary, Box 27009, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19118.