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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee presents as candidates for the ATLA elective offices which are to be filled in 1987:

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

Channing R. Jeschke, Librarian, Pitts Theology Library, Emory
University, Atlanta, Georgia
Louis Charles Willard, Librarian, Andover-Harvard Theological
Library, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Board of Directors - Class A Director, three-year term, 1987-1990 (one to
be elected):

Mary Bischoff, Assistant Director, Graduate Theological Union Library,
Berkeley, California
Linda Corman, Librarian, Trinity College, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Board of Directors - Class A Director, three-year term, 1987-1990 (one to
be elected):

Michael P. Boddy, Theological Librarian, Drew University, Madison,
New Jersey
John R. Muether, Librarian, Westminster Theological Seminary,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Index Board - Class A Member, four-year term, 1987-1991 (one to be elected):

Roberta Hamburger, Seminary Librarian, Phillips University, Enid,
Oklahoma
Sarah P. M. Lyons, Librarian, Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary,
Denver, Colorado

Index Board - Class B Member, four-year term, 1987-1991 (one to be elected):

Abraham Bookstein, Professor, Graduate Library School, University of
Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

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Preservation Board - Class A Member, four-year term, 1987-1991 (one to be elected):

Kenneth E. Rowe, Methodist Research Librarian, Drew University,
Madison, New Jersey
Newland F. Smith III, Librarian, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary,
Evanston, Illinois

Preservation Board - Class B Member, four-year term, 1987-1991 (one to be elected):

Kent H. Richards, Professor, Iliff School of Theology, Denver,
Colorado

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, 1987. 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: John D. Baker-Batsel, Russell O. Pollard, and Dorothy Ruth Parks, Chair.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The first good news is that the Summary of Proceedings should be in the mail in a few days, perhaps even before you receive this Newsletter. As far as I can determine, this will have been the first time the Proceedings have been produced before Christmas in recent memory. It is the fortieth printing of the Proceedings. It is also the largest in size coming to 448 pages. This fortieth issue also contains an Index to the whole series. I believe we have every reason to be proud of this publication.

Membership in this association depends so much on a fixed group that one is legitimately concerned about ways of expanding our membership. The renewal rate of individuals is very high in our organization, and I believe that this speaks well for our program. A phenomenon that I have observed just in the few months I have been in office is the number of students who apply and take out membership. There are a total of 23 student members, 12 of which have joined since January of 1986. I have a feeling that the more thoughtful people in the organization ought to put their heads together to see how we can cater to this group. Hopefully, our replacements will come from among them. I believe we would do well to find ways to enrich their

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programs and to make theological librarianship more attractive to highly qualified individuals. I am not sure how we can do this, but I believe it's worth spending some serious and thoughtful time pursuing.

Both the Index and the Preservation Boards have made applications for substantial grants toward their respective projects. Initial responses are encouraging. Should these grants come through, the Index would be able to put out a cumulative volume for RIT 1976-1980; and the Preservation Board could move ahead with an expansion of its work force, the more feasibly to meet commitments already made. As most of you are aware, the Preservation Project is beginning to move into high gear.

The labels for duplicate exchange have been sent to participating institutions and this program, too, seems to be working well. Currently there are 152 institutions participating in this exchange. This cooperative project has, over the years, been a source for strengthening periodical collections through mutual sharing. From time to time, individual institutions have to look at this program and weigh its cost against its benefits. As in most of the cooperative projects we participate in, the larger institutions begin to be net givers and that is sometimes an undue burden. On the other hand, many of the smaller institutions rely heavily on the opportunity to fill out their runs of back issues on the exchange program. This cooperative program is one of the more helpful benefits of institutional membership.

More will be said elsewhere in this Newsletter, I am sure, but I want to underline the importance of the North American Theological Inventory (NATI) project that is being developed at this time. The value of the project will ultimately depend very much on the broad participation of ATLA institutions. Although there are self-interest reasons for participating, I would like to stress the importance of individual participation in the interest of the whole.

I am sure that you have noted with gratitude the fact that the ATS accreditation teams are more and more including librarians. This policy is a conscious one and I want you to know that I express our appreciation for this shift at every opportunity I have.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter you will find the report of the Nominating Committee. This includes not only the names of those persons nominated to fill our elective offices, but also the schedule of dates for the mailing, return, and tabulation of the ballots. These dates are provided in our Bylaws and I repeat them here so that we can all anticipate our responsibilities. I trust we can avoid some of the confusion that accompanied last year's balloting. The importance of having volunteers to serve in the Association and the responsibility to vote are burdens that fall upon all of us. We are grateful for those who present themselves for offices. The quality of our Association depends very much on the willingness of qualified individuals to offer themselves for service.

I will shortly be writing to chairpersons to make their mid-year reports. This office will also be mailing out our questionnaire for statistical data soon.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to report on the progress of the Joint ATS/ATLA Committee on Library Resources. In its June biennial meeting, the Association of Theological Schools voted to sustain the ATS/ATLA Joint Committee on Library Resources for a second two-year term with Claude Welch continuing to serve as Chair. Other members of the committee are Thomas Gillespie, David Green, Channing Jeschke, Jean-Marc Laporte, Sarah Lyons, and Stephen L. Peterson. Simeon Daly and Leon Pacala are members ex officio. Subsequently, a grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. has been secured to further the work of this committee. The Joint Committee met October 27-28 to set priorities for its agenda in light of this grant.

The first matter of importance is the North American Theological Collections Inventory project. By now all institutional members of ATLA have received an invitation to participate in this project. It is the strong hope of the Joint Committee that the project receive the fullest possible institutional support. A truly comprehensive inventory with broad institutional response will assist library development on many fronts. Locally, the inventory should be critically helpful to schools in the self-study process for accreditation review and for local planning. If necessary, the Joint Committee is prepared to provide modest financial support to analyze, evaluate, and disseminate the results of the inventory, and David Green and Channing Jeschke were asked to serve as a liaison sub-committee with the NATI project.

Second, the Joint Committee has given major attention to the ATLA Preservation Program and views the long term stability of the Preservation Program to be crucially important for theological education and research. In its April meeting the Joint Committee heard a full report on the program from Robert Markham. Mr. Markham's report identified production and marketing as two key areas where Joint Committee help would be constructive. Now the Joint Committee is able to provide support for planning and consulting help on these two fronts. Thomas Gillespie and I constitute an implementation sub-committee for conveying these funds to the Preservation Board.

Finally, the Joint Committee will encourage a wider level of discussion of the Project 2000 Report. Sections of the Report with an assessment of the current status of its recommendations will be reprinted. Several modest grants will be available to institutions over the next two years to help defray expenses of special workshops or consultations devoted to the study of the Report. Sarah Lyons and Jean-Marc Laporte are preparing protocols for the use of these funds.

In the Thursday Business Session of our ATLA Conference last June, the membership approved two motions dealing with ATS/ATLA relations and Project 2000. While it is perhaps awkward that I wrote now both as President and former Director of Project 2000, it nevertheless is evident that the work of the Joint Committee has provided us with several important initiatives with which to address the concerns raised in John Trotti's motions. These steps never seem as large as desired, but they are important--of themselves and because of the direction they are heading. I hope to report more progress in due course.

Stephen L. Peterson
President, ATLA

ATLA RECEIVES ELEVEN NEW MEMBERS

The American Theological Library Association welcomes the following new members:

Full:

- Ms. Vicki Biggerstaff, Technical Services/Reference Librarian, North American Baptist Seminary, 1321 West 22nd Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57105
- Ms. Eleanor L. Byerly, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43085
- Mr. Thomas Michael Loome, Loome Theological Booksellers, Stillwater, Minnesota 55082
- Dr. Robert S. Munday, Library Director, Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, 311 11th Street, Ambridge, Pennsylvania 15003
- The Reverend Eugene M. Rooney, S.J., Woodstock Theological Center Library, Georgetown University, Box 37445, Washington, D.C. 20013
- Brother Jerome Young, Mt. Angel Abbey Library, St. Benedict, Oregon 97373

Associate:

- Ms. Virginia L. Colclasure, Central Christian Church, 6427 Franconin, Springfield, Virginia 22150. Mailing address: 3415 Frenora Court, Falls Church, Virginia 22042
- Mr. James O. Wallace, Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary, 8019 South Pan Am Expressway, San Antonio, Texas 78224

Student:

- Mr. David Mash, North Texas State University, P.O. Box 13797, Denton, Texas 76203. Mailing address: 1006 Ridgecrest, Denton, Texas 76205
- Mr. Bruce Alan Wilson, Apartment 177, 1435 South Limestone Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40503
- Ms. Betty Carla Wise, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40280. Mailing address: Apartment 3, 200 Sherrin, Louisville, Kentucky 40270

BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET IN JANUARY

The Board of Directors of the American Theological Library Association will hold its winter meeting January 28-30, 1987, at the CENACLE Retreat Center in Chicago, Illinois. Anyone having business which ought to be considered at that time should communicate with the President of the Association, Dr. Stephen L. Peterson, Yale Divinity School Library, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven Connecticut 06510.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS COMMITTEE REPORT

LIBRARYNET questionnaire to appear. The Bibliographic Systems Committee has agreed to coordinate and publish the first directory of ATLA libraries this year. In the next few months all ATLA libraries will be sent a brief survey form which will be used in compiling the directory. Please be prompt in replying! Any last-minute advice for planning the directory should be conveyed as soon as possible to the Executive Secretary or committee member Ferne Weimer (Billy Graham Center Library, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois 60187).

Do you catalog non-print format materials? If you catalog or process non-print materials in your library, you or your library should be a member of Online Audiovisual Catalogers, Inc. Membership is only \$7/year for individuals or \$13/year for institutions and includes a subscription to the OLAC Newsletter. For membership forms, write: Catherine Leonardi, OLAC Treasurer, 3604 Suffolk Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707.

Interested in CD-ROM? If so, you may want to read Essential Guide to CD-ROM, edited by Judith Paris Roth. This introductory guide covers the basic concepts as well as present and future applications of this new technology. The 225-page softcover book (along with a free CD-ROM disk containing 8,800 public-domain software programs for the IBM-PC) is available for \$29.95 from Meckler Publishing (11 Ferry Lane, West, Westport, Connecticut 06880). (ISBN 0-88736-045-9)

More help with LC Subject Headings. In addition to the Subject Cataloging Manual: Subject Headings available from LC, catalogers may find help with the use of LC Subject Headings from the newly published 2nd ed. of Lois Mai Chan's Library of Congress Subject Headings: Principles and Application, Littleton, Colo. : Libraries Unlimited, 1986. (Research studies in library science ; no. 19) (ISBN 0-87287-543-1) : \$45.00). The work has been completely revised to cover new LC policies, and it includes a section on the use of subject headings in an online catalog environment.

Are you interested in sharing in-house technical services documentation? Interest has been expressed by some section members in establishing a clearinghouse for locally produced technical services documentation (manuals for student assistants, workflow documentation, procedures for routine work or for special projects, etc.). If you are interested in such a project, please write Clifford Wunderlich (Andover-Harvard Library, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138); describe your ideas, include samples of documentation you could share, and indicate your willingness to be involved.

Recent changes in LC Subject Headings in Judaica. At the 1986 convention of the Association of Jewish Libraries, Theodore Wiener, Judaica Cataloger at the Library of Congress, reviewed recent changes in LC Subject Headings in Judaica now incorporated in the 10th edition of Library of Congress Subject Headings. He noted especially 1) that the Hebrew form of Jewish religious terms has replaced the English form (e.g., "Tefillin" has replaced "Phylacteries"); and 2) that the subdivisions under Bible could now also be used under Talmud. The report of the convention may be found in LC Information Bulletin, vol. 45, no. 42 (Oct. 20, 1986).

BIBLIOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS COMMITTEE REPORT - Continued

Recent Changes in AACR2 and LC Rule Interpretations.

1. The Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR2 has recently approved a number of additional options regarding parallel statements of responsibility (1.1F11), parallel edition statements (1.2B5, 1.2C4, 1.2C5, 1.2E3, 2.2B4, 3.2B4, 5.2B4, 6.2B4, 7.2B4, 8.2B4, 9.2B5, 10.2B4, 11.2B4) and parallel statements of publisher, distributor, etc. (1.4D2); LC will not apply the optional provisions.

2. RI 1.6A2 and RI 12.0B1 have been revised to make the choice of the title page substitute (the chief source is the series title page; the first substitute is the chief source of the analytic) the same for series and serials (in this order of preference): 1) cover; 2) caption; 3) masthead; 4) editorial pages; 5) colophon; 6) other pages.

3. RI 2.7B7 has been enlarged to disallow the use of the word "Photoreproduction." For "on demand" macroreproductions, the proper term is "Photocopy" (see RI 11.0A); for editions, a statement beginning "Reproduces ..." is appropriate.

4. RI 22.1B (also RI 22.16A) has been expanded to include: "If the name selected for the heading for a person known primarily as an author contains a name represented by an abbreviation ... use the abbreviated form in the heading." E.g., name: Wm. Brownridge; heading: Brownridge, Wm. (William).

5. Cataloging Service Bulletin no. 33 contained the following important rule changes for the physical description of microforms: For rule 11.5D3: "Microfiches. If the dimensions of a microfiche are other than 10.5 x 14.8 cm., give the height x width in centimetres: [E.g.] 12 x 17 cm." For rule 11.5D4: "Microfilms. Give the width of a microfilm in millimetres. [E.g.] 1 microfilm reel ; 16 mm. [and] 1 microfilm cartridge ; 35 mm."

PEOPLENET 1986 available. The PEOPLENET directory provides information on the interests and involvement of members and friends of the Bibliographic Systems Section. It is especially useful to people involved in cataloging, acquisitions, and other aspects of technical services. Copies are still available from me at the address already provided above.

Clifford Wunderlich, Chair
Bibliographic Systems Committee

CBC/CTS PUBLISHES VOLUME OF ESSAYS

In commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, the faculty of the Canadian Bible College and the Canadian Theological Seminary have published a volume of essays, The Birth of a Vision, on the ministry and thought of A. B. Simpson, the founder of the Alliance. Priced at \$22.95 (Canadian) including postage and handling, it may be secured by directing orders to: The Birth of a Vision, Canadian Bible College/Canadian Theological Seminary, 4400 4th Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan S4T 0H8, Canada.

READER SERVICES SECTION REPORT

The Reader Services Section of ATLA met on June 17 at the annual conference in Kansas City. Both the business section and the program section of the meeting were well attended. During the business section Diane Choquette reported on the progress she had made in 1985/86 on the Special Collections Directory project. The Directory has gotten stalled, and Diane reported that she felt the need for a Directory Sub-committee to be formed. It also seemed that the Section needs to check with efforts that are currently underway in other sections along these lines to make sure we are not duplicating work. Accordingly, Cynthia Crouch of Emory University and Judith Clarence of the Graduate Theological Union volunteered to be on the Sub-committee; and we agreed to contact Russell O. Pollard of the Bibliographic Systems Committee and David Brundy of the Collection Evaluation and Development Committee to coordinate all our Directory efforts.

A lively discussion ensued regarding the future goals and activities of the Section. Out of the discussion it was agreed to pursue a program for the 1987 Section meeting to include (1) one or two days of a Reader Services Section Pre-Conference Workshop involving hands-on experience of searching RIO via BRS or Dialog, followed by (2) a panel discussion during the program portion of the Section meeting on the search problems RIO users encounter, and the impact of computer data bases on the delivery of reference services. Special care will be made to include on the panel a representative from an institution that does not currently subscribe to RIO online.

The final draft of the statement, "The Nature and Aims of the Reader Services Section of the ATLA: An Official Statement" was distributed by Norman Anderson. This statement was submitted to the ATLA Board of Directors for adoption and the drafting sub-committee was dissolved, having completed its work.

The Section meeting concluded with the presentation of a paper entitled "Computers and Religious Research," by Parker Rossman. There was a question and answer session which followed the paper.

After three years of service, John Dickason stepped down from the Reader Services Committee; Diane Choquette was elected to the Board of Directors and therefore left the Committee, but was named Board of Directors Liaison for the Committee. William Hair was named to replace John Dickason; Norman Anderson will complete Diane Choquette's term. Christine Wenderoth continues on the Committee as Chair.

We are looking forward to a fruitful year and a particularly exciting Section program for the 1987 annual conference. Should anyone like to serve on the Special Collections Directory Sub-committee, please communicate with me and let me know of your interest. We are also looking for people interested in serving as panelists to lead the discussion on online RIO searching at the 1987 Section Meeting. We are particularly interested in finding people to serve on the panel who are from libraries that do not subscribe to RIO online, and/or who are from small, even one-person libraries. If you would like to serve on this panel (serving as panelist would probably obligate you to attend the Pre-Conference Workshop), please communicate with me at the John Bulow Campbell Library, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia 30030; telephone: 404-378-8821 x46) as soon as possible.

Christine Wenderoth, Chair
Reader Services Committee

PRESERVATION BOARD REPORT

In November our staff will complete cataloging their 2000th title, our first big milestone! About two-thirds of them are microfilmed and one-fourth are on completed microfiche.

Each of the three phases is picking up speed so that we can complete Year 1 early in 1987 and then begin the next year. We already have in our office about 1000 titles for Year 2: 700 from Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and 250 from the University of Notre Dame. The staff is working to complete the full list for Year 2.

One of the most interesting parts of our work has been locating missing pages before the books are filmed. Our rule is that only complete books can be filmed. We locate missing pages, paragraphs, entire signatures, title pages, and half-title pages. We have one diglot title in the office with a bite taken out of the top of the page! We may have to resort to textual criticism or reconstruction to fill in the lacuna in two languages. Of course, when pages or signatures are replaced they must be from the same edition or printing so that the page breaks match properly. Fortunately, the generous seminaries in Chicago assist us very frequently.

Perhaps the worst problem we faced was a large light blue two-inch ink spot on one book page. The human eye can read through the lighter ink; the camera saw only the dark blot. Our typist retyped the entire paragraph, in German, and pasted it over the blot because we could not find another copy of the page. We challenge readers to find that portion on one of the completed fiche--but we won't tell you which one it was on.

Several subscribers have enquired about online cataloging. We have our equipment installed, the staff has had training, and we hope to begin soon. There are, frankly, some very formidable problems in trying to provide cataloging by ATLA for other libraries, and for the first frame of the monograph fiche almost simultaneously. We are trying very hard to resolve all of the technical details and agreements.

Our concern is to protect the rights of ATLA and the data, and the rights of any ATLA member to have full access to the data. We meanwhile appreciate your patience as the procedures and policies are resolved.

Robert P. Markham
Director of Programs
ATLA Preservation Board

DUKE OFFERS EIGHT AMERICAN PRAXAPOSTOLOI

The Duke Divinity School Library has on hand for presentation to other libraries a number of mint copies of Eight American Praxapostoloi by Kenneth W. Clark. This work was published in 1941 by The University of Chicago Press and provides descriptions and collations of the eight Greek manuscripts of the Acts and the Epistles known to be in American collections at that time. Copies may be had without charge upon request to: Donn Michael Farris, Librarian, Divinity School Library, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina 27706.

RELIGION INDEXES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Production Schedules

The annual cumulation of Religion Index One: Periodicals, vol. 17, 1985, was shipped mid-September 1986. If your library has not yet received this volume, please let us know. RIO, vol. 18, 1986, No. 1 (Jan.-June 1986) is at the printers. We expect shipment of this semi-annual during the week of January 12, 1987. We apologize for the lengthy delay in the publication of the 1986 semi-annual RIO and hope we can get back on schedule with the annual cumulation.

Indexing for Religion Index Two: Multi-Author Works, 1985 will be completed at the end of November. We expect to ship RIT, 1985 by mid-April 1987.

The 1986 annual cumulation of Index to Book Reviews in Religion (IBRR) is being scheduled for editorial and typesetting completion in mid-February 1987. We expect to ship IBRR, 1986 by mid-May.

Research in Ministry, 1986 was completed in October and is available for shipment. If your library has not yet ordered its copy, do so today. Price \$40.00, plus \$2.50 postage and handling.

A new title in the special bibliographies is now available: The Reformed Traditions: 15th-19th Centuries, edited by Thomas J. Davis, 312 pages, \$28.50 plus \$2.50 shipping and handling. This new bibliography contains 1,997 title entries of journal articles, essays from multi-author works, and book reviews. The information is indexed under 6,786 subject entries, and there are 1,327 author entries. Of the articles and multi-author titles, 1,043 are in English, 152 in German, 68 in French, 44 in Dutch, 12 in Italian, and 6 in other European languages.

All orders should be directed to: Religion Indexes, 5600 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60637.

Staff Appointments

It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of Fay Dickerson as Editor of Religion Index One: Periodicals, effective November 13, 1986. She succeeds Paul D. Petersen. Ms. Dickerson will direct the completion of RIO, vol. 18 (now in progress) and will direct the RIO project through volume 19.

Thomas J. Davis has been appointed Editor of Special Products and Technical Assistant for Production. Mr. Davis has been at the Indexes for about three years working in a number of indexing, editing and technical capacities.

Erica Treesh was appointed the Editor of Religion Index Two: Multi-Author Works, effective in September. She succeeds Frederick Custer.

Philip Schmitz has been appointed Editor of the Index to Book Reviews in Religion. This appointment was made in September. Previously, Mr. Schmitz had served as the Assistant Editor for RIO.

Steven W. Cole has been appointed Chief Indexer for RIO. Mr. Cole has been at the Indexes since 1981 and recently returned from a year of study and teaching in China.

Albert E. Hurd, Executive Director
Religion Indexes

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS

Vicki Biggerstaff has been appointed to the post of Technical Services/Reference Librarian at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She received the M.A. degree from the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Iowa in Iowa City in 1984. Ms. Biggerstaff joined the staff of the North American Baptist Seminary Library in July 1979 and has held a variety of positions there since that time.

Duane R. Bogenschneider has been promoted from Manager of Product Development to Vice President, Product Development, at Research Publications in Woodbridge, Connecticut. He will now assume total responsibility for all product development throughout the company. Research Publications, a wholly-owned subsidiary of International Thomson Organization, is a worldwide publisher of United States and international patent documentation; rare books, journals, periodicals, and newspapers in microform; and reference books and indexes.

Gary Cheatham joined the staff of the Reference Department of the John Vaughan Library at Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah in August. He had previously served as Library Consultant at the Central Research Library at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Judy Clarence has been promoted to the post of Head of Reference at the Graduate Theological Union Library in Berkeley, California. She joined the GTU library staff as a part-time Reference Librarian in November 1984, at which time she was also serving part time as Head of the Morrison Library at the University of California at Berkeley, a position she retained until she was appointed to her new position in July 1986. Ms. Clarence attended Reed College in Portland, Oregon, the University of Washington in Seattle, and the University of California at Berkeley. She holds the Bachelor of Arts degree from John F. Kennedy University in Orinda, California, and the Master of Library and Information Studies degree from the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of California at Berkeley.

Norman Desmarais, Acquisitions Librarian at Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island, has been invited by the Special Libraries Association to deliver the keynote address at its annual conference to be held in Anaheim, California, June 6-11, 1987. He will speak on laser optic technology and its potential for improving library services. Mr. Desmarais is a contributing editor of Optical Information Systems and has written extensively on laser optics and their application in libraries. He has also field tested a number of laser disk products and reviewed them for library journals. Mr. Desmarais gave a presentation on "Comparing the Price/Performance of Optical Information Products with Print, Microform, and Online Publications" at the Optical Publishing '86 Conference in New York City in October, and will demonstrate some of the actual and potential uses for laser optics and optical publishing at the annual conference of the Rhode Island Library Association in Providence, November 16-18.

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS - Continued

William A. Kulp has resigned his position as Catalog Librarian at the University of Arkansas in Monticello in order to accept appointment as Catalog Librarian in the Kuhn Library & Gallery at the University of Maryland Baltimore County in Catonsville.

Louis J. Reith, Rare Book Cataloger at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., is currently participating in a seminar on "Politics and Politeness: British Political Thought in the Age of Walpole." Dr. Reith's paper is entitled, "The Political Ideology of George Frederick Handel in His Sacred Oratorios and Anthems."

Kenneth M. Shaffer, Jr., Director of The Seminary Library which serves both Bethany Theological Seminary and the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Oak Brook, Illinois, published "The Third Supplement to the Brethren Bibliography, 1970-1983" in the Spring 1986 issue of Brethren Life and Thought (volume 31, number 2, pp. 70-110). It intends to include Brethren-authored publications concerning Brethren life, history, and beliefs which appeared during the fourteen years it covers. The original "Brethren Bibliography," prepared by Donald F. Durnbaugh and Lawrence W. Schultz, was published as a double issue of Brethren Life and Thought in 1964.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The ATLA Board of Directors, meeting in June, authorized its Financial Management Committee to engage Weltman and Company, Ltd., Certified Public Accountants, of Chicago, to assist the Association in establishing a new accounting system. The new system would achieve a major recommendation of the Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. consultation report, i.e., to shift from cash to accrual accounting, conforming thereby, as well as by other modifications, to generally accepted accounting principles. An agreement was signed in July, and Jack Katz of Weltman (now Weltman, Weltman, Katz & Mikell, Ltd.) is well under way as a valued consultant.

The Board also authorized the Committee to employ a full-charge bookkeeper for the Association. From twenty-one applicants, we have employed one whose qualifications and promise for the future far exceed our initial expectations. Patricia Adamek, a Certified Public Accountant with an M.B.A. degree from the University of Chicago, will begin December 1, 1986, as the ATLA's first Controller. Her office will be in space provided by the Religion Indexes, and she will be directly responsible to ATLA Treasurer Robert A. Olsen, Jr.

H. Eugene McLeod, Chair
Financial Management Committee

OCLC THEOLOGICAL USERS GROUP REPORT

The second annual meeting of the OCLC Theological Users Group membership met in June during the ATLA Conference in Kansas City. The major item of business was the election of the new officers for this year. Elaine Cline, from Western Theological Seminary, was elected Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Vera Robinson, from the Schools of Theology in Dubuque, was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Both have impressive credentials and will serve the TUG membership well.

Elaine Cline received her B.A. degree from the College of William and Mary and her M.L.S. degree from the University of Michigan. She went to Western Seminary in 1983 where she started as a cataloger; served as Interim Director during a search for a new Director; and is now the Systems Librarian--in charge of the Retroconversion Project, the Automation Project, and supervisor of Technical Services. She has recently been appointed the Michigan Library Consortium representative to the OCLC Cataloging Advisory Committee for a four-year term. We are looking forward to her reports of the meetings.

Vera Robinson went to Dubuque in 1982 where she is the Cataloger for the Schools of Theology in Dubuque (Wartburg Seminary and University of Dubuque Seminary) and the University of Dubuque. She is primarily responsible for original cataloging. Prior to 1982, Vera served first as Catalog/Instructor at Upper Iowa University; then as Catalog Librarian at the Library of Bethany/Northern Baptist Theological Seminaries; and finally as Assistant Librarian for Technical Services at Western Theological Seminary before going to Dubuque.

The New OCLC Online System. The membership meeting also heard from John Shalioko, TUG's Liaison Officer from OCLC. He described the major components of the Oxford Project (now renamed the New OCLC OnLine System), including the communications protocol changes and the time line for the switchover. Since then all of us (I hope) have received the demo disk and the Questions & Answers document from OCLC. I would encourage you to run the disk. It is exciting and many of the features will be welcome additions to our searching for and editing of records in the system. It is disappointing to note that training for Phase I, which includes the cataloging, searching, and Name-Address Directory functions, will be delayed until the first quarter of 1988.

Concern of the Chair. Not only was a microcomputer users interest group being started at the ATLA Conference, but a BibBase Users Group was also being developed. I have no problem with any of these groups. In fact, I am very interested in all three and want to participate in them. BUT, I have an uneasy feeling that there are too many sub-groups being organized when there is a structure already in place for them. Should not all three of these interest groups (TUG/MUG/BibBase) come under the umbrella of the Bibliographic Systems Section of ATLA--perhaps as special interest groups not so formally organized? If anyone else has similar feelings or concerns, please let me know. We will then begin conversations with the chairs of the other groups and with Bibliographic Systems. My address is: Graduate Seminary Library, Phillips University, Box 2218 University Station, Enid, Oklahoma 73702.

Roberta Hamburger, Chair
OCLC Theological Users Group

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Special Characters, What's So Bloody Difficult? These days, the computer is touted as the panacea for all information processing needs. So why is it that when you display a bibliographic record on OCLC or RLIN any ordinary accent mark does not appear over the character where it belongs, but in front of it? When you try to print that record, why does the accent mark sometimes have some other character substituted for it, or not print at all? Why do the word processing files containing non-English characters which print perfectly on your equipment appear to be full of strange garbage characters when your colleague tries to print it out on her machine?

These problems are the result of issues in data processing on which no consensus has been reached, and no universal standards have been established. Beginning in this issue of the Newsletter, I will try to provide some background to the questions surrounding the use of special characters in computer systems, and offer some guidance for selecting systems which will meet your needs.

Code: The Machine's Point of View. In order to be able to understand how individual computer systems approach the question of special characters, it is necessary to understand what characters are to computers, and to understand the way in which computer documentation will discuss a particular computer's character capabilities. By now almost everyone has heard that computers are binary machines. What this means is that computers are only capable of recognizing two elemental symbols. The exact nature of those two symbols isn't important to this discussion. You may think of them as being "off" and "on." They are most commonly represented as 0 and 1.

If a computer were limited to only two symbols, it would be pretty useless. However, computers can utilize strings of their two symbols to form more complex symbols in a way analogous to the way we humans string letters into words. Each single computer symbol is called a "bit," and a string of bits is called a "byte."

The number of bits in a byte determines the number of unique symbols the byte can potentially represent. Since each bit has two possible values, adding a bit increases the total number of potential unique values of the byte by a power of two. Thus a one-bit byte has two potential unique values, 0 and 1. A two-bit byte has two times two, or four, potential unique values, 00, 01, 10, and 11. A three-bit byte has two times two times two, or eight potential unique values, and so on. Theoretically, this could go on forever. But computers, like humans, do have some practical limits. Most modern computer systems use bytes of ten or fewer bits, and by far the most common size of byte is eight bits. An eight-bit byte has 2^8 , or 256 potential unique values.

Those 256 potential values are the computer's "code." Each of those values is assigned to some symbol which the computer needs to process information that is valuable to human beings. 256 may seem like a lot of symbols. After all, there are only 26 letters in the alphabet. However, we humans encode information using a wide variety of symbols which we don't think about very much: upper and lowercase letters, numerical digits, marks of punctuation, and mathematical symbols. The computer also needs codes for information which we get from the lack of symbol, like blank spaces, and for information we derive from position in space, like "end-of-line." Finally,

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for the sake of efficiency in transmitting and processing data (which is what this is all about), it is necessary to define codes for things like "ready-to-send," or "wait-I'm-busy."

In fact, 256 symbols is roughly enough to cover most English-language characters, necessary machine codes, and the most common scientific and mathematical symbols. There is even room left over for some special characters, but definitely not for everything we humble librarians can think up.

There is a very simple way around this limitation (other than continuing to string bits together until the hardware chokes). One of the 256 symbols is defined to mean a change in symbolic environment. Then another symbol (or string of symbols) is assigned as the identifier for the present environment, and still another as the identifier of a different environment. In the second environment, the 255 symbols other than the symbol which indicates a change in environment can have completely different meanings. The fact that a symbol identifies a particular environment doesn't prevent it from having another symbolic value within a particular environment.

This may seem a bit obscure. Perhaps it will be easier to understand if you consider the case of a computer processing text. The computer goes along treating everything it encounters as normal Roman text, and displays it as such. Then it encounters the symbol which signals the change. The computer knows from this symbol that it is to change the way it interprets the symbols it finds from here on. The symbol (or symbols) immediately following the change signal tells it how it is to change. Suppose it encounters a symbol indicating it is to change to a Greek environment. Then the same code which it interpreted and displayed as "a" before the change, it will interpret and display as "α" afterward, at least until it encounters a new change code.

This solution has been widely embraced to overcome the size limitations of computer codes. The character which initiates the change is called ESCAPE (usually abbreviated ESC). It is used not only for this purpose, but also for other occasions when some change needs to be made in the course of processing. Use of the ESC allows the encoding of huge numbers of characters. For example, if you identify a different character set with each of the remaining 255 codes, you can encode 255 times 255 characters, or 65,025 characters. If that's not enough, you could use two-byte combinations to identify character sets to get 255^3 or 16,581,375 character codes.

Code Representation for People. Before we leave the topic of the computer's internal code, I want to say something about the way computer codes are represented. Sometimes it is necessary to talk about the actual code the computer uses, and not about a human symbol which has been assigned to that code. If for no other reason, because that code doesn't always necessarily represent the same human symbol. Yet binary numbers are difficult for humans to deal with. Take the two binary numbers 00011000 and 00110000. Can you tell at a glance, without carefully counting zeros, that the second is numerically greater than the first, or even that it's a different number?

Therefore binary numbers are sometimes translated to their decimal equivalents. Thus 00000001 is simply represented as 1, and 00000101 is represented as 9. Sometimes these values are labeled "decimal," and

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sometimes they carry a subscript 10 (e.g. 9_{10}). Another scheme used widely by programmers is to translate binary into "hexadecimal." Hexadecimal numbers are base 16, and are represented by numeric characters 0-9 and alphabetic characters A-F. Thus hexadecimal F equals decimal 16, or $F_{16} = 16_{10}$. One of the advantages of hexadecimal representation is that an eight-bit binary number will never be more than two hexadecimal digits. The conversion process is also much simpler.

The mathematics of these representations is not important. The point to understand is that they accurately represent the internal computer code which is assigned to a human symbol. This will enable you to read and understand literature about particular character sets, and about the way your hardware and software use and manipulate characters.

Upcoming Topics. In the next Newsletter, I'll introduce some of the more common character sets and their implementations. Hopefully, I'll also have a preliminary report on Bulletin Board Systems. In the meantime, if you have suggestions for ATLAMUG, or questions ATLAMUG may be able to help with, please feel free to write: Duane Harbin, ATLAMUG Convener, Yale Divinity School Library, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06510. Or, if you have access to BITNET, my electronic mail account is DSLDH@YALEVM.

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Bibliography of Preaching, 1975-85 is available from the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. It has been prepared by Dr. Elizabeth Achtemeier, Visiting Professor of Homiletics, and Martha B. Aycock, Reverence Librarian at Union. The 60-page bibliography includes monographs, periodical articles and essays, and dissertations published within the 10-year period indicated by the title. It is selectively annotated and is classified by fifteen subjects within the scope of its concern. The cost is \$2.50 pre-paid. Orders should be directed to: The Library, Union Theological Seminary, 3401 Brook Road, Richmond, Virginia 23227.

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ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICES. School of Theology Library. University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. Responsibilities include reference services, supervision of support staff and student assistants, participating in collection development, and bibliographic instruction. Some cataloging possible. Some evening and weekend work. Requirements: ALA-accredited MLS; M.Div. or equivalent; ability to interact well with others; supervisory skills. The University of the South, located on the Cumberland Plateau between Nashville and Chattanooga, consists of a School of Theology (enrollment 70) and a College of Arts and Sciences (enrollment 1000). The School of Theology is one of the eleven accredited seminaries

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of the Episcopal Church; therefore a knowledge of the Episcopal Church is desired. Position available January, 1987. Salary range: \$16,771-\$19,500, depending on experience and qualifications. Send letter of application, resume, and the names and addresses of three references to: David Kearley, University Librarian, University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee 37375.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR. Wesley Theological Seminary is seeking a Director of the Library. The Librarian is chiefly responsible for the management of the Library, including collection development, acquisitions, cataloging, public services, circulation, collection management, budgeting, and supervision and training of personnel (5 full-time and 10-15 student aides). The Librarian will be given great responsibility for the expansion and upgrading of the current physical space and for further automation of library functions. The Librarian is accountable to the Academic Dean and works closely with the Academic Support Facilities Committee of the faculty. He/she participates in faculty meetings with voice but not vote. Candidates must have a Master's degree in Library Science from an ALA-accredited school and a Master's degree from a school accredited by the ATS. Resumes and letters of interest should be sent to Academic Dean, Wesley Theological Seminary, 4500 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20016, and include evidence of basic degree requirements plus evidence of a thorough and extensive understanding of library management, collection building, theological education, and the role of the library in an academic setting. Personal qualifications include an ability to relate well with the various user groups of the Library: faculty, administration, staff, students, clergy, researchers, and the general public. Applications for the position will be accepted until March 1. The position is available July 1. Salary is negotiable. Wesley Theological Seminary is an institution of The United Methodist Church and is an affirmative action, equal employment opportunity employer.

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Bonnie L. VanDelinder, Assistant Librarian for Public Services at The Ambrose Swasey Library at Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary, has prepared a bibliography of the writings of Charles E. Curran, the Roman Catholic theologian recently "silenced" by the Vatican. Father Curran is an alumnus of St. Bernard's Institute, one of the schools served by the Ambrose Swasey Library. Copies of the bibliography may be had without charge upon request to Ms. VanDelinder at: The Ambrose Swasey Library, Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary, 1100 South Goodman Street, Rochester, New York 14620.