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PAUL HAMM RESIGNS ATLA PRESIDENCY

Dr. G. Paul Hamm, in a letter to the Board of Directors dated August 8, 1979, announced his resignation as President of the American Theological Library Association, effective August 31, 1979. In the same letter Dr. Hamm also announced his resignation as Librarian of the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, California, effective the same date, and his acceptance of the call to become pastor of the Harvard Terrace Baptist Church in Fresno, California. His new address will be: 2518 North Cedar, Fresno, California 93703. The Reverend Simeon Daly, OSB, Librarian of Saint Meinrad College and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Indiana, who was elected Vice-president of the ATLA in June of this year, will succeed Dr. Hamm in the presidency of the Association, effective September 1.

A LETTER FROM RETIRING PRESIDENT HAMM

An Open Letter to the Membership of the ATLA:

One of the greatest honors of my life has been to represent you as an officer of the ATLA, particularly as Vice-president and President. I feel a sense of sorrow as I relinquish my office. I have accepted the call of the Harvard Terrace Baptist Church in Fresno, California, as pastor. Our entire family feels a sense of call to the new field. We are overjoyed that we will be able to have a home of our own for the first time in twelve years. This move is not a rejection of the profession of librarianship at all. My library skills will be a valuable asset in the pastorate, and I hope to be involved in library work in the community. The church has the largest and best library-media-resource center that I have seen in a church anywhere.

My emotions are mixed. The history of the ATLA is bright, but the future looks even brighter. The work and scope of activities of our three Boards continue to grow. The Board of Directors continues to reorganize itself for more effective service. The Standing and Ad

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Hoc Committees are becoming more efficient. The possibility of foundation funding for several of our projects is exciting. We should have, perhaps within a year, a corps of highly trained, skilled library consultants from within our own ranks. The ATLA will meet with the ATS in 1980 at a very propitious time and discuss some very crucial issues. Here at Golden Gate, plans have begun for a new \$3,000,000 library building, and there are other encouraging developments. We are leaving the ATLA and Golden Gate at an exciting time, and this is not easy. There is not space enough to tell you of the church, except to say that we are excited about it and eager to begin our work there.

My duties and responsibilities are being left in good hands. Simeon Daly will automatically succeed me as president. He is a knowledgeable and capable person, who is well liked and respected in our Association. He and I spent a good deal of time together following the annual conference in June, have been communicating by phone and letter, and will spend more time together. The Board of Directors represents the Association well, the members are capable, and it is well organized. There are some crucial, very important projects and activities under way, but they are well organized and in good shape.

Be assured of my continued interest, prayers, and concern. I will miss my friends in the ATLA. You are a great bunch! However, Fresno is not the end of the world! Come worship with us, or, better still, come to visit us. If you can't come, write. Please keep us informed of the developments of the Association. Shalom.

Peace and Prosperity,

(Signed) Paul

G. Paul Hamm
President

August 8, 1979

A LETTER FROM VICE-PRESIDENT DALY

Dear Members:

May I simply say I will accept this added charge. With your support and encouragement the work of the Association will move ahead. I wish publicly to express to Paul my appreciation for his efforts to make this a smooth transition, and to pledge to him our prayers for success in the work he now takes up.

My personal hope is that this turn of events will not weaken the strong forward thrust I believe our organization is taking. The

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ATLA is the framework within which important issues for our institutions are being faced and dealt with responsibly in a way we could not do individually or in smaller groups. Let me cite a few: our indexes; our microform projects; preservation issues; institutes supported by grants; the new serials project, efforts to improve consultation, exchange, etc. While only a few individuals may be spearheading and developing these projects, their strength and their future clearly rests on the vitality of the organization from which they spring, for which they speak, and which they serve. Essential to our future is the open support to keep the Association alive, aggressive, and flexible so that programs within its purview can flourish.

To the point is our continued participation in the ATLA conference. This coming year we are meeting in Denver again precisely so we can share concerns with ATS Presidents and Deans. How urgent it is that we have broad and strong representation there. Dollars are short, and there will be the strong temptation to bypass the conference in favor of a workshop or institute. May I urge you to begin now to plan to avoid the necessity of such a choice. Be creative and try to find ways to get yourselves to Denver, perhaps in collaboration with your Presidents and Deans. We in turn will try to provide a program that will make it worth your while.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Simeon Daly, O.S.B.

Simeon Daly, OSB
Vice-president

August 8, 1979

ATLA HOLDS THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE
IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

The American Theological Library Association held its thirty-third annual conference on the campus of Bethel Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, June 11-15, 1979. Approximately 175 members and friends of the Association were in attendance. Norris Magnuson, Librarian, was host to the conference. Four other institutions in the area, and their librarians, also played host to one session each of the conference: United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, New Brighton, Holt Graham, Librarian; Saint John's University, Collegeville, Richard Oliver, Librarian; Saint Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Leo Tibesar, Librarian; and the Luther-Northwestern Theological Seminary Libraries, St. Paul, Norman Wente, Librarian. Elmer O'Brien, Librarian of the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, and President

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of the ATLA, presided. The conference program was prepared by G. Paul Hamm, Librarian of the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, California, and Vice-president of the Association.

The theme of the conference, "The Role of the Library in Theological Education," was reflected in the four major addresses delivered during the program: "A Look at the Past," by G. Paul Hamm; "A Look at the Present," by David Schuller, Associate Director of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada; "A Look at the Future," by William Grady of the College of Education at Temple University in Philadelphia; and the presidential address by Elmer O'Brien. Eleven workshops were offered during the conference on "An Alternative to the Card Catalog," "Budgeting," "Bibliographical Instruction," "The Library and the Classroom: Creative Interaction," "Theological Library Cooperation," "Storage and Preservation of 19th Century Theological Materials," "Library Space Exploration," "Assertiveness Communication and the Librarian," "Educational Media on the International Scene," "Competency-based Education and Learning Resources," and "Library Networks: Minitex as an Example." The address following the banquet on Thursday evening was delivered by the Reverend Colman Barry, Director of the Institute for Spirituality at St. John's University. The annual Proceedings of the ATLA to be issued later in the year will include the reports, papers, and addresses delivered at the conference.

The Association named Simeon Daly, Librarian of St. Meinrad College and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Indiana, as Vice-president for 1979-80 and President-elect for the following year; but the resignation of G. Paul Hamm from the presidency subsequent to the meeting of the conference has elevated Father Daly to that office for 1979-80. Elected to three-year terms as Members-at-Large on the Board of Directors were Harriet V. Leonard, Reference Librarian of the Duke University Divinity School Library in Durham, North Carolina and Stephen Peterson, Librarian of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. The Association elected Peter N. VandenBerge, Director of Library Services at Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer in Rochester, New York, to a three-year term on the Board of Periodical Indexing and re-elected Robert Dvorak, Director of the Library at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts, and Ernest W. Saunders, Professor Emeritus of New Testament Interpretation at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, to three-year terms on the Board of Microtext. A complete roster of the officials of the ATLA, the membership of the Board of Directors, the constituency of the various boards and committees, and the holders of several special appointments in the Association will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter.

The usual summary of the official actions taken by the Association and the Board of Directors at their June meetings is omitted from this issue of the Newsletter because the minutes of these meetings have not been made available to the Editor by the Recording Secretary.

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1980 ATLA CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN DENVER

The thirty-fourth annual conference of the American Theological Library Association will be held June 16-20, 1980, on the campus of the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. Jerry D. Campbell, Librarian, will be host to the ATLA; and Simeon Daly, Librarian of St. Meinrad College and School of Theology, St. Meinrad, Indiana, and President of the Association, will be responsible for the conference program. The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada will be holding its biennial meeting in Denver during the same week; and the two associations will have one joint session. Details of the ATLA program will appear in subsequent issues of the Newsletter.

MRS. KEITH C. WILLS DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Olin Wills died on July 27 in a Fort Worth, Texas, hospital after an illness of some six weeks. Her death was attributed to cancer. Mrs. Wills was the wife of Dr. Keith C. Wills, Director of Libraries of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

ATLA RECEIVES TWENTY-FIVE NEW MEMBERS

The American Theological Library Association welcomes the following new members:

Full:

- The Reverend Mrs. Willie L. B. Aldrich, Head Librarian, Hood Theological Seminary, 500 West Thomas Street, Salisbury, North Carolina 28144.
- Mrs. Joyce L. Farris, Original Cataloger and Cataloger of Hebrew Material, William R. Perkins Library, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina 27706. Mailing address: 921 North Buchanan Boulevard, Durham, North Carolina 27701. (Mrs. Farris was awarded an Honorary Membership in the Association in 1975 and, in view of the fact that Honorary Membership is given for life, will retain that status in addition to her Full Membership.)
- Miss Rachel George, Librarian, Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 7418 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15208.
- Mr. Oon-Chor Khoo, Theology Librarian, Oral Roberts University, 7777 South Lewis, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74171.
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- The Library, Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, 311 Eleventh Street, Ambridge, Pennsylvania 15003.
- The Library, The United Methodist Publishing House, 201 Eighth Avenue, South, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

NEW EDITION OF MINNESOTA UNION LIST ANNOUNCED

The Third Edition (January 1979) of the Union List of Periodicals published by the Libraries of the Consortium of the Minnesota Seminary Faculties is now available at \$8.00 a copy. The listing consists of 169 pages of entries in a spiral-bound format. Orders should be directed to: Norman G. Wentz, Librarian, Luther-Northwestern Seminary Library, 2375 Como Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108.

PRINCETON INSTITUTE FOR THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIANSHIP
HELD IN JULY

More than sixty ATLA librarians from throughout the United States and Canada participated in the first annual Princeton Institute for Theological Librarianship, July 16-26, 1979, at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. Participants represented a wide spectrum of libraries and professional positions. The Institute, for which the instructional costs and travel subsidies were covered by a grant from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, offered a management skills seminar for all participants the first week and a choice of three tracks the second week. A team from the Office of Management Studies of the Association of Research Libraries directed the management skills seminar, providing a variety of plenary, group, and individual experiences in organizational development, decision-making, interpersonal relationships, and management styles.

The three tracks during the second week focused on the impact of the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules (second edition), research guides, and collection development. The leadership for these workshops was provided by Doralyn Hickey, Andrew Scrimgeour, and Stephen Peterson and Charles Willard. A plenary session at the conclusion of the second week provided an opportunity for reports and proposals for the second Institute. The AACR-2 workshop expressed a concern for concentrated study on the most effective strategies for introducing library staff, faculty, and students to the new rules; this would necessarily involve a cooperative seminar including both catalogers and reference librarians. The group that worked on the development of research guides proposed the development of a regularly updated, detailed guide to theological bibliography. The collection development workshop considered the potential usefulness of an extract of theological literature from the LC MARC tapes, to be pulled off every four weeks and distributed as a selection tool to subscribing libraries. Each of the three groups has provided the preliminary means for carrying its concern forward.

Each week was the subject of a separate evaluation process, and the results indicate that the Institute met many serious personal and professional needs. Almost without exception, the participants reported a high degree of satisfaction with both facets of the Institute.

The planning committee has already begun to work on plans for the second Institute, which is tentatively scheduled for July 14-24, 1980. Inquiries and suggestions may be made to Charles Willard, Princeton Theological Seminary, P. O. Box 111, Princeton, New Jersey, 08540.

SOME "STANDARD" WORDS

by Doralyn J. Hickey
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The Annual Conference of the American Library Association (ALA), held in Dallas, June 23-28, 1979, was preceded by an institute to provide about 385 attendees with basic information and skills relating to the second edition of the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules (AACR 2) published in the fall of 1978. The institute began with a viewing of four videotapes prepared by a committee of the Resources & Technical Services Division (RTSD) of ALA. Each tape is approximately one half hour in length, offering comments and information about the (1) history and development of AACR 2, (2) its provisions for description of all types of materials, (3) its section on choice of access points, and (4) its treatment of forms of entry.

After viewing the tapes, the institute participants moved into small groups with discussion leaders who illustrated the three sections of AACR 2 (description, access points, form of entry) by showing and commenting on a series of transparencies (used with the overhead projector) designed to point up the major features of AACR 2. A general session with one of the three resource persons for the institute (John Byrum, Michael Gorman, and Paul Winkler) concluded the discussion of the transparencies. The final session was devoted to a review of attitudes and procedures related to the conducting of workshops on AACR 2 in regional and local settings.

The basic aim of the AACR 2 institute was to prepare a group of potential trainers. These persons were nominated by various library associations, networks, library schools, and regional groups to receive ALA's preparation, so that they in turn could convey the information to people in their own localities. Among the participants were several theological librarians and library educators interested in theological librarianship.

In 1967 when the first edition of AACR was issued, ALA-RTSD offered little help in educating catalogers to the provisions of the new code. A general program was held in conjunction with the next ALA conference, and a number of library schools hosted institutes. The Library of Congress (LC) announcement that it would adopt the rules under a plan of superimposition, however, muted the effect of AACR 1 and reduced the urgency of learning its provisions. Since LC has now announced its plans to introduce AACR 2 with minimal superimposition and to "freeze" its card catalog at the end of 1980, there is more pressure to learn the impact of AACR 2. The Dallas institute was, thus, a first step in making an "official" statement about AACR 2 and its intent.

The next step will be the development of regional and local programs to help all catalogers and, indeed, all library staff members understand the provisions of AACR 2 and some of the reasons behind them. It is also hoped that this process will encourage library staff members to review the status of the various bibliographic systems--

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card files, lists, microform catalogs, etc.--in use in their institutions, to determine whether a new start is needed in 1981.

Information about the availability of the four videotapes, the overhead-projection transparencies (expected to be accompanied by an audiotape and/or a script), the names and addresses of participants in the ALA institute (who might help in local workshops), and scheduled workshops on AACR 2 may be obtained by writing to or telephoning the ALA-RTSD office in Chicago. The address is Resources & Technical Services Division, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611; telephone: 312/944-6780 (ask for RTSD Office). A new staff officer has been employed by RTSD to assist in the dissemination of such information.

The videotapes are expected to be available through ALA Publishing Services in September. The transparencies should be ready by mid-October if all goes as planned. Almost every state and region will be having some kind of educational program relating to AACR 2, as will the library schools. It is important for theological librarians to take advantage of these opportunities, for a second "round" of education experiences will emerge during 1980 and 1981. Under the aegis of LC, an intensive training program will be offered on a regional basis, to prepare catalogers for understanding LC's application of AACR 2. These programs have already been tentatively scheduled (see the RTSD Newsletter for a projected place/date list). It will be assumed that participants in the LC training sessions have had some sort of introduction to AACR 2 of the type that RTSD offered in Dallas. Theological librarians should take the initiative in making sure that appropriate staff members attend both one of the RTSD/regional/local sessions and one of those offered next year by LC. Waiting till 1981 to learn about and plan for the effects of AACR 2 is not a wise procedure even for the small or relatively isolated seminary library.

There were a number of other developments coming from the ALA conference which will bear noting in later columns. Theological librarians may, however, be interested to learn that RTSD has approved the formation of a new section: Section on Preservation. Complementing the work of the Cataloging and Classification Section, Reproduction of Library Materials Section, Resources Section, and Serials Section, the new group will focus specifically upon information and techniques related to conservation and preservation of library materials. In view of the exciting work being undertaken in this area by some of our theological librarians (particularly that under the direction of Andrew Scrimgeour at the Boston Theological Institute), ATLA will no doubt wish to monitor the activities of the new Preservation Section carefully.

In addition, the Board of Directors of ATLA approved at the June meeting the establishment of a Standing Committee on Bibliographic Systems to replace the one on Cataloging and Classification and expand its scope. In this context, "bibliographic systems" are assumed to include the organization, cataloging, classification, processing, and management of all types of library materials, both print

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and nonprint, whether monographic or serial in form. The primary functions of the new committee will be (1) to keep ATLA members informed on developments in bibliographic systems which have implications for theological librarianship; (2) to assist members in solving problems related to the establishment, maintenance, interpretation, or change of bibliographic systems; (3) to make representations to or establish liaison with groups which make decisions concerning bibliographic systems that affect theological libraries; and (4) to identify and, as appropriate, initiate projects in the design and management of bibliographic systems for theological libraries.

This new ATLA committee will assume responsibility for liaison with LC Processing Services and for the issuing of special information relating to bibliographic systems and standards. It is also expected that this column will eventually become an outlet for information provided by the Bibliographic Systems Committee.

A final note: Some of the librarians attending the ATLA conference in June expressed concern about the report on "Corporate Names" to which this column referred earlier. In particular, there was some confusion as to whether the IFLA report is meant to supersede the provisions of AACR 2, especially as related to the use of the vernacular (rather than an established English form of name) in corporate headings. The Library of Congress has indicated no plan to use the provisions of the report where these provisions might lead to conflict with AACR 2. In such cases, however, it is expected that cross references from the vernacular ought to be established in English-language catalogs.

UNITED METHODIST BIBLIOGRAPHY SERIES INAUGURATED

The Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church has published the first of five titles in a new United Methodist Bibliography Series highlighting the contributions of ethnic minorities and women - Native American Methodists, a Reading List, prepared by Thomas E. Lenhart and Frederick A. Norwood. Copies of the 22-page bibliography are available at \$2.00 postpaid (20 copies at 1.00 each) from: Commission on Archives and History, United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 488, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina 28745.

The series, which is edited by Dr. Kenneth E. Rowe, Methodist Librarian at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, is designed to provide introductory guides to the literature for students and pastors. Projected titles in the series include guides to the experience of Asian-Americans, Blacks, Hispanics and women in the Methodist tradition.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S HISTORY
TO CONVENE IN FEBRUARY

A national conference on women's history entitled "Women in New Worlds: Historical Perspectives on the United Methodist Tradition" will be convened by the Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church under the auspices of its Women's History Project, on February 1-3, 1980, in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the Netherland Hilton Hotel. The scholarly public is cordially invited to attend. A published volume of articles is expected to result. Further information on the conference may be obtained from Ms. Hilah F. Thomas, Project Coordinator, Women's History Project of The United Methodist Church, Room 1700-B, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.

BOSTON THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE RECEIVES GRANTS
TO FURTHER SERIALS PROJECT

The Boston Theological Institute (BTI) has received grants totaling \$66,000 from the Lilly Endowment, the Council on Library Resources, and the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation. These grants will support the first half of a two-year project to complete the conversion of the BTI Union List of Serials to machine-readable form through the CONversion of SERIALs Project (CONSER). The journal holdings of the nine libraries of this ecumenical consortium represent one of the most extensive serial collections for the study of theology and religion in the world. It comprises over 7,000 unique titles (both current and ceased) spanning the spectrum of Western languages and international ecclesiastical bodies.

Some 2,000 titles have already been cataloged by BTI through CONSER. Completion of this project will make available to the international academic and library communities a core data base of religious journal information. Authoritative bibliographic information on many of these titles has heretofore been virtually nonexistent. BTI CONSER records are available through the MARC-Serial program upon authentication by the Library of Congress, may be purchased through the National Library of Canada and the Library of Congress, and all BTI records are on-line in the OCLC Union Catalog. BTI will shortly advertise its new Union List of Serials which is published on fiche and is a project of CONSER cataloging. It is updated semi-annually and includes detailed holding statements.

The member schools of the BTI are Andover Newton Theological School, Boston College Department of Theology, Boston University School of Theology, Episcopal Divinity School, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Harvard Divinity School, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, St. John's Seminary, and Weston School of Theology. The project is administered by Andrew D. Scrimgeour, Director of the BTI Library Development Program, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138.

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS

Kay Anske has been appointed Librarian of the Oblate College of the Southwest in San Antonio, Texas. The College is operated by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Sean M. Barnett has been appointed Cataloging Librarian of the joint library of the Episcopal Divinity School and the Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Mr. Barnett is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Indiana, and holds the M. A. degree from the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago. Prior to accepting his new position, he was a member of the Technical Services staff at the Jesuit-Krauss-McCormick Library in Chicago.

Carol Bastien joined the staff of the Fleming Library at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, as Acquisitions Librarian on August 6. Mrs. Bastien has previously served on the staffs of both the public and the high school libraries in Headland, Alabama, and also has spent twelve years as a high school teacher.

Robert Elzy Cogswell has resigned his position as Special Projects Librarian at the Tarlton Law Library of the University of Texas at Austin to accept the position of Cataloger at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, also in Austin. Mr. Cogswell holds the degree of Master of Library Science from the University of Texas at Austin. In addition to cataloging, his responsibilities will include reference work, bibliographic instruction, and special projects.

Donald W. Dayton, Librarian and Assistant Professor of Historical Theology at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard, Illinois, published an article titled "The Holiness and Pentecostal Churches: Emerging from Cultural Isolation" in the August 15-22, 1979, issue of The Christian Century (vol. 96, no. 26, pp. 786-792). The article appeared as the seventeenth in the Century's "The Churches: Where from Here?" series.

Thomas F. Gilbert has resigned his position as Assistant Librarian at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, to accept the position of Cataloger for the Jessie Ball duPont Library and the St. Luke's School of Theology Library at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Mr. Gilbert wishes to draw attention to the fact that orders for the Update of the Library of Congress Classification Schedules BR-BV through Additions and Changes List 190, which was announced in the February 17, 1979, issue of the Newsletter

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(p. 64), should now be directed to him at: Jessie Ball duPont Library, University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee 37375. Orders should include prepayment of \$15.00; and checks should be made out to Thomas F. Gilbert.

Jane M. Kropa has been appointed Cataloger at the Eden-Webster Libraries, serving Eden Theological Seminary and Webster College, in St. Louis, Missouri. Ms. Kropa holds the B.A. and M.L.S. degrees from Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York, and is currently a candidate for the M.A. degree in religion at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. She came to her new position from Florida International University, Tamiami Campus, where she was assistant cataloger for audio-visual and circulation materials. Prior to that, Ms. Kropa had served as a library assistant at the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in Nashville and as a school librarian in Buxtehuda, West Germany.

Robert Maloy has resigned his position as Director of the Library at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, effective August 31, in order to accept the post of Director of Libraries at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. this autumn.

The Reverend Frank Montalbano has resigned his position as Librarian of the Oblate College of the Southwest in San Antonio, Texas, in order to return to parish work at Mary Immaculate Church in Dallas.

Dorothy Parks has been named Director of the Divinity Library at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. The appointment, announced jointly by Dean Jack Forstman of the Divinity School and Frank Grisham, Director of the Vanderbilt Library system, was effective August 1, 1979. Miss Parks joined the Joint University Libraries in 1967 as Reference Librarian and has served in recent months as Acting Director of the Divinity Library.

Stephen L. Peterson has resigned his post as Librarian of the Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut, in order to accept permanently the position of Librarian of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library of Yale University. Dr. Peterson was appointed Acting Librarian of the Beinecke Library on September 1, 1978, and had fulfilled that duty for the past year while maintaining his association with the Divinity School Library.

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS - Continued

Richard Spoor will become Director of the Library at Union Theological Seminary in New York City on September 1, 1979. Mr. Spoor has served successively at Union as Head of Reader Services, Head of Technical Services, and most recently, as Librarian for Planning and Research.

Donald G. Sweet has joined the staff of the Ambrose Swasey Library at Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Seminary, Rochester, New York, as Catalog Librarian. Mr. Sweet holds the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in philosophy from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and received the M.L.S. degree from the School of Library Science at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee earlier this year.

Thomas M. Tanner began his duties as Associate Librarian of the Jessie C. Eury Library at Lincoln Christian College and Seminary, Lincoln, Illinois, on August 1, 1979. Mr. Tanner holds the M.Div. degree from Lincoln Christian Seminary and the M.A. degree in patristics and the M.S. degree from the Graduate School of Library Science at the University of Illinois in Urbana.

Peter N. Vandenberg, Director of Library Services at Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer in Rochester, New York, published an article, "Reflections on the Naming of Churches," in the Spring 1979 issue of Reformed Review (vol. 32, no. 3, pp. 166-170).

Ans J. van der Bent, Librarian of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, had an American edition of his book, God So Loves the World. The Immaturity of World Christianity, published by Orbis Books in May. The volume is priced at \$5.95. The author writes regarding the work, "A long trip to Asia has been the greatest challenge in my life. I had to write a critical book on world Christianity, stating my anger, longing and realism, and asking many questions. I cannot but continue to point to human anguish, helplessness, and distortion, calling in question the church, its faith, its efforts and its hopes."

WORK BEGINS ON GUIDE TO ARCHIVES OF
RELIGIOUS ORDERS OF WOMEN

Compilation of data is currently in process for the publication of a guide to the holdings in the archives of religious orders of women in the United States. The project is made possible by a grant of \$98,956 from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Leadership Conference of Women Religious in Salina, Kansas, is conducting a national survey of documentary materials to be found in approximately 900 religious congregations of women in the United States. Although the largest proportion is of Roman Catholic orders, the survey also includes Orthodox and Episcopal communities, and Lutheran and Mennonite Deaconesses. The collections contain materials which date back to the early nineteenth century, with a few congregations such as those in New Orleans, Georgetown, and Port Tobacco (Baltimore), Maryland, dating from eighteenth-century foundations. The results of the eighteen-month survey will provide a guide to hitherto unknown sources for the research scholar.

Director of the project is Sister Evangeline Thomas, CSJ, former Chairman of the Department of History at Marymount College, Salina, Kansas. Other members of the staff include Joyce L. White, formerly of the University of Pennsylvania Libraries, Assistant, and Mrs. Leo (Lois) Wachtel of Salina, Secretary.

The Survey is Phase III of an archival project on-going since 1976. Phases I and II, partially funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, consisted in the determination of the scope of the project, planning for the training of sister archivists, and the conducting of six workshops at various locations in the country. Information concerning the forthcoming guide may be obtained by writing to the Director at the Archives Project Office, Suite 401, Great Plains Building, 119 South 7th Street, Salina, Kansas 67401.

THEOLOGY LIBRARY IN CLAREMONT
SEEKS HELP IN LOCATING JOURNAL

We are trying to track down Blätter zur kirchlichen Lage. München. Heft 1-4 (1933). It combined with Zwischen den Zeiten to form Evangelische Theologie in 1934. NUC (Mansell) and OCLC both show Andover-Harvard as owning it, but they have only Heft 1. ULS does not list it. Harrassowitz reported that it is useless to search for it. We are making one last effort to find it, perhaps among the holdings of one of your libraries. If you have any leads, please report them to: W. R. Denton, Head, Technical Services, Theology Library, West Foothill Boulevard at College Avenue, Claremont, California 91711.

EVANGELISCHE KOMMENTARE SEEKS WIDER
CIRCULATION IN NORTH AMERICA

Although the non-denominational, ecumenical journal, Evangelische Kommentare, is in its twelfth year of publication, its Editors feel that perhaps it is still not widely known in North America. In an effort to bring the periodical to the attention of American theological libraries, the Editors will send each member library of the ATLA a sample issue before the end of the calendar year. They have also asked the Editor of the Newsletter to publish this brief descriptive paragraph concerning the monthly journal:

"There is no other journal in Europe that more consciously seeks to illuminate and analyze the interaction between religion and culture than does Evangelische Kommentare. It seeks to do this by means of 1) brief commentaries on the political, economic and cultural dynamics of the moment in Europe; 2) editorials keeping the reader up-to-date on the cutting edge of theology; 3) essays on politics, society, culture, and religion by leading thinkers from throughout the world; 4) interviews with significant figures in science, philosophy, and politics on current major issues in these fields; 5) reports and analyses of ecumenically important church events, political events, and cultural trends; 6) documentary texts from both church and society; 7) critiques similar to the "Reader's Response" in The Christian Century; 8) reviews of important books; 9) a monthly survey of events in the European churches and the world church; and 10) a column of personal news of European religious and cultural leaders."

GUIDE TO CURRENT CATHOLIC DIOCESAN NEWSPAPERS
IN MICROFORM NOW AVAILABLE

At the 1978 ATLA conference in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, the Catholic Committee agreed to conduct a survey of Catholic diocesan newspapers in microform. The result of the first phase of that survey, a Guide to Current Catholic Diocesan Newspapers in Microform, compiled by Harry M. Culkin, was approved for publication by the Committee at its meeting during the 1979 ATLA conference in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Guide contains data on the micrographic status of all of the 140 Catholic diocesan newspapers currently being published in the United States. It also has an exhaustive directory on the availability of microforms: in-house, names and addresses of other locations, for purchase and/or loan. Limitation on access is noted; and indexes of titles and dioceses are included.

The Guide is available at a cost of \$3.00 a copy prepaid, or \$3.50 if billing is necessary. Orders originating in New York State should include the appropriate sales tax. Orders should be directed to: The Reverend Harry M. Culkin, The Chancery - Diocese of Brooklyn, P. O. Box C, 75 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11202.

NORMAN DESMARAIS OFFERS
BASIC RESOURCES FOR STUDYING THEOLOGY

Norman Desmarais has recently completed an annotated research guide entitled Basic Resources for Studying Theology. Prepared from the Roman Catholic viewpoint, it organizes materials according to the various theological disciplines taught in Catholic seminaries. It is designed to supplement bibliographic instruction at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore and consequently reflects the book and periodical collections at that institution. Copies are available at \$2.50 each by writing to: Norman Desmarais, Library Director, St. Mary's Seminary & University, 5400 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21210.

FRIENDS OF THE ARCHBISHOP FULTON JOHN SHEEN
ARCHIVES HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The first Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Archbishop Fulton John Sheen Archives was held at the Sheen Archives, St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, New York, on Tuesday, May 8, 1979, the Archbishop's 84th birthday. The program included two addresses by the Director, the Reverend Jasper Pennington; an extensive display of archival materials covering sixty years of the Archbishop's public life and ministry, film clips from the Life Is Worth Living television series, c. 1957; the Archbishop's televised address at the Dedication of the Sheen Archives in 1976; and a segment from the 1979 Good Friday address at St. Agnes' Church, New York City. Mr. Jeremiah G. Hickey, Chairman of the Friends, spoke of the world-wide geographical distribution of the Friends and of their support and interest in the Archives.

EARLHAM SCHOOL OF RELIGION
HAS 1,500-VOLUME COLLECTION FOR SALE

The Earlham School of Religion wishes to sell a collection of approximately 1,500 books. Most of the collection has served as a small working library for students of religion. Newly formed seminaries may be especially interested in this group of books because about half of them are estimated to be out-of-print. Those interested in the possibility of bidding on this collection may secure a complete list of its contents from: James Kennedy, Librarian, Earlham School of Religion, Richmond, Indiana 47374.

POSITIONS OPEN

Two positions are open in the Boston Theological Institute Library Development Office. Two serials catalogers are sought as part of a two-year program to complete the cataloging of B.T.I. serials through the CONSER Project. Under supervision of Coordinator for Serials Projects, provide cataloging in full MARC format for serials in the field of religion for the nine libraries of the Boston Theological Institute. Involves travel among the libraries; car essential. 35 hours/week; schedule flexible. Two-year appointment. Qualifications: M.L.S.; 2-3 years cataloging experience, preferably with serials; knowledge of AACR and LC cataloging practices essential; knowledge of MARC serials format, CONSER Project, OCLC system, and LC subject headings and classification desirable; knowledge of European languages, especially German, essential; background in religion/theology desirable. Equal Employment Opportunity (M/F) Employer. Send resumes and letters of reference to: Andrew D. Scrimgeour, Director, B.T.I. Library Development Program, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138. Telephone (617) 495-5780.

The Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, has an opening for a cataloger. Qualifications: M.L.S. degree, experience with Union classification scheme, major European languages, some familiarity with OCLC. Strong Presbyterian or Reformed background and theological training highly desirable. Resumes should be sent to: Ms. Sharon Taylor, Director of the Library, Reformed Theological Seminary, 5422 Clinton Road, Jackson, Mississippi 39209.

NINETY-NINE ATLA LIBRARIES PARTICIPATING IN
PRESERVATION AND STORAGE STUDY

Ninety-nine ATLA libraries have begun participating in the preservation and storage study which is being conducted by the Ad Hoc Committee for the Storage and Preservation of Theological Library Material. Andrew Scrimgeour, Convenor of the Committee, reports that 107 of the 151 ATLA member libraries responded to the Committee's invitation, with only eight libraries declining.

A major concern of the study is to document the magnitude of the theological material of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries that is in need of preservation in ATLA libraries, so that an appropriately aggressive microfilming operation can be developed. The envisioned program is seen as offering significant impact for the space needs and weeding decisions of member libraries. Funds for the study have been provided by a Rockefeller Brothers Fund award (see ATLA Newsletter, November 18, 1978, p. 30).