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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many of you will read this Newsletter as you prepare to attend the Forty-First Annual Conference in Berkeley and most of you will read it during the last days of my term as President. In the August 1986 Newsletter I observed that being an officer of this Association is a fleeting matter. One evidence of this is that there is no real time for officers to take stock or inventory of the Association. For this reason, these remarks are not a review of the year, let alone a full-scale assessment of the Association. Nevertheless, there are some matters before the Association that appear to me either to be clearer or more important than I perceived a year ago.

First, nearly 100 institutional members of ATLA ordered the North American Theological Collection Inventory worksheets. Theological library directors as well as deans and presidents have received a letter signed jointly by Barbara Zikmund, President of the Association of Theological Schools, and me underscoring the value of this project. I want to add yet another word of encouragement to the institutions who are committed to completing the profile to do so both promptly and with care. Also, I invite other institutions to join in this project. Much of the value of the project depends on the breadth of reporting and the NATI Project Committee would be pleased to have additional institutions request the profile questionnaire.

I have begun to hear more and more concern among the membership about the Association's responsibility in the whole field of technology and theological libraries. Some of our members and, indeed, some of our institutions have considerable expertise in the use of computer technologies, but many more members and institutions are trying to establish a sense of direction in this area. It is a field in which the Association may provide considerable assistance to its members, specifically by offering continuing education and skills development for personal members and by providing institutional assistance in planning and development. I will be convening an interest group at the Conference in Berkeley to explore ways in which the Association may respond to this issue.

Another area of growing interest is the partnership role of ATLA. Increasingly, other associations - both scholarly guilds and professional societies - are asking about ATLA's willingness to share in a number of enterprises. Sometimes these inquiries come from organizations that are looking for full-fledged partners and at other times we are asked if there is

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perhaps within ATLA a group of interested individuals and/or institutions who would be willing to share stewardship for a particular service. I have never detected an unwillingness in the Association to join in such activities, but it is not clear that we are well structured organizationally to respond with expedience to these invitations.

These factors, along with other more subtle pressures, have forced me to think about the larger question of how ATLA can exercise its proper stewardship to the institutions it serves. Thus, I have already warned the Conference Program Committee that I do intend to inflict a Presidential Address on the Association (it has safely been scheduled at an evening session, so that one may only need linger over a second cup of coffee after dinner in order to escape!). In that address, however, I will attempt to identify some of the chief obligations which the Association has to its institutional members and suggest ways in which the Association is well prepared to meet these obligations, as well as discuss ways in which the Association may need to modify its manner and structure in order to meet these commitments.

Even as I am drafting this message, the members of the Financial Management Committee under the able leadership of Eugene McLeod are assembling for a meeting at which they will piece together the first truly comprehensive and integrated budget for the Association. While the membership strongly endorsed the action of the Board of Directors in establishing the Financial Management Committee and implementing the essential recommendations of the study conducted by Peat Marwick and Mitchell, the full importance as well as the difficulty of this task may not be widely perceived. Nevertheless, this development within the Association is one of the more important in recent years. The Financial Management Committee is working with the Peat Marwick Report and is helping us establish the necessary fiscal infrastructure to deal strategically with our current services as well as to position ourselves for future demands on the Association. This Committee has worked with unusual diligence over the past year, and I would want the Association as a whole to join me in thanking them for this labor on our behalf.

Finally, while the Annual Conference will afford me an occasion to thank the many people who have worked over the past year to make ATLA an effective professional Association, I am aware also that many people who contribute ably to our common task will not be at the Annual Conference. Let me take this opportunity to thank the membership one and all for its support, participation, and commitment to our common calling.

Stephen L. Peterson
President, ATLA

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

This has been a very busy spring for the Association. As you know, we have just completed our 1986/87 fiscal year. In following out the recommendations of the Peat Marwick study, the Association is moving to accrual accounting in its bookkeeping beginning July 1, 1987. At the Board of Directors meeting in January, the recommendation of the Financial Management Committee to go to a July-June fiscal year was accepted. That means that May and June of this year will be a short period for which we will not ask for dues. There are sufficient funds in our fund balance for us to operate safely during this two-month period. This means that our billing for 1987/88 will be mailed early in July. We will extend the pay period from July 1 to September 30. All individuals and institutions that are current members will receive the Summary of Proceedings for the 1987 conference. New members who are applying in this period will also enjoy a 14-month year and will also receive the 1987 Summary of Proceedings. This will explain your not receiving a bill, as you usually do, at this time.

As mentioned, we are moving ahead with the recommendations of the Peat Marwick Report. Another result of the work of the Financial Management Committee was the hiring of Ms. Patti Adamek as Controller. I am happy to report, as you will hear in other places, that she is leading us in ways that are level and smooth. She is helping us to conform to standard practices, as well as leading us into consistent terminology and procedures across the Boards in our increasingly complex Association. Ms. Adamek plans to be at our annual conference, where I hope you will have an opportunity to meet her.

In cooperation with the Bibliographic Systems Committee, the Executive Secretary's office has prepared what we are calling LIBRARYNET. This is a small publication that lists our institutional members and gives appropriate information gathered by a survey. This project was much more time consuming and expensive than I would have ever anticipated. Close to 100 hours of secretarial work was involved in the preparation of the database. Institutions should by now have received their copy. Unfortunately, 30 libraries did not respond to our survey, but their name and address will still appear in the publication. We now have 168 institutional members. For budgetary reasons, we printed only 180 copies of this brochure. It is a first attempt. The Association will have to decide how useful it is and whether or not it is worth pursuing on a regular or semi-regular basis. The total cost was probably close to \$2,000. A major portion of that expense was anticipated in the budget of the Bibliographic Systems Committee. The Executive Secretary's office has picked up some of those expenses and we have asked institutions to pay a small fee for their copy. We are eager to hear how valuable this publication will be in our libraries.

I would like to say a word about space concerns of our Association. It is no secret that the Index Board and the Preservation Board each have serious concerns for space for their activities. In recent years, we have frequently dreamed of the possibility of some central ATLA office and work complex. Such a facility continues to be a dream, but the Association needs to plan and think ahead to meet its particular needs. At this time, the Association of Theological Schools is doing a remote study of the possibility of relocating offices. I think that you will be happy to know that conversations are taking place between ATLA and ATS in the hope that there may be

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some possibility of our working together in seeking space for offices and programs. Absolutely no decisions or commitments have been made, but conversations are going ahead. Whether we do something with ATS or not, we will have to resolve some serious space problems in the not too distant future. I am quite excited that we are approaching these long-range concerns responsibly.

Our two program boards have made dramatic progress in this period. The Preservation Board, in particular, has been able to make some moves that make possible a quick completing of the first phase of their project. Our program is attracting international attention. Especially on the national scene, our work is being heralded as a prototype for covering one discipline of the literature that needs to be preserved. The Religion Indexes program also has made some real advances, especially in hardware and software developments. The Index is experiencing heavy costs in the short run that we trust will make for genuine economies in the long run.

The Collection Evaluation and Development Committee has circulated the NATI questionnaire. This is a survey that asks each participating theological institution to check its theological holdings to give some estimate of holdings in various subject headings. This study is a refinement of a larger research instrument. It is our hope that as many institutions as possible will work with the survey. ATLA has the opportunity, using this instrument, to demonstrate the importance of our collections to the national inventory.

In this period the ATS/ATLA Joint Committee on Library Resources met. A number of grants were awarded to institutions that had made proposals for carrying out some projects relative to the concerns expressed in the Project 2000 Report. This committee, which is funded by a grant from the Lilly Foundation, has also provided funds to the Preservation Board for a study of management and marketing.

I attended a grant proposal writing workshop in the interest of being prepared to make applications to foundations and corporations to help finance the projects of the Association. I found it very helpful and I hope, as time goes on, we will find that it was a good investment.

Our ballots have been mailed. By the time you receive this Newsletter, the deadline for returning your ballots will have passed. I hope our membership takes voting seriously. Good leadership is most important to carry on the diverse projects of the Association. I, for one, feel we have been well served by the leadership so chosen.

I have heard from Research Publications, the publisher of Directory of Library & Information Professionals, that 97 of our members have responded to their request for biographical information. 74% of those invited did not respond. It may not be too late, if you have an uncompleted form, to fill it out and send it in.

My attention has been called to the 47th interfaith celebration of National Bible Week, November 22-29. I was asked to urge you all to plan activities for that week and to inform you that a free resource packet for such activities is available from Laymen's National Bible Association, Inc., 815 Second Avenue, New York, New York 10017-4503.

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The conference program that you have all received looks to be very much worth the trip to Berkeley. I hope by now you have made your reservations. I made my reservations through American Airlines. Even though I did it early, there were not many options available. I suspect summer vacation, ALA pre-conference workshops, as well as ATLA member purchases have greatly reduced the available seats. I am sure you have been pleased by the thoroughness of the planning by the Program Committee. I look forward to the conference and to the opportunity to meet with you all again.

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

ATLAMUG TO HOLD ITS SECOND MEETING

The ATLA Microcomputer Users' Group (ATLAMUG) will hold its second meeting Thursday, June 25, at the Annual Conference in Berkeley. The specific place will be announced later. There will be a brief business agenda, but most of the meeting will be devoted to allowing people with similar concerns to get together and share ideas and resources. I encourage you to bring along anything which you feel that other micro users might find interesting. I will be bringing my top 10 shareware choices of the year. I am also looking into having hardware on hand for demonstrations. If you have particular needs or concerns, please write to me: Duane Harbin, Yale Divinity School Library, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06510, (203)-432-5290, BITNET: DHARBIN@YALEVMX.

SEPTLA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At its April 29 meeting, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association elected Thomas F. Gilbert (Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary) as President for 1987-88 and Cait Kokolus (Mary Immaculate Seminary) as Secretary. They succeed James C. Pakala (Biblical Theological Seminary) and Eileen Kearney (St. Charles Seminary), respectively. SEPTLA also laid plans for a September workshop with a preservation expert from Cornell University. The workshop, coordinated by John Thomas Minor of Moravian College and Seminary, will be held jointly with the Lehigh Valley Information Consortium. Later in the fall SEPTLA will be sponsoring a forum to bring together for the first time the presidents, deans, librarians, and representative board and faculty members of SEPTLA's sixteen member institutions.

ATLA RECEIVES THIRTEEN NEW MEMBERS

The American Theological Library Association welcomes the following new members:

Full:

- The Reverend Darrell E. Ashcraft, Taunton Public Library, 12 Pleasant Street, Taunton, Massachusetts 02780. Mailing address:
629 South Main Street, Raynham, Massachusetts 02767
- Mr. John Mark Califf, Assistant Methodist Librarian, Drew University
Madison, New Jersey 07940. Mailing address: Box R-30, Drew
University, Madison, New Jersey 07940
- Ms. Annette Denise Causey, Librarian, Salvation Army School, 1032
Stewart Avenue, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30310. Mailing address:
2080 Bent Creek Way, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30311
- Ms. Lynn Feider, Librarian, Nashotah House, 2777 Mission Road,
Nashotah, Wisconsin 53058
- Mr. William Fontaine, Reference Librarian, Baker Library, Dartmouth
College, Hanover, New Hampshire 03755
- The Reverend Bruce E. Yelovich, Cataloger, The A. B. Wentz Library,
Lutheran Theological Seminary, 66 Confederate Avenue, Gettys-
burg, Pennsylvania 17325. Mailing address: 1634 Carrolls
Tract Road, Orrtanna, Pennsylvania 17353

Associate:

- Ms. Patricia Adamek, Controller, American Theological Library Associa-
tion, 5600 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60637

Student:

- Ms. B. Susan Brown, Apartment 410, 11 Peabody Terrace, Cambridge,
Massachusetts 02138
- Mr. Kirk A. Moll, 426 Harrison Avenue, Harrison, New Jersey 07049
- Mr. Timothy J. West, 720 Marylane Drive, Holland, Michigan 49423

Institutional:

- Archibald Foundation Library, 4400 Fourth Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan
S4T 0H8 Canada
- The Library, Luther Seminary, 104 Jeffcott Street, North Adelaide,
South Australia 5006, Australia
- The Library, St. Willibrordsabdij, 7004 JL Doetinchem, Slangenburg
Doetinchem, The Netherlands

DORALYN J. HICKEY
1929 - 1987

Doralyn Joanne Hickey died in Denton, Texas, in the early morning hours of March 18, following a heroic struggle of several years against cancer. She had served as Professor of Library and Information Sciences at North Texas State University in Denton since 1977.

Dr. Hickey was born in Houston, Texas, on October 5, 1929. She attended the public schools in Houston and earned the B.A. degree in mathematics from Rice University in 1951. She received the M.A. degree from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia, in 1953; the M.L.S. degree from Rutgers University in 1957; and the Ph.D. degree in religion from Duke University in 1962.

She served as Assistant Librarian of the Duke Divinity School from 1954 until 1956 and as a Serials Cataloger at Rice University from 1958 until 1960. In 1962 she joined the faculty of the School of Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and served there until 1974, when she became Professor and Dean of the School of Library Science at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She remained in that post until she moved to North Texas State University in 1977. Throughout her career as a teacher she was known for her comprehensive and detailed knowledge of the field of library science, her uncommon gift for classroom teaching, and her unflinching devotion to her students.

Dr. Hickey had been a member of the American Theological Library Association since 1962. She served as Chair of the Committee on Cataloging and Classification from 1964 to 1967, as Chair of the Committee on Systems and Standards in 1973-74, as a member of the ATS-ATLA Task Force on a Strategy for Seminary Libraries and Learning Material Centers for the 1970's in 1972-73, and as a member of the Board of Directors from 1976 to 1979. She was the only non-practicing librarian ever elected to the Association's Board of Directors.

Active in the American Library Association for twenty-five years, Dr. Hickey served at various times as Chair of the Serials Section, President of the Resources and Technical Services Division, and as a member of the ALA Council, the Committee on Accreditation, the International Relations Committee, the Catalog Code Revision Committee, and the Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access. In 1972 she was the recipient of the Margaret Mann Citation for excellence in technical services, the American Library Association's highest award in this field. Throughout her career, she was active in the local and special interest library organizations appropriate to her locations and her positions: the North Carolina, Wisconsin, and Texas Library Associations, the Association of American Library Schools, the Special Libraries Association, the American Society for Information Science, the American Society of Indexers, the Southeastern and Southwestern Library Associations, and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions.

Finally, the time has come for the Editor to say his public farewell to Doralyn. She arrived on the Duke University campus to begin her doctoral studies in religion in the Summer of 1953, precisely at the time when preparations for the publication of the first issue of the ATLA Newsletter were

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getting underway. She was then the source of good technical advice; and for the nearly thirty-four years which followed she was always available with sound counsel, imaginative ideas, moral support, and encouragement in the bleak hours. From 1976 through 1982 her informative column, "Some 'Standard' Words," appeared frequently in the Newsletter; and she produced, without assistance, all six of the five-year indices which have appeared with the Newsletter and which have made the Newsletter a reference work on the ATLA, as well as a serial news source. In 1978, she was Co-editor, with Jerry D. Campbell, of volume 25, Special Issue, of the Newsletter which honored the Editor upon the completion of twenty-five years in that post. Each of us, indeed, is unique. But some of us are more dramatically and memorably unique than others. Doralyn was such a one. The Editor's life has not given him a more memorable friend - or a more devoted one.

RECLASSIFICATION PROJECT IS AHEAD OF
SCHEDULE AT SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST SEMINARY

The rate of progress being made by the reclassification project at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Library in Fort Worth, Texas, has slowed, according to Director of Libraries Carl Wrotenbery. During the fall semester the staff and volunteers were able to reclassify from Union Theological System to the Library of Congress Classification System 9,600 volumes. These volumes were changed in the computer display, relabeled and shelved in new order. During the spring semester the staff expects to complete 9,800 volumes. The summer schedule calls for approximately 5,500 volumes. At this rate the library staff will lack 10,100 volumes completing the reclassification of the entire collection. In the initial planning the staff had projected a completion time of five years. If the schedule is maintained, the project will be completed in two and one-half or three years.

Myrta Garrett, Assistant Director for Technical Services, has coordinated the project. Three part-time workers search for classification numbers and update the catalog. Volunteers are scheduled on Mondays with four to six people contributing their labor for relabeling the volumes. Barbara Russell, Head Cataloger, continues to catalog all new materials and plans to eliminate the cataloging backlog by the end of the current year. The staff regularly catalogs approximately 9,000 volumes per year. The five-year goal set by the library staff includes the total reclassification of the collection using Library of Congress Classification System and involves more than 500,000 cataloged volumes accessible to the faculty and student body by computer terminal display.

PRESERVATION BOARD REPORT

The Preservation Board is pleased to report that its staff, under the leadership of Robert Markham, has now catalogued and shipped to the vendors for filming all 4,000 titles of Phase I of the Monograph Preservation Program. Thus far, over 3,000 of these titles have been filmed on 35 mm. microfilm by the Regenstein Library Photoduplication at the University of Chicago, while 2,000 have been produced in microfiche for distribution to subscribers. The Board is now using two additional vendors for the timely completion of production of all microfiche for Phase I. It is expected that the cataloging for all of these titles will soon be tape loaded into OCLC and then later into RLIN and UTLAS.

The list of the 4,000 titles to be filmed in Phase II and a new catalogue of all serials currently available from the Board will be ready by the time ATLA meets in Berkeley, California, in June. However, new and increased subscriptions will be necessary for the successful completion of Phase II. Currently, \$230,427 has been subscribed by 39 institutions to support Phase II, compared to \$400,000 from 63 institutions to support Phase I.

When the Monograph Preservation Program was first announced in May 1984, an annual budget of \$400,000 was anticipated for each phase consisting of 4,000 titles. While a \$100,000 National Endowment for Humanities Grant for filming costs in 1987 has been of tremendous help, additional support is still urgently needed to assure the long term viability of this program. Recently letters soliciting subscriptions were sent to libraries of all colleges and universities in the United States and Canada with religious studies departments. Although these institutions, along with foundations, may supplement support, the Program's success will always be dependent upon the continued and increased support of ATLA Member Institutions.

John A. Bollier, Chair
Preservation Board

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY PLANS NEW MUSIC LIBRARY

Planning is underway for the construction of a new music library building at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. The architectural firm of O'Brien and Associates will design the structure. Plans call for the provision of 10,000 square feet of new construction to house the 26,000-volume sacred music collection. Closed stack shelving will accommodate the 6,000 phonograph records and 3,500 cassette tapes of recorded music. Open stack space will provide for the storage of 99,000 choral octavos, 3,500 sheets of music, and 24,500 music scores. Twenty-two individual listening stations are planned for reviewing scores and phonograph records. There will also be practice stations for conducting exercises. When the building is completed, the area currently occupied by the Music Library will be converted into classrooms. Phil Sims is the Music Librarian at Southwestern.

PATRICIA M. BATTIN NAMED PRESIDENT
OF COMMISSION ON PRESERVATION AND ACCESS

Patricia M. Battin, currently Vice-president and University Librarian of Columbia University, has been named the first President of the Commission on Preservation and Access of the Council on Library Resources in Washington, D.C. She will be responsible for developing and carrying out a new and extensive cooperative program that will involve many libraries and universities across the country.

The Commission was created in 1986 to deal with the threatened loss of large portions of the collections of America's research libraries due to deterioration of paper. Most books published since the mid-19th century are printed on acidic paper which becomes brittle with age; their pages break when folded two or three times. The initial goal of the Commission is to set in motion a nationwide preservation effort designed to capture the contents of hundreds of thousands of these "brittle books" by microfilming or other means, and to make them permanently accessible to all who need them.

Billy E. Frye, Vice-president for Research of Emory University and Chair of the Commission, underscored both the magnitude and the difficulty of accomplishing the Commission's objective when he noted that "as many as one-fourth of the books in the nation's oldest and largest research libraries are already brittle, and past saving in their original form."

Recent analytical studies suggest that more than two hundred million dollars will be required to make visible inroads on the problem. If nothing is done, a large and important portion of the human record will ultimately be lost. A primary task of the Commission is to encourage funding from many sources for preservation work.

Ms. Battin came to Columbia University in 1974, and has been Vice-president and University Librarian since 1978. A graduate of Swarthmore College and Syracuse University, she also has been a member of the library staff at the State University of New York at Binghamton. She has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Research Libraries, and of EDUCOM. She has also served as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Research Libraries Group, and is currently a Board member of the Council on Library Resources. She expects to take up her new duties in August.

SECOND EDITION OF ANDERSON'S BIBLIOGRAPHY IS READY

The second edition of Tools for Bibliographical and Backgrounds Research on the New Testament by Norman Elliott Anderson is now available from the Gordon-Conwell Book Centre, 130 Essex Street, South Hamilton, Massachusetts 01982. The price is \$20.00 plus \$1.25 for handling and shipping. Mr. Anderson, who is Associate Librarian for Reference and Technical Services at the Goddard Library at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, describes his book as "the first modern systematic bibliography to cover the whole range of New Testament backgrounds with special attention to the shape of the ancient source materials and the reference tools to be used in conjunction with them."

RELIGION INDEXES ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Religion Indexes have a special offer for ATLA libraries wishing to replace old or missing volumes of Index to Religious Periodical Literature (IRPL), Religion Index One: Periodicals (RIO), and Religion Index Two: Multi-Author Works (RIT). Order any volume of IRPL (5-11), or RIO (1-4, 12-17), or RIT (1970-75, 1977-) and receive 50% off list price. For more information call 312-947-9417 or write to the Religion Indexes at 5600 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60637. This offer is good through September 30, 1987.

The spring product publication schedule is as follows: Religion Index Two, 1985 should be shipped by May 29; Index to Book Reviews in Religion, 1986 (cumulated edition) and Religion Index One, vol. 18 (cumulated edition) should be shipped by July 31, 1987.

We have the following supplemental information about the continuing education segment on database searching to be given at the ATLA Annual Conference in Berkeley, California: Julie Hurd will be teaching the continuing education segment on the use of the ATLA Religion Database. She will be assisted by the editorial staff of the Indexes. Several terminals will be available for actual "hands-on" searching of both BRS and DIALOG. Registration will be limited to about twenty people. The Indexes will be contacting registrants in early June to discuss their level of searching ability, needs, and expectations for this training.

The Religion Indexes have received verbal notice from the National Endowment for the Humanities that a \$114,729 grant and Supplemental \$10,000 matching federal grant have been awarded the Indexes to produce a revised, expanded, and cumulated edition of Religion Index Two covering the years 1976-1980. To receive the \$10,000 matching grant the Indexes must raise an additional \$10,000 from third parties. Erica Treesh, current Editor of Religion Index Two, will be the project director. The project is to begin in June 1987 and to be completed by December 1988, with the new two-volume RIT scheduled to appear in the spring of 1989.

Albert E. Hurd, Executive Director
Religion Indexes

HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE SEEKS TAPES

The Historical Records Committee of ATLA believes that interviews have been taped with persons or on institutions connected with the Association. If so, the Committee would like to secure them for historical/archival purposes. The tapes will be copied, if there is need to return the original, and any and all use-restrictions will be observed. If you have or know of such tapes, please communicate with the committee chairperson or bring them with you to ATLA in June.

Martha B. Aycock, Chair
Historical Records Committee

BIBLIOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Current LC Subject Headings in the Field of Religion. Volume 4, number 1 of Current LC Subject Headings in the Field of Religion was mailed in March. This handy list now includes MARC coding and the new LC codes for references. If you are not a subscriber and wish to be, please write to Alice Runis, Ira J. Taylor Library, The Iliff School of Theology, 2201 South University Boulevard, Denver, Colorado 80210.

Available from LC (and helpful!). Recent publications available from LC's Cataloging Distribution Service include:

1. Cataloging Rules for the Description of Looseleaf Publications (\$15.00). This handbook focusses on the problems involved in cataloging looseleaf publications that are constantly being updated: changing nature of title pages, binders, etc.

2. CONSER Tables 1986 (\$15.00). This publication lists in a handy tabular fashion the MARC format codes and current use in CONSER cataloging. Based on the new CONSER Editing Guide (CEG), it is useful for quick interpretation of MARC serial records. It can serve as a ready reference guide at a terminal or for a serials cataloger; for libraries which do little serials cataloging, it can be a less expensive alternative to CEG.

3. Update #1 of Subject Cataloging Manual: Subject Headings. This update includes information on the new coding for cross-references as well as recent changes in LC subject heading practice. The manual itself is the most authoritative source for the interpretation of LC subject heading practice and is especially useful for understanding both the assignment of subject headings for different types of works and the use of subdivisions under subject headings. It is an essential companion to the LC Subject Heading lists themselves.

4. Subject Cataloging Manual: Shelflisting. This second manual gives LC's policies and practices for the creation of LC call numbers. Though much of the manual describes the workflow at LC for assigning call numbers (and thus may be of marginal interest to most ATLA libraries), the core of the manual is useful for all libraries using LC call numbers. Some of the not-to-be-missed sections include:

- a. G 060, p. 25: Preferred shelflist order, individual authors;
- b. G 060, p. 26: Cutter table;
- c. G 140: Dates (how to assign dates, when to assign dates with "a," "b," "z," etc.);
- d. G 150: Translations;
- e. G 220-240: Corporate bodies; Conferences, congresses, meetings, etc.; Societies (many mysteries are revealed here);
- f. G 300-302: Tables for regions, countries, states, provinces;
- g. G 320: Biography

Automation reviews. Librarians planning and implementing automation projects will find useful the newsletter Library Systems (ISSN 0277-0288 : \$35.00 per calendar year) published monthly by Library Technology Reports (American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611). Recent issues have included the annual survey of automated library system vendors (March 1987) and the annual review of supported software vendors

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(April 1987). While other reviews in current literature (such as Library Journal's annual review of automation in its first April issue) are often helpful and may be more detailed, this newsletter provides librarians with current, basic, summarized, and relatively easy-to-understand information.

Recent LC Rule interpretations. LC has again revised RI 24.4C, 24.10B, and 26.3A7 concerning geographical qualifiers added to the names of non-government bodies including local churches, etc. in name headings. RI 24.10B (revised January 1987) now reads: "Add to the name of a local church, cathedral, monastery, convent, abbey, temple, mosque, synagogue, etc., the name of the place in which it is located unless the location is clear from the name itself. If the name of the body contains the name of the place in which it is located, use judgment in determining whether the addition of the name of the place makes the location clear. For example, make the addition if the place is not well known or there is more than one place of the same name and the one in hand is not the best known. In case of doubt, do not make the addition. Always make a reference from the place if the body is located in a city or town. If the name needs the addition of both a general designation and the name of a place, add the general designation first. ... NOTE: Headings already coded for AACR2 that lack a qualifier called for by this directive should not be changed unless a conflict or some other extreme need arises." Examples given in this RI include:

Eglise Saint-Jean-Baptiste (Bourbourg, France)
Bethel Baptist Church (Washington County, Ky.)
Tenafly Presbyterian Church (Tenafly, N.J.)
Köln Dom.
S. Stefano di Bologna (Monastery).

Clifford S. Wunderlich, Chair
Bibliographic Systems Committee

DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY BEGINS NEW LIBRARY

Groundbreaking was held on May 5, 1987, on the campus of Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, for the construction of the new Turpin Library. The new building, with 37,496 square feet, will be connected to the existing Mosher Library with its 20,896 square feet of floor space. The combined libraries will accommodate 243,000 volumes and provide seating for 584 library users. The projected completion date is June 1988, and construction costs are expected to be about \$58.19 per square foot. The entire expansion project will cost \$5.9 million, of which \$5.1 million has been raised. The project includes \$95,000 for a library automation program, \$590,000 toward a maintenance endowment for the building, and one million dollars for collection development beyond the scope of the annual budget. Dallas Theological Seminary, founded in 1924, has a current enrollment of 1,533, and a faculty of 68. Robert D. Ibach is the Librarian.

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS

Norman E. Anderson, Associate Librarian for Reference and Technical Services at the Goddard Library at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts, is currently chairing the Task Force on Research and Dialog of the New England Council on Computers in Theological Education (NECCTEC), which he helped to found in 1986. The Task Force plans to establish a publication which will include some bibliographical issues.

Bruce C. Calvin has accepted the position of Acquisitions Librarian at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. He took up his new duties on March 30, 1987. Gallaudet University is the only institution in the world offering a liberal higher education specifically for the deaf. Simultaneous communication, which employs the spoken word, the language of signs, and fingerspelling is regularly used in instructor-student-staff communication. Mr. Calvin will be enrolled in an intensive eight-week course in sign language during the coming summer. He holds the B.S. degree in environmental studies from the New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, the M.Div. degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, and the M.S. in L.S. degree from Catholic University in Washington. For the past three years, while working on his library science degree, Mr. Calvin has been employed by the Gelman Library at George Washington University in Washington, his last position having been that of Head of the Reserve/Current Periodicals Department.

Cathryn Carlson has been appointed Circulation Librarian of the John Bulow Campbell Library at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. She holds the M.A. degree from Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, and is currently a candidate for the Ph. D. degree in religion at Emory University in Atlanta. Ms. Carlson has previously been employed in the Emory University Libraries in government documents and as a circulation assistant in the Chemistry Library.

Milton J. Coalter, Librarian of the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, has published Gilbert Tennent, Son of Thunder : A Case Study of Continental Pietism's Impact on the First Great Awakening in the Middle Colonies. The volume was issued in 1986 by the Greenwood Press in New York City as number 18 in its series, "Contributions to the Study of Religion."

Mitzi Jarrett Derrick has been appointed Librarian and Assistant Professor of Bibliography at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina, effective August 1, 1987. She is currently serving as Assistant Librarian. Ms. Derrick holds the Master of Arts degree in religion from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and the Master of Librarianship degree from the University of South Carolina in Columbia. She succeeds William Richard Fritz, who will retire at the end of July after completing forty years of service to the Seminary Library.

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Norman Desmarais, Acquisitions Librarian at Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island, presented a paper at the Spring meeting of the New England Microcomputer Users' Group in March and conducted a workshop on "Optical Information Systems for Libraries" at the February meeting of the Florida Chapter of the Special Libraries Association. Mr. Desmarais has also recently published four articles: "The End-User's Report on Laser-Search" in the March-April 1987 issue (vol. 7, no. 2, pp. 125-131) of Optical Information Systems; "Laserbases for Library Technical Services" in the January-February 1987 issue (vol. 7, no. 1, pp. 57-61) of Optical Information Systems; "Sidney Micro Library System" in the September-October 1986 issue (vol. 5, no. 5, pp. 306-315) of Library Software Review; and "Buying and Selling Laserbases" in the December 1986 issue (vol. 6, no. 4, pp. 184-188) of Electronic and Optical Publishing Review.

Timothy Paul Erdel has been appointed Librarian and Lecturer in Theological Studies at the new Caribbean Graduate School in Theology (CGST) in Kingston, Jamaica, effective in August 1987. The school, sponsored by the Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association, shares facilities with the Jamaica Theological Seminary, an undergraduate college of the Missionary Church founded in 1960. CGST enrolls students from the four major language groups in the West Indies and from a number of denominations. Mr. Erdel is currently a candidate for the Ph.D. degree in philosophy at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, where he has taught courses in religious studies and philosophy for the past five years. Prior experience in theological librarianship includes a year in collection development work at the Jesuit-Krauss-McCormick Library in Chicago, Illinois, and four years as Reference Librarian at the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. Mr. Erdel is an ordained minister of the Missionary Church which has commissioned him as a missionary for his new assignment.

Rachael Glass retired as Circulation Librarian of the John Bulow Campbell Library at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, effective December 31, 1986. She had held this position since August 1980.

Don Haymes has been appointed Assistant Librarian for Public Services in The School of Theology Library at The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. He took up his new duties on April 1, 1987. Mr. Haymes was formerly Editor-in-Chief of the Mercer University Press in Macon, Georgia. He holds the Master of Theological Studies degree from Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and the M.S. in L.S. degree from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Allen W. Mueller has been appointed Director of the Library and Lecturer in Theological Bibliography at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. He has been serving as Acting Director since May 1986. An ordained Lutheran clergyman, Mr. Mueller is a graduate of The Lutheran Theological

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Seminary at Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) and holds the M.S. degree from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois in Urbana. Prior to taking his seminary degree, he served as a Reference Specialist at the Library of Congress, as Assistant Chief of the Treasury Department Library, and as Director of the Comptroller of the Currency-Administrator of the National Banks Library, all in Washington.

Louis J. Reith, Rare Book Cataloger at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., was co-translator of Francis, the Incomparable Saint by Joseph Lortz, published in 1986 by The Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University in St. Bonaventure, New York.

Joseph E. Troutman, Director of the Division of Theological Services of the Atlanta University Center's Robert A. Woodruff Library and Librarian for the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, published an article entitled "'FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY': A Partnership Between Students, Faculty, and Librarians" in the February 1987 issue (vol. 24, no. 1, pp. 14-17) of The Georgia Librarian.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SOLICITS SUGGESTIONS

The Nominating Committee is currently accepting suggestions for nominees to fill the elective positions of the Association open in 1988. Nominations will be published in the November 1987 Newsletter and elections will be held by mail next April. The Committee needs the assistance of all of the membership to identify qualified nominees, especially newer members who may not be well known to us. We ask each of you to consider that the future strength of our Association depends upon the quality of the nominees you suggest.

The elective positions to be filled in 1988 are: Vice-president (President-elect), two of the six Class A Members-at-Large of the Board of Directors (elected to three-year terms), and Class A members of the Preservation Board (elected to four-year terms).

Much of the work of the Committee will be done at the Annual Conference in Berkeley. Please do not hesitate to give your suggestions to any Committee member before, during, or after the conference.

Finally, the Committee would like to remind the membership that Article 8.4 of the Bylaws provides for a rather simple procedure for the nomination of candidates other than those submitted by the Nominating Committee.

Members of the Nominating Committee are: John Baker-Batsel, Caroline Whipple, and Russell O. Pollard, Chair.

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ATLA MICROCOMPUTER USERS' GROUP REPORT ON
SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON SMALL COMPUTERS IN LIBRARIES

The Second Annual Conference on Small Computers in Libraries demonstrated a thriving interest in the use of computers for libraries of all types. More than 1500 people attended the Conference at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia, from March 30 through April 1. The Conference featured 21 sessions, covering topics from "Getting the System Up and Running" to "Cutting Edge Technology." There were some 60 exhibitors, more than double the number at last year's conference, and they included some of the best-known names in library services, such as R. R. Bowker, H. W. Wilson, Baker & Taylor, and the Faxon Company.

Overview: Meckler Publishing, the sponsor of the Conference, has made considerable effort to make this Conference accessible and meaningful to people from libraries of all sizes, types, and resources. The cost of the Conference itself was low, \$95.00 for full registration. The program included presentations suitable for the novice, while providing plenty for the consumption of the technically sophisticated. The logistics of the Conference were well organized, and Meckler personnel were unfailingly courteous and helpful. In general, if you are interested in microcomputer applications for your library, you should consider attending at least part of this conference some time in the future. The field is well-covered, while the atmosphere is congenial and manageable.

Highlights: I can't hope to review all the events which were crammed into those three days, but I will mention some of the topics of discussion which may be of interest to ATLA members.

Optical Storage Media: Last year's hot new technology is this year's hot new product. I personally counted more than 10 products based on optical storage technology. CD-ROM (Compact Disc-Read Only Memory) led the pack. R. R. Bowker, Dialog, and H. W. Wilson were all demonstrating CD-ROM products. The Library Corporation, Brodart, and others were either exhibiting enhancements to their CD-ROM catalog products or showing off entirely new products. CD-ROM was not the only optical product. Videodisc-based products, especially those from SilverPlatter, were alive and well. MARCIVE was even demonstrating a public access catalog system which was based on WORM (Write Once, Read Mostly) storage. In the sessions, it was clear that many optical technology applications got off to a somewhat rocky start. However, the evidence seems to be that the market is finally settling down. In particular, the commitment of major library service companies such as Bowker and Wilson to optical technology suggests that these products are here to stay for the foreseeable future. The time has come for individual libraries to begin making serious evaluations of optical products, and to determine which are appropriate for their specific needs.

Local Area Networks: Local Area Networks (LAN's) were considered in several sections. My own assessment of the bottom line is that LAN's are still an emerging application. They present numerous difficulties in installation and application. There are real problems which are related primarily to lack of experience and lack of standards. LAN's have not yet reached the point of being a "plug-in" technology. Those who install them must be prepared to experiment and do battle with bugs. Yet the overall

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atmosphere regarding LAN's seemed optimistic. The potential of LAN's justifies the sweat over their development, and no one who was working with a LAN was planning to abandon it. Gradually, LAN's are becoming more reliable and easier to install and use. Most vendors, including IBM, are implementing standards as quickly as they can be developed. While libraries with very limited resources should probably wait a bit longer, libraries considering minicomputer or even multiple microcomputer installations should look into LAN's. If you are interested in LAN's, be certain that you find a vendor with the experience necessary to provide a product that works, and the resources to provide support for the implementation.

Expert Systems: "Expert System" is my nominee for next year's buzzword. ES's are an outgrowth of Artificial Intelligence research. An ES attempts to replicate a well-defined, limited body of knowledge. Based on that body of knowledge, the ES is able to make "judgments" or give advice. One of the principal features of expert systems is that they can handle questions which involve inexact or missing information. In other words, they can make a "best guess." However, to date no expert system has been developed which is always able to give a meaningful response. There is usually a lower boundary of accurate information, or a degree of complexity which they cannot handle. Expert systems have been developed for a variety of military, scientific and industrial purposes, including the configuration of computer systems and assistance in treating certain diseases. Many potential library applications come to mind, including "intelligent" library catalogs and electronic indexes, reference assistance, and assistance with the application of complex cataloging and indexing codes. Expert systems are difficult and expensive to develop, and may be slow and costly to run. However, they perform with an incredible degree of accuracy and may be a medium of preserving information which cannot otherwise be recorded.

Conclusion: SCIL illustrates one very important point for ATLA libraries; automation is no longer out of the reach of the "little guy." Many of the products which I saw were intended for small to medium-sized libraries. The final barriers to the use of microcomputers by libraries, data storage and multiuser configurations, are beginning to disappear, thanks to optical storage technology and networking. New software products are now on the market which provide more options than ever before, including some for the Apple Macintosh. Many ATLA libraries which had little or no hope of automated support in the past may now look forward to the day when they can boast systems as functional and dynamic as the largest and wealthiest library systems.

Duane Harbin
ATLAMUG Convener

POSITIONS OPEN

LIBRARY DIRECTOR. The Ryan Memorial Library of the Theological Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo is seeking a qualified person for the position of Director. St. Charles is a Roman Catholic seminary primarily serving the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The library at present comprises a medium-sized collection of books, periodicals, and non-book materials and supports the study and research of the community of students and faculty in a college, theologate, and School of Religious Studies. It also serves the public by maintaining historical archives, a museum of religious Americana, and rare book and art collections. The Director of the library should possess an M.S.L.S. degree, a Masters degree in Catholic theology, experience in a theological library, and an appreciation of archival and museum administration. Duties of the Director include: recruitment and supervision of the library staff, coordination of collection development, knowledge of computer applications, bibliographic instruction, preparation and oversight of budget, participation in faculty and administrative committees, and long-range planning. Salary open to reflect professional background and experience. Position available June 1, 1987. Send resume and letters of interest to: Office of the Rector, St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19151. St. Charles is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

CATALOGER. Salzmann Library of St. Francis Seminary School of Pastoral Ministry is seeking a Catalog Librarian. St. Francis Seminary is a Roman Catholic seminary serving the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. It is an institution accredited by North Central Association and Association of Theological Schools granting M.Div. and M.T.S. degrees. Besides training young men for ordained ministry, St. Francis Seminary has a strong Lay Formation Program open to men and women. St. Francis is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution. Requirements: M.L.S. degree from an ALA accredited institution; a degree or its equivalency in Catholic theological studies; knowledge of LC classification, AACR2, OCLC terminal; a working knowledge of Latin, German, French, Spanish. Responsibilities: cataloging of all book and non-book materials, original and/or on-line; assist in the planning and administering of technical services (OCLC, etc.); assist in reference services. Salary: Negotiable in relation to qualifications and experience. Generous benefits according to the archdiocesan policies. A full-time 12-month position. Starting date: Fall 1987. Please send resume and three references to: The Reverend Lawrence K. Miech, Salzmann Library, 3257 South Lake Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207.

THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIAN. Archbishop John Ireland Memorial Library, St. Paul Seminary Divinity School of the College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota. Vacancy to be filled by August 15, 1987. The full-time (12-month) position of Theological Librarian includes responsibility for collection building and general administration and supervision of a staff of four. The Theological Librarian has faculty status and reports to the Director of the O'Shaughnessy (Main) Library of the College of St. Thomas. John Ireland

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Library has a 70,000 volume collection serving curricula in Graduate Theology and is located in a separate library building. The library participates in a local Seminary Consortium, Minitex, and CLIC. (CLIC NET is a Carlyle system.) The technical services, including book and periodical ordering are provided by the main library staff. Qualifications: A successful candidate must have a library science M.A. degree from an ALA accredited library school and a graduate degree in theology. At least 3 years of professional experience in library management will be expected. Besides the ability to use computer data bases and proven administrative leadership, a successful candidate must demonstrate the ability to work well with faculty, students, and administration. Reading proficiency in Latin and one or more modern foreign languages will be appreciated. The Theological Librarian must be willing to support and foster the mission and the goals of the School of Divinity. Hiring salary range: in mid-\$20's, commensurate with qualifications and experience. To apply: Send a letter of application, resume, and references by June 15, 1987. No telephone inquiries, please. Letters should be addressed to: Ms. Pat Taylor, Director, Department of Human Resources, College of St. Thomas, P.O. Box 4059, 2115 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55105.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR and CATALOGER (2 positions). Tyndale Theological Seminary, a Christian, evangelical institution of higher learning, sponsored by the Greater Europe Mission, opened its doors to students in September 1985. Since that time, the student body has increased; the library has grown; and a librarian and a cataloger have been added to the staff of the seminary. After serving two tours of duty, the cataloger and the librarian must return to the United States. When this occurs, the seminary will need a cataloger and a library director. They should be Christians and self-supported. It is preferred that the director possess an M.L.S. degree and the cataloger a B.L.S. degree. Library retirees would be the most practical persons to fill these positions. They can easily relocate near the seminary for an indefinite period. Tyndale is located in the town of Badhoevedorp, ten miles from Amsterdam centrum and about two miles from Schiphol airport. The library has a growing collection of 6000 volumes in English, 100 periodical titles, and about 300 pamphlets. Class instruction is in English. Anyone wishing to offer his/her services should write to Dr. Arthur P. Johnston, President, Tyndale Theological Seminary, Egelantierstraat 1, 1171 JM Badhoevedorp, The Netherlands.

CATALOGER. The Billy Graham Center Library at Wheaton College seeks a librarian for the cataloging of materials in all formats. The library uses OCLC, LC classification, and LC subject headings. Qualifications: MLS; knowledge of AACR2 and MARC formats; background studies in church history, evangelism, or missions preferred; French language knowledge desirable. Available immediately. Send resume and request for application to: Mr. Trygve Larsen, Director of Human Resources, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois 60187. Wheaton College complies with federal and state requirements for nondiscrimination in employment.