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A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT DALY

Dear Fellow Members:

Slowly the days are winding down that will end my two-year stint as President of the ATLA. I face them with mixed emotion. While this period has brought burdens, the opportunity to serve and the excitement of making some contribution have made it well worth while. The one goal I set for myself in July of 1979 was to establish procedures for better communication. I believe we have made long steps in that direction. The Proceedings are up to date, and we have a plan for an editor to continue to publish them on time. We have appointed a non-board member for the provision of prompt Board minutes. Joyce Farris is handling that important area of communication. We have experienced a difficulty this year with the Newsletter which came about through very unusual circumstances, and only tended to highlight how well served we have been through the years by the regularity of the Newsletter. All in all I am well pleased with our means of sharing information and concerns.

By now you should have received the basic information about the conference program. I am sure you are well pleased. I urge you to send in your reservations if you have not already done so. Lucille Hager, Tom Rick, and all the crew at Seminex have worked hard to anticipate all our needs. The packet you received is evidence of that. We can be proud of the program that Jerry Campbell has lined up.

One of the concerns that came out of our meeting last year in Denver was the need for better communication between the ATLA and the ATS. Dr. Leon Pacala will be with us on Tuesday morning for discussion. I am sure he will tell us some of his impressions garnered from his travels to ATS institutions around the country and Canada. He is deeply concerned about libraries in these difficult financial times.

In the light of the above mentioned concern, a special Task Force was appointed to meet with Dr. Pacala to share broad concerns. I reported on that meeting earlier. As a result of those discussions, a joint project for probing problems facing ATS institutions as they relate to their libraries has been readied. We are seeking foundation support to carry out this study. Perhaps by the time of our meeting we will have more information on the status of this project.

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One of the most exciting developments in this past year has been the work of the Task Force that has dealt with the nature of our annual meetings. I reported on this committee's assignment in the last Newsletter. We have since met and are quite excited by the proposals that have come out of our discussions. At the moment these recommendations need to be presented to the Board and thoroughly aired there. It is sufficient to say that they envision the restructuring of a number of activities of the Association. Perhaps the most radical thrust of these proposals would be to expand the responsibilities of the Executive Secretary. Some time ago we decided we couldn't afford a full time Executive Secretary. That is still true, but there are some ways that we can be more financially supportive of that office, and we have discussed expanding responsibilities accordingly.

A most important function s/he would exercise would be program planning for our annual meetings. Such planning would be developed to cover four to five years in advance. The programs themselves would have a specified balance of business, lectures, workshops, and continuing education for credit.

The office of Executive Secretary would also absorb some of the committee structure. A genuine concern here is that we don't become too top heavy with little participation by the membership. On the other hand, the appointment to committees that have little to do lowers the morale of the membership. Anyway, this is a hint of the direction of our thinking. None of these proposals will be enacted without thorough Board discussion. I trust I will have more to say on this at our business meeting. You will be kept fully informed.

I am particularly pleased with the financial picture that the ATLA now presents. Whereas our annual reports just a few years ago showed substantial erosion of our working capital, that trend has been sharply reversed. The new dues structure, careful investments, and restraint have joined to give the Association a trend for strong growth. I trust the Board will be concerned to reestablish a healthy reserve, but not become rich. We are a non-profit organization. However, having more funds allows us to be more creative about what we can provide. Equipping the office of the Executive Secretary is an immediate possibility that presents itself. Anyway, I did not want to end these remarks without noting this improved financial picture.

You can hope that Jerry Campbell will be less long-winded. He will serve you well. He is competent, and he enjoys his work. On that score though he will have to go a long way to equal the joy I have experienced working for you in these past two years.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Simeon

(Rev.) Simeon Daly, O.S.B.  
President, ATLA

May 7, 1981

## ATLA RECEIVES SIX NEW MEMBERS

The American Theological Library Association welcomes the following new members:

## Full:

- Mrs. Elizabeth Ashley, Director of Technical Services, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Library, Strawberry Point, Mill Valley, California 94941.
- Mr. Daniel James Bowell, Collection Development/Reference Librarian, The Billy Graham Center Library, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois 60187. Mailing address: 111 South Gables Boulevard, Wheaton, Illinois 60187.
- Miss Sarah M. Patterson, Library Director, Tennessee Temple Theological Seminary, 1815 Union Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37404.
- Hector Ruben Sanchez, Library Director, Seminario Evangelico de Puerto Rico, Avenue Ponce de Leon 776, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00918.

## Students

- Mr. Russell W. Askren, 18041 Devonshire Street, #340, Northridge, California 91325

## Institutional:

- The Library, Holy Name College, 14th and Shepherd Streets, NE, Washington, D.C. 20017

## ST. BERNARD'S SEMINARY TO CLOSE IN JUNE

St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, New York, is closing on June 30, 1981. Founded in 1893 by the Right Reverend Bernard J. McQuaid, Roman Catholic Bishop of Rochester, St. Bernard's is a member of the Rochester Center for Theological Studies, which includes Colgate-Rochester, Bexley Hall, and Crozer Theological Schools. The decision made by the Most Reverend Matthew Clark, Bishop of Rochester, was announced on January 6, 1981. The institution's 80,000-volume theological library, including the Archbishop Fulton John Sheen Archives, will probably remain in Rochester. Staff members are being absorbed by other Rochester institutions; and the Reverend Jasper Pennington, Director, will become Rector of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Cape Elizabeth, Maine, in May.

## LITURGICAL WORKS AND AACR-2

by Thomas Pater  
Mullen Library  
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A number of catalogers have been voicing concern - ranging from uneasiness to panic - about uniform titles for liturgical works. Prompted by such expressions, Father Simeon Daly, President of the American Theological Library Association, arranged a meeting of interested parties on September 17, 1980, in Washington, at the office of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy. The participants in the meeting were: Simeon Daly; Norman Desmarais, Librarian, St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore; Kelly Fitzpatrick, Vice-president, Catholic Library Association; Thomas Krosnicki, Executive Secretary, U. S. Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy; Mary Lou Miller, Subject Cataloging Division, Library of Congress; John Page, Executive Secretary, International Commission on English in the Liturgy; Thomas Pater, Catholic University; James Schellam, staff member, International Commission on English in the Liturgy; Svato Schutzner, Descriptive Cataloging Division, Library of Congress; and David Wartluft, Executive Secretary, American Theological Library Association.

The initial idea was to see what the editors, translators and publishers of liturgical works might be able to do toward easing problems encountered with titles for liturgical works. All representatives of such activities present at the meeting showed themselves more than willing to be as helpful as possible. Some concrete results along this line may flow directly from the meeting, and in any event this avenue remains open for further exploration. But as the meeting progressed, with two key representatives from the Library of Congress participating, it seemed that the focus of attention at present should probably be on what the Library of Congress has been doing about liturgical headings and what it is contemplating doing.

I was rash enough to volunteer to draw up some kind of report to this effect and, oddly enough, no one objected. The report has turned out somewhat differently than I anticipated, but here it is. Since the report was completed in November, 1980, some statements may need a change of tense by the time the report is circulated.

### 1. The Problems

While catalogers are well aware of the problems and may be interested only in solutions, it should be helpful to review briefly the predominant reasons for the present difficulties. These, I think, come under two headings: the changes in liturgical works since Vatican Council II and the impending implementation of the second edition of Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules. I am assuming that the present concern is chiefly, though by no means exclusively, with titles for the newer Catholic liturgical works. I believe this is true of catalogers generally, not just catalogers in Catholic libraries. I trust this represents an objective assessment rather than a sectarian bias.

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In any event, much of what follows will be significant with regard to the cataloging of liturgical works in general.

a. Changes flowing from Vatican II

Among the changes initiated by Vatican Council II, it was not just one but several kinds of changes that affected the cataloging of liturgical works. First, the Council's decisions led to changing not only the content but, in some instances, the title of the basic Latin texts. The Council also sanctioned the use of official texts in the vernacular. Furthermore, it allowed for considerable alteration in content in these official vernacular texts, and to such an extent that these may differ not only from the basic Latin text but also among themselves from country to country using the same language. An additional source of difficulty has been the continued use on the title page for some of the official Latin texts, and for some translations, of both an older traditional title and a newer title, in a somewhat ambiguous fashion.

b. AACR-2

The principal change effected by AACR-2 with regard to liturgical works will be the abandonment of the form subheading "Liturgy and ritual." This change will not be as noticeable in libraries that have followed the policy of making main entry of liturgical works directly under uniform title rather than under the religious body. But the changes will be substantial for most libraries, including libraries that have been, or will be, moving toward closer conformity with standard practice. A second change, relating specifically to Catholic liturgical works, appears in AACR-2 25.20B. This rule states that the uniform title for "post-Vatican II texts that vary in language and contents" should be "the individual title of each manifestation." When different texts have the same title, a distinguishing term is to be added.

Obviously these changes will have the effect of separating liturgical works that under previous rules would have been brought together by common elements in main entry. Not only will the liturgical works of a particular church no longer be united under the subheading "Liturgy and ritual," even different "manifestations" of the same liturgical work will not necessarily be united by a common uniform title. A further and in some ways more fundamental problem arising from AACR-2 25.20B, taken in conjunction with the aforementioned variegations in titles of post-Vatican II works, is that of determining the appropriate uniform title for this or that manifestation of a particular liturgical work.

I might mention that, to my knowledge, 25.20B was not in the last draft of the new rules seen by the members of, and representatives to, the A.L.A. Catalog Code Revision Committee, but was added by the Joint Steering Committee, which, of course, had ultimate responsibility for the new code. I had assumed that uniform titles for post-Vatican II

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works would be established in much the same way as for pre-Vatican II works, allowing for the use of a common uniform title for different "manifestations" of the same basic work, in spite of some differences in content. This would in fact seem rather consistent with AACR-2's own rule for pre-Tridentine works (25.20A) which says that the uniform title for any "close counterpart of a Tridentine work" should be the title of the Tridentine work itself.

However, I am also aware of some of the considerations on the side of 25.20B. A more general rule in AACR-2 (25.2B) is that the uniform title for a revised edition with a changed title should be the title of the revised edition. Furthermore, the broader use of a single uniform title to cover various manifestations of a work, differing rather significantly in content, does verge on the kind of uniform title that resembles the old form subheading, the kind of uniform title that the authors of the new code allowed only with some reluctance for legal works (e.g. "Constitution," "Laws, etc.," "Treaties, etc.").

Catalogers of liturgical works may think it unfortunate that the authors of the new code did not exercise a similar leniency - no matter how reluctantly - with regard to liturgical works. Perhaps if there were enough expression of interest, it might be worth seeing whether something could and should be done to get 25.20B changed. But I shall proceed on the assumption that the rule will stand.

## 2. What the Library of Congress is Doing

If the foregoing brief analysis is correct, the present concern revolves around two points: 1) the uncertainty about the appropriate uniform titles for some of the post-Vatican II works; and 2) the increased difficulty that catalog users will have in locating liturgical works as a result of the abandonment of form subheadings and the application of 25.20B. At the Library of Congress the Descriptive Cataloging Division has made some progress in dealing with the first problem and the Subject Cataloging Division is working on a technique that would respond to the second.

### a. Descriptive Cataloging

The Library of Congress has established forms of entry, including uniform titles, for some of the post-Vatican II works in accordance with AACR-1. In a few instances it has also, in its name authority file, already established the form of heading to be used under AACR-2. In its authority file this appears, for the time being, only as a "heading referred from." In some cases the uniform title is the same, in some cases not. (In all cases there is a difference by reason of the omission of "Liturgy and ritual" in the AACR-2 form.) These authority records may be found on OCLC by the search key /Cath,Chu,^.

An examination of these records shows that L.C. has established headings, at least according to AACR-1, for the main post-Vatican II texts pertaining to the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours, but has

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established headings for only a limited number of the important texts of the Ritual that have appeared (texts for such services as Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, etc.). Headings have been established for a few other post-Vatican II works, but those pertaining to the Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, and the Ritual are the ones of principal interest.

Mr. Svato Schutzner, who has a leading role in the cataloging of liturgical works at the Library of Congress, pointed out at the Washington meeting that L.C.'s acquisition of liturgical works, both in the Latin prototypes and in the vernacular editions, has been very sporadic. It was agreed that it would be desirable to see what could be done, both through L.C. and through the publishers, to assure more comprehensive acquisition by L.C. of new liturgical works. Further on I will mention, and make some comments on, some of the particular uniform titles already established by the Library of Congress.

**b. Subject Cataloging**

In view of the scattering that will result from changes appearing both in the new liturgical works and in the new rules, the Subject Cataloging Division at the Library of Congress has been considering the possible use of a kind of form subject heading to bring liturgical texts together. I should emphasize that, at the time I am writing, the thinking about this is in a very initial stage at L.C. and that the following remarks accordingly do not represent any definite plan and may not represent altogether accurately even L.C.'s present thoughts on the matter.

The kind of heading envisioned would be basically something like "Catholic Church--Liturgy," or "Church of England--Liturgy." This might be subdivided by "--Baptism," "--Mass" (or "--Eucharist"), "--Marriage," etc. Such headings would be intended primarily for liturgical texts. They would presumably be used also for works about liturgical texts. If restricted to those two categories, the heading might, I suppose, take rather the form, "Catholic Church--Liturgical texts," etc. If the form, "Catholic Church--Liturgy" were used, the heading could also cover works about the liturgy itself, or about a particular liturgical service, rather than just texts and works about texts. If so, it might be desirable to make some further distinction in the heading, between texts, or works about texts, and other works (e.g. "Catholic Church--Liturgy--Baptism--Texts"?).

That may be enough to convey the general idea of what L.C. is thinking about, and some of the particular questions that would need to be ironed out. Anyone who might like to comment on this matter is advised to communicate with: Chief, Subject Cataloging Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540; or with me, at Mullen Library, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064.

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3. Comments

After the meeting in Washington I took a closer look at some of the records on the OCLC data base for post-Vatican II Catholic liturgical works, including participating library records. As a result, I think I see more clearly why catalogers may be having problems with uniform titles for those works, especially for the various parts of the Ritual. And I may be able to make a few helpful observations and suggestions about these.

a. Mass texts

In the new arrangement the Scripture readings, formerly a part of the Missal, are contained in a separate work. There is no special problem about the uniform titles for this work: "Lectionarium Romanum" for the Latin, "Lectionary for Mass" for the English (at least for the American edition). But there is room for confusion about the uniform title for the principal work. The correct uniform title for the Latin text is obviously enough "Missale Romanum," as on the title page. Unfortunately those responsible for the American version saw fit to call it a "Sacramentary," rather than a "Missal." I am aware of some of the reasons for using "Sacramentary," but I think they are more pedantic than practical and far from compelling. This is not the place to argue the question at length. But it might be noted that most if not all English speaking countries other than the United States and Canada have kept the term "Roman Missal" as the main or only title for the work. However, given the current usage, it seems the proper uniform title for the American and Canadian versions will have to be "Sacramentary," whereas for the British and other English versions it will be "Roman Missal."

b. Liturgy of the Hours

There is no great problem here. The uniform title for the Latin is "Liturgia horarum," and for the English, both the American and the British, "Liturgy of the hours." It might be asked on what ground the Library of Congress used "(Australia, England and Wales, Ireland, Scotland)" to qualify the version for those countries whereas it used "(U.S. et al.)" for the version approved for "the Antilles, Bangladesh ... and the United States" (eighteen places are named on the title page). A "rule of 4," or 5, might seem to be involved. The Library of Congress, upon inquiry, said that this was simply a matter of practical judgment in each case.

c. The Ritual

The Ritual seems to present, if not the greatest problem, at least the greatest number of problems. One reason for this is that the parts of the Ritual - for Baptism, Penance, Marriage, etc. - are now usually published separately, rather than all together as was customary before Vatican II. Since the parts ordinarily have their



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own titles, the uniform title for each part will be the title of the part by itself, not as a subheading under the whole. The title for the Latin editions of the parts generally begin with the word "Ordo," e.g. "Ordo baptismi parvulorum." This will help a little to keep similar liturgical works together.

It is with the English language versions that there has been a good bit of confusion. The main official editions, those prepared by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy and published, in this country, by the United States Catholic Conference, have nearly all carried a title beginning with "Rite of." Regrettably, judging from entries on OCLC - mainly participating library entries - the train got off that track a few years ago and has stayed off. For example, among five entries on OCLC for the rite of Baptism for children, three have the uniform title, "Baptism for children," and two have "Baptismal rite," even though the title proper for all five entries (including an entry for the main official U.S. edition) is, or begins with, "Rite of Baptism."

Similarly for other rites there is a mishmash of titles such as "Burial rite," "Funeral rite," "Marriage rite," even though the title proper for the main official edition is "Rite of funerals," "Rite of marriage," etc. In some instances this happened because a particular publisher chose to use an altered title. But while various editions of the same work may all be in some degree official insofar as they carry whatever ecclesiastical approbation is necessary, I should think that in choosing a uniform title the preference ought to be given to the edition prepared by I.C.E.L. and published by the U.S.C.C. The use of uniform titles beginning with "Rite of ..." would also, like the Latin "Ordo ...," help in some measure to bring similar texts together.

I think the Library of Congress will probably be very amenable to seeing that the uniform titles for parts of the Ritual get established - in its own catalogs and authority file and thereby also on OCLC - in the form beginning with "Rite of," in all cases where that is the preferable form.

#### d. The Pontifical

What has been said of the parts of the Ritual applies equally to some parts of the Pontifical, e.g. "Rite of confirmation," "Rite of the blessing of oils."

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I realize there will be special problems with other liturgical works than those discussed above, and with manifestations of liturgical works in languages other than Latin and English. But I think the works and problems discussed here are the ones of predominant concern at this time, and I hope that this "report" will be helpful and adequate for the present.

## NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS

Sandra Abernathy has been appointed Circulation Supervisor in the B. L. Fisher Library of Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky.

William Fraher Abernathy has accepted the position of Readers Services Librarian at Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky. He formerly served as Director of the Learning Resource Center at the Columbia Graduate School of Bible and Missions in Columbia, South Carolina.

Martha B. Aycock will be Acting Librarian of the Union Theological Seminary Library in Richmond, Virginia, during the months of June, July, August, and October of 1981, while Dr. John B. Trotti, the Librarian, is on leave. Mrs. Aycock is Reference Librarian of the Union Library.

Sean Barnett has resigned his position as Chief of Cataloging at the joint library of the Episcopal Divinity School and the Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and is now a member of the cataloging staff of the Law School Library at Harvard University in Cambridge.

John A. Bollier, Assistant Librarian of the Yale Divinity School Library in New Haven, Connecticut, has been awarded a research grant for 1981-82 by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada to aid in his compiling a bibliography of theological bibliographies. He expects to complete the project during a research leave in the spring semester of 1982.

Donald Butterworth assumed the duties of Technical Services Librarian at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, on February 1, 1981. On June 1 he will receive the faculty rank of Instructor in Bibliography and Research. Mr. Butterworth holds the B.A. degree from Greenville College in Greenville, Illinois, and the M.A. degree in library science from the University of South Florida in Tampa. He is currently a candidate for the M.A.R. degree in Christian education at Asbury Seminary.

Peter De Klerk, Theological Librarian at Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids Michigan, has recently published two bibliographies. The first is entitled "Bibliography of the Published Writings of Ford Lewis Battles" and appears in Reformatio Perennis. Essays on Calvin and the Reformation in Honor of Ford Lewis Battles. The volume was edited by Brian Albert Gerrish in collaboration with Robert

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Benedetto and was published earlier this year as Number 32 of the Pittsburgh Theological Monograph Series by the Pickwick Press in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The second publication is A Bibliography of the Writings of the Professors of Calvin Theological Seminary. It is available at \$6.50 a copy from Calvin Theological Seminary, 3233 Burton Street, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506.

Arnold D. Ehlert is again serving as Director of the Library at The Institute for Creation Research in El Cajun, California. Dr. Ehlert retired on September 1, 1980, as Director of the Libraries of the Institute and of Christian Heritage College, also in El Cajun; but he has come out of retirement to assume once more the Library Directorship of the Institute as it moves toward the establishment of a graduate degree program.

Kenneth Gill will take up part-time duties as Visiting Teaching Fellow in Bibliography and Research at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, during the 1981-82 academic year. His responsibilities will include teaching courses in theological bibliography and research and providing evening reference service in the B. L. Fisher Library. Mr. Gill holds the M.A. degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, and has done other graduate work at the University of Birmingham, England. He is currently a candidate for the M.S. in Library Science degree at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Arthur E. Jones, Director of the Rose Memorial Library and Professor of English at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, has received the 1980 Distinguished Service Award of the New Jersey Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries. The award is intended to honor persons who have directly enriched the librarianship of higher education through their distinguished service or achievement in the profession, especially within the New Jersey academic community.

Lillian J. Scoggins, Cataloger at the Krauth Memorial Library of The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, has been named Acting Director during the sabbatical leave of David J. Wartluft, Director of the Library.

John A. Seery, Associate Professor of Bibliography and Research at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, has transferred from the position of Technical Services Librarian to the position of Public Services Librarian in the B. L. Fisher Library. The change was effective February 1, 1981.

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D. Ivan Timm, Assistant Professor of Bibliography and Research at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, has resigned his position as Media and Instructional Services Librarian effective June 1, 1981. Mr. Timm plans to take up full-time parish responsibilities in the Free Methodist Church.

David J. Wartluft, Director of the Krauth Memorial Library of The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, has been granted a sabbatical leave for the first semester of the 1981-82 academic year by the Board of Directors of the Seminary. His is the first sabbatical leave ever granted to a member of the administrative faculty at that institution. During his leave Mr. Wartluft will devote his time to work on American Lutheran serial bibliography and to a study of the Slovak language in order to facilitate his building of a Slovak Lutheran research collection at the Krauth Memorial Library. The Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Company has awarded him a stipend to help cover the research costs of the sabbatical project.

Clifford Wunderlich has been appointed Chief of Cataloging at the joint library of the Episcopal Divinity School and the Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Mr. Wunderlich holds the B.A. degree from Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, and the M. Div. and S.T.M. degrees from the Yale University Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut. He is also currently a candidate for the Ph.D. degree in the Department of Near Eastern Languages at Harvard University in Cambridge, and for the M.S. degree in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College in Boston.

## THIRD EDITION OF BIBLIOGRAPHY PUBLISHED

A revised and expanded Third Edition of The New Religions: An Annotated Introductory Bibliography was published in April by the Center for the Study of New Religious Movements in Berkeley, California. Compiled by David G. Hackett, the present bibliography supplements the previous two editions by adding a section on reference sources, which includes dictionaries, indexes, abstracts, and other materials, and by including recently published research monographs. Also included is a selected group of materials concerning the better known movements such as the People's Temple, ISKCON, the Unification Church, and twenty-one others. The bibliography is available for \$3.00 from: Center for the Study of New Religious Movements, 2465 LeConte Avenue, Berkeley, California 94709.

MAN CHARGED WITH THEFT OF RARE BOOKS FROM  
OHIO AND PHILADELPHIA AREA LIBRARIES

Books belonging to The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia were found to be illegally in the possession of a suspected professional book thief when he was apprehended at the Oberlin College Library in Ohio. James Richard Shinn, also known as Richard Vincent Allen, was noted while engaged in suspicious activity at Oberlin. Subsequent to his detention a warrant to search his premises was obtained and books belonging to the Philadelphia Seminary and to the University of Pennsylvania were found in his car and on his premises. Two of the books recovered, one of which belongs to the Seminary, are valued at \$3,000 each. Sixty-four books belonging to the Oberlin College Library were also recovered. In addition, police seized an index catalogue, apparently a "shopping list," containing the names and value of hundreds of rare books, a small electronic metal detector (thought to be used to locate magnetic tapes in books), a razor blade, and other tools. At the time of his detention, Mr. Shinn was engaged in the packaging of books to mail to a St. Louis post office box. He operates a mail order business dealing in "rare and out-of-print books" from his home in St. Louis. It is called Books Limited.

Five freight slips for unidentified items shipped from Philadelphia to St. Louis were found in the police search, giving rise to the suspicion that additional books may have disappeared from the Philadelphia area. A receipt for \$11,000 from the sale of three books of unknown origin to a collector in Boston was also found in Mr. Shinn's motel room. He is currently being held for trial in Oberlin under \$40,000 bond.

Books taken from the Lutheran Seminary and from the University of Pennsylvania were items located in stacks open to users. The Seminary Library has taken additional security measures to protect against easy access to its materials. Postal authorities are investigating the possibility of mail fraud in connection with the case; and the Federal Bureau of Investigation is studying the incident since valuable materials may have been transported illegally across state boundaries.

UNITED METHODIST PERIODICAL INDEX CEASES PUBLICATION

The United Methodist Periodical Index ceased publication with the June-August 1980 issue (vol. 20, no. 4). All subscribers were notified of this action and refunds were made for unused subscriptions. A final cumulative volume covering September, 1975-August, 1980 is available at a cost of \$75.00. The September 1970-August 1975 volume is also still available at a cost of \$45.00. Orders should be sent to Rosalyn Lewis, Editorial Director, United Methodist Periodical Index, 201 Eighth Avenue, South, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

## POSITIONS OPEN

Head Librarian, the American Bible Society, an interdenominational and non-profit organization founded in 1816. It is one of 100 national Bible Societies and offices throughout the world whose goal is to provide people everywhere with copies of Holy Scriptures in languages they can understand and at prices they can afford. The American Bible Society Library is an arm of the World Service department of this international group of Bible Societies, incorporated as the United Bible Societies.

The Head Librarian is responsible for the administration, care and development of the ABS library, which currently contains over 39,000 volumes in some 1700 languages and including 6,000 reference works. The collection of Scriptures includes rare books dating from the invention of printing to the present time, some manuscripts and the ABS archives. Supervising a staff of nine assigned to the cataloging, researching and exhibition of these materials, the Head Librarian has direct contact with officers, department heads and colleagues around the world providing data on the production and distribution of UBS Scripture publications and other Scripture producing organizations. Acts as working editor for the UBS publications.

Qualifications: A strong background in the arts and humanities; a knowledge of reference and bibliography techniques and archival procedures; experience in administration and supervision of a research library; experience and interest in rare books; a knowledge of some foreign languages, particularly the classic languages; a knowledge of the Bible are desirable. Excellent paid-in-full benefit program, salary commensurate with experience, hours 9-5, Monday-Friday. Interested candidates should send resume in confidence with salary history to: Mr. Henry G. Bucher, Director of Personnel, American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, New York 10023. The American Bible Society is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer.

Boston College. Head of Special Collections. Reports to University Librarian. Plans and directs operations and staff (2 professionals, 1 support, 1 - 3 students). Current collections include British Catholic authors (Hilaire Belloc, Francis Thompson, etc.), Congressman Drinan's papers, Nicholas Williams Memorial Ethnological Collection, unique Irish Collection, Rex Stout, etc. Formulates and implements collecting goals including solicitation and grant proposals. Develops and oversees security, public access, restoration/preservation policies and procedures. Responsible for developing support groups. Seek person with knowledge of the book trade, rare and out-of-print materials, knowledge of English and Irish literature and history. Emphasis on Catholic authors very desirable. Must have experience in book/paper preservation and archival methods, MLS from ALA accredited library school desirable and/or relevant advanced degrees and 5 - 8 years' special collections related experience including administrative/supervisory. Salary low to mid-twenties. New position available on or about July 1, 1981. Send letter and resume for Search Committee

## POSITIONS OPEN - Continued

review to Dianne Rogers, Associate Director of Personnel, More Hall, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02167. Telephone: (617) 969-0100 X3333. AA/MF/EOE

Director of the Library Development Program of the Boston Theological Institute, a consortium of 9 theological schools. Search reopened. Duties include assisting in the development and execution of cooperative policies and programs of the B.T.I. Library Committee. Requirements: MLS; knowledge of theological subject matter and OCLC desirable. Salary and benefits package: from \$18,000, depending upon qualifications. Submit resume and names of references by July 15 to Allan Stifflear, Library Development Office, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

## COPIES OF ACCREDITATION GUIDELINES AVAILABLE

For a number of years, the Committee on Standards of Accreditation has been preparing guidelines to help librarians interpret and apply the Standards for Accrediting adopted by the Association of Theological Schools in 1972 (ATS Bulletin 30). In particular, it was thought that these guidelines would be useful in preparing the Library segments of a self-study document. Although a number of circumstances have delayed the completion of this project, these guidelines are now available for use by ATLA members.

The Board of Directors, however, decided not to publish these guidelines officially in that the ATS is preparing new accreditation standards for the 1982-84 biennium. Nevertheless, the guidelines that have been prepared may prove useful to institutions that are undergoing accreditation review according to the current standards. Draft copies of the guidelines may be obtained upon request from: David J. Wartluft, Executive Secretary, American Theological Library Association, Lutheran Theological Seminary, 7301 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19119.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO MEET IN ST. LOUIS

The ATLA Nominating Committee will be meeting during the annual conference in St. Louis. Members desiring to make recommendations are asked to submit names of prospects to members of the committee as soon as possible. Members of the committee who plan to be in St. Louis are Eugene McLeod, Elmer O'Brien, and Rosalyn Lewis, Chairperson.

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