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THE LIBRARIAN AND THE FACULTY

Librarian-faculty and faculty-librarian relationships offer many opportunities for mutual and institutional improvements if developed with persistence, intelligence and imagination. No librarian is able to catch every title that would be profitable in the library, and no professor is in the position to see every new title announced even in his own field. It goes without saying that a faculty member should feel free to bring to the attention of the librarian any book which he feels would be useful in the library, or that he would use in his instructional program. The budget will of course govern somewhat as to how many such suggestions can be acted upon. Further than this the professor ought to feel a responsibility to make sure that the library is getting the most important works in his department.

The librarian must not rest content with the suggestions that the faculty members turn in. Probably no institution is blessed with a faculty the members of which show equal interest and ability in book selection. To depend upon the faculty alone would be to create an uneven collection and in all likelihood an inadequate one.

As long ago as 1893 Sir Leslie Stephen could say, “Books have increased so that the scholar even forgets what has been written on his own subject and requires a reminder” (quoted in Grace O. Kelly’s The Classification of Books. N.Y.: Wilson, 1938, p. 48). The librarian should pick out of the many suggestions that come to him in the form of catalogs, reviews, accession lists and other media those titles which seem to be definite in each of the major departments in which instruction is being offered, and bring them to the attention of the instructors.

But this is not enough. The librarian will make his selections upon the basis of his philosophy of librarianship and what he conceives to be the instructional needs of the institution, but this viewpoint is not that of the professor. He can aid the professor by placing in his hands order cards which he can keep on his desk or in his pocket, and he can make available to the faculty the booklists and catalogs that come in. The faculty members should, however, cooperate with the librarian, particularly with respect to books and materials needed for reserve shelves, by placing in his hands well in advance of the opening of a given term a list of the books that he would like placed on the reserve shelves. This gives time to order and process books not in the library. Another aid to the librarian would be a copy of required reading lists and bibliographies for each course, and a copy of course syllabi prepared by the professors. By having these well in advance of the opening of the term, he can plan his aids accordingly, make additional suggestions, suggest exhibits, and plan for any audio-visual contributions that can be available and useful.

Arnold D. Ehlert
THE HEAD AND TAIL OF OUR CATALOG

The Fuller Library has not issued accession lists due to the fact that we were starting a library from the beginning, and thought that a great percentage of what we were adding would be duplicate with the basic foundation of any good theological library. Then too we were publishing our BULLETIN and considered it something of a contribution to the theological library world. A number of other seminaries are issuing accession lists regularly, and in the aggregate a good representation of the worthwhile current theological literature is being listed.

(A digression might be made at this point to indicate that it is our desire at some future date to study the whole problem of accession lists, their purposes, value and form, and to make a report either through this medium or some other library journal.)

The conviction has been growing on us, however, that now since we have passed the 20,000 mark in our accessioning we do owe the fraternity some kind of sampling of our holdings. While it is not a fair sample, we know, it will nonetheless give some kind of basis for making a comparison with any other theological catalog, as well as providing the means whereby one may obtain an idea of the type of coverage we are achieving. Something of the 'flavor' of the collection can be gotten from this list.

We have taken the first 100 and the last 100 author entries in our dictionary catalog and reproduced them here.

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Abbott, John Stevens Cabot, *The history of Christianity: consisting of the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth; the adventures of Paul and the apostles; and the most interesting events in the progress of Christianity, from the earliest period to the present time . . .* Boston, D. Lathrop and Co. [1881] 504 p.


———, An illustrated commentary on the gospel according to St. John. N.Y., Barnes, 1879. vi, 245 p.

———, Laicus; or, The experiences of a layman in a country parish. N.Y., Dodd & Mead, 1872. 358 p.


———, The life that really is . . . N.Y., W. B. Ketcham [1899] 320 p.

———, The other room. N.Y., The Outlook Co., 1905. 120 p.

———, What Christianity means to me; a spiritual autobiography . . . N.Y., Macmillan, 1921. xi, 194 p.


Above the shadows, Herbert Buffum's special songs, No. 4. Long Beach, H. Buffum, Jr., 1949. 65 p.


Abrégé de l'histoire ecclésiastique, contenant les événements considérables de chaque siècle avec des reflexions. Cologne, Aux dépens de la Compaignie, 1752. 13 v.


An account of the extraordinary cures, conversions, and singular favours, conferred on persons wearing the miraculous medal . . . 3d. ed. Dublin, William Powell, 1839. 72 p.


Aguilar, Grace, *The women of Israel*. N.Y., Appleton, 1851. 2 v.


[Aitchison, Mrs. Estella Viola (Sutton)], *The true story of a revival; how one town arranged for special evangelistic meetings with a record of the outcome*. Chicago, Revell, 1901. 174 p.

———, *Old events and modern meanings, and other sermons*. . N. Y., Revell [1908] 251 p.


Wyatt, William Edward, *Christian offices, for the use of families and individuals; compiled from the liturgy of the Protestant Episcopal Church*. Baltimore, Robinson 1835. 388 p.


Wytenbach, Daniel, *Tentamen theologiae dogmaticae methodo scientifica perstratae*. Bernae, Ex officina Emanuealis Hortini, 1741. 3 v. in 2.

The Cyropaedia of Xenophon; according to the text of L. Dindorf; with notes by John J. Owen. 4th ed. N.Y., Leavitt, 1854. xi, 573 p.


Yaggy, Levi W. Museum of antiquity; a description of ancient life: the employ­ments, amusements, customs and habits, the cities, palaces, monuments and tombs, the literature and fine arts of 3,000 years ago. Chicago, Western Publishing House, 1880. xiv, 944 p.


——, The Old Testament history. 5th ed. Claremont, Calif., Bible Student’ League, 1923. 120 p.

——, Romans; justification by faith in Christ. Claremont, Calif., Bible Students’ League, 1923. 2 v.


———, *Philosophisch-theologische Abhandlungen als Beilagen zur biblischen Theologie zu gebrauchten* . . . Lemgo, Meyerschen Buchhandlung, 1776. 800 p.


NOTES AND QUERIES

29—MINIMUM CATALOGING.
Sometimes one has a book that defies analysis, may not be worth much, may be by an obscure author, or paperbound, or for some other reason is not worth regular cataloging. We have solved this problem to our satisfaction with a system of minimum cataloging which gives us access to it, and takes only one minute as a rule to do.

We have set up a separate section in our stack called the asterisk (*) section. It can be anywhere, either at the beginning, the end, or in any convenient place. We use a regular catalog card and regular form of entry, as on the Library of Congress cards, down through pagination. For a call number we use merely the asterisk and a serial number. This is both the classification of the book and the accession number. This number goes on the card, in the book, and on a stiff tag 2x9 inches, which is placed in the book with the number showing. The card is dropped in the catalog, the book is shelved and we are through.—A.E.

30—CAN YOU BEAT THIS? According to the A.L.A. Glossary of Library Terms, a book is “in print” when it is available from the publisher. We recently bought from T. & T. Clark in Edinburgh a copy of Margaret Thornley, The True End of Education, and the Means Adapted
to it, published by them in 1846! The book was in what one would have called "mint condition," supposedly, but needless to say, was a bit shelf-worn!

31—HELPS FOR THE CATALOGER.
Good tools are essential to any workman. For cataloging problems, which bulk large in any library, one should mention to start with the Library of Congress Catalog of Printed Cards in 167 volumes, and the supplement to the same in 42 volumes. Any library that can afford to pay a thousand dollars for bibliographical tools cannot afford to be without this great work. The Cumulative Book Index, sold on a subscription basis by the H. W. Wilson Company is probably next in order of usefulness.


For subject headings one will find most useful in the field of religion, outside the Sears and L.C. lists, Julita Pettee's List of Theological Subject Headings and Corporate Church Names (A.L.A., 1947) and Oliver L. Kapsner's Catholic Subject Headings (2d ed., St. John's Abbey Press, Collegeville, Minn., 1947).

The Classification manual depends, of course, on the system used, whether Dewey, L.C., or the Union Seminary system. In any case, for comparison purposes, it is well to have the others handy. For author headings in Bible, one used to be able to buy the Bible volume of the L.C. Catalog separately.

COVER VIGNETTE
The cover vignetee is from the title page of the second and third volumes of a tremendous commentary on Isaiah by Johann Georg Leigh entitled Commentarius über den Propheten Jesaiam in exegetisch-homiletisch-und moralischen Betrachtungen. This work is in six large volumes totalling 9,541 numbered pages, and was published in Braunschweig by Friedrich Wilhelm Meyer, 1726-1734. The title varies. We have not been able to find the author listed in any of the standards works of reference or national bibliographies. The following legend appears after his name in volume I: "P. Cæf. Ph.D. & A.C. in Acad. Jen." The commentary is in the form of an extensive paraphrase of each chapter followed by a detailed verse-by-verse analysis, exposition and application with exegetical footnotes. There is a subject outline that is carried through the exposition. This work came to us with the Fyens Collection of European Theology.

UNION LIST OF RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS
The Christian Librarians Association, regional society of Southern California librarians of Christian colleges and seminaries, has voted to compile a Union List of Religious Periodicals in Southern California Libraries. Realizing that this is a large undertaking, yet appreciating the value of such a list brought up to date, the group is calling on all its members to cooperate first by supplying a check list of merely the titles of their holdings in religious periodicals, and then later providing their specific holdings in each title.

The Fuller Seminary has been selected as the school at which the file will be housed and edited. It is likely that the extent of the holdings will be quite surprising, and there will be a number of titles not carried by the Union List of Serials. At present it is anticipated that the list will be held in card form, but possible future publication in some convenient form is considered a possibility. In that case a decision would have to be made as to whether or not to include holdings now carried by the Union List.