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COVER PLATE

Bishop Randolph Sinks Foster was born in 1820 in Williamsburg, Ohio, and died in 1903. He was elected President of Drew Theological Seminary in 1870, and was elevated to the bishopric of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1872 in Brooklyn. He has written, among other things, *Beyond the Grave*, 1879; *Centenary Thoughts*, 1884; *Christian Purity*, 1869; *Recognition of Friends in Heaven*, 1878; *Unity of Episcopal Methodisms*, and a set of doctrinal works entitled *Studies in Theology*.

The symbol in the bookplate of Bishop Foster would be defined somewhat as follows: argent a chevron gules between three hunting horns stringed, stag’s head erased. The chevron between three hunting horns is characteristic of the Foster arms, and may be seen on tombstones in the burying ground at Charlestown, Mass.

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SOME RECENTLY PUBLISHED (1950-1952) BIBLIOGRAPHIES IN BOOKS OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION, THEOLOGY, AND CHURCH HISTORY

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The following bibliography is suggestive, not exhaustive. Though in Southern California we have great universities and correspondingly great libraries in most fields, theological libraries here are nothing to boast of. Had I been able to draw up this list in Chicago or at Princeton, in New York City or in the vicinity of Boston, it would be much more exhaustive. The year 1949 has not been included in the compass of this list, and this I regret, for some bibliographies of outstanding importance were published then.

Before entering upon the bibliography proper, I think we should note the appearance of the third and last volume of Donald Wing's great Short-Title Catalog of Books Printed in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and British America, and of English Books Printed in Other Countries, 1641-1700, by which we now have available, in an alphabetical arrangement of authors, practically a complete catalog of all books published in Great Britain and America from 1475 to 1700. It has been announced that a special volume indexing this vast work by subjects is being prepared.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Some publications that are strictly bibliographical bear directly upon our subject; e.g., "The Bibliography of Periodical Literature on the Near and Middle East," prepared under the direction of Dr. Sidney S. Glazer, consultant in Near East Bibliography in the Library of Congress, reprinted quarterly from the Middle East Journal; also the monthly publication of the Zion Research Library entitled "New Books of the Zion Research Library" (120 Seaver St., Brookline 46, Mass.).

The Publisher's Circular, Ltd., of 171 High Street, Beckenham, Kent, England, began its publication of supplements with 4000 Books on Religion, Classified, Arranged Under 70 sub-divisions. This also contains extensive advertising material. There is no hint, as far as I can see, as to the principles upon which these books were selected. Most of them, I would judge, are late publications, and are almost exclusively British.

A Selected and Annotated Bibliography of Books and Periodicals in Western Languages, Dealing with the Near and Middle East, with special emphasis on medieval and modern times, edited by Richard Ettinghausen. Prepared under the auspices of the Committee on Near Eastern Studies of the American Council of Learned Societies, and Published by the Middle East Institution, Washington, D.C., 1952. pp. viii, 111. The author index of 24 columns would seem to indicate that there are about 1400 items in this valuable bibliography.

While it does not relate exclusively to Biblical and theological material, there should be included here a publication issued by the British Museum in 1952, which I picked up in London last summer, The Catalogs of the British Museum: Vol. I, Printed Books, by F. C. Francis, Keeper, Department of Printed Books, British Museum. 40 pp.

The following is chiefly a list of bibliographies in books on Biblical subjects, and in periodicals.
GENERAL RELIGIOUS BIBLIOGRAPHY


"Books to Put to Work," by Wilbur M. Smith. This bibliography covering such subjects as Christian Doctrine, Apologetics, the Bible and Archaeology, the Person and Work of Christ, Bible Study, Biographies of Famous Christians, Missionary Activities, etc., was first published in His, the official magazine of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship in this country, in 1947, was completely revised and appeared again in the issue of April, 1951. This revised edition has been separately published by the Inter-Varsity Fellowship in an 18-page brochure.


A Guide to Christian Reading. London: Inter-Varsity Fellowship, 1952. In my opinion, this is the most important bibliography of Biblical and theological material of our generation constructed from a conservative viewpoint. Almost 1500 volumes are listed, with author, title, publisher, date, and sometimes page numbers, with an occasional brief word of comment. The material is well classified under 58 headings, arranged under 9 major divisions — the Bible, the Old Testament, the New Testament, Systematic Theology, Doctrine, Apologetics, the Practice of Christianity, Church History, Foreign Missions — concluding with a select list of basic works, pp. 110-117.


List of Books for Theological Libraries. Prepared by a number of educators in this country and put together by Professor Terrelle B. Crum of the Providence Bible Institute. The data in each entry includes only author, title, publisher and date. The publication embraces 141 quarto pages.


BIBLE — GENERAL


Plants of the Bible, by Harold N. Moldenke. Waltham, Mass.: Chronica Botanica, 1952. pp. 259-274. This bibliography has 605 entries, and while each different edition of a work referred to is given separate enumeration, one can still say without hesitation that this is the most exhaustive list of volumes on Biblical botany that has appeared in our language.

BIBLE — VERSIONS


OLD TESTAMENT — GENERAL


The Society for Old Testament Study Book List, 1950. pp. 80. This work, prepared by a number of outstanding Biblical scholars in Great Britain, is arranged under ten major themes such as Archaeology, History, Text and Versions, Exegesis, Philology, etc. Each volume is given a brief but very carefully written review. Approximately 200 volumes are here classified. A superb work.

OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

From Joseph to Joshua: Biblical Traditions in the Light of Archaeology, by H. H. Rowley. London: Oxford Univ. Press, 1950. pp. 165-188. This bibliography embraces approximately 800 titles, and as far as I know, it is the largest comprehensive bibliography of Old Testament archaeology in our language.


"Moses and the Decalogue," by Harold H. Rowley. Bulletin of the John Rylands Library, September, 1951, pp. 81-118. In this article practically everything of importance on the Decalogue, issued since the latter half of the 19th century, is listed.


NEW TESTAMENT — GENERAL


"A Suggestive Bibliography on the Birth of Christ and Christmas," by Wilbur M. Smith. Moody Monthly, December, 1952, pp. 275-283, 315-317. As far as I know, this is the most comprehensive bibliography of the literature pertaining to the advent of our Lord to be found in the English language.
NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS


SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY


ESCHATOLOGY

A Preliminary Bibliography for the Study of Biblical Prophecy, by Wilbur M. Smith. Boston: W. A. Wilde Co., 1952. pp. 44. Approximately 150 titles of works relating to Biblical prophecy arranged under eleven major headings, including, the Christian Philosophy of History, Biblical Prophecy in General, Biblical Eschatology, the Kingdom of God, the Second Advent, the Book of Revelation, the Millennium, the History of Prophetic Interpretation, etc.


BIBLICAL THEOLOGY


Preface to Old Testament Theology, by Robert C. Denton. Yale Studies in Religion, XIV. New Haven, 1950, pp. 74. The first half of this excellent brochure is devoted to a history of Old Testament Theology, with a number of important bibliographical notes. The bibliography proper extends from pp. 68 to 72.


PRACTICAL THEOLOGY


RELIGION — GENERAL


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION


ROMAN CATHOLIC READING LISTS


Focus: Catholic Background Reading for the Orientation of College and University Students. Woodstock College (Baltimore), 1951. 61 p.

Guide to Catholic Literature, Vol. IV, 1948-1951, edited by Walter Romig. Grosse Pointe, Mich. A 1952 supplement brings this work up to date. An author-title-subject index in one straight alphabetical listing, with biographical and critical notes and references, of books and pamphlets by Catholics, or of particular Catholic interest, published originally or in revised editions in any language and in any country.


HISTORY — GENERAL

Backwoods Utopias, the Sectarian and Owenite Phases of Communitarian Socialism in America, 1663-1829. Philadelphia: The Univ. of Pennsylvania Press, 1950. In addition to great masses of bibliographical information in footnotes, there is an extended "Bibliographical Essay" pp. 245-268. A subject having wide attention at the present time.


CHURCH HISTORY


PATRICISTIC PERIOD


Patrology: Vol. I, The Beginnings of Patristic Literature, by Johannes Quasten. Westminster, Md.: Newman Press, 1951. While this is strictly a history of the writings of the early Church Fathers, the bibliographical material is so vast, so up-to-date, so comprehensive, that I could not help but include it in this list. Approximately one-half of this volume is devoted to bibliographical data.


CHURCH IN THE MIDDLE AGES


REFORMATION


CHURCH IN ENGLAND


CHURCH IN AMERICA


BAPTIST CHURCH

A Baptist Bibliography, Being a Register of Printed Material By and About Baptists, Including Works Written against the Baptist, edited by Edward C. Starr. Section II, B—Biloxi. Chester, Pa.: The American Baptist Historical Society (actually this is the Library of Crozer Theological Seminary). 11 x 8½ inches, pp. 285, 38. The first section of this Bibliography, covering the letter A, a book one-half the size of this, was issued at Colgate University in 1947, a work of 190 pages of bibliography in addition to an elaborate index, location symbols, etc. One wonders how long it will take to complete this bibliography if sections devoted to only one letter of the alphabet are published five years apart. Why should a huge volume be required for titles falling, in alphabetic order, under only a section of the letter B? Upon opening the work, one discovers that titles beginning with the word Baptism and Baptist extend from pages 74 to 109, and those included under Bible, from pages 206 to 273. Probably no volume appearing subsequently in this series will have three sections of such importance.

It is not my purpose in this bibliography to pass criticism, but it seems to me that some of this material is comparatively insignificant, especially an index to the minutes of the different small local Baptist churches of this country; but perhaps this would be necessary to some particular research project on the Baptist churches of particular states.

Historical Study of the Educational Agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1845-1945, by Edith Clysdale Magruder. Teachers College, 1951. pp. 139-152.


CHURCH AND STATE

There is an enormous literature at the present time on the subject of church and state. It is not my desire here even to list the important works. One suffices: the monumental study by Anson Phelps Stokes, The Church and State in the United States, Vol. III, New York, 1950. pp. 769-876.

THE CHURCH — MICELLANEOUS


“Glossolalia, the Gift of Tongues, a Bibliography,” by Edmund R. Woodside. *Fuller Library Bulletin*, No. 11, July-September, 1951, pp. 3-5.


*One Church for One World; a Course for Intermediate or Junior High School Groups in Vacation Church Schools; Teacher’s Book*, by Olive L. Johnson and Frances Nall. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1951. pp. 124-127.


### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH


### MISSIONS


THE JEWS — ISRAEL


Zionist Archives and Library. Palestine and Zionism; a Bimonthly Bibliography of Books, Pamphlets, Periodicals. See the various issues.
SUPPLEMENT TO
Bernard Ramm's
"AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE
HISTORY OF THEOLOGY
FROM SCHLEIERMACHER TILL 1951"
Compiled by
Wilbur M. Smith, D.D.
With additions by Dr. Ramm
(The following is supplementary to the bibliography that appeared in the
previous issue of the BULLETIN.)

I. GENERAL

B. Treatises Covering Theological History in General

Cunningham, William. Historical Theology: a Review of the Principal Doctrinal
Discussions in the Christian Church Since the Apostolic Age. 3d ed. Edinburgh,
T. & T. Clark, 1870. 2 v.

McGiffert, Arthur Cushman, 1861-1933. A History of Christian Thought. N.Y.,
C. Scribner's Sons, 1947. 2 v. Extensive bibliography at the conclusion of the second
volume, pp. 333-344.


Moore, Edward Caldwell. An Outline of the History of Christian Thought Since
Kant. N. Y., Scribner's, 1912. x, 249 p.

Piinjer, Bernard. History of the Christian Philosophy of Religion from the
Reformation to Kant. Trans. by W. Hastie. Edinburgh, T. & T. Clark, 1887. xix,
660 pp. A monumental work, seldom referred to today, but deserving careful study.

Selwyn, Edward Gordon. History of Christian Thought. London, J. Heritage,

2 v. The second volume covers 1517 to 1895.


C. Some Recent Works on Special Doctrines with Historical Value.

I believe that it would be advantageous to include here some of the outstanding
works attempting to cover the history of Christology since the beginning of the 19th
century. This embraces Gospel Criticism, which of course does not technically belong
in the specific bibliography Dr. Ramm has constructed; nevertheless the following
volumes are important.

McCown, Chester Charlton. The Search for the Real Jesus; a Century of Historical

Salvatorelli, Luigi. "From Locke to Reitzenstein: The Historical Investigation

Weinel, Heinrich. Jesus in the Nineteenth Century and After, by Heinrich
An increasingly important area of theological discussion today is that of eschatology, the history of which might well have some place in this bibliography. Let me here suggest at least the following.

Froom, Leroy Edwin, The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers. Washington, D.C., Review and Herald, 1946-. 4 v. Volumes one to three have been published, and include over 2000 pages; the last volume is due this year. This is the most exhaustive survey of the prophetic literature of the Church that has been made. It is the work of a Seventh-Day Adventist who accepts the year-day theory, and insists that the Roman Church is Antichrist and Babylon. The work is indispensable nonetheless.

A brief survey of the Church’s various millennial views through the centuries is The Millennium in the Church, Studies in the History of Chiliasm, by D. H. Kromminga. (Grand Rapids, Eerdmans, 1945, 360 pp.).

The entire subject is reviewed, in part, in a large work by Isaac C. Wellcome, History of the Second Advent, Method and Mission... Yarmouth, Me., 1874. 707 pp. I have given only a brief list out of a possible extensive bibliography.

II. AMERICAN THEOLOGY

B. Movements

It is difficult to know where to draw a line on the literature of the history of American theology. We can hardly discuss this subject without entering into the question of Unitarianism. The following are only suggested additions.


Gordon, Ernest Barron. The Leaven of the Sadducees; or, Old and New Apostasies. Chicago, Bible Institute Colportage Assoc. [1926] 263 pp. This is one of the most penetrating studies of the destructive influences of Unitarianism in New England that has been written. It is now seldom referred to. The document is authentic.


III. BRITISH THEOLOGY


IV. SCOTTISH THEOLOGY


MacLeod, John. Scottish Theology in Relation to Church History Since the Reformation... Edinburgh, Free Church of Scotland, 1943. viii, 336 pp. This volume, based upon lectures delivered at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, by the Principal Emeritus of Free Church College, Edinburgh, is one of the outstanding surveys of modern theology produced during the twentieth century, a book that has never received the attention it deserves.

Such a work as Henry F. Henderson’s The Religious Controversies of Scotland (Edinburgh, 1905, 208 pp.) is actually a history of theological debates.
V. GERMAN THEOLOGY

Drummond, Andrew L. German Protestantism Since Luther. London, Epworth Press, 1941.

VII. ORTHODOX MOVEMENTS


RATIONALISM AND UNBELIEF

It seems to me that in surveying the history of theology, we should include the history of the more powerful attacks upon the Christian faith, of rationalism and free thought, as it is sometime called. Some very important volumes have appeared in this field. The following, I believe, are the major works in English.


Robertson, John Mackinnon. A Short History of Freethought, Ancient and Modern. 2d ed. London, Watts & Co., 1906. 2 v. Robertson was the most prolific writer and the best scholar among the English rationalists at the beginning of our century. This may be entitled “Short,” but it contains over a thousand pages. Not satisfied with this, he did a second work, A History of Free Thought in the Nineteenth Century (London, Watts & Co., 1929, 2 v.). All of his writing are fully annotated, and the reference material is very extensive.


Various volumes have been issued in the last few years by Columbia University Press including doctoral dissertations on Theism, Deism, etc., such as Morais, Deism in the Eighteenth Century America, but I do not think it necessary to list all of these here.