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OF SIGNIFICANT BOOKS
ON
CHRISTIAN PERSONAL ETHICS
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FELLOWSHIP

Within all professions there is a camaraderie of sorts. Among librarians it is of an unusually high quality. Factors that separate faculty members and professional men of other walks of life are less operative among librarians. Perhaps there are fewer truly controversial matters that pertain to librarianship than to other lines of work, or perhaps those which are controversial lack the seriousness that characterizes differences in theology or philosophy, for instance. Certainly there is a narrower field of operations in which librarians work than in some other fields, although the peripheral interests and implications of librarianship extend widely in all directions.

One of the most noticeable features of library conferences is the lack of controversy, and the spirit of helpfulness. Few librarians would think of withholding from their colleagues some secret formula for book cleaner or library paste, or would run to patent some new method of processing books. Whatever has been found helpful is eagerly shared with their fellow librarians. Words of praise are proffered freely, and criticisms are given with just as little reserve—and received in the main in just as good a spirit. They are all seeking to do the job in the best way in their own situation.

In the area of intercommunication and sharing of materials this spirit is beautifully expressed. Among our theological libraries a considerable number share, as they are able, their accession lists with other theological librarians. These cost money and take time to prepare and to mail, and there is no remuneration received for them. Of course they do serve a distinct purpose on the local campus among faculty and students, but there is real joy in being able to share these lists with others. A number of librarians this year have sent or offered publications of their own library or institution without cost. These gestures have been very heartily appreciated.

The exchange of books and periodicals is another example of the fine spirit of helpfulness that librarians exhibit. Most exchange systems are on a basis of returning transportation charges, but not of paying for books or periodicals. A record may be kept for statistical purposes of what is exchanged, but usually no attention is paid to the relative balance of obligation. Some may contend that this is because it is desirable often to discard for sake of obtaining needed space, but there are other ways to discard.

A survey of correspondence between theological librarians for a year would make a very fascinating study. It would probably yield confirmation to the thesis that they are all trying to help one another and to seek help where they know it will be freely given if at all possible. There is a real pride and satisfaction in helping a colleague, and particularly one who is in a smaller and less favored situation than oneself. May this spirit never leave the profession!

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Somewhat of a revival of interest in Christian ethics is underway today, precipitated in part by the collapse of mediating positions and the ascendency of naturalism. The bibliography which follows is centered in Christian Personal Ethics, rather than Christian Social Ethics. Works which deal primarily with Christianity and marriage, Christianity and economics, Christianity and the state, etc., are not included, although many of these contain a chapter or section dealing with personal ethics professedly from the standpoint of revelation. Although not exhaustive, the list has been selectively compiled from library shelves in Scotland and America for my class at Fuller Theological Seminary in Christian Ethics 532.

The volumes are grouped as follows: special works on the ethics of Jesus, on the ethics of Paul, general works on Christian ethics in English, similar foreign works, and finally a limited number of works on conscience and special questions.

I. ETHICS OF JESUS

Stalker, James, The Ethic of Jesus According to the Synoptic Gospels. N.Y., Doran, 1909. xii, 403 p.

II. ETHICS OF PAUL

III. GENERAL WORKS


**IV. FOREIGN WORKS**


**V. HISTORICAL**


**VI. CONSCIENCE**


**NOTES AND QUERIES**

36—"PLEASE SEND ME A BIBLIOGRAPHY." Librarians sometimes get some peculiar requests. The most astonishing that I ever received as a theological librarian was this: "Please send me a bibliography on systematic theology." The answer to this request went something like this: "Theology is a big subject, and has many subdivisions. If you will indicate just what you have in mind, I shall try to help you. Do you want a bibliography on systematic treatises of theology, and if so do you also want titles on the various subdivisions of the subject? If you will specify just in what areas you want titles, I shall be happy to furnish you with as many titles as you want at the rate of five cents each.” I never heard from this person again. —A.E.

**NEW FACULTY PRODUCTION**

Dr. Harold Lindsell, Dean of Administration and Professor of Missions, has written what he hopes will become a textbook in the field, *Missionary Principles and Practice,* which is being published by Revell April 4 at $4.50. It will include an extensive bibliography and contain around 400 pages.

**CORRECTION**

We are sorry that the serial number of the last issue of the BULLETIN was incorrect. It should have been Number 25, instead of 26.