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This Bulletin is a revival of one published by the Association from 1956–1966. It is intended to issue three numbers a year (Spring, Summer and Winter) and to be brief, informative and cheap.

Subscriptions for 1976 are now due, and should be sent to the Treasurer as soon as possible. £2.00 (\$6.00) will entitle libraries and personal members (£1.00 for retired members) to numbers 5, 6 and 7.

The officers and committee members will be glad to hear from anyone interested in any aspect of the work reflected in these pages, and in extending it beyond these limits. They feel that ABTAPL can offer a useful service to all who are concerned with bibliography and library provision of religion and philosophy.

OBITUARY

The Rev. John A. Lamb, Librarian of New College, Edinburgh, 1951-1965, died on 4th February 1976 at Kirriemuir, aged 86. His early career in the ministry of the Church of Scotland (14 years at Lamlash, Isle of Arran, and 14 years at Lyne and Manor, Peeblesshire), together with his studies for the Ph.D and D.D. degrees of Edinburgh University, seemed but a preparation for the next 14 years as scholar-librarian in the principal theological college of his Church.

His greatest interest and reputation was in the field of church worship and liturgy of all traditions and all ages. He lectured in the post-graduate school and was a regular reviewer for the *Scottish Journal of Theology* from 1952. Every year from 1952-1974 he published a review of recent liturgical literature in the *Church Service Society Annual* and its successor *Liturgical Review*. 1962 saw the publication by the Faith Press of his book *The Psalms in Christian worship*.

In the same period he also edited two large contributions to the modern history of the church in Scotland, *The Fasti of the United Free Church of Scotland, 1900-1929* (Edinburgh, 1956) and *Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticae, vol. 9, 1929-1954* (Edinburgh, 1961). A number of his articles were published in the *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland* and the *Records of the Scottish Church History Society*.

As librarian, he naturally saw to it that an already good collection became first-class in liturgy and hymnology. In 1958 he became responsible for the assimilation into the library of the very large General Assembly Library, and in 1962 he became involved in the changes brought about by the transfer of New College from the Church of Scotland to the University of Edinburgh.

He also found time to contribute a valuable series of articles to the *Bulletin of The Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries* called *The Scottish Scene* (nos 5, 6 and 7, March, June and November, 1958) which were printed in the *Library Association Record* (vol 61, 1959, p.327-333) as *Theological and Philosophical Libraries in Scotland*.

Dr. Lamb was a frequent and welcome user of the library he formerly ruled, a kindly friend, a scholar who shared his scholarship. His sudden passing marks the end of an era.

J.V.H.

ABTAPL VISIT TO WESTMINSTER ABBEY LIBRARY

All members of ABTAPL are warmly invited to come to the Library of Westminster Abbey at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday 5th May 1976, when the Librarian, Mr. Howard M. Nixon, F.S.A., will show us round.

This should be a most interesting afternoon — please come if you possibly can so that Mr. Nixon doesn't have to give up his time just for a faithful few.

REINCARNATION FOR CHARLES HIGHAM

Charles Higham's bookshop, founded in 1869, was forced at the end of 1975 to vacate its spacious cellars in Charterhouse Street, London. With the high costs of suitable accommodation now ruling, it appeared that the shop might have to move out of central London or perhaps close down altogether. S.P.C.K. have now come to the rescue, by acquiring ownership of the firm and offering house room in the crypt of Holy Trinity Church, their publishing headquarters in Marylebone Road, London NW1.

Most of the original stock of 40,000 religious second-hand and antiquarian books will be housed there, and will be re-opened for business on 1st April. The new arrangement will keep the Anglican link, though the range of the stock, and the customers, is much wider, and indeed worldwide. It will also preserve the facility for browsing and personal contact which is largely lost when booksellers have to do most of their business by post. Higham's will continue to be managed by Mr. William Young.

FIVE YEARS WORK IN BRITISH LIBRARIANSHIP AND INFORMATION SCIENCE, 1971-1975

A reminder that Robert J. Duckett is compiling the philosophy and religion section for this forthcoming reference book, and that any notes of changes of practice or new ways of dealing with the literature by librarians or bibliographers in these fields would be welcomed by him at the Social Sciences Department of Bradford Central Library.

LIBRARIES – 6

Franciscan Central Library,

University of Kent at Canterbury, CT2 7NA. 0227-69349

- Librarian** Fr. Boniface Kruger, O.F.M., Ph.D.
- History** The Library serves the Franciscan Study Centre at Canterbury which was opened in 1973 as a Catholic institute of philosophical and theological formation, in the first place for members of the Franciscan Order, but which also accepts other students, male and female, in so far as they can be accommodated. The Centre, while independent, was from the start established in association with the University, with whom it exchanges facilities. The basic stock of this Library (almost 30,000 volumes) was built up from 1946 onwards in the previous location of the Franciscan House of Studies from already existing collections in Franciscan friaries throughout the U.K., and subsequent purchases. Since being transferred to the new Centre at Canterbury, it has been augmented by collections from other Franciscan sources, bequests, gifts and purchases. While providing for the basic needs of the students of this Centre, secondary needs are catered for in co-operation with the other academic libraries of Canterbury, especially the nearby University library.
- Function** To provide lending and reference facilities for members of the Franciscan Study Centre, students of the University of Kent and others having a general or specialist interest in the subjects covered by the library; to act as the central library of the Franciscans in the U.K.
- Coverage** Philosophy, Theology (including Scripture, Church history, Canon Law and Liturgy), Franciscan literature and general humanities (history and literature).
- Stock** Approx. 40,000 volumes, 110 current periodicals (excluding annual publications).
- Special collections**
There are no special collections in the sense of separately located or classified collections, all bequests being fully integrated in the library. A research collection of old or historically valuable material is, however, being built up in a separate security area, but this is still almost entirely uncatalogued and unclassified.
- Classification** Mainly L.C., with (adapted) Lynn-Peterson alternative schedules for Christian Literature (BQ), Systematic Theology (BT), Canon Law

(BV), and Church history (BX), and the Librarian's own schedules for systematic philosophy (BD) and moral philosophy (BJ).

- Catalogues**
- (i) Author card catalogue (complete except for research collection).
 - (ii) Periodicals Kardex catalogue (alphabetical).

(Classified card catalogue and subject card index are planned but do not yet exist).

Access Free reference and lending facilities are granted to staff and students of the Franciscan Study Centre, staff and certain categories of students of the U.K.C. and other colleges in Canterbury, members of the Franciscan Orders, and to other scholars and students on application to the Librarian.

Open during term time	Mondays to Fridays:	8.45 – 21.30
	Saturdays:	10.00 – 18.00
	Sundays:	14.00 – 18.00
during vacations	Mondays to Fridays:	9.00 – 18.00

Photocopying facilities are available, operated by coin-in-the-slot mechanism.

Publications

- (i) Eric Doyle, O.F.M. : *Canterbury and the Franciscans, 1224 – 1974:* 60p.
- (ii) " " " : *The Rule and Testament of St. Francis of Assisi:* 50p.
- (iii) *Franciscans* (free)

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SOCIETIES – 5

Church Service Society

Secretary Rev. W.J. Ross, M.A., Manse of Dunbarney,
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Aims Founded 1865 for “the study of liturgies – ancient and modern – of the Christian Church, with a view to the preparation and ultimate publication of certain forms of prayer for public worship, and services for the administration of the sacraments etc.”

- Publications**
- (1) 1928–1970 *The Annual*
 - (2) 1971 *The Liturgical Studies* Vol. 1, parts 1 & 2
continued as
 - (3) *Liturgical Review* appearing half-yearly Vol. 2 (1971) –
 - (4) *Euchologion: or Book of Prayers* (1867) with numerous revisions and reprints.
 - (5) *Daily Offices* – 1893
 - (6) *Liturgies and Orders of Divine Service used or prepared for use in the Church of Scotland since the Reformation* –
A series of six volumes published 1901–1905.

(Note: after the publication of item 6 above, the Church of Scotland General Assembly Committee on Aids to Devotion, created in 1859, virtually took over the publication of Service Books on an official basis – sanctioned but not obligatory.)

Other activities

- (1) Annual General Meeting with Public Lecture on Liturgical Topic (end of May).
- (2) Centenary Liturgical Lecture – every second year.
- (3) Annual Area Conference (October)
- (4) Maintains a small liturgical library. A former library passed to the now defunct Church of Scotland Library most of whose stock is in New College Library on permanent loan. More recently a new stock is being created in a loft of the historic Greyfriars' Church in Edinburgh.

Membership Open to Ministers and laity of the Church of Scotland.
Associate Membership open to all interested institutions or individuals.

Subscription £2.00 annually including two issues of *Liturgical Review* (120 pp. in all). Special rate for bona fide theological students (including Journal) and for retired members (excluding Journal). Details can be obtained from the Secretary of the Society at the address above.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES & REFERENCE BOOKS — 7

A Baptist Bibliography, ed. by Edward C. Starr. Rochester, N.Y., American Baptist Historical Society, 1947 — (22 vols. published to date, covering A to Steud)

The first volume, with general introduction, explanation and appendixes, was printed in 1947. Vol. 2 did not appear till 1952, and then in a larger format with text reproduced from typescript. Later volumes have followed this style, with increasing clarity and frequency.

Each entry in the main alphabetical sequence gives full bibliographical details, and locations of copies in libraries in Great Britain, U.S.A. and Canada. Each volume has an index which includes joint authors, translators, Baptist publishers, distinctive titles and subjects. Each also has a chronological index of books published before 1699.

Perhaps only in a country where Baptists are present in such large numbers could such a project be conceived and carried through. Dr Starr builds on other collections, notably W.T. Whitley's *A Baptist Bibliography*, (2 vols, London, 1916-2), which covers British publications only, and adds to it and to the other American collections everything that has come into his net. Works written against Baptists or t Baptist tradition are included, and so are some controversies on baptismal subjects in which Baptists have not been directly involved. The chronological scope is from 160 to date of publication, so that the earlier volumes are already becoming out of date, which is no doubt the fate of all such enterprises.

The American origin of the work means that Baptist writings from that country receive the fullest coverage. Unpublished manuscripts, theses, occasional pamphlets, histories of individual churches, are well represented from America, along with theological, hymnological and ecclesiastical writings generally. Poems, novels and textbooks by Baptists and their missionaries are listed.

The works of such Scottish Baptists as have reached print are faithfully and accurately recorded. There is some biographical material and volumes of reminiscence, but others have been missed. Ephemeral controversial pamphlets, which one thinks would have appeared if American, are absent, and British Baptist contributions to literature have not been fully exploited. Nevertheless this is a comprehensive treatment of the Baptist literature of Britain. John Bunyan's works are there in full; Milton is represented only by his theological writings.

Other languages than English have a good coverage. The works of Oncken the German Baptist pioneer are there, and several pages of Portuguese writings. Welsh Baptists seem well represented, and translations into that language are included. Other European tongues have their place, as well as works produced for mission purposes in many lands.

This is a massive and remarkable enterprise. Simply to browse in it is to learn some Baptist history, and it is an essential tool for anyone researching in Baptist history and related areas.

D.B. Murray

BIBLIOGRAPHY & REFERENCE BOOKS – 8

Religion and Theology: a select book guide, March 1976. London S.C.M. Press
80 pages (50p.)

Contents: This is an annotated list of some 1,300 books in print in English mainly from British publishers. It is arranged in 16 subject groups, with 10 further subdivisions for *Bible* and 4 for *Liturgy and worship*. Entries give author, title, publisher, price, annotation. There is a six-page general introduction, with a further introductory paragraph beginning each subject division, and a four-page index of author's names.

Selection policy: The guide is based on the stock and the lists previously sent out by the retail and mail order branch of the same firm, the S.C.M. Bookroom, and the compilers claim they have had advice from a wide variety of scholars, teachers and others on what should be included. The selection of books, subjects and publishers is interesting, and perhaps inter-related.

The choice of subject headings — *Modern theology, Christian doctrine, Philosophy of religion, Prayer, Liturgy and worship*, etc. do reflect the approach of the ordinary reader and the beginning student well. The choice of books is generally a judicious mixture of reprints of standard works and newer books, with some from 1975/6 and a few published only this month. No dates are given, however.

The choice of publishers ranges from Inter-Varsity Press and Paternoster through the mainly Anglican firms and the bigger general publishers to Darton, Longman & Todd and Sheed & Ward. The compilers state that they are less sympathetic to works in the evangelical and fundamentalist tradition. It is also no surprise to find S.C.M. imprints on almost every page. After all, they do publish very good books in the subjects they have selected for the list with the notable exception of *Church history* (one S.C.M. title out of 59).

Annotation: The majority of the notes, presented usually in a single line of smaller, lighter type, are pithy and informative. But this excellent feature sometimes becomes a typographical straitjacket. No comment would be better than some of the annotations of the *Biography* section: "major study", "magisterial study", "masterly introduction", "brilliant re-recreation", "fascinating Latin church father". And here and there the facile blurb writer is not far away — Barth's *The epistle to the Romans* is "A revolutionary commentary", Bowden's *Karl Barth*, in the *Biography* section, is "A pen-portrait of the man behind the theology", and with *Balthasar's Engagement with God* the note "A brief introduction to his thought" needs greater precision! But it must be said that the notes in the sections *Prayer, Ministry & counselling*, and *For classroom use* are very helpful in expanding and explaining distinctive but not meaningful titles. The notes on the Biblical commentary series are also most helpful.

The paragraph introducing each subject selection gives some justification for the selection and some comments on the nature of the subject. The general introduction is a real attempt at dialogue with the reader — what is religion? what is a religious

book? who reads them? why do they cost so much? why not borrow the dearer ones from your library? The compilers seem to have felt a great urge to communicate and offer something more for the money than a mere list.

Readership: The list is intended for use by teachers, clergy, students, booksellers, libraries, etc., but the selections have not been graded, except in the section *For classroom use*. Value would have been added by some indication of the level of interest or difficulty, as in the *Theological Book List, 1963, 1968 and 1971* (the 3 T.E.F. supplements to the Raymond Morris list of 1960).

The layout and typography, bold but not brash, full of detail but not finicky, are superb in their clarity.

If the list as a whole offers less than the 1,500 titles of the *Readers' Guide to Books on Religion* (Library Association County Libraries Group, 2nd ed., 1974), it is far easier to use for book selection because of its presentation and annotation. It is to be hoped that the publishers realise their ambition to make such an up-to-date list an annual event, especially if Whitaker's *Religious books in print, 1974* (10,000 titles) is not to be continued.

J.V.H.

A book for library reference

A C E N T U R Y O F S E R V I C E

A History of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, 1875-1975 by MARCEL PRADERVAND

Here is told the story of the oldest world family of Protestant churches and its pioneering work in many fields of activity over the past hundred years - in mission, religious freedom, Christian unity and ecumenism. This first complete history of its organised life has been written by Marcel Pradervand, who was Executive and then General Secretary of the Alliance from 1949 to 1970. He has not only traced the historical events in the course of the last century but also captured the spirit of an organisation set up to serve the Church of Jesus Christ by drawing member-churches out of isolation and into fellowship with each other. [320pp. Cased £4.00 net]

THE SAINT ANDREW PRESS * EDINBURGH**

THE LOST LIBRARIES OF SUFFOLK

Up to 1890 there were in various churches and parsonage houses in Suffolk eleven ancient parochial libraries, all of them founded, mostly by individual bequests, between 1590 and 1790. Of these, eight have happily survived more or less intact, and a unified catalogue of the 1,900 or so volumes they contain is currently in course of preparation. It is to be published by Mansell in 1977 on the same lines as their *Shropshire Parochial Libraries Catalogue* (1971) and is being financed by generous grants from the British Library, The Pilgrim Trust, the British Academy, the Marc Fitch Fund and Suffolk County Council. But three of the original eleven libraries have disappeared long since.

Sudbury All Saints

One, Sudbury All Saints, was small and comparatively insignificant except as an example of the libraries set up and sent out by Dr Thomas Bray and his friends. Dating from 1712 it comprised only 62 volumes, all standard works for the edification and use of the clergy. A list survives but no books. The other two, those of Milden and Brent Eleigh (two tiny adjoining West Suffolk parishes now combined with two others in one benefice) contained between them no less than 3,700 printed books besides some MSS — about double the aggregate of all those that survive. They were both personal collections bequeathed by erudite divines in the early 18th century.

Milden

The Milden Library of 2,000 or so volumes was left by William Burkitt, Rector of Milden (and also Vicar and Lecturer of Dedham, Essex) who died in 1703. He was a popular expositor of the New Testament — his folio *Expository Notes* was reprinted many times in the 18th century. His library remained at Milden Rectory in accordance with the terms of his will until 1904 when the then Rector, the Rev. A.F. Rivers, gave it to the Sudbury Archdeaconry Bray Library at Bury St. Edmunds with a recommendation that the old books be sold and replaced with modern theology more useful to 20th century parsons. Efforts by Rivers' successor to obtain the return of the books to Milden were blocked by the then Archdeacon and every one of the original Burkitt books disappeared without trace long since. One volume was reported seen in a Charing Cross Road bookshop a few years ago but was sold again before it could be recovered. There is no known⁴ catalogue.

Brent Eleigh

The most interesting of the missing libraries is Brent Eleigh, founded by the will of Henry Colman, D.D., Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, Rector of Harpley, Norfolk, and Squire (but not Rector) of Brent Eleigh, who died in 1715. "My Library of Books . . . I leave altogether and dedicate and consecrate to the use of the Church of Brentily (sic) that is the incumbent Minister there for ever subject to

the order of the (1709) Act of Parliament in that case provided". Dr Colman's widow-executrix built a brick Library on to the East end of Brent Eleigh Church and here the books were kept until it was pulled down in 1859 and replaced by an ugly building in the churchyard. The £1,000 bond of 1720 signed by the then Rector, Thurloe, and binding him and his successors to maintain the Library inviolate according to the terms of Colman's will survives in the Norfolk and Norwich Record Office and attached to it is a complete catalogue of the 1,700 or so volumes closely written on two enormous parchments. Besides a 15th century MS of Martial's *Epigrams*, this Library included a wide range of divinity – particularly strong in the Fathers, Greek and Latin – together with classics, history (English and European), some law, a few atlases and (inevitably) much contemporary religious, political and academic polemical writing (including Swift's Tale of a tub 1704). Other mediaeval MSS were added about 1727.

Dispersal of manuscripts and books

The then Rector and churchwardens sold the MSS piecemeal at Sotheby's in 1887 and 1891 and all survive. They include St. Margaret of Scotland's actual Gospels, sold to the Bodleian in 1887 for £6. The Martial was sold to Cambridge University Library for £16 and four years later other MSS were acquired by the University Library and the Fitzwilliam Museum, including a life of St. William of Norwich. With two exceptions the printed books all disappeared without trace some time after 1891. Diligent inquiries have failed to elicit any information.

Information, please

Two solitary volumes have however turned ununexpectedly in recent years, both of them in university libraries, one in America and the other in Scotland. In 1968 *Oratores veteres* (Greek and Latin), Paris, 1575, was found in Urbana University Library, Illinois, by which it was purchased in 1949. In 1975 a copy of the 2nd edition of Samuel Woodford's *Paraphrase of the Psalms of David*, London, 1678, was discovered in Glasgow University Library, to which it was given in 1919 by the Very Rev. James Cooper, then Professor of Ecclesiastical History, and sometime Moderator of the Church of Scotland. Both volumes carry handwritten 'Brent Ely (sic) Library' bookplates with class marks, identical with that in the C.U.L. Martial. The discovery of these two strays leads to the hope that many others from the three lost libraries are still extant in this country or the U.S.A. They should be easily identifiable. It is proposed to include any information received about the books in the forthcoming catalogue.

John A. Fitch

PROVISION FOR PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY AT THE BRITISH LIBRARY LENDING DIVISION

G.P. Cornish

The British Library Lending Division (BLLD) was brought into being, as is well-known by now, in July 1973 by the merger of the National Central Library (NCL) and the National Lending Library for Science and Technology (NLLST). All operations were transferred to Boston Spa, with the exception of one or two routines, mainly those which related to borrowing from small London libraries. This merger, together with the subsequent growth, has meant that the BLLD has amassed over 1,250,000 volumes of monographs and has subscriptions to more than 47,000 periodicals.

The NLLST's purchasing policy was directed initially towards science and technology and not until 1966 were some aspects of social science deliberately included. Nonetheless, a considerable quantity of material relevant to the study of philosophy and theology was acquired. (Cornish, G.P. Theology and religion at the NLL, *NLL Review*, 1972, 2 (1) 3-6). The NCL, on the other hand, was concerned primarily with the humanities and social sciences and brought to Boston Spa a collection rich in religious and philosophical works, especially older ones. The reason for the limitation on more recent material is found in the regional self-sufficiency schemes which released the NCL to turn its attention to material not easily located in British Libraries.

Origins of current stock

Philosophical and theological material which borrowers can utilise at Boston Spa is thus made up as follows:—

monographs

1. NCL Stock purchased and donated since 1916 which includes many volumes of considerable rarity and some antiquity.
2. A very small number of items in the NLLST stock, usually purchased for cross-disciplinary reasons.
3. Items acquired through the British National Book Centre (BNBC) and its successor the Gift and Exchange Section at the BLLD.
4. Items purchased by the BLLD since July 1973 under a comprehensive purchasing policy.

Serials

1. Stock derived from the NCL, but NCL had a much smaller proportion of serials to monographs.
2. Serials purchased by NLLST, some of which had a definite theological or philosophical content. (Cornish, op. cit.)
3. Considerable back runs acquired by Gift and Exchange and BNBC.

4. Serials added to the current list since 1972 when many NCL serials were transferred to Boston Spa. Back runs of these have been acquired where they are available and a need for them is demonstrated.

Thus the existing stock is of itself quite comprehensive. Mention may be made of the following special collections (all brought to Boston Spa by the NCL).

1. The Tottenham collection of 18th and early 19th century theological works.
2. Duplicates from the Julian collection on hymnology;
3. A special collection on Quakers;
4. A collection of Bibles and Testaments in many (often obscure) languages.

Current purchasing policy

Monographs

Present day purchasing policy at the BLLD aims to be as comprehensive as possible as far as worthwhile English-language monographs are concerned. As far as possible the BLLD prefers to purchase by the blanket order method, but since the collapse of Richard Abel, this has become increasingly difficult and purchase by using individual bibliographies for certain categories of material has become necessary. (Allardyce, A. et al., Provision for the humanities at the BLLD. *BLL Review*, 1975, 3 (4) 89-94.) This is very much supplemented by ordering from requests which cannot be satisfied from stock. Collectors pieces, children's books and other low-level material are excluded from both blanket ordering and specific ordering but the latter tends to be more flexible than the former. Thus all theology and philosophy ought to find its way onto the BLLD's shelves unless it is of the type of book already described.

Foreign-language monographs are purchased only in response to requests which cannot be satisfied from either stock or the Union Catalogue of Books (UCB). This means that much of the core material produced in German and French is not immediately available on inter-library loan. There is a time-lag between publication and an unsatisfied request at Boston Spa resulting in an item being ordered, or between publication and a card from a contributing library to the UCB being received and filed in.

Serials

The position regarding serials is rather less complicated. The NLLST began buying serials in the humanities in earnest in 1972 and built up a basic list of items to purchase from the lists of journals covered by abstracting and indexing services in the field. As previously this has been linked to a system of scanning all unsatisfied requests and placing orders for all titles for which there is even a very modest demand. In this context 'unsatisfied' is taken to mean 'Not in stock'. Thus all requests which are

'London-Wing' libraries. These are small libraries mostly in London which cannot be approached directly by the borrower but must have all requests to them channelled to them through the BLLD. It is not often appreciated that there *is* still a very small London unit of the Lending Division, one of whose tasks is to work with small libraries which cannot cope with packing and posting requested items. Requests to these libraries are transmitted from Boston Spa to London Wing daily and by them to individual libraries, helping to spread the burden on any one institution if possible. A van makes regular trips round London to collect the required books. This facility is particularly important for philosophers and theologians as it opens up very valuable collections such as Dr Williams's Library, the Evangelical Library, Jews College, Presbyterian Historical Society, Society of Friends, Society for Psychical Research, Swedenborg Society, Theosophical Society, and USPG.

In the case of some back-up and London Wing libraries, the forwarding of the request is speculative, but in others printed catalogues often save a lot of time. Speculative locations are given to borrowing libraries to try for themselves sometimes, but this varies with the member of staff and their subject awareness.

General aims of purchasing policy

As readers and users will realise by now, the BLLD has no special subject-purchasing interest but aims to buy all that is worthwhile. It can fulfil its aim all the more if users point out items that are missing from its stock and which they feel ought to be purchased, bearing in mind the general policy outlined earlier.

Theses and conference proceedings

Before closing this account, mention must be made of material by *form* rather than subject which may well be of interest to the librarian in our fields. Firstly, it is not always realised that 25 British universities now send their doctoral theses to Boston Spa for microfilming so that Xerox copies are available for loan upon signing a simple declaration form. These theses are listed as received in the monthly publication *BLLD Announcements Bulletin*. Similarly, the BLLD has an arrangement to receive a copy of every thesis abstracted in *Dissertations Abstracts International* which can be purchased from University Microfilms, so that these too are available for loan in conventional book format. Secondly, a word on conference proceedings. The BLLD has always taken a keen interest in these and will purchase them regardless of language or subject. Once again they are listed as received in a monthly publication *Index of Conference Proceedings Received*.

I trust that this has given some insight to the workings of the 'warehouse' at Boston Spa and that colleagues will use it without any hesitation now that subject coverage is completely catholic. I shall always be pleased to hear from anyone with comments, good or bad.

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RENEWAL magazine — a bi-monthly publication giving news of the charismatic renewal through the major denominations over the world. Also contains biblical studies.

THEOLOGICAL RENEWAL — published three times a year as a companion to Renewal, for deeper reading and teaching.

Subscription rates on application to Fountain Trust.

Books available on various aspects of the charismatic movement, among them

REFLECTED GLORY by Thomas A. Smail, in which the author brings together the fresh experience of the Spirit and the theological approach, of whose general soundness he remains convinced, in a clear-headed analysis.

Other activities include Conference, Teaching weekends, Meetings, Tapes of talks by speakers available for sale or on hire.

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