

The division of the Gillespie Library

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The Theological Hall of the Presbyterian Church in New South Wales was established at St Andrew's College, University of Sydney in 1873. From the early 1920s the Church co-operated in theological education with the Methodist and Congregational Churches under the umbrella of the United Faculty of Theology. The Library of this institution was named in honour of Robert Gillespie, a prominent businessman and generous benefactor. Since the formation of the Uniting Church in 1977, separate denominational colleges have been established.

Principally, because of the times in which it was expanding and the men who influenced its collecting policy, the Gillespie Library demonstrated through its holdings the growth of the 19th century Higher Criticism movement; the development of liberal theology in the 20th century; and, the modern fascination with the relationship between philosophy and religion. Its background also ensured a fine source of Scottish church history.

After some years of debate over the future of the Library it was acknowledged, through an agreement with St Andrew's College, that the collection was jointly owned by the Presbyterian Church in N.S.W. and the Uniting Church in N.S.W. After retaining some archival records pertinent to the College itself, and noting that a number of rare books were on permanent loan to Fisher Library, St Andrew's concurred with the churches that the holdings were to be divided between the two churches in question.

Initially permission was sought and granted to divide the journal collection, one of the main reasons for this being the imminent revision of AULOTS and the consequent desire to have accurate location for these journals. In theory application for Interlibrary loans had been possible since 1990 but difficulties, mainly through lack of staff, often evolved. Three lists were drawn up - a proposed list for the Presbyterian Library; a proposed list for Camden Library (Uniting Church) and a list of journals "for discussion". The suggested criteria were as follows : if journals were held at one library and not the other, the holding Library was to have first opportunity to fill gaps; if journals were already held as a complete collection in one library, the other library was to take those available. Exceptions were to be made in that journals pertaining to Presbyterianism/ Scotland were to go to the Presbyterians; journals pertaining to Methodism/ Wesley/ Uniting Church were to go to the Uniting Church. Obviously the third list involved journals to which neither library had any type of prior claim and in which both libraries showed a definite interest.

A meeting was held between the two parties and agreement on division was reached quite amicably. The Presbyterian Librarian then went to the Gillespie Library and physically separated and packed her allocation which was then transported to Burwood for processing, both for the Library and for AULOTS. Camden Library elected to leave its journals to be collected when the books were divided but was able to update its listing for

AULOTS by using the Gillespie records. This procedure took place late 1996 to early 1997.

The modus operandi for the division of the book collection was to be as follows:

- (i) Uniting Church to inspect the catalogue of books and to nominate which books it would seek to acquire, being less than 50% of the books available.
- (ii) Negotiations would be entered into between the two Churches on the basis of the list proposed by the Uniting Church, but not confined to that list, leading to mutual agreement on which books would be retained by one Church and which available to the other.
- (iii) The balance of the books to become the property of the Presbyterian Church. After agreement the Presbyterian and Uniting Churches were to be at liberty to remove the books to become their respective property and to handle, store and otherwise dispose of them in accordance with normal library practice.

In July of 1997 the Camden Library transported the Gillespie catalogue drawers to North Parramatta for the purposes of thorough checking against its own holdings. There were two main catalogues - the earliest holdings under a fairly elementary unknown classification scheme; and, the more recent holdings classified by the Pettee scheme. A small selection of the latter group had been isolated, the books shelved alphabetically by author/editor and the catalogue cards filed separately. It was thought that this had been done due to the fact that, after a certain date, it could be clearly ascertained through financial records of trust monies which of these books belonged to a particular church. However this proposition for division had been abandoned. Thus in essence three lists had to be compiled. The Uniting Church was able to employ two qualified people to carry out the checking procedures and the resultant listings. One of these was the Librarian of the Presbyterian Centre (for 3 days a week) and this enabled some preliminary discussions to take place. Two volunteers were also engaged to help in initial checking and the refileing of catalogue cards. The collection had to be compared with holdings on both Computer and Card Catalogue. In addition the Library Manager and the Librarian of Camden Library, accompanied at various times by subject specialists from Faculty, visited the Gillespie Library to inspect works and establish which might be missing.

In September the lists were formerly handed over to the Presbyterians. Initially the Librarian checked the lists against the library holdings to eliminate the need to express interest in any works already held. Department heads were given copies of their subject areas for consultation and two members of faculty accompanied the Librarian to the Gillespie Library to ascertain the works which were not requested by Camden Library. Checking against these was randomly executed. As a result lists were prepared by the Presbyterian Librarian consisting of works in which both libraries were now expressing an interest. Eventually in October a meeting was held, attended by representatives of both Colleges, to discuss a proposal for division which had been drawn up by the Principal of the Presbyterian Theological Centre.

In the field of basic principles it was recognised that each library should build its collection in the area of its relative strength and the particular interests and respective theological ethos of each college. It was agreed that both libraries would be accessible to students and staff from both colleges, with borrowing rights to be extended to the staff from both colleges. It was also resolved that the catalogue cards would be divided so that both libraries would have a complete record of the Gillespie collection and the subsequent location of each work. It was agreed that a pamphlet box would equal a book for the ease of division. Where it occurred that both libraries were particularly interested in a specific pamphlet one library would take a photocopy of same. If photocopying could be too involved then negotiations would have to be made.

The following categories were accepted:

- Category A : Those books where there were duplicate copies held at Gillespie.
- Category B : Those books which one college would like and in which the other expressed no interest.
- Category C : Those books in which both libraries expressed an interest but one library already held a copy.
- Category D : Those books in which both libraries expressed an interest and no copy was currently held by either library.
- Category E : The residue after all of the above. This included some duplicates for both libraries or some material of secondary interest.

The different steps of the proposal were then considered:

Step 1 : Books in Category A were to be divided equally (whether or not they were on the UTC listing). If one library wanted duplicate copies after the other steps had been taken, and the other library was agreeable, this could be negotiated. The duplicates represented nearly 15% of the Gillespie collection. In this regard it was agreed that duplicates would be equally shared and where there was an odd number of duplicates Category E would apply.

Step 2 : Books in Category B for which Camden Library expressed an interest were to go to Camden. This represented about 5,500 books or approximately 70% of the Camden listings. Approval was given for Step 2 to proceed.

Step 3 : The library not already holding a copy was to have first option on any books already held by the other (Category C). Approval was given for Step 3 to proceed.

Step 4 : Books in Category D were to be divided equally between the two libraries. Rather than a book by book approach, it was proposed that the two libraries attempt to reach an agreement on some broad category divisions. Based on the patterns observed in the lists prepared and considering the theological ethos of each college an initial suggestion was as follows:

- Camden was to have first option on all (jointly desired) books on Biblical Studies in the areas of Genesis, Psalms and Luke/Acts; General Philosophy; Philosophy of Religion; Contemporary Theology; Ecumenical Movement; World Religions (except Judaism); Comparative Religion; Social Sciences;

Ethics; Education; Contemporary Liturgy (except specifically Presbyterian material); Pastoral Theology and Preaching (except material relating specifically to Presbyterianism); General Literature; Encyclopaedias (i.e. sets classed at Z in the earlier collection).

- The Presbyterian Library was to have first option on all (jointly desired) books on Biblical Studies (except Genesis, Psalms and Luke/Acts); Biblical and Cognate Languages; Classical Protestant and Reformed/Presbyterian Theology, Worship, History and Polity; Judaism; Patristics; History; Liturgical Studies (historical material).

Any books in Category D not covered by agreed categories were to be split on a batch by batch or book by book basis. (Small subject areas which eventually fell into this grouping and were divided book by book were Church Architecture and Missiology). Step 4 involved discussion. The Camden Library agreed to the proposal for the division of books in Category D with one reservation. This was the field of Patristics. It was therefore decided to arrange a meeting of Patristics representative from each College and the books in question would be divided on a book by book basis.

The Presbyterians also held one reservation in the division of books in this category. It was consequently agreed that it would express no further interest in works in the field of General Philosophy on the provision that it was awarded all works in the series: *Library of Living Philosophers* / edited by Schilpp.

Step 5 : The Presbyterians were to select an equal number of books under Category B (to equal the number taken by Camden under Category B)

Step 6 : Any remaining books to be divided equally. Because the Uniting College had the initiative in the first tranche, it was proposed that the Presbyterian Centre be given first option on this residual material (to 50%).

It was resolved that the Presbyterians carry out Steps 5 and 6. Because of the preliminary work done on checking and listing by Camden, the Presbyterians assented to carry out the initial work of physically separating the Gillespie collection on the above formula keeping the books within the Gillespie room. After representatives from Camden Library had expressed their satisfaction with the division the books could be transported to their new locations.

After this agreement was finalised the Presbyterian Librarian, with the Principal and another member of faculty, spent early November in the Gillespie Library - physically separating the books to the arrangement and checking Category E books against library holdings on the computer. Meanwhile permission had been gained from St Andrew's College to acquire the book-shelving on an equal basis. It had also been decided that as soon as the Uniting College approved the division the Presbyterians would be removing their allocation immediately. Consequently the shelving which was most accessible for first removal was assigned to the Presbyterians and books were stacked appropriately.

In both cases the Colleges co-opted students and staff to do the packing. Book boxes, tape, scissors, labels, etc. were purchased where necessary and the different categories packed separately. The Presbyterians also had the help of students in the actual dismantling of shelving and the transportation of books and shelves. The bulk was carried out in one day but it was necessary to make two or three trips in the following week to collect the residue. The Uniting Church chose to employ a professional removalist and their books were taken to a Fumigation Company before transportation to North Parramatta.

Preparation had been made at both Colleges for the Gillespie arrival. At Burwood building extensions had been carried out in the twelve months before primarily to expand the library. There was therefore a room specifically set aside for the Gillespie Library. Shelving was thoroughly scrubbed and reassembled during the holiday period of January 1998. At the beginning of semester students were again co-opted, this time to unpack! Books were filed in two sequences - the Old system from one end and the Pettee collection from the other. A stocktake is to be carried out and the appropriate catalogue cards filed so that the collection will still be accessible whilst awaiting processing. At North Parramatta shelving and books were accommodated in two of the Library rooms and in the downstairs stack.

The acquisition of the Gillespie books has greatly enhanced the collections of both the Uniting Church Centre for Ministry and the Presbyterian Theological Centre. It is tremendous that this collection will once again be extensively used but the challenge of processing is quite awesome given that the normal day to day running of both libraries is most time consuming (but nevertheless always rewarding).

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