

Report on the Third Annual Conference of ANZTLA,
Burgmann College, ANU, Canberra.

8-10 September 1988

ANZTLA's third annual conference began with a joint session with ANZATS/ANZSTS delegates, at which Dr John Henly, MCD, and Dr W. Dumbrell, Moore College, Sydney, spoke for a few minutes each on the provision of facilities for research students in Australia. These resumés, which highlighted the increased demands being made upon theological schools to provide such facilities, preceded the keynote address "The future of theological libraries in Australia and New Zealand", delivered by ANZTLA President, Rev. Trevor Zweck (Librarian at Luther Seminary, Adelaide). This address highlighted both the history of the development of theological libraries in Australia and New Zealand, and the urgency of ensuring provision of adequate facilities in our libraries, not only for under-graduate theological studies, but also for the ever-increasing enrolment of research students, at both Masters and doctoral levels. Much emphasis was placed on the need for adequate funding to ensure this provision.

The Thursday evening session provided opportunity for delegates to have demonstrated, and then "hands-on" experience of, online searching for information through DIALOG, particularly on the Religion Index One database. Those who participated also had the opportunity to observe the use of the online Australian Bibliographic Network. Both these demonstrations were made available at St Mark's Library, Canberra.

On Friday morning we had two addresses:

1. "A rationale for rare book collections", given by Ms Margaret Dent, Rare Books Librarian at the Australian National Library - most interesting and informative;
2. "The antiquarian book trade", given by Brian Howes, a lecturer in library studies at Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education.

Visits to local libraries were arranged for the afternoon - viz. to the Australian National Library, and to Chifley Library (ANU).

Two items of interest from the Annual General Meeting require brief comment:

1. The acceptance of the ANZTLA Standards for Theological Libraries.
2. The decision to proceed with the production of The Australasian Religion Index (ARI), an index of Australian and New

Zealand religious serials. An Editorial Board has been appointed: viz. Lawrence McIntosh (Joint Theological Library), Hal Cain (cataloguer, Ridley College) and Lynn Pryor (Whitley College - we three being based in Melbourne, and Gary Gorman of the Centre for Library Studies, Riverina-Murray Institute for Higher Education, thus conveniently located for convening of meetings. Representatives from each chapter and from New Zealand will join us at meetings at the annual conferences.

Next year's conference is to be held in Auckland, New Zealand, July 2-4, 1989. We hope that many will make a special effort to attend - plan a week's holiday perhaps, or maybe a group booking may help to reduce expenses. See you there?

Lynn Pryor.

PETTEE MATTERS

A small committee of Pettee users in Melbourne has been meeting regularly to do some preliminary work on revisions and expansions. They would like to receive information from Pettee users about any unofficial modifications which may have been made to the schedules. They will compare notes on these modifications and perhaps develop some degree of consensus before sending proposed revisions to UTS-Va for further consideration and possible ratification. Please send your contributions to Lynn Pryor, Librarian, Whitley College, 271 Royal Parade, Parkville, Vic. 3052.

If you haven't already picked it up from the *ATLA Newsletter*, you may be interested in some revision work done by Denise Pakala at Biblical Theological Seminary with the approval of UTS-Va. The result is a complete revision of the P and S schedules. They make up a 44 page document in the same A4 format and appearance as the new A and B schedules sent out by UTS-Va a couple of years ago. A brief scrutiny suggests this material is well worth acquiring and this may be done either by writing to BTS or by sending prepayment of \$7.50 to Rev Trevor Zweck, Luther Seminary Library, 104 Jeffcott St, North Adelaide, SA 5006. All requests will be processed in one batch on that date and sent out as soon as possible.