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Editorial

This issue of our Newsletter has the article on serials presented at this year's ANZTLA Conference along with three of the papers from the administration panel - Salaries, Budgeting, and Faculty relations. Lawrence McIntosh's annual bibliography of recommended reference sources for theological libraries once again gives a guide to what's been good this year. Personally I have found this a very useful service, and use it to check that I have acquired new relevant sources for my collection.

The short bibliography on professional reading is hopefully a new regular feature. The idea of providing some guide to professional reading was put forward at the AGM in Melbourne, and I am hopeful that this is something that many members will feel they can contribute to. If you have a subject you have been doing some reading on lately, or even if you have come across one very good article or book, use the Newsletter to share it with others who may benefit from it. If, like me, you work alone and have many other demands on your time once you leave work, to have a list of articles or books that looks useful professionally come across your desk may just help give the push needed to make time for professional development through reading. Please feel that this is an open column and contribute to it, whether it be a whole bibliography or just one reference. Use it, also, to request a bibliography on a topic you (and certainly others) would find useful.

The article reprinted from ABTAPL, our British equivalent association, on religious collections in university libraries is the result of research for a Masters degree which looked at the management of these collections and compiled a directory of them. It can give us some insight into the similarities and differences between our situations. The bibliography to this article is particularly useful to anyone looking for sources of information about theological collections in Britain.