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"Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it. When we enquire into any subject, the first thing we have to do is to know what books have treated of it".

Samuel Johnson

Preface

This publication is a milestone in the history of the Institute for Theological Research of the University of South Africa. It is the fruit of a research project which was launched in 1975 as one of the initial projects of the Institute.

It is the result of a decade of the collection, selection, and editing of masses of relevant material on the church in Africa. It is also the result of co-operation between colleagues of the Institute, the Department of Church History and the University library.

The project was conducted under the auspices of the Institute. Prof J.A.A.A. Stoop was the first project leader from 1975 to 1981. In 1982 Prof J.W. Hofmeyr, who had been involved in the project since 1978 and acted as co-leader from 1980, became leader.

Originally the aim was to compile a comprehensive bibliography of the history of the church in Africa. Needless to say this turned out to be impracticable. The need for a tool of this nature had long been realised. To make such a tool available was, however, a different matter. In reviewing the annual reports I suddenly realised how many people were involved in the project and how often it was necessary to limit, and review the original plans. This partly explains the long period of time which elapsed between the original planning of the bibliography and the eventual completion of this volume.

The publication is undoubtedly an achievement made possible by the hard work of all of those who were involved, by co-operation between colleagues, and by the existence of the Institute by which it was initiated.

Every aspect of the publication including the typing of the manuscript was prepared by staff of the Institute and the two project leaders, a member and a former member of the Department of Church History (Unisa).

The publication is a major contribution to the scholarly world both in terms of offering a mine of information for those interested in the history of the church in Southern Africa and in terms of the compilation of bibliographies. There is no doubt that it will become a valuable reference book for librarians and scholars.

Professor Willem S Vorster (Head of the Institute).
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   7. Church polity, organisation, law, discipline, finance
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   .1 Collected
   .2 Individual (arranged alphabetically by name of subject)
.3 General histories, Atlases
.4 Regional histories
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.6 Synods, Conferences, Assemblies. Official publications
.7 Polity, organisation, discipline, finance
.8 Missionaries: Training, role, discipline
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Introduction

GENERAL BACKGROUND

The Institute for Theological Research at the University of South Africa in collaboration with the Department of Church History is engaged in a project to compile a continuing bibliography of the history of the church in Southern Africa from its beginning. The present publication covers the period up to 1980.

This immense undertaking, which was originally the brainchild of Prof J.A.A.A. Stoop and W.S. Vorster, commenced in 1975. It is intended to be a contribution in a field which as yet has not received much scholarly attention. It is hoped that this publication will be of value to church historians and general historians, both in Southern Africa and abroad.

In the process of compiling this bibliography the editors became aware of some interesting tendencies in Southern African church historiography. Although this is not the place to discuss them at any length, they should be noted.

To begin with, it would seem that the church historiography of Southern Africa is not objective enough, but is hampered by particularism and a polemical or apologetic tendency. Even a superficial glance through this bibliography will show how much of the material has been written for popular consumption. In fact, with a few noteworthy exceptions, church historiography has not been taken seriously enough. On the one hand church history is seen through rose-coloured spectacles and on the other hand strongly affected by the bias of specific interest groups. This basically amounts to church historians approaching church history from an exclusive cultural or denominational point of view. A large number of church historical contributions have lacked an ecumenical perspective and have proved to be little more than mere descriptions of particular denominational institutions and activities. There is apparently little awareness of the work or even the existence of other churches.

It also seems as if Southern Africa has suffered from the sometimes uninstructed zeal of the 19th century missionary movement in Europe and North America. The number of missionary societies represented in this bibliography is a reflection of the unplanned development of missionary endeavour in Southern Africa at that period.

As explained elsewhere in greater detail, in the arrangement of this bibliography denominations and missions have been separated. Although this may be unfortunate, it is indeed the way it happened. To a great extent most churches developed separately from missions.
This bibliography also demonstrates clearly the wealth of published material in some areas and the obvious lack of publications in other areas. Among other reasons this may be attributed to a lack of historical consciousness in some denominations. The younger and smaller church bodies in particular have published very little in this field. Here is plenty of scope for future researchers to help fill the gaps.

The editors themselves have experienced, in the compiling of this work, a broadening of their knowledge and sympathies. They have also acquired a new perspective on Southern African history. The contribution of the church is seen to be as important an element in the development of the subcontinent as politics or economics.

SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

In demarcating a field of study like church history, it is important to decide between a broad or narrow definition. A broad definition of church history could be the role of the church in society through the ages. A narrow definition could be the historical development of the church within its institutional limits.

Although it is appreciated that there will be a great diversity of opinion on this matter, we have opted for a somewhat broader definition. The fact was, however, recognised that if everything is regarded as church history, nothing is eventually church history. (Ref. S. Neill "... when everything is mission, then nothing is mission").

The geographical scope of this bibliography covers the area south of the Cunene and the Zambezi. This includes South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, South West Africa/Namibia and Zimbabwe. The island of St Helena is also included, as it is ecclesiastically a part of South Africa.

The bibliography is limited to published material, mainly in the form of books, pamphlets and analytical entries from composite works. It was found impracticable at this stage to include archival material or articles from periodicals.

Academic theses on masters and doctoral level are included, whether published or unpublished.

Apart from material which is obviously historical in content, the following have also been included if they contribute to an historical assessment of the relevant church or missionary society:

(a) Sermons
Only those of essential church historical value have been included.

(b) Liturgies
Although books about liturgical developments of church historical interest have been included, liturgies, orders of services and related material have generally not been included. This applies also to hymn books and catechisms. Similarly, books about translations of the Bible into local languages have been included, but translations themselves have been excluded.

(c) Church laws and regulations
Church laws and regulations are of a different nature in the sense that they show how the church government has been constituted and has developed in the course of time. A number of them were included.
Books specifically written for children have been excluded.

Within these limits we have attempted to gather all available material, without making value judgements. As in the parable of the fishing net, we have cast our net wide and caught all kinds of "fish", large and small, the good and the not so good. Each reader must eventually sort out the "fish" for himself and decide what is valuable to him.

THE METHOD OF ARRANGEMENT

The material is divided into four main classes i.e.

1. General
2. Denominations
3. Missions
4. Topics

The separation of missions from denominations cannot be theologically justified, but in the long run the material itself dictated the arrangement. Historically in many cases the missions developed quite separately from the local churches. We have attempted to overcome some of the obvious shortcomings of this arrangement by bringing together related material in the subject index.

It will be observed that both denominations and missions have been placed in chronological order by date, either of their establishment or their first operations in Southern Africa. Nevertheless it was decided to group the three Afrikaans Reformed churches together because of their close historical and theological links. It was also decided not to separate the Church of England in South Africa from the Church of the Province of South Africa. Both have been included under the heading "Anglican". The Methodist group includes Wesleyan, Free and Primitive Methodists.

The final class, which is labelled "Topics", brings together all the items on certain subjects regardless of denominational affiliation, as it was felt that in this case the topic transcended in importance the denomination e.g. Church and State. This section also includes inter-denominational and ecumenical material.

LANGUAGE OF THE BIBLIOGRAPHY

For the purpose of international use it was decided that the language of presentation should be English i.e. all preliminary matter, section headings, subject index, etc. are in English. Note however, the following problem areas.

(a) Corporate bodies as headings

The official language of the body is used in the heading, even if the text of the publication is in another language.

If the body has more than one official language, one of which is English, the English form is used in the heading, even if the text of the book is not in English.

In the case of international bodies the English form of the name is used.

(b) Titles in more than one language

The general rule is to give the first title and any subsequent English title (not more than two are given). When there are two or more titles, none of which is in English, the first is given and one other is chosen, giving preference to Afrikaans, Dutch, German, French, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, in that order.
(c) **Notes**

Notes are given in English unless they are direct quotations from the book, in which case quotation marks are used.

(d) **Place of publication**

This is always given in the language of the book. In bilingual or multilingual publications preference is given to English, Afrikaans, Dutch, German, French, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, in that order.

**BIBLIOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS**

The bibliographical description of items is based on the *Anglo American Cataloguing Rules*, Second Edition, 1978. Certain adjustments have been made to adapt the code for use in a published subject bibliography.

Notes have been used sparingly and fall into one or other of two categories: bibliographical or explanatory. Evaluatory notes are not used.

**INSTITUTIONS AND SOURCES CONSULTED**

Catalogues of all the important research, national and Africana libraries have been consulted. Without the co-operation of the following institutions this undertaking would have been impossible:

**National Libraries**

- South African Library, Cape Town
- Library of Parliament, Cape Town
- State Library, Pretoria
- Botswana National Library Service, Gaborone
- Swaziland National Library Service, Manzini
- National Free Library of Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), Bulawayo

**Public Libraries**

- Johannesburg Public Library: Strange Collection of Africana
- Kimberley Public Library
- Natal Society Library, Pietermaritzburg
- Windhoek Public Library
- Provincial Library Service of the Cape of Good Hope, Cape Town
- Provincial Library Service of Natal, Pietermaritzburg

**University Libraries**

- University College, Botswana, University of Botswana and Swaziland, Gaborone
- University of Cape Town, J.W. Jagger Library (Africana and Special Collections)
- University of Durban-Westville
- University of the Orange Free State, Bloemfontein
- University of Port Elizabeth
- Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education, Ferdinand Postma Library
- University of Pretoria
- Rhodes University, Grahamstown: Cory Library for Historical Research
- University of Rhodesia/Zimbabwe, Salisbury/Harare
University of Stellenbosch
University of the Western Cape, Bellville
University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg: Gubbins Library of Africana
University of Zululand, Kwa-Dlangezwa

Theological Colleges
Baptist Theological College of Southern Africa, Johannesburg
Dutch Reformed Church Theological School, Decoligny
St John Vianney Seminary, Pretoria

Special Libraries
Africa Institute of South Africa, Pretoria
Kaffrarian Museum, King William's Town
Killie Campbell Africana Library, Durban
South African Institute of Race Relations, Johannesburg
Library of the South West Africa Administration, Windhoek

Archives
Government Archives, Cape Town
Natal Government Archives, Pietermaritzburg
Orange Free State Government Archives, Bloemfontein
Transvaal Government Archives, Pretoria
Government Archives, Windhoek
National Archives of Zimbabwe, Harare

Innumerable national bibliographies, subject bibliographies, lists of academic theses and church histories have been used, both for searching out titles and for checking bibliographical details.

Above all we are indebted to the South African Bibliography (1977) as a basic bibliographical tool, not only for the checking of detail but also as a valuable source for rare and early titles.

While the utmost care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of bibliographical detail it has not been possible to see every item nor was it even possible in some cases to trace certain items in any major bibliography.

INDEXES
There are two indexes. The name index includes personal authors, corporate authors, conferences, editors, compilers, names of the subjects of biographical works and persons to whom festschriften are dedicated.

The subject index is an alphabetical key to the systematic arrangement of the bibliography. It also brings together material which may be separated by the arrangement. Readers searching for a specific topic are advised to consult the Table of Contents as well as the Index.

CONCLUSION
No bibliography can presume to be complete. The editors would be grateful for any omissions brought to their attention which could be included in a later supplement.
We send this publication out into the world with the hope that it will be of use not only to church historians, but also to anyone who is interested in the study of one of the most important influences which has made Southern Africa what it is today.
Acknowledgements

We wish to thank everyone who made a contribution to the compiling and completion of this bibliography. Various assistants were employed in the collecting of material for this project viz. Messrs P. van der Walt (March 1974–Dec. 1976), P.E.S. Smith (June 1975–Feb. 1976), J.L.J. Smit (1977–1978), Miss C. Landman (1979–1980), and Mrs M. Vermeulen (1981–1985). The latter also undertook the important task of compiling the name index. Mrs S. Winckler was responsible for the typing of the manuscript — special thanks are due to her for the excellent way in which this was done. Prof W.S. Vorster has piloted the project from its inception and has continuously taken a special interest in it. Prof J.A.A.A. Stoop, Mrs J. Kilian and Miss S. Williams have always been ready to share their specialised knowledge.

Mrs M. Vermeulen, Mr D.H. Davel and Capt B.G. Tuck assisted with the major task of proofreading.
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### SOUTH AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES

- **FHC** | Fort Hare College
- **FHU** | Fort Hare University
- **HUC** | Huguenot University College
- **NUC** | Natal University College
- **PU** | Potchefstroom University
- **PUC** | Potchefstroom University College
- **RAU** | Rand Afrikaans University
- **RU** | Rhodes University
- **RUC** | Rhodes University College

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GENERAL
1.1 GENERAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES


A classified list.


With a small section on religions and missions.


With a subject index.


Includes subject entries under names of churches, missionary societies and biographees.


With a section on churches and missions.


A classified list, published annually.


Published every 3-5 years. With a subject index.
Includes ministers and missionaries.

With a section on religion and missions.

Published annually. A classified list.

Arranged primarily by country. There is a sub-section "Religion" under each country.

A classified list, published quarterly and cumulated.

Published annually. A classified list.

A classified list, with a section on religion.

With a section on Christian missions and denominations.

17. USHPOL, R. A select bibliography of South African autobiographies. Cape Town; the University, School of Librarianship, 1958. 48p.
Includes ministers and missionaries.

With a small section on religion.

With a section on Religion.

1.2 GENERAL COLLECTED BIOGRAPHIES


Includes lists of ordained priests of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Church of the Province of South Africa, the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, the Paris Evangelical Missionary Society, and the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Second edition was published in 1932.

General Collected Biographies

Central News Agency, [196-?]. 373p.


This, the 3rd edition of the African Register, was for practical reasons limited to the Transvaal. There is a section on Churches, which includes short histories of the Congregational Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Order of Ethiopia.

### 1.3 GENERAL HISTORIES


Scattered references to South Africa, Rhodesia and South West Africa.


Religion, p.61-68.


30. **BOYCE, W.B.** *Notes on South African affairs, from 1834 to 1838; with reference to the civil, political and religious condition of the colonists and aborigines.* Graham's Town: Aldum and Harvey, 1838. 215p.


Review of the findings of a research programme.


vol.1. Edited by A.J. Dachs.
vol. 2. Edited by M.F.C. Bourdillon.

Essays on Christianity, missions, the churches and the impact of missionary activity on the peoples of Rhodesia.


Also available in Afrikaans.


44. HISTORY of the civilization and Christianization of South Africa; from its first settlement by the Dutch, to the final surrender of it to the British. Edinburgh: Waugh and Innes,
1832. 320p. (Quarterly series of historical, biographical, and miscellaneous works; v.2)

Chapter XIV: Religion, education, culture.


47. KERKHISTORIESE WERKGEMEENSKAP VAN SUID-AFRIKA. Studia historiae ecclesiasticae: referate gelewer by die jaarvergadering. Pretoria: die Werkgemeenskap, 1971 —
Partial contents:
vol.2. (Suid-)Afrika en die kerkgeskiedenis. (8 referate)
vol.3. Ds. D. Postma en die konflikte insake die verbond, deur C. van der Waal.
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vol.7. Tema: Die Ekumene, kerkhistories verantwoord. (7 referate)
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