Ad Fontes!

Clifford B. Anderson

Ad fontes! was the slogan of the humanists during the Renaissance, and historians today still rely on research in the primary sources to advance our historical understanding. The Special Collections Department of the Princeton Seminary Libraries contain a wealth of primary source manuscript collections. For example, we maintain collections of personal papers of notable figures like Archibald Alexander (1772–1851), Samuel Miller (1769–1850), Charles R. Erdman (1866–1960), and Paul L. Lehmann (1906–1994). We also house many organizational records, including the archives of the former Tennent College of Christian Education and the minutes of the committee that drafted the Confession of 1967. We are constantly acquiring, processing, and describing new collections. These collections continue to form the backbone of historical research; students and scholars need access to primary sources to learn to evaluate and extend historical scholarship.

This spring, we are pleased to announce the opening of the Wilhelm and Marion H. Pauck Manuscript Collection. Sarah Malone, special collections assistant, has worked for nearly a year to process and describe this collection. I hope that you will enjoy reading her detailed guide to its contents. The staff of Special Collections celebrated the opening of the Pauck Collection this May by inviting Dr. Hans Hillerbrand of Duke University to speak about church historian Wilhelm Pauck, the state of historical research into the Reformation, and the significance of archival research. Our honored guest, Mrs. Marion Pauck, related many personal stories about her interactions with Wilhelm Pauck and his colleagues, including Reinhold Niebuhr and Paul Tillich. The collection is now officially open for all scholars to study and interpret.

We are also delighted to announce the acquisition of two new collections. The family of the Very Reverend Professor T.F. Torrance (1913–2007) has donated his library and personal papers to Princeton Seminary. The press release about this major acquisition is reprinted on the last page of this newsletter. The family of former Princeton Seminary Professor Bernhard Anderson (1916–2007) has also given his library and papers to Special Collections. Anderson was professor emeritus of Old Testament theology at Princeton Seminary and author of Understanding the Old Testament, for years the basic textbook in Old Testament at seminaries and universities, as well as many other works in biblical theology. Our reference archivist, Kenneth Henke, describes this new acquisition in this newsletter.

As always, we issue a special invitation to our students to explore our collections, which illuminate subjects and scholars in ways that books and articles alone cannot.
The papers of Wilhelm Pauck, former president of the American Society of Church History and one of the foremost church historians of his generation, are now available to researchers in the Special Collections Department. Professor Pauck was born in 1901 in Laasphe, Westphalia, Germany, and pursued his early studies in Berlin and Göttingen, attending the lectures of such luminaries as Ernst Troeltsch, Adolf von Harnack, Karl Holl, Adolf Deissmann, and Alfred Seeberg. After Pauck completed his doctoral dissertation on Martin Bucer, his career led him to the United States, where he taught at the Chicago Theological Seminary, Union Seminary in New York City, and at Vanderbilt and Stanford Universities. He trained many noted doctoral students, including Jaroslav Pelikan, and served as an important bridge for the transmission of European scholarship to North America.

While known especially for his work as a Reformation historian, publishing important works on Luther, Melanchthon, and the heritage of the Reformation, Pauck was at home in wide ranges of Christian thought. In addition to his Reformation studies, he also published an early book on Karl Barth, a book on Harnack and Troeltsch, and was actively engaged in a two-volume work on Paul Tillich in his later years. The first volume, primarily biographical in nature, was completed with the help of his wife, Marion Hausner Pauck, and brought to publication. The second volume, on the thought of Paul Tillich, remains a partially completed manuscript.

Sarah Malone of the Special Collections staff has provided the following overview of the collection:

The Wilhelm and Marion H. Pauck Manuscript Collection is arranged into seven series: Biographical and Personal Information, Professional Correspondence, Academia, Manuscripts and Publications, the Marion H. Pauck Collections, Photographic Materials, and Realia.

Among the rich collection of biographical materials of Wilhelm Pauck are collections of newspaper clippings, original drafts and photocopies of his handwritten course notes from Professor Karl Holl’s seminars (1920–1923), informational files on the University of Chicago and Frankfurt Exchange that brought him to America, and the many memorials and tributes in his honor throughout his life and following his death in 1981.

There are many correspondence files throughout the collection, which have been filed by subject to preserve the provenance of the collection. Most correspondence files have been divided into two subseries, arranged alphabetically by last name, or arranged chronologically. The scale of the correspondence itself is testament to the diligent letter writing of Wilhelm Pauck’s second wife, Marion Hausner Pauck, who answered many of their personal letters and with whom Wilhelm Pauck wrote and published Paul Tillich, His Life and Thought—Volume 1: Life (1976). Marion Pauck’s own personal correspondence with family and friends is filed in its own subseries in Series IV, the Marion H. Pauck Collections. This highly descriptive level of arrangement was facilitated by Marion Pauck herself, who inventoried the papers during the summer of 2006, and created a detailed guide to the contents of the correspondence files as well as many other papers in the collection.

The largest collection of correspondence is between the Paucks and James Luther Adams, professor of Christian ethics at Harvard Divinity School, Unitarian minister, editor and translator of the works of Paul Tillich, and close personal friend; the correspondence between Adams and the Paucks spans more than thirty years. Much of his correspondence can be cross-referenced in April, and a display of selected materials from the collection is currently on view in Speer Library.

New Acquisitions
Bernhard W. Anderson Papers

The family of Bernhard W. Anderson, professor of Old Testament theology at Princeton Theological Seminary from 1968 to 1982 and former dean of Drew University School of Theology, has donated his papers to the Special Collections Department of the Seminary Libraries. In addition to Anderson’s professional correspondence and materials relating to his many publications, the collection includes copies of his sermons, travel journals, some photographs, and the many honors and awards he received over a lifetime. A special feature of the collection is the set of highly interesting outlines for his courses, as well as outlines for the popular talks and seminars that he frequently gave on biblical themes and biblical theology in a wide variety of venues. The papers are being prepared for preservation by his daughter, Carol Anderson Hanawalt, and his longtime friend and associate, Professor Karlfried Froehlich. A special memorial service for Dr. Anderson was held in Miller Chapel.
under the subseries for the Paul Tillich, His Life and Thought project.

Other highlights from the personal and professional correspondence series are letters from many leading theologians of the twentieth century, including Reinhold Niebuhr, Karl Barth, Paul Lehmann, Jaroslav Pelikan, Henry Pitney Van Dusen, Paul Tillich, and many more. Other significant collections include correspondence with the Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago from 1947-1952, and general correspondence from Wilhelm Pauck’s years at both Chicago Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary.

Series III, Academia, includes course materials, files on colloquia and conferences, and papers from other professional associations in which Wilhelm Pauck was engaged. Some interesting features of this series include the papers of the Chicago Ecumenical Research Group, for which Wilhelm Pauck was chairperson in 1940, and papers of the Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe (C.A.R.E.), for which he served as treasurer through its University of Chicago Committee in 1947.

The Manuscripts and Publications series is the largest series in the collection. Not only does it include manuscripts and published copies of essays, sermons, lectures, and prayers, it also includes subseries for papers generated during two significant projects: the publication of Paul Tillich, His Life and Thought (by Marion and Wilhelm Pauck) and the publication of The Thought of Paul Tillich (edited by James Luther Adams, Wilhelm Pauck, and Roger L. Shinn). Series IV: C:1, the Paul Tillich, His Life and Thought project, stands as a marvelous collection in itself, canvassing the entire project of creating a biography of Paul Tillich, which began between Marion Pauck and Jaroslav Pelikan in 1963. In 1964, Wilhelm Pauck became a part of the project, focusing his research on Paul Tillich’s theology and philosophy. The first volume of the work, Life, was published in 1976. Sadly, the planned second volume was never published, delayed by the translation of a German edition, and ultimately by Pauck’s illness. The collection includes correspondence, original research materials, multiple drafts and note cards, and the many reviews of the first volume of the biography.

The collection of papers for The Thought of Paul Tillich project is much smaller, but similar in structure. It includes correspondence, original chapters, memoranda, and reviews of the work. Lastly, Series IV: D includes a collection of works by other authors, mostly published works by colleagues and friends, that offers a glimpse into the scholarly literature of the era of Wilhelm Pauck.

Series IV, the Marion H. Pauck Collections, organizes the biographical materials, personal and professional correspondence, lectures, manuscripts, and publications of Marion Pauck that fall outside the scope of the larger collection. This includes materials from before the Pauck’s marriage in 1964, and after the death of Wilhelm Pauck in 1981. These papers were organized as such to preserve provenance, and to allow for additional works that Marion Pauck will submit to the Seminary archives in the future.

In addition to the papers, the collection includes photographs and personal objects of the Paucks. The photograph collection includes many images of the young Wilhelm Pauck and his family, as well as many more of him and Marion with family and friends throughout their lives together. Also included is an album of photographs of Paul Tillich and his family collected by Marion Pauck. Finally, the Seminary archives received Wilhelm Pauck’s suitcase, his many date books, and the sign from his office door at Union Theological Seminary.

It is our hope that the Wilhelm and Marion Pauck Manuscript Collection will be an invaluable resource for researchers. After a year of processing and working with the descriptive inventory created by Marion Pauck, the staff of Special Collections have described nearly every item, and cross-referenced important collections of correspondence throughout the collection. This level of description is a rarity in most archival collections, and we are most fortunate to have had the assistance of our beloved donor to accomplish it. 1

Luce News

Bruno Linhares, a student assistant working with the Abraham Kuyper Collection, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation on April 23. Dr. Linhares, who has been working part time in Special Collections for the past five years, will be continuing his work on the Kuyper Bibliography (www.kuyperresearch.org) for the next three months at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

Christine Schwartz became the Seminary Libraries’ new metadata librarian after Nicole C. Engard accepted the position in February of open source evangelist at LibLime, an open-source library automation company. Schwartz is already contributing to several major digitization projects, which we plan to highlight in upcoming newsletters.

The staff of Special Collections has published Scenes from the Hermit Kingdom: Selected Photographs from the Moffett Korea Collection. This book of photographs showcases many valuable photographs from the Moffett Korea Collection. The book, which was edited by Sarah Malone, is a tribute to Dr. Samuel Hugh Moffett and Mrs. Eileen Flower Moffett, who number among the most beloved donors to Special (continued on page 4)
The family of the Very Reverend Professor Thomas F. Torrance (1913–2007) has donated his books, personal papers, and manuscripts to the special collections of the Princeton Theological Seminary Libraries. This working library from one of the twentieth century’s greatest Reformed theologians represents a major gift to Princeton Seminary.

Thomas F. Torrance was a frequent visitor to the Seminary campus and also acted as an informal advisor and confidant to several of its presidents. His younger son, Iain R. Torrance, became Princeton Seminary’s sixth president in 2004.

T.F. Torrance’s elder son, Thomas S. Torrance, an economist at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, Scotland, said, “For many years it was our father’s intention that his books should go to my brother Iain as the son who had followed him into theology. With Iain’s becoming president of Princeton Seminary, our thoughts changed, as we all agreed that it would be best for our father’s books to come to Princeton.”

“T.F. Torrance was a towering figure among contemporary theologians,” said Clifford Anderson, curator of special collections. “We are absolutely delighted to have received this invaluable collection of letters, manuscripts, sermons, and reading files. This collection will attract scholars worldwide to the Seminary libraries.”

T.F. Torrance was born in 1913 in Chengtu, China. He received his B.D. from the University of Edinburgh in 1937. He studied with Karl Barth at the University of Basel in 1937–38, subsequently completing his doctoral thesis under Barth’s direction in 1946. In the Second World War, Torrance served as a chaplain in the British Army during its Middle Eastern and Italian campaigns. After serving as a parish pastor, he was appointed to the Chair of Church History at the University of Edinburgh in 1950. Two years later, he accepted the Chair of Christian Dogmatics, which he occupied until his retirement in 1979. In 1976, Torrance served as the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Torrance was a prolific author on subjects ranging from patristics, ecumenical theology, and Scottish church history to the relation between theology and science. He was also the coeditor of the English translation of Karl Barth’s *Church Dogmatics*. Torrance was awarded the prestigious Templeton Prize in 1978.

T.F. Torrance’s library contains approximately four thousand volumes, with nearly a thousand books dating from the eighteenth century or earlier, and a number of volumes on Scottish Reformation theology. Many of the books are annotated by T.F. Torrance’s own hand. His papers contain correspondence, sermons, lecture notes, topic files, manuscripts, photograph albums, and various objects (including his many awards and honorary degrees).

The collection must be organized and described before it can be made accessible. A generous grant from The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations in Jacksonville, Florida, which support educational, cultural, scientific, and religious institutions, will be used to employ a professional archivist to prepare the collection for researchers. “We expect that the collection will be open to the public by late 2009,” explained Anderson.

Collections. The book is available for purchase at www.blurb.com/user/SCPTS.

Princeton Theological Seminary and T&T Clark/Continuum have announced the publication of a digitized edition of Karl Barth’s *Church Dogmatics*, arguably the greatest theological work of the twentieth century. Princeton Seminary produced the digitized text of the *Church Dogmatics* with the assistance of a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. Care was taken to ensure that the digital text allow scholars to perform searches not only on individual words and phrases, but also on biblical texts and citations. English translations of Barth’s Greek and Latin phrases, left untranslated in the print edition, have now been incorporated and are presented alongside the original, relieving students of the need to read the text with dictionaries at hand. For more information, please see the press release online: http://www.ptsem.edu/news/pr-bin/2007-2008/churchdogmaticsdigitized.php.

On November 8, 2007, the Center for Barth Studies sponsored a talk by Eberhard Busch titled “A Swiss Voice: The Campaign of the Swiss Government against the Voice of Karl Barth during the Second World War.” Busch, who served as Karl Barth’s last research assistant and has written several major works on Barth’s theology, described the findings of his archival research into the Swiss government’s attempt to silence Karl Barth’s political voice during the Second World War.

The Abraham Kuyper Center for Public Theology sponsored the annual Kuyper Lecture and conference in mid-April. Oliver O’Donovan delivered the Kuyper Lecture on April 17 to a near-capacity audience in Miller Chapel. The conference attracted scholars from around the country and the world. Professors Gordon Graham and John Bowlin of Princeton Seminary delivered the opening and closing lectures. A highlight of the conference was a panel on “Neo-Calvinism and American Political Thought” cosponsored by the James Madison Program of Princeton University.