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THE LIBRARY OF THE HOUSE OF ST GREGORY AND ST MACRINA,  
OXFORD: THE D.J. CHITTY PAPERS

The Library of the House of St Gregory and St Macrina at Oxford is a specialist library containing books and periodicals on the Eastern Churches. The nucleus of this collection is formed by the personal library of the Revd Dr Derwas J. Chitty (1901-71), member of the Fellowship of St Albans and St Sergius from its foundation in 1928, and author of *The Desert a City* (1966; reprinted 1978).<sup>1</sup>

After his death, Fr Chitty's books were entrusted to the care of St Gregory's House by the generosity of his widow, Mrs Mary Chitty. Included in the collection was a considerable number of his papers, which have now been roughly sorted into a series of boxes and files. Many of these papers represent materials intended to form the basis of publications which Fr Chitty never lived to complete, and some of these could well prove of interest to scholars working in the same areas. Other items, however, are of less importance, since they consist of notebooks, drafts of his published works, and so on. There is also a number of card indices,<sup>2</sup> containing lexical and prosopographical materials connected with the Greek texts on which Fr Chitty was working over a period of more than forty years.

The following list gives a brief indication of the contents of the series of boxes and files containing these papers. Any enquiries in connection with this archive should be addressed in the first instance to The Librarian, The House of St Gregory and St Macrina, 1 Canterbury Road, Oxford OX2 6LU.

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- BOX 1      *Materials on the excavations at St Euthymius etc. in the Judaean Desert.*<sup>3</sup> See also Box 11.
- BOX 2      *Barsanuphius; Greek text.*<sup>4</sup> See also Files 1-3.

1. For an account of Fr Chitty's life and a list of his writings, see *Eastern Churches Review* vi (1974), pp.1-14.  
2. It should be noted that many of these are not by any means complete.  
3. Cf. reports in *Palestine Exploration Fund. Quarterly Statement* 1928-30, 1932.  
4. Cf. *Patrologia Orientalis* xxxi, fasc.3.

- BOX 3 *John Climacus*; Greek text and partial English translation. See also Files 4-6.
- BOX 4 *Cyril of Scythopolis*; Greek text.
- BOX 5 *Miscellaneous materials on:*  
 1. *Cyril of Scythopolis*.  
 2. *Abba Isaiah*.<sup>5</sup>  
 3. *Evagrius*; beginnings of an index.  
 4. *Abba Isaiah*; beginnings of a translation. See also File 24.  
 5. *Abba Isaiah*; *index graecitatis*.  
 6. *Ammonas, Letters*; *index graecitatis*.  
 7. *Ephrem, Hymns against Julian*; English translation.
- BOX 6 *Apophthegmata* (British Library, Add.11869 and 22508); *index graecitatis*. See also File 7.
- BOX 7 *Pachomiana*; mainly English translations. See also Files 8-10.
- BOX 8 Carbon copies of articles, published and unpublished; some correspondence.
- BOX 9 Miscellaneous.
- BOX 10 Assorted microfilms and photographs of manuscripts.
- BOX 11 *Archaeological material from excavations at St Euthymius etc.* including some small fragments of wall paintings on plaster. See also Box 1.
- FILES 1-3 *Barsaruphius*. See also Box 2.
- FILES 4-6 *John Climacus*. See also Box 3.
- FILE 7 *Apophthegmata*. See also Box 6.
- FILES 8-10 *Pachomiana*. See also Box 7.
- FILE 11 *Life of Peter the Iberian*; typed English translation.
- FILE 12 *Athanasius. Life of Antony, Letters to Dracontius and to Amun*; *index graecitatis*.
- FILE 13 *Marcian* (British Library, Add.28825).
- FILE 14 *Gregory of Nazianzus, Homily on Theophany*, from Bodleian manuscripts.
- FILE 15 Miscellaneous translations of liturgical texts.
- FILE 16 Miscellaneous notes from reading of texts.
- FILE 17 *Nicodemus, Invisible Warfare*; English translation.
5. Cf. *Journal of Theological Studies*, n.s.xxii (1971), pp.47-72.
- FILES 18-20 *Ascetica*, including *Greek life of St Dositheus*, partial index to some of Basil's works, and materials on the *Historia Monachorum*.
- FILE 21 *Articles and addresses* (published and unpublished).
- FILE 22 Typescript and proofs of *The Desert a City*.
- FILE 23 Three miscellaneous notebooks.
- FILE 24 *Abba Isaiah*; provisional text, typed. See also Box 5.
- FILE 25 *Marcus Eremita*; *index graecitatis*.
- FILE 26 *Marcus Eremita*; includes collation of Bodleian ms Laud. 84.

#### ANGLICAN-ORTHODOX JOINT DOCTRINAL DISCUSSIONS 1981

The meetings of AOJDD in the summer of 1981 for the most part went very smoothly indeed following the resolution of certain problems of procedure and organisation at Llandaff the year before.

The official communiqué is given below and gives some indication of the subjects covered. It is envisaged that in 1982 we should do further work in Sub-Commissions and that in 1983 all the materials circulated since 1977 should be used to produce another Agreed Statement.

In my own memory several things stand out. In the first Sub-Commission there was a valuable morning spent on the church situations from which each member came. There were two moments of real illumination in the second Sub-Commission, the first when Anglicans at last got to the bottom of what one of the Orthodox representatives was saying about his approach to the doctrine of the Trinity, the second (for me) when trying to record accurately what he had been saying and finding that it seemed to be the opposite of what I had imagined it to be! There was the moment when Dr John Mbiti (Kenya) pointed out that a report on the doctrine of the Church looked to him like 'a rather beautiful picture in a museum' but said nothing as yet of the joy of the people in Africa, Asia or the Pacific who became Christians for the first time and experienced a new life, a deliverance, such as they had never known before.

Throughout the week there was also the continuous experience of sharing alternately in Orthodox and Anglican worship in the striking new church at the Orthodox Centre, whose frescoes by the Greek painter Rallis Kopsides combine ancient forms of iconography with a modern style of execution.