



Collection Management Policy: Circulating, Reference, Periodicals, and Electronic Resources

Gamble Library Policy

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Introductory material

1) The Union Theological College Mission and Vision Statements

Union Theological College “welcomes students from all backgrounds to study Christian Theology in a community of faith and research-led scholarship to prepare them for life, work and service in both local and global contexts.” The College’s vision is to equip students with a “theological literacy that will enable them to flourish as individuals, and contribute positively to society and culture.” The College aims to “train effective ministers to lead Christ’s church in fulfilling its calling in the world” and to “resource all in the Church by providing a hub for learning and research.”

2) The Gamble Library Mission Statement

The Gamble Library exists to support the work of the Union Theological College as outlined above. “This is achieved by supplying Union College staff, students, alumni, Presbyterian ministers, church workers, and if appropriate, the wider community, with the relevant academic, practical and historical resources, containing the timely, accurate and quality-assured information, they require. The Library facilitates the teaching, learning, research, personal and professional development of its members through the organisation, management and development of suitable collections, in any appropriate media, access to worldwide information sources and information literacy instruction.”

3) Purpose of the Collection Management Policy

The Policy has been created to guide the Librarian in the selection of information resources, which will support the achievement of Union Theological College’s vision and mission. The Policy is the Library’s plan for building and maintaining its collection. The Policy informs the Union Theological College community of the criteria used in making collection development decisions. It was developed in consultation with the Education Committee, and has approval from Faculty.

4) Users served

The Gamble Library’s collection primarily exists to meet the information needs of Union Theological College’s staff and students, followed by its alumni, especially Presbyterian ministers, Deaconesses, Auxiliary Ministers, Accredited Preachers, and other church workers. The Library also serves the wider church and community through its annual and research membership offer, and by permitting access to the general public, including visiting researchers, during its staffed opening hours. Students and staff of other institutions also use the Library’s resources via reciprocal interlibrary loan arrangements.

5) Background to the Collection

The Gamble Library was established in 1873 by Caroline Anne Gamble in memory of her late husband, Rev Henry Gamble. The initial stock, plus the 2,500 books funded by Mrs Caroline Anne Gamble, grew thanks to several notable donations, from, among others, Rev Dr W. Fleming Stevenson, President W. D. Killen, and Principal F. J. Paul. The Library of Magee Theological College was associated with the Library of the Assembly’s College, Belfast in 1971. A mezzanine floor and rolling stacks were installed to house the collection of rare books in 2002. Today the Library holds over 64,000 books, 20,000 pamphlets and regularly receives over 45 journals and periodicals. Staff and student members also have access to a range of electronic resources such as Atla Religion Database with AtlaSerials PLUS, EBSCO e-books, Early English Books Online, Oxford Dictionary of National Biography and Oxford English Dictionary. The Library’s special collections include the Magee and Assembly’s Colleges pamphlet collections, the Rare Books Collection, Presbyterian



Mission Archive, Irish and Scottish Collections. A review of the Gamble Library's collection strengths can be found in appendix 1 of this policy (circulating stock only).

6) Responsibility for Collection Development

The Librarian is responsible for the acquisition of Library resources within a designated budget. Purchase recommendations are welcomed and especially valued from Faculty and lecturing staff, as well as students and members, if they comply with the selection criteria. Recommendations giving clear bibliographical details should be emailed or given to the Librarian.

The Librarian will regularly liaise with Faculty to understand their information needs and those of their students. The Librarian will consult a wide range of publisher's websites and catalogues, including University and Academic Press catalogues as well as book reviews to stay informed about new publications and their quality or suitability for purchase. (See appendix 2). Email alerts from these sources will assist in this process. The Librarian will share emails listing possible purchases with Faculty. She will seek clarification from Faculty if she is uncertain about a resource purchase.

1. Selection criteria

The Gamble Library will acquire resources which:

- Are relevant to the postgraduate and the undergraduate (until the teach-out arrangement is complete) degree programmes and other courses, delivered in the College and online, by Faculty and Recognised Teachers. Module outlines and resource lists will direct purchases.
- Support the research interests of Faculty and students.
- Assist in training for the ordained ministry and other practical pastoral roles, e.g., Deaconesses.
- Maintain the observed strengths of the current collection or correspond to subjects which are acquisition priorities. (See full policy appendix 1). The distinct Presbyterian and Reformed identity of Union Theological College within the Irish church context should be reflected in the collection.
- Are academically valuable works, written by respected authors and published by reputable publishers.
- Collected materials will primarily be in English, but resources in ancient, and occasionally, some modern languages supporting courses and research will be acquired.

Certain selection criteria are directly related to the format of resources.

1) Print books

Books remain a key component of academic library collections, hence the collection strategy for the Gamble Library will remain committed to this format. The Librarian purchases the majority of books online. Having checked a range of UK-based sellers and/or publishers, the most competitive price will be paid. New copies are purchased rather than used. However, if the book is out of print, or unnecessarily expensive, the Librarian will aim to find a copy in 'like new' or 'very good' condition at a reasonable price.

The Librarian will purchase books which are newly or recently published. Exceptions are made if an older title seems necessary or relevant to the collection, or a Faculty member requests an older title. An older title may also be purchased to replace a missing item or one which is in poor condition.

Generally, one copy of a title will be purchased, unless the title is expected to be in high demand since it is on a module resource list. In this case the number of copies purchased will be determined in consultation with Faculty and/or Recognised Teacher depending on expected student numbers.



New editions of titles will be purchased where substantial content has been added or updated. Newer editions will usually replace older editions except where it is important to trace the development of a subject, or the thought of a scholarly author.

Paperback editions will be purchased instead of hardbound, whenever possible, to reduce costs.

Several book series are of special interest and should be regularly reviewed and acquired, if relevant and within budget. (See appendix 3).

The non-circulating reference collection contains atlases, Bibles, bibliographies, dictionaries, encyclopaedias, citation style guides and Hebrew and Greek grammars. New reference books will be purchased as and when required. A second copy of a reference book which may have been acquired through a donation to the library should be moved to the circulating collection.

Items which relate to Northern Ireland's and Ireland's Churches, their history and key individuals from them, will be added to the Irish collection as the budget allows. Books which relate to Northern Ireland's and Ireland's political history will also be considered. An effort will be made to add to the congregational histories of the Presbyterian Church.

Similarly, books which focus on the history of the Scottish Church and key characters from it should be added to the Scottish collection as the budget permits.

2) E-books

The e-book collection supplements and expands the print collection. Additionally, it offers 24/7 access to library members based at a distance from, as well as those in, the College. Also, e-book text can be easily searched and offers many additional features, including for those with print and other disabilities. Depending on the purchase model available, some e-books permit multiple users to read the text simultaneously.

The Gamble Library currently pays for access to over 1,300 EBSCO e-books. Virtually all of these are titles which feature on course resource lists, usually duplicating hardcopy holdings. Occasionally an e-book is purchased instead of a print book as it is more competitively priced or the hardcopy cannot be sourced.

The Resource List Procedures (Undergraduate and Postgraduate Taught) document guides the purchase of e-books for titles on all resource lists. It may not be possible to fulfil all e-book requests. If a 'Core' resource list item is not available as an EBSCO e-book at the time of searching, the Librarian will submit a title request for it to EBSCO. It may subsequently be made available. Attempts will be made to purchase 'recommended' resource list items in e-book format. In the first instance, a one user copy of an e-book will be purchased, if it is reasonably priced, i.e., below \$140. When several users try to access a one user e-book simultaneously the Librarian receives turnaway notifications. Usually, an upgrade to a three user or unlimited user copy will then be purchased, if reasonably priced. If these are not available, another one user copy will be purchased.

Links to copyright free e-books available at archive.org and other websites are also catalogued so members can find these when searching the Library's online catalogue. Those which are on resource lists are catalogued as a priority. All others are catalogued when time allows.

3) Databases

The Gamble Library currently subscribes to four databases, which have been selected primarily to support staff delivering, and students participating in, Union College's courses of study. All library users can access these databases on dedicated computers in the Gamble Library. Staff and students can access them off campus.

ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials PLUS provides access to a wide range of peer-reviewed journal articles, book reviews, records for books, recordings and other resources. The subscription rate is reduced through the Gamble Library's membership of ABTAPL (The Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries). ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials PLUS may be accessed via the VLE (OpenAthens authentication).



The Library subscribes to Early English Books Online, a database of over 146,000 titles, from the first book published in English through to the end of the seventeenth century. The Library also subscribes to Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (ODNB), and Oxford English Dictionary (OED). ODNB is a database of 63,000 biographies and 12,000 portraits of influential people who shaped British history. OED contains 500,000 words, from the past and present, used across the English-speaking world and is an historical thesaurus. These databases can be accessed through the VLE (OpenAthens authentication). Our membership of JISC (band 10 Affiliate Membership for electronic resources) mean the subscription costs for ODNB and OED are significantly reduced.

4) E-journals

The Gamble Library subscribes to six Sage journals which can be accessed via their electronic platform, if students, staff and alumni register. (These journals are: *Currents in Biblical Research*, *The Expository Times*, *Interpretation*, *Irish Theological Quarterly*, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament*, and *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*). Electronic access comes at no extra cost: subscription to the print journals also entitles students, staff and alumni to electronic access to these journals from the year 1999 or 2002 onwards. These can be searched.

The archive of nine journals can be searched off campus through the VLE (OpenAthens authentication). (*Huntington Library Quarterly*, *Irish Historical Studies*, *Journal of Cuneiform Studies*, *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, *Scottish Journal of Theology*, *Reformation and Renaissance Review*, *Scottish Church History*, *The Journal of Theological Studies* and *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie und Vorderasiatische Archäologie*). Five of these journals are available in electronic format only.

Usage statistics for all electronic resources will be collected and collated for publication in the Library's Annual Report. The Librarian will seek to identify additional and/or alternative sources of electronic resources, in consultation with Faculty, to meet the evolving needs of staff and students.

5) Scans held on the Digital Content Store

The Library pays for a CLA Higher Education Licence, the cost of which is determined annually by our full time equivalent number of students. The Digital Content Store (DCS) is included in the cost of the Licence. Library staff are permitted to scan extracts from certain books and journals from items within the Gamble Library's hardcopy collection and make these available to students on particular courses, by generating links to scans held in the DCS repository. These links can be hyperlinked on the VLE or emailed to students. The Gamble Library must hold the book or journal which is scanned.

Scanning permissions for books and journals can be checked using the [CLA Higher Education Check Permissions tool](#) or on the DCS2.0 dashboard. For permitted books up to a chapter or 10% can be scanned and uploaded to the DCS repository for free. For permitted journals, as much as one article or 10% of a journal issue, can be scanned and uploaded to the DCS repository. It is possible to purchase second extract permissions to scan an extra chapter, article, or a further 10% from certain publishers. For those books and journals for which scanning is not permitted, it may be possible to purchase bespoke permission to scan from them. The cost is determined by the publisher.

6) Periodicals

The Gamble Library regularly receives forty-seven hardcopy journals and periodicals, including several denominational publications. (See appendix 4). Scholarly journals, in particular, are an important component in academic library collections since they report on current research in various disciplines. Since release of journal issues on electronic databases is often behind the hardcopy publication, subscribing to the print version means Library members can access the most up-to-date research. Periodicals are reference only and back runs of hundreds of journals and periodicals are located in the Library's periodicals room and store. Unlike the Library's book purchases, subscriptions to periodicals represent an ongoing budgetary



commitment, with renewals usually involving price increases. Thus, continued subscription to periodicals should be reviewed annually by the Librarian who shares recommendations with Faculty, for approval.

7) Pamphlets

The Gamble Library pays for a selection of Grove pamphlets on standing order. (For example, *Grove pastoral series*, *Grove youth series*). The Library collects pamphlets and ephemera which relate to: the Presbyterian Church in Ireland or the other main denominations in Ireland; events of historical significance locally; theological topics written by local authors; or are from the Reformed perspective.

8) Level 7 Dissertations

Level 7 Students are invited to deposit their dissertations with the Librarian when they get their results letter. Those which do not require an embargo period are made available as PDFs through the VLE for staff and student use. A copy is stored on the College's computer network.

9) PhD theses

Once examiners have decided to award a degree, PhD students must submit one copy of their thesis to the Gamble Library. This should be bound and a completed copy of the *Thesis Deposit Form* should be inserted inside the front cover. Theses are stored in the Gamble Library's special collections to preserve the evolution of ideas over time and to provide useful examples of students' work. They may be consulted in the Library's main reading room during our public opening hours.

10) Other Formats

The Gamble Library has a limited number of cassette tapes, videos, CDs, CDRoms, DVDs and MP3s in its circulating collection. Since audiovisual technology is constantly changing, active efforts are not being made to add to these.

The Library has a number of hymnbooks which include musical scores to assist those engaged in Church-based ministry in preparation for worship. The Fleming Stevenson collection also contains a significant number of hymnbooks. Donations of hymnbooks are sometimes added to the collection, but the Library does not purchase hymnbooks.

2. Interlibrary Loans

Interlibrary loans and chapter or journal article scan requests provide Union Theological College staff and students with access to material beyond the Gamble Library. To source books, chapters from books, and journal articles, etc., the Librarian looks firstly at the online catalogues of libraries which are part of the ABTAPL network or on the JISC Library Hub catalogue. Those libraries in the UK are prioritized as they are most likely to lend the item or provide the scan. She then contacts a library which holds the item to request it. If no response is received, as a last resort the Librarian posts in online discussion groups (ABTAPL, Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie and ATLANTIS) to see if any library can provide the item. IFLA vouchers or some other form of card payment are usually required in exchange for the scan or interlibrary loan.

The Gamble Library has also supplied, and will supply, items to other libraries which participate in these networks.

All interlibrary loan requests should be emailed or given to the Librarian with detailed bibliographical information for the item required listed. Requests are dealt with on a case-by-case basis, thus it may not always be possible to find a supplier. All requested and supplied items are recorded and these records are used to determine if a book should be acquired by the Library, etc.



3. Donations (See also the Donations Policy)

The Gamble Library accepts book, dissertation, periodical or pamphlet donations from its members or the general public. Only those items which meet the selection criteria described previously will be added to the collection. By agreeing to donate materials to the Gamble Library, donors accept the Library's right to do whatever is deemed appropriate with the materials. For those materials which fall outside the selection criteria the Gamble Library may: add these to the free distribution shelves for Library members to take; arrange for unwanted resources to be collected by World of Books or Book Aid charity; organize a College Book sale or dispose of the unwanted materials. World of Books sell suitable resources and reimburse the Gamble Library for sold items. Book Aid may send them to theological colleges in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean, sell them in their Templepatrick bookshop, or send them to be recycled.

Donors will receive an email or letter from the Librarian acknowledging their donation. A donation book plate bearing the name of the donor will be attached to donated items and a non-public note will be added to donated items' accession record on the library management system. Donors may remain anonymous if they wish – library staff will ask them if they wish to be acknowledged when the donation is offered or delivered to the Library.

4. Deselection

Deselecting or 'weeding' is the process of clearing the collections of print or digital materials which have outlived their usefulness. This is an important process as it: creates space; saves readers' time by lessening the number of items they need to go through to find relevant resources; ensures the collection is current and accessible and it guarantees the constant evaluation of library materials and their continued freshness and appeal. Regular weeding activities will be built into the Gamble Library's annual work calendar, especially outside of term time. Annually a minimum of 10% of the total hardcopy collection will be scrutinised for retention and deselection.

The Librarian is ultimately responsible for weeding though Faculty will be encouraged to participate in this process. This is because:

- They have specialist subject knowledge and expertise
- They have in-depth knowledge of present and likely future teaching and research-related use of the collection.

1) Circulating and reference collection

Since the Gamble Library is the main theological library in Northern Ireland it will seek to retain one copy of each theological work it purchases. Materials which no longer fit with the selection criteria outlined above will be considered for deselection. The 'MUSTIE' acronym will be used as a basic guide for assessing items:

M – Misleading. The resource contains factually inaccurate information.

U – Ugly. The item is worn, damaged, dirty, stained or torn. When a well-used, worn item should be retained, attempts will be made to find a replacement copy or to repair out-of-print copies. Unnecessary duplicates will be deselected with the copy in the best condition retained. (A duplicate to be deselected will have 'duplicate' written in pencil near the item's barcode).

S – Superseded. A new edition or a more up-to-date book on the subject renders the older edition obsolete. (An older edition of a book to be deselected will have 'superseded' written in pencil near the item's barcode).



However, in some cases one copy of an older edition will be retained to trace changes in scholarly thinking over time.

T – Trivial. The material in the item was at one stage popular following a fad, but interest has now largely waned.

I – Irrelevant. The item's content is now irrelevant to the needs and interests of the Library's community.

E – Elsewhere. The material is easily obtained online or from another library via interlibrary loan arrangements.

Usage and age statistics will be compiled for those sections being weeded. For new classification items in reading room 1, those which have not been issued or had any usage logged in the past 10 years and show MUSTIE characteristics will be considered for weeding. (Relocation to the store, or withdrawal). For those items in the corps room or old classification, those which have not been issued or had any usage logged in the past 12 years and show MUSTIE characteristics will be considered for weeding. For those items in the store, any which have not been issued or had usage logged in the past 15 years and show MUSTIE characteristics will be considered for weeding.

Items from the Presbyterian Mission Archive, Rare Books Collection, Theses Collection, Magee and Assembly's Colleges Pamphlet Collections and Fleming Stevenson Hymnology Collection will not be reviewed for deselection.

Those hardcopy items identified for deselection will be available for Faculty to review. Faculty will be informed by email that these books are available for them to look at and select any which they deem necessary for retention. Faculty will also be emailed the list of books which the Librarian has recommended for withdrawal. Faculty will have a minimum of two weeks to review these items before they are permanently removed from the collection.

Hardcopy deselected items will be withdrawn from the library management system and stamped accordingly. Appropriate books will be used in a college book sale in order to maximise financial returns on withdrawn items. Other books will be collected by Book Aid, made available on the free distribution shelves for a limited period, or discarded for recycling.

2) Databases

Continued subscription to ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials PLUS, Early English Books Online, Oxford Dictionary of National Biography and Oxford English Dictionary will be subject to annual review when renewal is due, through analysis of available content, license terms, usage statistics and affordability.

3) E-journals

Continued subscription to the six Sage journals and the archive of the other nine electronic journals will be reviewed in Spring, or when renewal is due, on consideration of license terms, usage statistics and affordability.

4) Scans held on the Digital Content Store

All courses with scan links are reviewed annually in May when preparation for the DCS rollover takes place. Courses which have not run in the previous academic year are 'archived' and as a result scan links do not work. Any scan links the Library have had to pay for bespoke permission to use for a set time period are deleted. If courses are no longer running the course itself and all associated links will be deleted.



5) Periodicals

Subscriptions to periodicals will be reviewed annually by the Librarian who will make recommendations to Faculty to seek their approval. Availability for download of the periodical through the electronic databases Library members have access to (e.g., ATLASerials PLUS and Sage electronic journal platform) will be considered as part of this process.

Those hardcopy periodicals currently stored in the periodicals room and store will be considered for deselection if they no longer meet the selection criteria outlined above and:

- Are incomplete, short runs
- Are seldom or never used
- Are newsletters which contain information which quickly dates.

A list of hardcopy periodicals identified for deselection will be shared with Faculty. They should contact the Librarian within two weeks of the list being emailed out if they wish any periodical to be retained.

Deselected periodicals will be shared on the ABTAPL discussion list should any other theological library and/or list participant wish to add these to their collection and are willing to pay for the associated postage costs. If no one responds to this discussion post within two weeks, Book Aid will be emailed to ask if they will receive the issues. If they do not want them, they will be recycled.

6) Pamphlets

Pamphlets which have not been issued or consulted in the last 12 years and show several MUSTIE characteristics will be considered for deselection. The standing order to Grove pamphlets will be reviewed annually in May.

7) Level-7 Dissertations

Level-7 Dissertations belonging to our students will be retained indefinitely in electronic form.

8) PhD theses

PhD theses belonging to former students of the College, PCI ministers and members, which cover topics which encompass our selection criteria will be retained indefinitely.

9) Other Formats

Cassette tapes and videos, technology which are no longer popular and in general use will be deselected if not directly related to the history of the College. Those which are directly related to the history of the College will be retained.

CDs, CDROMs and DVDs which were added to the collection more than 15 years ago and have not been borrowed will be considered for deselection, if not directly related to the history of the College or Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Those which no longer work will be deselected.

Hymnbooks which have not been borrowed or consulted within the last 12 years which also show MUSTIE characteristics will be considered for deselection.

5. Review

This policy will be reviewed by the Librarian and shared with the Education Committee for approval. It is due for review in 2029.



Appendix 1: A review of the Gamble Library's strengths

This appendix uses the conspectus approach to describe the current collection intensity for various subject areas in the Gamble Library's reading rooms. The conspectus levels range from 0 (out of scope – the library does not collect in this area) to 5 (comprehensive – the library attempts to collect exhaustively). Detailed category descriptions are given below. Acquisition priorities are in **bold**. These are based on postgraduate and undergraduate modules currently on offer or to be offered through Union Theological College, including online modules, faculty research interests, and the College's Presbyterian character.

Conspectus Levels

0 Out-of-Scope: The Library does not collect in this area.

1 Minimal Level: A subject area in which few selections are made beyond very basic works.

2 Basic Information Level: A collection of up-to-date general materials that serve to introduce and define a subject and to indicate the varieties of information available elsewhere. It may include dictionaries, encyclopaedias, selected editions of important works, historical surveys, bibliographies, handbooks, a few major periodicals, in the minimum number that will serve the purpose. A basic information collection is not sufficiently intensive to support any courses of independent study in the subject area involved.

3 Instructional Support Level: A collection that in a university is adequate to support undergraduate and most graduate instruction, or sustained independent study; that is, adequate to maintain knowledge of a subject required for limited or generalized purposes, of less than research intensity. It includes a wide range of basic monographs, complete collections of works of more important writers, selections from the works of secondary writers, a selection of representative journals, and reference tools and fundamental bibliographical apparatus pertaining to the subject.

4 Research Level: A collection that includes the major published source materials required for dissertations and independent research, including materials containing research reporting, new findings, scientific experimental results, and other information useful to researchers. It is intended to include all important reference works and a wide selection of specialized monographs, as well as a very extensive collection of journals and major indexing and abstracting services in the field. Older material is retained for historical research.

5 Comprehensive Level: A collection which, so far as is reasonably possible, includes all significant works of recorded knowledge (publications, manuscripts, and other forms), in all applicable languages, for a necessarily defined and limited field. This level of collecting intensity is one that maintains a "special collection." The aim, if not achievement, is exhaustiveness. Older material is retained for historical research. The Library of Congress (2026) *Collecting levels*, Available at: <https://www.loc.gov/acq/devpol/cpc.html> (Accessed 23 March 2026).



<i>Class mark</i>	<i>Library of Congress Classification Subject Area/General Subject Area</i>	<i>Current Collection Intensity (CCI)</i>
B	Philosophy	2
BD	Speculative philosophy – metaphysics, epistemology etc.	2
BF	Psychology. Occult sciences.	2
BJ	Ethics. (Including sexual ethics)	3/4
BL1-	Religions.	3
BL65-	Religion in relation to...e.g. Aging, Science.	3
BL74-	Religions of the world.	3
BL96-	History of religion in regions.	1
BL300-	Mythology.	1
BL2700-	Rationalism. (Theories such as Atheism, Humanism).	2
BM	Judaism	3/4
BP1-	Islam	2/3
BP500-	Theosophy and other beliefs	1
BQ	Buddhism	2
BR60-	Christianity, Early Christian literature (Church Fathers)	3/4
BR115-	Christianity in relation to other subjects. I.e. Culture, technology.	3 some 4
BR127-	Christianity in relation to other religions.	3
BR140-	History of Christianity in different periods and regions.	3 some 4
BR304-		(Reformation 4)
BR1600-	Persecution. Martyrdom.	3
BR1640-	Evangelicalism.	3/4
BS1-	The Bible texts and versions.	3
BS445-	Introductory works about the Bible including – History.	3
BS474-	Textual criticism. Hermeneutics.	4
BS480-	Inspiration. Authority. Credibility.	3
BS500-	Criticism and interpretation. History of Biblical criticism.	3/4
BS543-	Theology of the Bible.	3/4
BS580-	Old Testament characters.	2/3
BS620-	Biblical archaeology.	2/3
BS646-	Apocalyptic literature.	3
BS650-	Bible and Science.	3
BS680-	Bible – topics e.g. Business, Ethics, Time.	3 some 4
BS709-	Printed texts. Syriac. Hebrew. Septuagint.	3
BS1110-	Works about the Old Testament.	4
BS1136-	Old Testament textual criticism.	3
BS1140-	General Old Testament commentaries/surveys.	3
BS1160-	Old Testament historical criticism and interpretation.	3
BS1184-	Language of the Old Testament (mostly Hebrew).	3/4
BS1192.5-	Theology of the Old Testament.	3
BS1197-	Old Testament history and prophecy.	3
BS1199-	Old Testament topics.	3 many 4
BS1235-	Old Testament commentaries... Genesis, Exodus, Judges, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Psalms.	4
BS1691-	Apocrypha.	2/3
BS2280-	Works about the New Testament.	3/4
BS2315-	Introductory works about the New Testament.	3



BS2320-	New Testament. Textual criticism.	3
BS2331-	New Testament Hermeneutics. Exegesis.	3/4
BS2350-	History of New Testament criticism and interpretation.	3
BS2385-	Language of the New Testament. (Greek).	3/4
BS2397-	Theology of the New Testament.	3/4
BS2410-	History of Christianity in New Testament times.	3
BS2545-	New Testament topics.	3/4
BS2556-	Gospel study and teaching.	4
BS2575-	New Testament Commentaries...Matthew, Mark, John, Acts, Romans, Revelation. Pauline theology.	4
BS2940-	Didache.	2
BT10-	Doctrinal theology – general.	3
BT40-	Philosophical theology.	3
BT60-	Systematic theologies.	4
BT82-	Different kinds of theology e.g. feminist theology, liberation theology, postmodern etc.	3 some 4
BT88-	Authority. Scriptures. Tradition. Church.	2/3
BT98-	Doctrine of God, the Trinity, Holy Spirit.	3 some 4
BT125-	Revelation.	2/3
BT130-	Attributes of God.	3 some 4
BT155-	Covenants and covenant theology.	3 some 4
BT160-	Theodicy.	2/3
BT198-	Christology. Natures of Christ. Offices of Christ.	4
BT263-	Atonement.	3
BT296-	Life of Christ. Special topics/events, including parables, Sermon on the Mount.	3/4
BT695-	Creation. Ecological theology.	3 some 4
BT700-	Man. Doctrinal anthropology.	3 some 4
BT705.8-	Marriage. Man/woman and other relationships.	3
BT710-	Fall.	2
BT712-	Evolution.	2
BT715-	Sin.	3
BT732-	Man in health and sickness. Including mental health.	2
BT732.5-	Spiritual healing.	2
BT732.7-	Suffering. Affliction. Pain.	2/3
BT734-	Man and race. Man and state, including war. Man and society.	3 many 4
BT750-	Salvation. Soteriology.	3
BT760-	Grace.	2
BT763-	Justification. Imputation. Righteousness.	3/4
BT765-	Sanctification.	2/3
BT767-	Holiness. Spiritual gifts.	3
BT770-	Faith.	3
BT809-	Predestination and Free will. Election.	3 some 4
BT819-	Eschatology. Death. Heaven. Hell. Judgment.	3/4
BT885-	Second coming of Christ. Immortality.	2/3
BT965-	Angels.	1
BT975-	Demons. Evil spirits. The Devil.	1
BT990-	Creed, confessions, covenants etc.	3 some 4
BT1095-	Apologetics. Against opponents of Christianity.	3/4
BT1313-	History of doctrines and movements. Heresies and schisms.	3/4



BV3-	Practical Theology.	3
BV5-	Worship. History.	2/3
BV15-	Public worship. Manner. Manuals.	3/4
BV30-	Worship times and seasons. The Church year.	1
BV107	Sunday observance.	3 some 4
BV205-	Prayer. History. Bible prayers. Prayers for various people.	3 some 4
BV290-	Hymnology. History. Hymnbooks.	3 some 4
BV590-	Ecclesiastical theology. History of doctrines.	2/3
BV600-	The Church. General works. History of the doctrines. Characteristics.	4
BV601-	Mission of the church.	3/4
BV625-	Church and society/community.	3
BV637-	City churches. Small churches. Big churches. Rural churches.	2/3
BV639-	The church and special classes: children, women etc.	3 some 4
BV640-	Church polity.	2
BV652-	Church management/leadership.	3/4
BV652.25-	Church growth.	3/4
BV676-	Women ministers. Ordination of women, elders, deacons etc.	3 some 4
BV800-	Baptism. Infant baptism.	3/4
BV815-	Church membership. The Lord's supper. History.	3/4
BV835-	Marriage and other sacraments.	2
BV900-	Religious education.	3
BV2000-	Mission including missionary apologetics. Aspects of missionary work.	4
	Missions in different countries.	3/4
BV3750-	Evangelism. Revivals.	3/4
BV4000-	Pastoral theology.	3
BV4011.4-	Vocation, internal call.	2/3
BV4011.6-	Spiritual development. Religious life.	3
BV4012-	Pastoral psychology and psychiatry. Pastoral counselling.	3/4
BV4019-	Training for the ordained ministry. By region.	4
BV4200- BV4375-	Preaching. Homiletics. History.	3/4
BV4390-	Chaplains.	3
BV4400-	Personal life of the clergy.	3
	Practical church work. Social work. Work of the layman.	3/4
BV4435-	Church work with special classes of people. I.e. Men, women, young people, older people, mentally ill etc.	3/4
BV4485-	Practical religion. The Christian life.	2/3
BV4520- BV4597-	Religious duties. E.g. witnessing, church attendance.	2
BV4650-	The Christian life in relation to special topics.	3
BV4914-	Religious experience. Conversion.	3 some 4
BV5070-	Asceticism. Mysticism. Quietism	2
BX1-	Ecumenism. World Council of Churches, history, assemblies etc.	3
BX9-	Church unity and special topics.	2
BX100-	Eastern churches. Historical works, church life etc.	2/3
BX200-	Orthodox Eastern Church. Historical works, church life etc.	3
BX800-	Catholic Church. Historical works, church life etc.	3/4
BX4800-	Protestantism. General works. History. By region.	3/4
BX5001-	Anglican communion, including the Church of England.	4
BX5200-	Dissent and non-conformity.	3 some 4
BX6201-	Baptists.	3 some 4
BX7101-	Congregationalism.	2/3



BX7601-	Quakers.	2
BX8001-	Lutheran.	3
BX8201-	Methodism.	3/4
BX8601-	Mormons.	2/3
BX8762-	Pentecostal churches.	2/3
BX8901-	Presbyterianism.	4
BX9301-	Puritanism.	3/4
BX9401-	Reformed or Calvinistic Churches.	3 many 4
BX9901-	Universalism.	1
BX9998-	Other beliefs and movements akin to Christianity i.e. cults.	1
D. DA. DG. DS.	History Great Britain. History of Europe and Asia.	2
DT1757-1974.2	History of South Africa including Apartheid and Nelson Mandela.	2/3
GV706.42	Sports – relation to religion.	3
H61-H62	Social sciences. Theory. Method.	2/3
HM	Sociology. Culture. Supervision.	2
HQ	Abortion. Marriage. Relationships including same-sex relationships.	2
HV	Social and public welfare. Charities and Voluntary organisations.	2
JZ	Terrorism.	
LB	International relations. Peace.	2/3
PA	Higher Education. Preparation of theses.	3
PJ	Biblical Greek.	3
	Biblical Hebrew. Akkadian and other Biblical languages.	3
<i>Only key individuals from the BYA-BYZ classification have been identified and highlighted.</i>		
BYA	Saint Augustine.	4
BYB	Hans Urs von Balthasar.	3
	Karl Barth.	3/4
	Richard Baxter.	2
	Dietrich Bonhoeffer.	3 some 4
	Rudolf Bultmann.	2
BYC	John Calvin.	4
	Thomas Cranmer.	2
	Oliver Cromwell.	3
BYE	Jonathan Edwards.	4/5
	Erasmus.	2/3
BYF-BYI	Charles Hodge.	3
	Richard Hooker.	3 some 4
	Irenaeus of Lyons.	2
BYJ-BYK	Søren Kierkegaard.	3 some 4
	Hans Küng.	2/3
	Abraham Kuyper.	3
BYL	C. S. Lewis.	4
	John Locke.	2
	Martin Luther.	4
BYM	Philip Melancthon.	2/3
	Thomas Merton.	3
BYN	Lesslie Newbigin.	2/3
	John Henry Newman.	3/4
	Richard and Reinhold Niebuhr	3
	Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche.	3
BYO	John Owen.	4



BYP	J. I. Packer. Blaise Pascal. William Perkins.	3 3 3
BYQ-BYR	Karl Rahner. Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI). H. R. Rookmaaker.	2 some 3 2 1
BYS	Francis Schaeffer. Friedrich Schleiermacher. C. H. Spurgeon.	2 some 3 3 3
BYT	Hudson Taylor. Thomas Aquinas. Paul Tillich. T. F. Torrance. Tertullian. William Tyndale.	2 4 3 3/4 2/3 2/3
BYU-BYZ	Peter Martyr Vermigli B. B. Warfield. John Webster. John Wesley. Charles Wesley. George Whitefield. John Wyclif. Ulrich Zwingli.	2 3 2/3 3/4 3 2/3 2/3 2/3
HIB B	<u>Irish collection</u>	1
HIB BL-BP	Ireland - Philosophy.	1
HIB BR737-	Ireland and other religions.	3 some 4
HIB BR797-	Church history Ireland.	1
HIB BR800-	By county, A-Z. By city or town, A-Z.	3/4
HIB BR808-	Church history Northern Ireland/Ulster	3
HIB BR809-	By county, A-Z. By city or town, A-Z.	3/4
HIB BR1642-	Special topics e.g. .C8 Corrymeela Community; .U4 Ulster-Scots. Evangelicalism.	3
HIB BS-	Ireland/Northern Ireland and the Bible.	1/2
HIB BT-	Ireland/Northern Ireland and doctrinal theology.	1/2
HIB BV290-	Ireland/Northern Ireland and worship.	2/3
HIB BV2000-	Ireland/Northern Ireland and mission.	3
HIB BV3777-	Ireland/Northern Ireland - evangelism and revivals.	3 some 4
HIB BX1-	Ireland/Northern Ireland and ecumenism.	1
HIB BX800-	Ireland/Northern Ireland and the history of the Catholic Church.	3
HIB BX8400-	Ireland/Northern Ireland and other churches.	3
HIB BX9060-	Ireland/Northern Ireland Presbyterian church history.	3/4
HIB BX9064	By county, city, or town. A-Z congregational histories.	4
HIB BX9065	Special topics. E.g. .E2 Education; .I6 Irish language.	2
HIB BX9066	Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland.	1
HIB BX9067	Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland/Covenanters.	3
HIB BX9068	Evangelical Presbyterian Church.	2
HIB BX9069	Free Presbyterian Church of Ulster.	2
Only key individuals from the HIB BYA-BYZ classification have been identified.		
HIB BYA-BYZ	Ian Paisley.	3



	Saint Patrick. James Ussher.	3/4 3/4
HIB DA990- HIB DA997- HIB DA999-	History Northern Ireland/Ulster. By county, A-Z. By city or town, A-Z. Special topics. E.g. .I6 Irish language; .O6 Orange Order.	3 many 4 3 3/4
CAL BR-	<u>Scottish collection</u> Church history Scotland.	3/4
CAL BT-	Scotland and doctrinal theology.	2
CAL BV193- CAL BV2000- CAL BV3777-	Scotland and worship. Scotland and mission. Scotland - evangelism and revivals.	2/3 2 3
CAL BX-	Scotland and the history of its various churches, including the Church of Scotland.	3 many 4
<i>Only key individuals from the CAL BYA-BYZ classification have been identified.</i>		
CAL BYA-Z	Thomas Chalmers. John Knox.	3 3/4
CAL DA	History Scotland.	2/3



Appendix 2: Sample list of publishers' websites

B & H Publishing www.bakerpublishinggroup.com/coming-soon

Bloomsbury T&T Clark

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/academic/academic-subjects/religious-studies/>

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/academic/academic-subjects/biblical-studies/>

Boydell and Brewer <https://boydellandbrewer.com/books/subjects/>

Brepols publishers <http://www.brepols.net/Pages/Home.aspx>

Brill <https://brill.com/>

Cambridge University Press <https://www.cambridge.org/gb/academic/subjects/religion/>

Christian focus <https://www.christianfocus.com/>

Crossway <https://crossway.org/>

Eerdmans <https://www.eerdmans.com/>

Eisenbrauns <https://www.eisenbrauns.org>

Fontes Press <https://www.fontespress.com>

Fortress Press <https://www.fortresspress.com/>

Four Courts Press <https://www.fourcourtspress.ie/welcome>

Good Book Company <https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk>

Hendrickson Publishers <https://www.hendricksonpublishers.com/>

Hymns Ancient and Modern (includes Canterbury Press, SCM Press, and Saint Andrew Press)

<https://www.hymnsam.co.uk/the-business/book-publishing/>

IVP <https://www.ivpress.com/> <https://ivpbooks.com/>

James A. Dickson Publishers <https://jamesdicksonbooks.com/>

Kregel <https://www.kregel.com/>

Langham Publishing <https://langhamliterature.org/books?filter=newbooks>

Lexham Press Academic <https://bakerbookhouse.com/search?q=lexham+>

Log College Press <https://www.logcollegepress.com>

New Whitchurch Press <https://newwhitchurch.press/books>

Oxford University Press [https://global.oup.com/academic/category/arts-and-](https://global.oup.com/academic/category/arts-and-humanities/religion/?cc=gb&lang=en&type=listing&prevNumResPerPage=20&prevSortField=8&resultsPerPage=20&start=0)

[humanities/religion/?cc=gb&lang=en&type=listing&prevNumResPerPage=20&prevSortField=8&resultsPreP](https://global.oup.com/academic/category/arts-and-humanities/religion/?cc=gb&lang=en&type=listing&prevNumResPerPage=20&prevSortField=8&resultsPerPage=20&start=0)

[age=20&start=0](https://global.oup.com/academic/category/arts-and-humanities/religion/?cc=gb&lang=en&type=listing&prevNumResPerPage=20&prevSortField=8&resultsPreP)

Peeters <https://www.peeters-leuven.be/>

Peter Lang <https://www.peterlang.com/>

Polity <https://politybooks.com/>

P & R Publishing <https://www.prpbooks.com/>

Reformation Heritage <https://www.heritagebooks.org/>

Routledge <https://www.routledge.com/humanities/religion>

SPCK <https://spckpublishing.co.uk/>

Ulster Historical Foundation <https://ulsterhistoricalfoundation.com/shop/products/coming-soon>

Vandenhoeck Ruprecht Verlage <https://www.vandenhoeck-ruprecht-verlage.com/>

Westminster John Knox Press <https://www.wjkbooks.com/>

Wipf Stock (Cascade Books, Pickwick Publications and Resource Publications) <https://wipfandstock.com/>

Yale https://yalebooks.co.uk/search-results/?category=REL&supapress_order=publishdate-desc

Zondervan <https://www.zondervan.com/>



Appendix 3: Book series of special interest

Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture
B&H Exegetical Guide to the Greek New Testament
Cambridge Semitic languages and cultures
Cambridge Studies in early modern British history
Evangelical Biblical Theology Commentary
New Studies in Biblical Theology
New Studies in Dogmatics
New Testament Theology
Oxford Handbooks (in Religion and Theology)
Oxford Studies in Historical Theology
Pillar Commentary Series
Reformation Commentary on Scripture
Reformed Historical Theology (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht)
Short Studies in Biblical Theology
Short Studies in Systematic Theology
Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series
Studies on the Westminster Assembly
The Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies
The Library of New Testament Studies
Tyndale Old and New Testament Commentaries
Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the Old and New Testament



Appendix 4: List of hardcopy periodicals received by the Gamble Library

Journal/Periodical title	Supplier and subscription price at last renewal	Free supplied by
Bulletin of the Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries	ABTAPL £45	
The Bulletin of the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland		Free – PHSI
Calvin Theological Journal	EBSCONET £37.24	
Cambridge Papers	Cambridge Papers £15	
Catholic Biblical Quarterly	EBSCONET £99.67	
Christian Healing		Free – Churches' Council for Health and Healing in Ireland.
Church History: Studies in Christianity and culture	Cambridge University Press £266	
Church Service Society: The Record		Free – Church Service Society. Moving to online only.
Currents in Biblical Research	Sage £224	
General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Accounts		Free – Presbyterian Church in Ireland.
General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Minutes		Free – Presbyterian Church in Ireland.
General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Reports		Free – Presbyterian Church in Ireland.
Huntington Library Quarterly	Penn Press \$215 (c. £159) online only	
Impact		Free – UCCF: the Christian Unions.
Ink: research and resources from Tyndale House		Free – Tyndale House.
INSpirations (The Non-Subscribing Presbyterian)		Free – Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church
Inspirations resource for Women's Ministry		Free – Presbyterian Women.
Inspire		Free – Presbyterian Women.
International Journal of Systematic Theology	Wiley £832	
Interpretation : a Journal of Bible and theology	Sage £131	
Irish Historical Studies	Cambridge University Press £94 online only	
Irish Theological Quarterly	Sage £208	
Journal for the Study of the New Testament	Sage £363	
Journal for the Study of the Old Testament	Sage £363	



The Journal of Biblical Counseling	EBSCONET £61.91	
Journal of Biblical Literature	EBSCONET £298.12	
Journal of Cuneiform Studies	\$179 online only	
Journal of Near Eastern Studies	\$487 online only	
New Testament Abstracts	EBSCONET £125.85	
New Testament Studies	Cambridge University Press £415	
Novum Testamentum	De Gruyter Brill £602 (€690)	
Old Testament Abstracts	EBSCONET £112.49	
Presbyterian Herald		Free - Presbyterian Church in Ireland.
Presbyterian Historical Society Membership – Journal of Presbyterian History	EBSCONET £117.45	
Reformation and Renaissance Review	Taylor and Francis £451	
Reformation Today	Reformation Today £30	
Revue Biblique	EBSCONET £208.81	
Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology	Highland Theological College £35	
Scottish Church History: Journal of the Scottish Church History Society	Edinburgh University Press £135	
Scottish Journal of Theology	Cambridge University Press £217	
The Confessional Presbyterian	James A. Dickson Books £23.72	
The Expository Times	Sage £221	
The Journal of Ecclesiastical History	Cambridge University Press £806	
The Journal of Theological Studies	Oxford University Press £547	
The Journal United Reformed Church History Society	United Reformed Church History Society £22.50	
Tyndale Bulletin	Tyndale House £32.50	
Ulster Bulwark		Free - Evangelical Protestant Society.
Vetus Testamentum	De Gruyter Brill £774.11 (€888)	
The Westminster Theological Journal	EBSCONET £70.10	
Zeitschrift für Assyriologie und Vorderasiatische Archäologie	De Gruyter Brill £304.50 (€351) online only	
Zeitschrift fuer die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft	EBSCONET £498.07	
Zeitschrift fuer die Neutestamentliche Wissenschaft	EBSCONET £301.97	