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The N. B. Hardeman Library At MSOP

Since 2001, the N. B. Hardeman Library has provided students with vital resources necessary to their study, research, and learning in the intensive program of preacher education at MSOP. Recently, through the generous contributions of the Alumni Association, we have been blessed with some very needed additions and updates.

Our plans for the Library, for the immediate future, include purchasing shelving for the second floor, at a cost of around \$50,000; new carrels, at a

cost of around \$15,000; book purchases, at a cost of \$10,000; and, \$25,000 for support personnel. The total investment, as we work to continue improving the assets and usefulness of the Library, is \$100,000.

Read all about the N. B. Hardeman Library at the Memphis School of Preaching in this special issue of the Yokefellow, and please help us with your generous end-of-the-year contributions. BL

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THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF THE LIBRARY TO THE PROGRAM OF THE MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF PREACHING

Curtis A. Cates

Human beings are not animals; they do not have to start over again gathering knowledge in every generation. Vast amounts of information and wisdom have been accumulated through the ages. One who is beginning to preach the Gospel of Christ has not generally been educated and prepared in a vacuum for that great and noble service. Countless others have gone before him, and their millions of cumulative dedicated hours in study, education, and experience have been very productive of great numbers of materials, volumes, tools, et al., to be found in the library. The person who uses the N. B. Hardeman Library of the Memphis School of Preaching is the blessed beneficiary of those devoted efforts of seeking eternal Truth from God's infallible Book and of preaching it to others.

Solomon observed that one who splits wood must first whet, or sharpen, the edge of the axe or wedge; else, it will require the exertion of more strength and even possibly endanger his life (Ecc. 10:9-10). He also wrote, "Iron sharpeneth iron; So a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend" (Pro. 27:17). Just think of the superb education of the apostles at the feet of Jesus, or of Timothy and Titus at the feet of the apostle Paul. So likewise, what a blessing it is to young preachers to study in the Memphis School of Preaching, or in other such faithful schools, at the feet of experienced, scholarly Gospel Preachers!

In the intensive collegiate program of the MSOP, the N. B. Hardeman Library is an absolute necessity, a vital source of information. The library serves every part of the curriculum; it is a veritable storehouse of knowledge; it is the heart and center of the School.

Wonderful progress has been made in building and developing the collections of the library, in addition to being blessed with a new, beautiful,



stately library building. The total number of titles in the holdings has grown rapidly, now numbering approximately 28,000 [17,000 of which have been processed and are on the shelves]. A recent significant gift by the MSOP Alumni Association has enhanced our holdings, as have a number of fine libraries which have been donated to the N. B. Hardeman Library. It is a select library.

Upon moving to our new campus, the decision was made to change from Dewey to the comprehensive and versatile Library of Congress classification system. In addition and at that same time, several generous gifts made it possible to place the holdings on computer.

The library is headed by Annette B. Cates, who holds the Master of Library Service [A. L. A. accredited degree] from the University of Alabama. She is also an experienced, certified teacher. Having directed two Christian college libraries and having served in Information Services at Rhodes College, in Memphis, she is very well qualified to educate the students in research techniques and practice. Jan Kuehn is Assistant Librarian. They are eager to help the students.

MSOP students must become proficient in using the library; without such skill, it is tantamount to a hunter's seeking game while being lost in the woods. They need to grasp the science of learning the materials that are available, of locating the materials, and of then using them; this process should be quick, efficient, and accurate. The more proficient in using the library, the more proficient one is in his educational process.

Our dear friends, please allow me to thank you for your encouragement and support of the Memphis School of Preaching and of the N. B. Hardeman Library. God bless you for investing in the future of the Lord's church.



HARDEMAN MEMORABILIA DISPLAY

HISTORY OF THE N. B. HARDEMAN LIBRARY

Garland Elkins



I have been blessed to know and hear numerous outstanding, faithful and able, gospel preachers. In my judgment, brother N. B. Hardeman was the most outstanding, all around, gospel preacher that I have ever heard. I am honored that he was my mentor at Freed-Hardeman College (now University). Brother Hardeman, along with

brother A. G. Freed, was co-founder of Freed-Hardeman University. Brother Hardeman also was an important influence in the establishment of the Memphis School of Preaching, in that he gave great encouragement and advice to brother Roy J. Hearn, the first Director of the Memphis School of Preaching.

The N. B. Hardeman Library

In 1997 I was one of the speakers on a lectureship in Christiansburg, Virginia. Sister Joanne Bradshaw, brother Hardeman's grand daughter, and her son Brad were also present. I suggested to sister Bradshaw that the Memphis School of Preaching needed a separate building in which to house our large and valuable library; furthermore, I asked her to consider defraying one-half of the cost of the building, and pledged to her that we would be responsible for raising the other half. She readily agreed.

She has a friend in Atlanta, Georgia by the name of Terry Scoggin who took the plans for the building and worked out the details for the steel to be used in the building. The steel is beautiful and the design unique. Mr. Scoggin accompanied the steel to Memphis and supervised the installation. All of this was done at sister Bradshaw's expense.

Contributions Of The Hardeman Family

Sister Bradshaw spared no expense in time, effort, and money in perfecting the lighting, design, and arrangement for the library building. She visited the libraries of several universities, and consulted with others via phone. She contacted people at Georgia Tech, Oglethorpe, Emory, and Biltmore Conservation Services who assisted her in various ways. She talked with the curator of the University of South Carolina, and he helped her with the displays, and the former curator of the Smithsonian Museum was very

helpful contributing advice and assisting with the work. She designated an area wherein are historic memorabilia of brother and sister Hardeman, her truly outstanding grandparents.

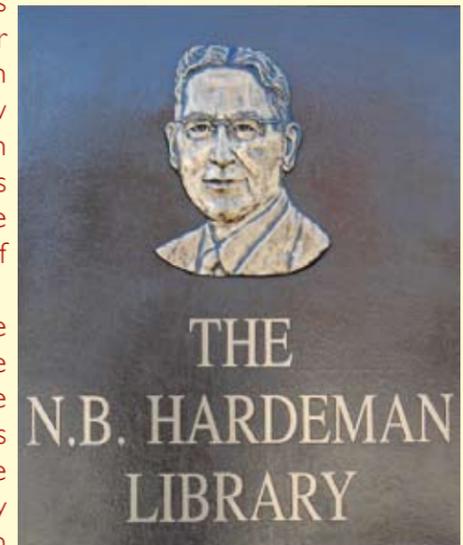
Brother Hardeman was not only co-founder of Freed-Hardeman University, but he was also truly outstanding as a preacher. He preached in great gospel meetings in the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee. He was a superb debater, who also excelled in the walking horse world, and so much more could be said about him. Sister Joanna Hardeman was just as outstanding in her field.

A Blessing To Our Students

Our students at the Memphis School of Preaching are blessed with a state-of-the-art library building, and a collection of materials unexcelled in the entire world. Time and space does not allow me to detail all of the wonderful blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon us. Nor shall we ever be able to express fully and repay our debt of appreciation to sister Bradshaw for her dedication to the Lord, to His church, and for the Memphis School of Preaching.

I conclude with some of the comments made by brother Curtis A. Cates in the Yokefellow of May 24, 2002, in an article entitled *N.*

B. Hardeman Library Dedication, Open House, Appreciation Dinner. Among other things, he said, "The opening events of the N. B. Hardeman Library were a resounding success. They took place on Monday, April 1st, at 2:10 p.m. A great host of Christians were present for all activities. The Dedication of the stately, dignified, 12,000 square feet library building was dedicated 'To the glory of God in honor of N. B. Hardeman.' Those who participated in the dedication were former students of brother Hardeman, as well as several close friends and family members. In the program handled by Garland Elkins, Bill Arquitt led a song, William Arquitt read scripture, and D. H. Kirby led prayer. Speakers included James A. Bobbitt, Robert Lowell Altizer, Ralph Stout, Robert Waller, Flavil Nichols, Wayne Coats, and Brad Bradshaw. Statements were read from J. E. Choate, J. M. Powell, and A. H. Kennamer. Then, a beautiful portrait of brother and sister Hardeman was unveiled."



THE N. B. HARDEMAN LIBRARY

Annette B. Cates



What does a library mean to you? To me, it means an entire world of information! The goal of a library should be to bring information to those users of the library who need it. The library is central to any academic institution, providing support for the curriculum. It is a place, not only to study, but

to learn how to do the research necessary for study. It is imperative that the library maintains the resources necessary to serve its users.

The N. B. Hardeman Library has undertaken some major projects since moving into the beautiful new building in November of 2001. The following September, we began the move from card catalog to an online public access catalog (PAC). At the same time, we began the conversion of our holdings from the Dewey Decimal System to the Library of Congress (LC) System of subject classification. Some libraries "farm out" the conversion to companies that specialize in doing so. We have chosen to do all of the work ourselves for two reasons: quality control and cost savings. We know our patrons and their needs; thus, we tailor our collection to our purposes. As of this writing, we have bar-coded nearly 14,000 items. Most of these items are new books, periodicals, and CDs or DVDs. Many volumes and media,

not yet bar-coded, remain in the original system used by Jean Taylor and in the Dewey Decimal System; these are being converted as time permits. (Our emphasis in this area is on adding new materials to the collection.)

This past March, the Memphis School of Preaching Alumni Association approved giving the library a gift that has amounted to nearly \$10,000. Michael McDaniel, President, was responsible for doing the "legwork" of locating what we need most and of placing the orders. His having presented his selections to me, I double-checked our holdings so that we could target our weak areas and would not duplicate the materials we already have. As a result of this generous gift, we have been able to add two new computers and printers for the second floor and an additional computer with printer for the lobby. [Incidentally, the computers on the second floor have Internet capability (most of our students have their own laptops and Internet access). The two lobby computers are limited to the purpose of searching the PAC.] With the gift, we have obtained nearly two hundred books, sets of commentaries, lexicons, dictionaries, and concordances. Cataloging and processing of all of these books should be complete by mid-September. This summer's activities have been a



**JAN KUEHN,
ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN**

librarian's dream come true!

In August, we moved from one full-time librarian to adding Jan Kuehn as Assistant Librarian. She works with circulation and periodicals, maintains the vertical files, processes new items, and manages the shelving. Her assistance has already allowed me to concentrate on adding new materials and converting the remaining books in the Dewey system to LC.

The work and the needs of a library are never complete. We have approximately 10,000 books that have been donated but are yet to be cataloged. We appreciate every book that is donated; understandably, it takes time to get each item on the shelf and



REFERENCE STUDY AREA

ready for use. In selecting the titles to which to give first priority in adding them to the collection, we consider what is most needed by the users of the library. Shelf and study space is at a premium. We will need to add more shelving and study carrels in the near future. Any gifts that we cannot use are put on our on-going book sale table. Current students and faculty are afforded the first opportunity, then alumni, and others to purchase the sale books at a minimal price. Any proceeds from the book sales go toward providing new materials and supplies for the library. We feel that this policy is in keeping with a donor's wishes. The ultimate benefit is to the library, students, and other patrons.

We have a climate-controlled room for valuable archival and special collection materials. These rare items from that area are not available for general use, inasmuch as they require special handling in order to prevent deterioration as much as possible. We encourage friends

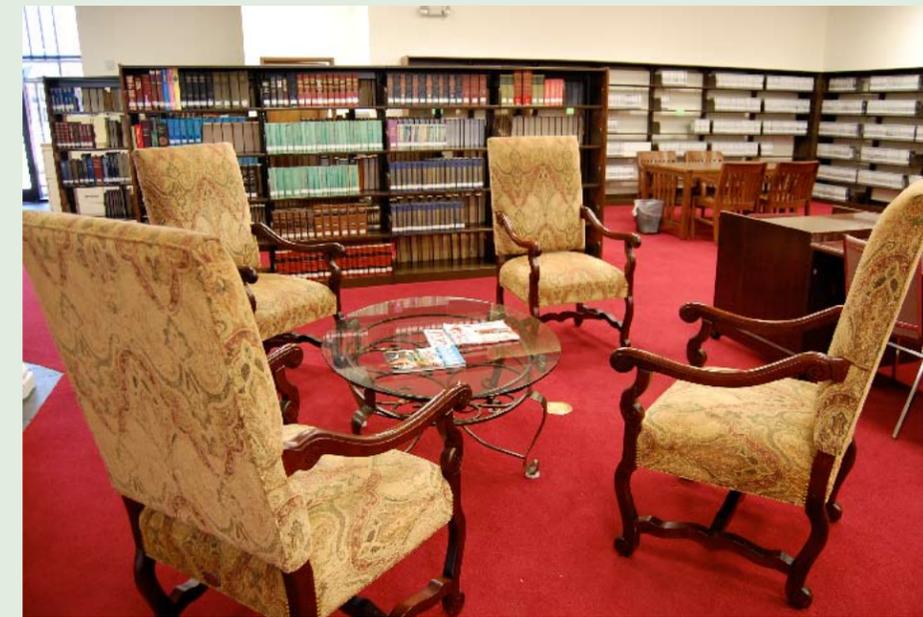


A VIEW, FROM THE LIBRARY, OF THE NEW STUDENT HOUSING

of the N. B. Hardeman Library to consider donating rare and historic materials [which relate to the Lord's church and are of interest to the brotherhood] to Special Collections. Daniel F. Cates is our archivist.

When our students graduate, they know "The Book"; they also know how to do research, to engage in intensive study, and are prepared to preach and teach others the Gospel. The library provides every opportunity for spiritual growth for our students and their families. It has been said that knowledge is power.

This is especially true when that knowledge is of God's Word.



MEETING AREA

The library is central to any academic institution, providing support for the curriculum.

ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Daniel F. Cates



Libraries, at times, are solely judged based upon the books on the shelves, little being known of the things that may be just beyond public view. While the N.B. Hardeman Library has an ever-expanding catalog of books, there are many things which have not been given much attention or even seen by more than a few. In order that alumni and friends of the Memphis School of Preaching

may have an idea of what is also present, an introduction of the Archives and Special Collections of the N.B. Hardeman Library is in order.

In the Archives are various items relative to the history of the Memphis School of Preaching itself. Numerous catalogs, Yokefellows, and other documents represent the history of the school. One will find, also in the library's Archives, memorabilia ranging from forty-six of Roy J. Hearn's "sheet sermons" to the chair which was in Director-Emeritus Curtis Cates' office while he was directing the school.

The Special Collections of the N.B. Hardeman Library include numerous books signed by their authors (e.g., God's Woman signed by C.R. Nichol), many hand-written sets of notes (e.g., H. Leo Boles' notes on elocution) and sermons (e.g., notebooks of sermons of Frank D. Young), and many interesting (e.g., natural science professor John A. Myers' 1880 catalogue of Kentucky University and College of the Bible listing such men as McGarvey, Kurfees, Shepherd, et al.) and/or important (e.g., a letter from Charles B. Williams, a Baptist professor of Greek at Union University, to J.A. McNutt on the meaning of eis in Acts 2:38—denying the possibility of its being translated "because of") documents and books (e.g., an 1869 edition of Tischendorf's New Testament owned by the pioneer preacher Winthrop H. Hopson). Also in Special Collections is a collection of the older volumes of the Annual Lesson Commentary series dating back to the series' publication under the name Elam's Notes in 1922.

The items mentioned here are but a few of the items that have been processed and are found in the N.B. Hardeman Library; many others have not been catalogued yet. It might be noted that other items which would be right at home in and treasured by the N.B. Hardeman Library's Archives and Special Collections may be in someone's church office, closet, bottom drawer, filing cabinet, etc. If you know of something worthy of the attention and protection it would receive in the library's secure, humidity controlled room, please consider donating it so that it, like these other things, may be treasured and may have a great period of usefulness.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTES TO UPDATING THE LIBRARY

Mike McDaniel

At the Board of Directors meeting of the MSOP Alumni Association, I expressed my desire to put forth an effort to update the library before my term as President ends. I rejoiced that the board agreed to give the \$3,400 toward this project plus additional funds received above a \$4,000 account minimum. This would include the acquisition of new reference books, cataloguing, and help for sister Cates if needed. B.J. Clarke and myself would serve as a committee to determine what books and materials were needed with the advice of the faculty. Also the elders at Forest Hill graciously agreed for the contribution taken at the Alumni and Friends dinner to go toward this effort instead of going toward the Yokefellow.



We were blessed by having one of the better dinners we have had in a long time. The attendance was wonderful and additional tables had to be set up. The collection for the library that night was \$2,600. Combined with the \$3,400 which had been approved hours earlier, we then had a total of \$6,000 to spend on the Library. We were thrilled!

Time was spent this summer in consultation with brother Liddell, sister Cates, brother Clarke, as well as the other faculty members. A list was compiled and many purchases were made. Two computers needed to be purchased. As some funds were already budgeted for the library, brother Liddell agreed for part of those funds to be used to purchase the computers which freed up more Alumni Association money for books. Our thanks to Joey Davis for helping the school to get a tremendous deal on two Dell computers. One is at the circulation desk where formerly there was no computer. The other is serving as the public access catalog for students. The old computer is in the processing room and will continue to be used.

I had the opportunity in the last few days to visit the library and survey the books that have been purchased. There is no question that the reference library on the first floor has been improved substantially. The exact total that was spent by the MSOP Alumni Association for this project was \$6659.65. Despite these expenditures, more could have been spent. I recently walked past the Burton Coffman commentary series on the Old Testament and realized that the entire poetry section as well as Ezekiel and Lamentations

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INAUGURATED

Daniel F. Cates

Recently, brother Liddell and brother Elkins were asked if a scholarship might be set up contingent upon the establishment of an intensive program that would be focused upon guided research of the history and dangers of alcohol. Victor Durrington, benefactor of the scholarship, was a stern opponent of the use and abuse of alcohol, and saw education along that line as a great tool for the Bible student. The efforts of brethren Durrington, Liddell, and Elkins culminated in the establishment of the Memphis School of Preaching's **Center for the Study of Alcohol and Bible Wines**.

Yearly, we will select one second-year student as recipient of the scholarship. That student will be responsible for extra-curricular research that will culminate in his producing thorough research in that field. The recipient's efforts will be reproduced on the school's website each year, and the student, along with the faculty member guiding the study, will also be responsible for maintaining a glass display case in the N.B. Hardeman library that will hold the results of the recipients' research, as well as various other materials on the subject.

For the first year of the *Center for the Study of Alcohol and Bible Wines*, Gordon Wells has been selected as recipient of the scholarship. In a general way, brother Wells and his family, natives of Cape Town, South Africa, have much to offer in the Lord's work. In a specific way, brother Wells will help to get this program off to a good start as he incorporates it into his studies. Brother Wells will be guided in this study by Daniel Cates, who is in charge of the Center.

had not been purchased. This had been overlooked earlier. Those books have now been purchased. In my opinion, we need funds available continually for the purchase of new commentary sets currently in the process of completion. These books need to be purchased as they become available. New shelving upstairs to correspond with that on the first floor would also be a great improvement.

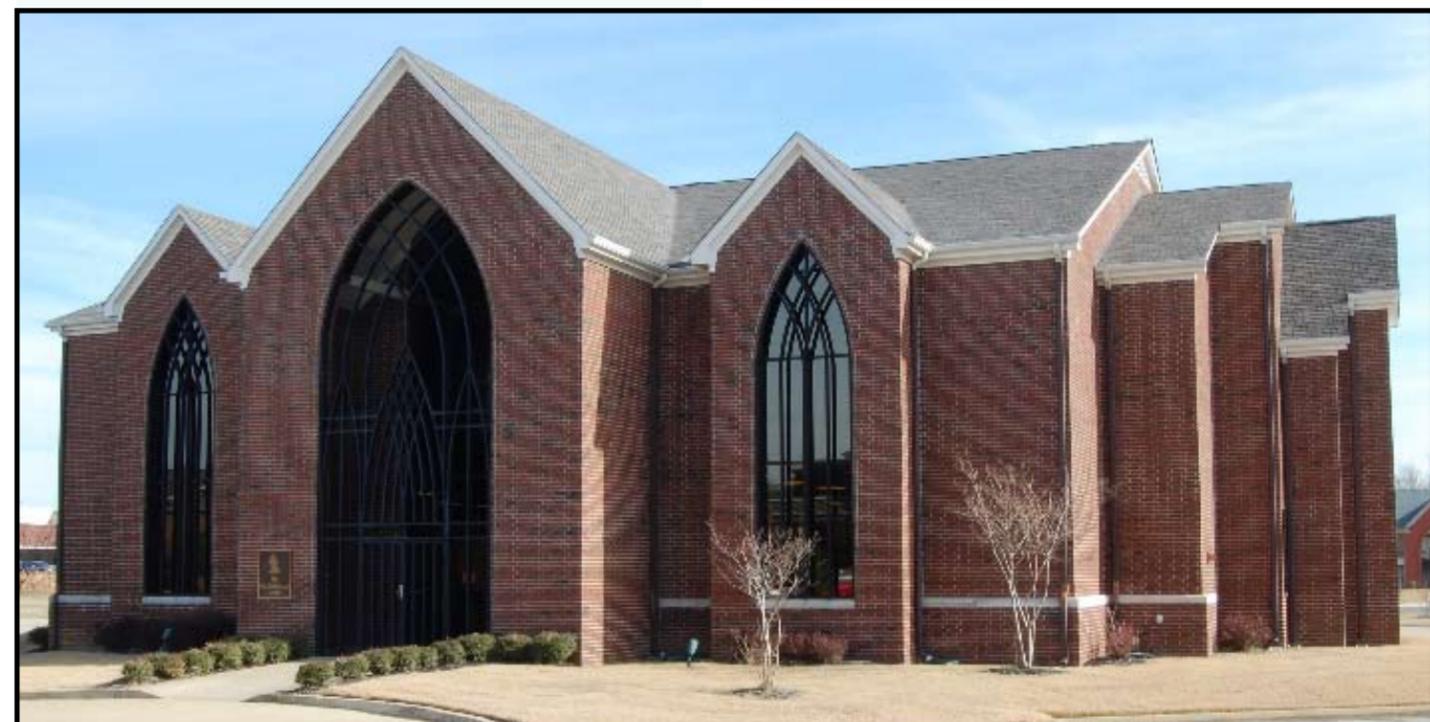
In my opinion, the library is the crown jewel of the MSOP campus. The day after this article is written, I will be taking the first year class on "a field trip" to the library to show them the resources that are available to them. As President of the Alumni Association, I wish to extend my gratitude to all who have helped the Library thus far and pray for your continued support in the future.

AN OPPORTUNITY OF SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE

Bobby Liddell, Director



Our plans for the Library, as outlined in this issue, will cost \$100,000. We know we can count on supporters, who see the special need for a well-equipped Library of excellent resource materials, to help us with these funds. Please mark your contributions "For The Library." Thank you, brethren!



THE N. B. HARDEMAN LIBRARY AT THE MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF PREACHING