

A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ALLAN ALEXANDER MACRAE, PH. D.

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Allan A MacRae is one of those scholars whose unpublished writings far exceed those which have made it into print. This bibliography does not pretend to encompass the many letters, lecture notes, and other material which Dr MacRae has produced over the course of six decades but not published. With several exceptions, all of the citations contained herein either appeared in periodicals or were issued as monographs or parts of monographs. The goal has been a comprehensive bibliography of such writings, but certain items undoubtedly have eluded the attention of the compiler.

Citations are arranged alphabetically by title and are divided into three sections. Making up approximately two-thirds of the bibliography, the first section comprises articles published in periodical literature. Articles in dictionaries, Festschriften, etc., constitute the second section. Other writings, such as books and pamphlets, are grouped together in the third section.

Annotations accompany all but a few of the citations. In writing these annotations the compiler has attempted to avoid evaluation. Rather, the aim has been to provide simply some indication as to the gist of the item being cited. The length of an annotation is not necessarily related to the length or importance of the cited work. In the vast majority of cases the compiler has been able to peruse the writing himself, but at times this was not possible. In some cases the same writing appeared in two or even three publications, usually through reprinting. In certain instances each of these appearances is cited in full, but equally often a passing reference in the annotation serves as the only indication of the item's publication elsewhere.

Dr MacRae's output leaves one with the impression that it is possible to combine careful scholarship with deep personal concern for assorted practical issues of an ecclesiastical nature. Esoteric topics are presented in a clear, readable fashion which at times almost takes on the character of a good homily. Permeating Dr MacRae's work is his interest in evidence and in avoiding paths of error, whether new ones or those which already have been heavily trod. The scope of this bibliography reflects this sensitivity. No ponderous tomes are to be found. Instead, there are cautions, critiques, and popular calls to attend to what matters most. Clear insights and rich illustrations abound, however, and particularly in the more scholarly writings there is a solidity which merits serious attention from those given either to lockstep or to flights of fancy.