Circular letters and pamphlet publications from the collections of Professor Sir Norman Anderson (1908-1994), missionary, jurist and writer on religion, relating especially to Egypt and the Islamic world

48 items, 1901-1987

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Introduction and AND 3/1-2 added with some minor revisions August 2016

Anderson, Sir (James) Norman Dalrymple was a missionary, jurist, and writer on religion with strong Cambridge connections. After education at a small evangelical school, St Lawrence College Ramsgate, he entered Trinity College in 1927 and obtained a first class degree LLB in international law. He was much involved in CICCU, of which he was president in 1931. The intentions for future life are clear from his membership of the Cambridge Missionary Fellowship 1930 (see AND 1/3), and in 1932 he offered himself for missionary work among Muslims to the Egypt General Mission, as did his fiancée, Patricia (whose parents were already engaged in similar activities there), and they were married the following year in Alexandria. He spent years working with senior missionaries and was soon preaching in Arabic and reaching out to students at the Fuad I University, Cairo. In 1940-46 he diverted to military service in intelligence departments, in which he was especially involved in the foundation of an independent Libya, remaining in contact with King Idris well after the war. He returned to England in 1946-49 as first warden of Tyndale House, Cambridge, and subsequently, 1949-75, held posts at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London, finally as Professor of Oriental Laws. He published extensively on law in the Islamic World and Africa and on the relationship of Christianity and Islam, much of it in retirement in Cambridge, and did service to the Church of England including as first chairman of the House of Laity, as well as acting as president or chair of a number of societies including the Bible Churchman's Missionary Society and the Middle East General Mission (later Middle East Christian Outreach), nevertheless remaining till his death ‘first and foremost a missionary’. [Based on article by Todd M. Thompson in Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (online edition rev 2010); see also the obituary in this collection, AND 3/2].

The present collection is in fact almost wholly of secondary material. Papers mainly on Islamic jurisprudence are at the School of Oriental and African Studies (PP MS 60) and some correspondence, according to ODNB is at the University Library, Cambridge, but attempts to discover this have proved unsuccessful.
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AND 1/1-3 Circular Letters

1/1  David Rahbar to “Muslim Friends”, Hartford [Conn], 1 January 1960
     A response to those who ask him why he has become a Christian

1/2  “Jack and Hester” to “Norman and Pat”,
     Darling Point, New South Wales, 25 February 1987,
     Personal newsletter with photograph taken at their recent wedding

1/3  Cambridge Missionary Fellowship Newsletter No 80, February 1987
     Letters written in January 1987
     Compiled by retired missionaries now based in England and others. As well as
     personal matters, they also tell of conditions in areas where they used to serve.
     Writers include Roy Billington, Donald Coggan and Norman Anderson.

AND 2/1-41 Booklets

Africa (see also 2/23)

2/1  William Nagenda, An Appreciation by Joe Church. 1973
     The Church in Uganda

2/2  A Challenge to Faith, I Lilias Trotter, 1947
     Mission to Algeria

Egypt (see also 2/25, 36=7)

2/3  Diary of Journey Out and Early Days in Egypt, Elias Thompson
     Egypt Mission Band, 1898

2/4  Egypt Mission Band News, 3rd Annual Report, May 1901

2/5  EMB Life Stories - of the missionaries, 1902

2/6  How I Was Led Out to Egypt, W. Wilson Cash
     Egypt General Mission c. 1904

2/7A-B Egypt My People
     Story of the Egypt General Mission and the 9th Annual Report, 1906
     The first promoted. Mr Elias H. Thompson (Egypt Mission Band). Published
     letters on the death of E.H. Thompson.  1901 [found loose within AND 2/7A]

2/8  At Thy Disposal
     The beginnings of the Egypt General Mission. 1944

2/9  The Egypt General Mission; Some Notes on its Inception, Fred C. Gibson,
     Undated
2/10  *I Will Shake All Nations*, Arthur T. Upson
Cairo Booklets No. 1 Undated

2/11  *O Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth*
A challenge to Christians. Undated
History of the Nile Mission

2/12  *Outline Chalk Talks on Spiritual Life*, Abdul-Fady [Arthur T. Upson]
Foreward by the Rev. S.M. Zwemer

*Asia (see also 2/1-2, 24, 35)*

2/13  *Not Tragedy - Triumph*
Dohnavar Fellowship No. 10
Two letters describing work in India. 1926

2/14  *Fields for Reaping - Malaya*, Anne Hazleton, China Inland Mission
Description of land, people and missionary work

2/15  *Nepal - God’s Challenge to this Generation*
Alan E. Norrish. Undated [c. 1956]

*Christianity and Mission*

2/16  *The Exchanged Life*, J. Hudson Taylor
A letter to his sister from Chinkiang, 17 October 1869

2/17  *Union and Communion*, J. Hudson Taylor. 1914
Thoughts on the Song of Solomon

2/18  *The Apostolic Pattern*, A.M. Stibbs
Bible Churchmen’s Missionary Society. Silver Jubilee Booklet No. 12
July 1946

2/19  *God’s Missionary*, Amy Carmichael. SPCK, 1953

2/20  *Who’d be a Missionary*, Helen Morgan. 1965
Amusing account of the practical difficulties faced by missionaries


2/22  *Journey into Joy*, Lesslie Newbiggin, ISPCK, Madras, 1972
Transcript of a series of 6 talks given to students and staff of the Christian Medical College, Vellore in October 1971
Inscribed to Anderson by Newbiggin

4 talks on the Christian Revival in West Africa
Undated
2/24A-B *The Call of God to the Foreign Mission Field*, D. Bentley Taylor
China Inland Mission - 2 copies, 24A printed in blue ink, 24B in black with author’s Christian name David

2/25 *My Road to Faith*, Dr Ishaya Audu
Conversion from Islam

2/26 *Come Follow* ed. Mildred Cable
The call to service - article by Norman Anderson

2/27 *The Heathen*, Geo Goodman (photocopy)
Their present state and future destiny

2/28 *What it Means to be a Christian*, Mildred Cable and Francesca French

2/29 *The Mind of Christ on Missions*, JWR Stott
Rector of All Souls’ Langham Place

2/30 *Becoming a Christian*, JWR Stott

2/31 The Constitution of the Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union

*Islam.* Dated:

2/32 “The Doctrine of the Unity in Trinity”, WHT Gairdner.
Reprinted in *The Moslem World*, 1911
A reply to Mohammedan objections and an essay in “philosophic apology”

2/33 *The Way of the Prophet*, David Brown
An introduction to Islam. 1962

2/34 *Belief and Islam*, Halid-I Baghdadi, 1972

*Islam.* Undated:

2/35 *Called to God.*
From Islam to Christ. The story of the conversion of Bishop John A. Subhan
told by his friend Rev. L. Bevan Jones, formerly Principal of the Henry Martyn
School of Islamic Studies, India

2/36 *The Problem of the Mohammedan World Today*, Rev. Samuel M. Zwemer
Fellowship of Faith for the Moslems (stamped Egypt General Mission)

2/37 *The Challenge of Islam Today*
Short articles, one by Norman Anderson

2/38 *The Muslim Challenge to the Christian Church*
Focus on Islam Series No. 1 1983
A review of the position of Christian missionaries in Islamic countries world wide
“The Five Pillars of Islam” Rev. L. Bevan Jones
Focus on Islam Series No. 3. Undated

From Islam to Christ
Focus on Islam Series No. 6. Undated
How a Sufi found his Lord

Understanding Muslim Sects, Canon RWF Wooton.
Undated

AND 3/1-2 Allied material preserved at the time of deposit

3/1 Order of funeral service of Norman Anderson at St Andrew the Great 13 December 1994

3/2 Obituary of Norman Anderson by Ian Edge photocopied from The Independent 10 December 1994.