

GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY

From Boston & Atlanta

The goodwill and generosity of our friends in the United States knows no bounds. At the end of September the Society was delighted to receive a full set of xeroxes of the Periodical Collection of the Holy Shroud Library of Boston, an archive of virtually all English language articles that have ever been published on the Shroud. This archive is the gift of the Boston Holy Shroud Library (Director Richard Orareo), and the Atlanta International Center for Continuing Study and Exhibit of the Shroud of Turin (Director Rev. Kim Dreisbach), and is a reminder to us here in Britain that there are good homes in the U.S.A. for any archival Shroud material that individual members may possess.

After necessary sorting and binding we hope to arrange a suitable, preferably non-denominational permanent base for the Periodical Collection and other Shroud materials, so that members can have the facility of studying and consulting these on an ordered basis. Suggestions for such a base (and volunteer(s) to take over the task of librarian) would be welcomed.

From Dr. Müller of Wiesloch, W. Germany

BSTS members may recall from *Newsletter* no. 12 our report on the theories of Dr. W.K. Müller of Wiesloch concerning the Shroud's hypothetical "missing years" between the sack of Constantinople in 1204 and the first De Charny expositions during the mid fourteenth century.

Now, following some prodigious feats of scholarship, Dr. Müller has produced a two volume manuscript *Festliche Begegnungen*, inclusive of an extraordinarily detailed collection of reference entries and photographs relating to the Shroud and its history. The text is in German, but it appears to richly warrant translation into English, if someone is prepared to devote the considerable time that would be needed for this. Again, volunteers would be welcomed.

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