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*Tibetan Blockprints in the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections*, compiled by Leonard Zwilling. Madison, Wisconsin: The University of Wisconsin–Madison Libraries Publications Committee, 1984. 95 p.

In 1962, the Director of Libraries at the University of Wisconsin purchased a large number of Tibetan manuscripts, Mongolian blockprints, Tibetan blockprints, and volumes in Western languages from the estate of Professor Ferdinand Diederich Lessing (1882–1961). Except for the books in Western languages which were made part of the general collection, the Tibetan and Mongolian materials have remained in the Department of Rare Books, uncatalogued and unorganized, until now. Dr. Zwilling has so far completed the task of organizing and cataloguing the Tibetan blockprints, approximately seventy percent of which are devotional works, prayers and rituals. The rest are divided between canonical literature, biography and history, didactic works, lexicography, bibliography, and indexes. Since most of these works were printed during the early part of the twentieth century in Peking, they represent most of the important authors in the dGe-lugs-pa tradition, the Tibetan Buddhist tradition patronized by the Ch'ing emperors. Dr. Zwilling points out that this collection is an important resource for the study of Tibetan Buddhist cult and literature, as well as for that of Tibetan printing and publishing.

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