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# I BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Although bibliographies were compiled in China as early as the first century B.C. little use has been made of them until modern times except by those, such as custodians of imperial collections, compilers of encyclopedias, recollectors of lost works, and private book collectors, who, because of the nature of their work, found it necessary to devote special attention to them. During the past half century, however, as a consequence of the development of a more scientific approach to scholarship in China, a greater general interest has been shown in bibliography, and it is now generally recognized that the first step a serious student must take in beginning research in any branch of Chinese studies is to acquaint himself with the most important bibliographies related to his subject.

In selecting the works to be included in this section, only the more important bibliographies were admitted, no attempt being made to make the list exhaustive. Only a fraction of the available bibliographies and library catalogues are here described, so that scholars who wish to find further works along any particular line are advised to consult the bibliographies of bibliographies listed in the subsection devoted to such works. All bibliographies included in other works, bibliographies relating to specific localities, general university library catalogues, and catalogues in which specimen pages of rare editions are reproduced, have been omitted.

It should be pointed out that many Chinese bibliographies do not give definite data on such things as the time of writing and publication, and that the number of ts'e given for the same edition of a work, if given at all, is frequently different in different catalogues. Furthermore, the author's name and even the dynasty during which a work was written are often not known, so that when the compilers of the present work say in their description of a bibliography that the name and dynasty of the authors of the works listed in it are given, certain exceptions to that general statement must be expected since in many cases such information is not available. Exact figures given for the number of titles listed in the different bibliographies are, unless attributed to other sources, based upon the count of the compilers of the present bibliography. As in other parts of this work, the system of classification followed has been determined by a desire to make the material as accessible to Western students as possible.

# A. BIBLIOGRAPHIES USEFUL FOR GENERAL REFERENCE

For general research, the first two titles listed below are useful guides. For establishing a new sinological library, the Shu-mu ta-wen pu-cheng, compiled

by two outstanding Ch'ing scholars and revised in the 1930 s, is a very important bibliography of selected works. The two most useful checklists and the Naikaku bunko kanseki bunrui mokuroku and the Kyōto daigaku, Jimbu kagaku kenkyūjo: Kanseki bunrui mokuroku.

Chung-wen ts'an-k'ao-shu chih-nan 中文參考書指南. Compiled by H To-yüan 何多源, and first published in 1936. (1) Revised edition published in 1938 by the Commercial Press as one of the series entitled Ling-nan ta-hsid tu-shu-kuan ts'ung-shu 嶺南大學圖書館叢書. [26] 961 pp. (2) Taipei: Ku-t'ing shu-wu, 1970 (photocopy).

This is a reference guide to 2350 works. It is divided into two parts. The first part, after a discussion of reference works in general, takes up dictionants encyclopedias, general catalogues or bibliographies, ts'ung-shu, periodical and newspapers, publications by academic institutions, and government publications. The second part deals with reference works on libraries, journal ism, the classics, philosophy and religion, social sciences, philology, natural sciences, applied sciences, arts, literature, history and geography, and wit maps, atlases, and travelers' guides. In appendixes at the end are a list of hundred selected reference works, a very brief list of Chinese reference work in English, a guide to publishers throughout the country—now of court obsolete—and a combined index of authors and titles arranged by number a strokes. Under each category there is a brief introduction; under each woll there is a short descriptive note usually followed by a brief criticism. Oned the special features of this reference guide is a list of dictionaries in Manch Mongolian, Tibetan, Arabic, Latin, and a number of other foreign language Another good feature is that the scope is broader than that of the Annotati Bibliography of Selected Chinese Reference Works. However, many of the annous tions seem to be roughly done; information on editions is very limited, furthermore, the definition of a reference work and the system of classification leave room for discussion.

Chung-kuo li-shih yen-chiu kung-chü-shu hsü-lu (kao-pen) 中國壓 研究工具書叙錄(稿本). Compiled by Tseng Ying-ching 骨影清. Hong Kong: Lung-men shu-tien 龍門書店, 1968. 8, 325 pp.

"Research Tools for Chinese History: An Annotated Bibliography" woriginally a B.A. thesis of the University of Hong Kong. It includes a total of 719 entries: 268 bibliographies, 125 indexes, 59 works on chronology, 8 geographic aids, 93 biographical works, 32 dictionaries, and 61 yearbook English and Japanese reference works are included as well as Chinese. The compilation contains much useful information even though it lacks author and title indexes.

Shu-mu ta-wen pu-cheng 書目答問補正, 5 chüan. Compiled by Chang Chih-tung 張之洞, with the assistance of Miao Ch'üan-sun 繆荃孫, Chang's preface dated 1875. Revised and enlarged by Fan Hsi-tseng 范希曾. (1) Nanking: Kuo-hsüeh t'u-shu-kuan 南京國學圖書館, 1931. 2 ts'e. (2) Peking: Chung-hua shu-chü, 1963. 7, 233 pp. (3) Taipei: Hsin-hsing shu-chü, 1956. 238 pp. (4) Shu-mu ta-wen pu-cheng so-yin 索引. Hong Kong: Ch'ung-chi 崇基 shu-tien, 1969, with an index compiled by Wang Mien 王縣. 1, 2, 309, 233 pp.

This carefully selected bibliography of 2266 important Chinese works still extant at the end of the Ch'ing dynasty was originally compiled by a great scholar during the 1870's to serve as a handbook for elementary students. It was originally called the Shu-mu ta-wen 書目答問, and was published in numerous editions. The original compilation was revised and enlarged during the 1920's by a contemporary bibliographer whose additions appear in the present edition under the character pu 補. Works are arranged in the first four chüan according to the traditional four-branch classification, and under each title there are given the number of chüan, the author's name and dynasty, together with a minimum of information concerning all of the different editions known to the compiler and reviser. There are also frequent brief notes concerning the contents and value of the works listed. The fifth chüan lists a number of ts'ung-shu, making this the first important Chinese bibliography to classify ts'ung-shu separately. And in the fifth chüan there is also a list of what the compiler considered to be the most important works in various fields. Finally, there is a list of the names of the most important writers of the Ch'ing dynasty, arranged chronologically under fourteen different classifications, the hao and ancestral home of each man being given the first time his name appears. Although there are occasional mis-classifications such as the Hsüan-ho i-shih 宣和遺事, which should be classified under fiction instead of history, this is the most important and the most widely used bibliography compiled since the Ssu-k'u ch'üan-shu tsung-mu, and while it is not sufficiently exhaustive for scholars who are working intensively in special fields, it is indispensable for anyone desiring a general selected list of Chinese works. Wang Mien corrects a number of mistakes in the earlier editions. In his edition the text of the bibliography follows an index to authors and titles arranged by the number of strokes

Chiang-su sheng-li kuo-hsüeh t'u-shu-kuan tsung-mu 江蘇省立國學圖書 館總目, 44 chüan. Chiang-su sheng-li kuo-hsüeh t'u-shu-kuan tsung-mu pu-pien 補編, 6 chüan. Compiled by Liu I-cheng 柳詥徵 and others. (1) Published in a movable-type edition by the Kiangsu Provincial Sinological Library 江蘇省立國學圖書館, Nanking 1933—1935, 24 15'e, and the Pupien, 1937. 3 ts'e. (2) Taipei: Kuang-wen shu-chü, 1970. 15 vols. (photocopy).