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Including comparisons of the earliest editions and descriptions from these and other bibliographical sources.

Compiled by Mary Nance Jordan.

With a reprint of ‘A Centennial Bibliography of George MacDonald’ by John Malcolm Bulloch, published by the Aberdeen University Press in 1925.

Privately published for the Marion E. Wade Collection, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, in Fairfax, Virginia, 1984.”

Pp(x)+vi(preface by compiler)+270+(38), the last being Bulloch’s bibliography in double-page facsimile. Printed in double columns (apart from some of the prelims.) from typescript and catalogue cards. 27cm. wide x 21 1/2 cm. Grey card covers, black plastic ring binders. Limited to 100 numbered copies. Price \$50.

This work, of which the above description is taken directly from the title page, is a significant milestone in George MacDonald bibliography. Data concerning the principal U.S. collections of George MacDonald’s works are combined with a facsimile of J.M.Bulloch’s pioneer bibliography, the latter having long been unobtainable (only 50 copies were printed, and it was never reissued). **[end of page 37]** Mrs Jordan follows Bulloch’s example in presenting the material in alphabetical order. No attempt has been made to correct Bulloch’s numerous errors: this properly belongs to a comprehensive bibliography of the future, which will need to take account of the extensive labours of both Bulloch and Mrs Jordan, of the large numbers of reprints of George MacDonald’s works since 1925, and more recently of abridged editions and translations. Meanwhile, we can linger over detailed descriptions of more editions—particularly of the early ones—than we had ever thought existed. The ring binding makes for 180° laydown—a boon in any work of reference. This is a feast for the specialist and general reader alike, and the compiler well deserves our gratitude.