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Ethiopian manuscripts

Robert Beylot informed the Journal (by letter January 15, 2000) about the following manuscripts at the Universitetet I Oslo, Institutt og museum for antropologi, Etnografisk museum, Frederiks gate 2, N-0164 Oslo, Norway.

No. 35900: Ethiopian manuscript on partly black, partly red leather. 112 foll. 4 to. According to information given by the seller it contains:

1. Dionysius the Areopagite on the Martyrdom of SS Peter & Paul at Rome in the form of a letter to Timothy.
2. The Spiritual Struggle of Abraham the Brother of Ephrial (Ephraim), etc.
3. The Prayers of the Virgin Mary at Golgatha, etc.
4. The Spiritual Struggle of Abba Kiro, the Brother of Theodosius, who was Chief Ruler of Rome. (Date ca. 1750?). Size 19 x 15 cm, thickness 7,5 cm. Bought October 1934 at Edw. Goldston, London.

No. 35901: Small Ethiopian manuscript on leather. According to information given by the seller it contains: Relates to the Virgin Mary — her persecution by the Jews for praying at the Lord's Sepulchre and her migration to the other world. 43 foll. 12 mo. This and 35900 said to be taken from the Palace of King Theodore of Abyssinia by a War Correspondent at Magdala in 1868 (date ca. 1750?) Size 9,5 x 8 cm, thickness 2,5 cm.

No. 36096: Ethiopian manuscript on leather, said to be from the 17th century. According to seller it contains: The Psalms, the Canticles or Biblical Hymns, (Weddase Maryam), the Encomium of the Virgin Mary, and other prayers and encomia. With 17 drawings in colour, the frontispiece being of King David playing the harp, attended by a servant with the royal umbrella; the others being of the apostles. 20 x 15 x 9,5 cm. Bought at Luzac & Co, Oct. 1934 in London.

Veronika Six informed the Journal about the following collections:

Museum für Völkerkunde "Julius Riemer" Schloß Wittenberg, 06886 Wittenberg preserves Ethiopian MSS. The number and the signatures and content as well are unknown.

Benediktinerabtei Niederalteich, 94557 Niederalteich received a collection of Ethiopian items, including MSS, from the Austrian donator Ingeborg J. Bolt [s. BAIRU TAFLA, Ethiopia and Austria = *Äthiopistische Forschungen* 35 (1994) 37, 184]. Part of her collection already went to the Völkerkundemuseum of the University Zürich [s. VERONIKA SIX, Die äthiopischen Handschriften des Völkerkundemuseums der Universität Zürich = *Oriens Christianus* 80 (1996) 116–152: here 116].