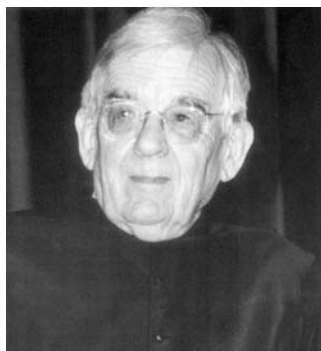


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Alistair Cameron Crombie (1915-1996)

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Prof. Alistair C. Crombie, at the awards ceremony to receive an honorary doctorate from the University of Paris X Nanterre, May 1993

About Professor A.C. Crombie (1915-1996)

A.C. Crombie, one of the most influential historians of science of his generation, was born in Brisbane, Australia, and studied and lived in Britain most of his adult life. Crombie was Professor of the History of Science at Oxford University, where most of this time he was associated with Trinity College.

Crombie's work and writing on the subject of the history and philosophy of science was generally from an inclusive and universal standpoint, rather than from a specialist viewpoint. He was, however, a trained biologist, and held the view that a historian of science must have some advanced training in a particular scientific discipline, and, "as a historian [of science] Crombie's central interest was in the methods and styles of scientific thinking and reasoning and their development within the intellectual context of medieval and early modern Europe" (J.D. North)

His main book, which became a "classic" and was translated into 7 languages, as diverse as Japanese and Polish, was entitled *Augustine to Galileo: The History of Science, A.D. 400-1650* (1st edition, London, 1952, expanded and modified in small but important ways in 1959).

This book was of exemplary high scholarship, while still a text-book, but its wide-spread use and respect stemmed from this. On the other hand, his second book, *Robert Grosseteste and the Origins of Experimental Science, 1100-1700* (Oxford, 1953), was a scholarly monograph. His final work in book form, a three volume, monumental work, was entitled *Styles of Scientific Thinking in the European Tradition: The History of Argument and Explanation especially in the mathematical and biomedical sciences and arts* (London, 1994, and not included in this collection). This great work was the culmination of his life's work and thought.

Due to his world-wide reputation Crombie contributed numerous articles and notices to journals, and was invited to give papers at numerous conferences. He was awarded the prestigious Galileo Prize by the Domus Galileana in Pisa in 1964, and also an honorary doctor of philosophy from the University of Paris X Nanterre, in 1993.

About this Collection:

We feel fortunate to have been able to secure this group of unique materials from the remains of A.C. Crombie's library, and we are pleased to offer it for sale and future repository in a research library. The contents of the collection are almost entirely works and pieces written by Crombie. In the Books Section is included his early major work on the history of science in first and second editions, and examples of translated editions into the 7 languages. The example of the first edition here has marginal annotations and amendments by Crombie as preparatory for the second edition. Also, there are, in some cases, more than one copy, or set, of the translations (nos. 4, 5, 7, 8, 12). His second major book on Grosseteste is also represented. And, then in items nos. 16-18, are probably various extracts from the initial work on the history of science, *Augustine to Galileo*.

The subsequent sections on Addresses and Lectures, Journal Articles, etc., Book Reviews, etc., Editings, and a last section of Miscellanea, include a representational notion of the work of this dedicated and influential scholar. Note also that some of these items are in other languages than English, which always come after the initial items in English. Most of the items have the inscription of Crombie's name - *Herb Tandree*.

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