

NEWSLETTER OF THE SCONUL MANUSCRIPTS GROUP

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At the second meeting of the SCONUL Manuscripts Group, on 11 October 1978, it was decided that publication of the Newsletter should be continued. Mrs Jenny Stratford, formerly an Assistant Keeper in the Department of Manuscripts of the British Museum, agreed to become Assistant Editor. At this stage it is hardly possible to claim that the Newsletter evidently meets a long-felt need; requests to be put on the mailing list are now being received from the Continent and the USA as well as from non-members in the United Kingdom, but with a handful of exceptions SCONUL Group members have not come forward with items of news. Whether this indicates satisfaction or resignation is not clear. We would urge members to send us material and not to assume either that someone else will do so or that we are bound to know it anyway; our grapevine is extensive but can always be improved. We should like to make it clear, nevertheless, that there are certain categories of material which we do not intend to include. Just as the Group should not duplicate the work of the British Records Association (rather should members join that body as well as the Group), so the Newsletter should avoid duplicating the admirable news items and lists of publications included twice yearly in the BRA's journal Archives. Nor should it duplicate material published annually in the Historical Manuscripts Commission's Accessions to Repositories. The borderline between archive material of a purely historical kind and literary archives is, of course, impossible to define strictly, and we expect to face difficulties in applying our ruling.

THE SCONUL MANUSCRIPTS GROUP

The Group held its second meeting at King's College London on 11 October 1978. At the conversazione papers were read on (1) The International Catalogue of Dated Manuscripts 1959-1979 (A G Watson) and (2) Copyright in Manuscripts (A E B Owen).

About 60 people attended a seminar on the manuscripts and correspondence of twentieth-century authors held at King's College London on 21-22 March 1979. It was organized by Professor Julian Brown, Professor Denis Roberts and Mrs Jenny Stratford. Papers were read by Dr Philip Larkin, Dr D P Waley, Anthony Rota, James Thompson, Dr Penelope Bulloch, Ian Willison, Dr David Farmer, Professor Ian Fletcher. In addition, Mrs Stratford reported on the questionnaire which had been circulated to members and a splendid array of catalogues and handlists of modern literary manuscripts was on view. It was decided to set up a committee to establish a list of modern literary manuscripts in British libraries.

A G Watson's paper read to the Group on 11 October served as an informal report on the Catalogue of Dated Manuscripts to the successor of the SCONUL Manuscripts Sub-Committee, which had sponsored the work. At that time it was hoped that publication would be in 1978 but at the moment of writing early May 1979 is the likely date. To mark publication of the two volumes devoted to its collections, the British Library is putting on a small exhibition of dated and datable manuscripts from 1 May to 31 August 1979. The Group will continue to take an interest in the dated manuscripts project and at a resumed committee meeting on 11 October a sub-committee was appointed to consider the cataloguing of dated and datable manuscripts in the United Kingdom outside the British Library. Members are M B Parkes, A E B Owen, D G Vaisey and A G Watson. Since then Mr Vaisey has decided that a start should be made on the Bodleian's collections and A G Watson has arranged to have two sabbatical terms in Oxford in the next academic year to make a beginning.

OTHER BODIES

The British Records Association and the Scottish Records Association will hold a joint conference in Edinburgh from 21-23 September 1979.

A Medieval Sermon Studies Symposium is to be held in Oxford from 18-20 July 1979, organized by Gloria Cigman, editor of Medieval Sermon Studies Newsletter (see SCONUL MSS Group Newsletter no 1). That Newsletter continues to flourish, to the extent that the setting up of an editorial board is envisaged.

The British Record Association's Handlist of Record Publications is being revised and expanded. It will cover transcripts, calendars and facsimiles. Details are to be circularized to record offices and departments of manuscripts, and additional material can be sent to Dr John Post (Public Record Office) and Miss Diane Parker (Department of Manuscripts, Guildhall Library London).

The sixth Saint Louis Conference on Manuscripts Studies will be held on 11-12 October 1979 at the Pius XII Memorial Library, Saint Louis, Missouri, covering codicology, illumination, palaeography and texts. Abstracts of proposed papers (of 20 minutes duration at most) should be received by 15 May, by the Conference Committee, Vatican Film Library, 3655 West Pine Boulevard, St Louis, Missouri 36108.

LECTURES

H M Nixon, Librarian of Westminster Abbey, was this year's James P R Lyell Reader in Bibliography at Oxford. His subject was English Decorated Bookbindings.

Dr R W Hunt, formerly Keeper of Western Manuscripts at the Bodleian Library, gave the Lowe Lectures in Palaeography in Oxford in October 1978. His subject was The Transmission of Classical Latin Texts since the Renaissance.

Professor Julian Brown, Professor of Palaeography in the University of London, delivered the R W Chambers Memorial Lecture at University College London in November 1978. His subject was Tradition, Imitation and Invention: Insular Handwriting of the seventh and eighth Centuries. The lecture will be published by University College.

Dr Philip Gaskell, Fellow and Librarian of Trinity College Cambridge, will give this year's Sandars Lectures in Bibliography at Cambridge. He will lecture in the Mill Lane lecture rooms at 5 pm on 20, 23 and 25 April on 'Trinity College Library: the first 150 years'.

Mgr José Ruysschaert, Vice-Prefect of the Vatican Library, will deliver the University of London Palaeography Lecture in late May or early June. His subject will be Bartolomeo Sanvito.

PERSONAL

In the New Year Honours List 1979 Dr Neil Ker was awarded a CBE 'for services to palaeography'.

Bodley's Librarian, Dr Robert Shackleton, has resigned on being elected Marshal Foch Professor of French Literature in the University of Oxford. His successor will be Mr E R S Fifoot, Librarian of Edinburgh University Library.

Mr Michael L Turner, formerly Superintendent of Special Collections in the Department of Printed Books of the Bodleian Library, has been appointed Head of Conservation throughout the Library. Later in the year he will be joined by Mr Christopher

Clarkson, at present at the Walters Art Gallery, who will act as his deputy.

EXHIBITIONS

'Französische Gotik und Renaissance in Meisterwerken der Buchmalerei', Austrian National Museum, Vienna, 16 June to 7 October 1978 (catalogue obtainable from St George's Gallery Books Ltd, 8 Duke St, SW1, at £16).

'Die Parler und der Schöne Stil 1350-1400: Europäische Kunst unter den Luxemburgern', Schnütgen Museum in the Kunsthalle, Cologne, until 18 March 1979 (catalogue in 3 vols obtainable from St George's Gallery Books Ltd, as above, at £30).

'Trésors des abbayes normandes', Musée des Antiquités, Rouen, 27 April to 22 July 1979.

'Saint Michel et sa symbolique', Palais des Beaux Arts, Brussels, 29 September to 30 November 1979.

'A Show of Hands', an exhibition by the Society for Italic Handwriting, Bodleian Library, Oxford, until 30 April 1979 (expanded from the exhibition held in London in 1978 to include Bodleian manuscripts and books).

An exhibition, to coincide with the Year of the Child, of manuscripts and books illustrating the activities, education etc of children from ancient to modern times, Bodleian Library, Oxford, summer 1979.

An exhibition of the Bodleian Library's holdings of the papers of Dorothy L Sayers to coincide with the centenary celebrations of Somerville College, Bodleian Library, Oxford, summer 1979.

'A thousand years of Irish script from the eighth to the eighteenth century' (arranged by Professor F J Byrne of University College Dublin with the assistance of Dr Bruce Barker-Benfield), in the Divinity School, Bodleian Library, Oxford, Spring 1979.

'Cambridge Scientists 1665-1965', Cambridge University Library, April to June 1979.

An exhibition to mark International Archives Week, presented by Cambridge University Library and the Cambridgeshire Record Office, Cambridge Public Library, early November 1979.

British Library Reference Division exhibitions in 1979 include E M Forster (until 30 April); Dated Latin Manuscripts (May to August); Diplomacy 1400-1900 (June to August); Richard Jefferies (September to December).

Exhibitions at the National Library of Scotland in 1979 will include 'Strange Words out in the Isles': the music of the bagpipe (until 30 June); Lord Rosebery, 1847-1929 (30 April to 31 July); John Muir, 1838-1914: Scottish Pioneer of American Conservation (16 July to mid-September); Treasures of NLS (from mid-August); James Scott and William Scott, Bookbinders (August/September); exhibition on the work of the Department of Manuscripts in connexion with the joint meeting of BRA/SRA in September and International Archives Week in November (September/December); John MacLean, 1879-1939, of Clydeside (mid-September/October); Lord Cockburn (end October/December).

THE JARROW-WEARMOUTH SCRIPTORIUM

A separate notice seems justified for an exhibition to be held at Jarrow Hall for three weeks from 28 May 1979 - 'Jarrow: the Saxon Monastery of the Venerable Bede'. Several celebrated 7/8th century manuscripts will be on loan and returning to their

birthplace - the Leningrad Bede (Leningrad Public Library), the Stonyhurst Gospel (Stonyhurst College), the Moore Bede (Cambridge University Library) and the Greenwell leaf (British Library). The Codex Amiatinus (Laurenziana, Florence) will be represented by photographs and a replica. At the end of June these manuscripts will be on view at the British Library Reference Division for some weeks but other materials on view at Jarrow will remain there as part of a permanent exhibition.

SALE ROOMS

Recent and forthcoming sales include

Sotheby's

Valuable continental autograph letters and MSS, 14 Nov 1978.

33 Hebrew and Samaritan MSS from the collection of the late David Solomon Sassoon, 21 Nov 1978.

Western MSS and miniatures, 5 Dec 1978.

The Lyttelton Papers, 12 Dec 1978.

The Mercator Atlas, autograph letters, literary MSS and historical documents, 13-14 March 1979.

Scientific MSS from the R B Honeyman Library, 2 May 1979.

Autograph letters and MSS [post-medieval], 30 May 1979, 18 June 1979.

Western MSS and miniatures, 19 June 1979.

Christie's

Valuable printed books and MSS, 8 Nov 1978.

Important literary and musical MSS and autograph letters, 29 Nov 1978.

Valuable autograph letters and MSS, 4 April 1979.

Books and MSS from the library of Arthur Amory Houghton Jnr, 13-14 June 1979.

Early printed books and MSS, 20 June 1979.

EXPORT LICENSING REGULATIONS

With effect from 19 March 1979 the age limit for manuscripts subject to controls is reduced to 50 years. The age limit for photographs is to be 60 years and their minimum value is to be £200.

A REGISTER OF BOOKS IN PROGRESS

The National Book League has established a register of literary and technical research books in progress. Authors working on a non-fiction book or on research (including academic research) are invited to register without fee 'to establish their formal interest'. The register is not open to general inspection but it is intended that after April 1979 enquiries about particular subjects should be answered (with name and address of author and of publisher, if appropriate) on payment of a fee of £3.

Forms are obtainable from Books in Progress, The National Book League, 7 Albemarle St, W1X 4BB.

RECENT ACCESSIONS

British Library

For recent accessions to the Department of Manuscripts see The British Library Journal iii pt 2 (1977) and iv pt 1 (1978).

Bodleian Library

The following are among collections received in the past year:

The Robert Bridges literary manuscripts and correspondence, deposited by the present Lord Bridges to be arranged and catalogued with the aid of a grant from the Pilgrim Trust.

The Disraeli papers, previously housed at Hughenden, and deposited by the National Trust.

The music manuscripts from the library at St Michael's College, Tenbury Wells, deposited by the Trustees of the College.

The literary manuscripts of Walter de la Mare, purchased with the aid of a grant from the fund administered by the Victoria and Albert Museum.

National Library of Scotland

The papers of James Augustus Grant, the explorer, sold at Sotheby's on 13 March 1979, were bought by NLS with assistance from the Scottish Heritage Grant.

'Hugh MacDiarmid'

Two bequests of correspondence from the estate of the late Dr C M Grieve ('Hugh MacDiarmid') have been made to the National Library of Scotland and the University of Edinburgh. The bequest to the National Library of Scotland comprises about 4,500 letters to MacDiarmid from various correspondents, mostly on political matters, during the period 1929 to 1978. The collection includes material relating to MacDiarmid's connexions with Scottish nationalism as well as letters, political pamphlets, etc, concerned with his political campaign as Communist Party candidate for Kinross and West Perthshire in the General Election of 1964. The bequest to the University of Edinburgh is mainly a miscellaneous collection of correspondence to the poet on literary matters. It includes letters from editors of literary reviews and anthologies, seeking permission to use various poems, and letters from young poets asking his opinion about their work.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Dr Elizabeth Temple, funded by a grant from the Hulme Surplus Fund, is now more than half way through work on a catalogue, Illuminated Manuscripts in Oxford outside the Bodleian Library. This will be a companion volume to Pächt and Alexander's three-volume catalogue of illuminated manuscripts in the Bodleian. It is being done to the same format and is being supervised by Dr Alexander.

FORTHCOMING REPRINTS

M B Parkes, English Cursive Book Hands 1250-1500 (OUP, 1969), to be reprinted by

Scolar Press, £9.95.

R Priebisch, Deutsche Handschriften in England (2 vols, 1896, 1901) should be available in 1 volume from Kraus Reprint, summer 1969, 160 Swiss francs.

A pamphlet 'Manuscript Catalogues in Major English Libraries', listing Kraus reprints available and forthcoming, can be obtained from Kraus Reprint, FL-9491 Nendeln, Liechtenstein, as can copies of their Bibliographical Bulletins. These cover, for example, 'Manuscript Studies and Early Printed Books' (Bulletin 22, Sept 1977), 'The Warburg Institute' (Bulletin 24, March 1978).

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

An eight-volume catalogue of the Pepys Library at Magdalene College Cambridge is announced by The Boydell Press, D S Brewer Ltd, under the general editorship of Robert Latham. The first volume, covering printed books, has been published (£35). Vol 4 will deal with manuscripts and vol 8 will be a facsimile of Pepys's own catalogue.

A biography of Montagu Rhodes James, by R W Pfaff (Scolar Press, 1980).

Janet Backhouse, The Illuminated Manuscript: the Craft of the Scribe (Phaidon Press, May 1979, £5.95).

The Bibliothek. The next number to be published (vol 9 no 4) will be devoted to a checklist of the National Library of Scotland's collection of manuscripts of modern Scottish authors. This single number is available at a special pre-publication price of £1.50/\$4. Orders to the Secretary of the Bibliothek, National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EW. (After 30 April 1979 £1.80/\$5.)

Bodleian Library MS Fairfax 16 [Middle English romances]. Introduction by John Norton-Smith. (Scolar Press, May 1979, £95.)

David Livingstone: a catalogue of documents (National Library of Scotland for the David Livingstone Documentation Project, spring 1979, £7). Orders to the Publications Officer, National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EW.

Marc Drogin, Medieval Calligraphy its History and Technique (George Prior Publications Sept 1979, £14.95).

A von Euw and J M Plotzeck, Die Handschriften der Sammlung Ludwig (vol 1 of 3 vols) (Schnütgen Museum, Cologne, 1979-80).

The Canterbury Tales. A Facsimile and Transcription of the Hengwrt Manuscript, with variants from the Ellesmere Manuscript, ed by Paul G Ruggiers. Introductions by A I Doyle, M B Parkes and Donald C Baker (Oklahoma University Press, April 1979, £65).

SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Das Evangelium Ottos III: Clm 4453 der Bayerischen Staatsbibliothek München. Begleitband der Faksimile-Ausgabe, mit Beiträgen von F Dressler, F Mutherich, H Beumann. Transkription, Übersetzung der Evangelien. 2 vols (Frankfurt, 1978)

M degl' Innocenti Gambuti, I codici miniati medievali della biblioteca comunale e dell' accademia etrusca di Cortona (Florence, 1977)

M-J Beaud, L Fossier and others, Guide pour l'élaboration d'une notice de manuscrit (Paris, CNRS, 1977)

- J B Olarte Ruiz, Las glosas emilianenses [facsimile] (Madrid, 1977)
- A Bruckner, Scriptoria medii aevi Helvetica, xiv, Indices (Geneva, 1978)
- J Leisibach, Die liturgischen Handschriften der Kantons- und Universitätsbibliothek Freiburg. (Iter Helveticum, ed P F Ladner, i) (Fribourg, 1976)
- J Leisibach, Die liturgischen Handschriften des Kantons Freiburg, ohne Kantonsbibliothek (Iter Helveticum, ed P F Ladner, ii) (Fribourg, 1977)
- M A E Nickson, The British Library: Guide to the Catalogues and Indexes of the Department of Manuscripts (The British Library, 1978)
- J Baldwin, 'Glasgow University Library's Manuscripts; the non-Hunterian Collections' The Bibliothek viii, 4-6 (1977)
- L Hellinga and H Kelliher, 'The Malory Manuscript', The British Library Journal iii, 2 (1977)
- W Cahn and J Marrow, 'Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts at Yale: a selection' [catalogue] Yale University Library Gazette lii (1978), 173-283
- B S Benedikz, Worcester Cathedral Manuscripts; Description of MSS Q101-108 (Birmingham, 1978)
- John J Contreni, The Cathedral School of Laon from 850 to 930, its Manuscripts and Masters (Munich, 1978)
- S Hindman, Text and Image in Fifteenth Century Illustrated Dutch Bibles (Corpus Sacrae Scripturae Neerlandicae Medii Aevi. Miscellanea i) (Leyden, 1977)
- J D Martin, The Cartularies and Registers of Peterborough Abbey, (Northamptonshire Record Society xxviii 1978)
- Chartae Latinae antiquiores, parts XI & XII, Germany II & III (Berlin-West, 1979 & 1978)
- A Checklist of Western Mediaeval Manuscripts and Incunabula in the Vassar College Library (Poughkeepsie, 1977)
- K V Sinclair, Prières en ancien français (supplement to J Sonet, Répertoire, Geneva, 1956) (Hamden, Connecticut, 1978)
- M Barthélemy, Inventaire général des manuscrits anciens du Conservatoire Royal de Musique de Liège (Liège, 1977)
- R H Ellis, Catalogue of Seals in the Public Record Office. Personal Seals i (HMSO, 1979)
- H P Kraus, In Retrospect. A Catalogue of 100 outstanding Manuscripts sold in the Last Four Decades (New York, 1978)
- T P Voronova, 'PP Dubrovskii 1754-1816 and the Saint-Germain manuscripts', The Book Collector xxvii (1978), 469-478
- J Vezin, 'Leofnoth; un scribe anglais à Saint-Benoît-sur-Loire' Codices Manuscripti iii (1977), 109-120
- M-C Garand, 'Copistes de Cluny au temps de Saint Maieul (948-994)', Bibliothèque de l'Ecole des Chartes cxxxvi (1978), 5-36

- J P Gumbert, 'Un manuscrit d'annales de Saint-Wandrille retrouvé', Bibliothèque de l'Ecole des Chartes cxxxvi (1978), 74-5
- A C de la Mare & Lotte Hellinga, 'The First Book printed in Oxford: the Expositio Symboli of Rufinus', Transactions of the Cambridge Bibliographical Society vii (1978), 184-244
- G R Keiser, 'Lincoln Cathedral MS.91 [the Thornton MS]: Life and Work of the Scribe', Studies in Bibliography: Papers of the Bibliographical Society of the University of Virginia, xxxii (1979), 158-179
- Felicity Ranger, 'The Friends of the National Libraries', Archives xiii (1978), 180-189
- N R Ker, 'Cardinal Cervini's Manuscripts from the Cambridge Friars', Xenia Medii Aevi Historiam Illustrantia oblata Thomae Kaeppli O.P. (Rome, 1978), 51-71
- N R Ker, 'Oxford College Libraries before 1500', The Universities in the Late Middle Ages, ed J IJsewijn & J Paquet, Mediaevalia Lovaniensia, Series I / Studia VI (Louvain & The Hague, 1978), 293-311
- Elizabeth Parker, 'The Scriptorium of Bury St Edmunds in the third and fourth decades of the twelfth century: books in three related hands and their decoration', Medieval Studies xl (1978), 328-48
- The Sobieski Hours: a manuscript in the Royal Library at Windsor Castle. Examined by Eleanor P Spencer (Academic Press, 1978)
- Codicologica (vol i, Leyden, 1976): two further volumes (ii and iv appeared in 1978. Vol ii (Eléments pour une codicologie comparée) includes articles by E G Turner, J Vezin, J Leroy and M Beit-Ari; vol iv (Essais méthodologiques) includes articles by G Ouy, G Powitz, J Autenrieth and M Pastonreau. Vols iii, v-vii are in preparation
- M B Parkes, 'Punctuation, or pause and effect', Medieval Eloquence: studies in the theory and practice of medieval rhetoric, ed J P Murphy (Berkeley & Los Angeles, 1978), 127-142
- A facsimile edition of E M Forster's Commonplace Book (Scolar Press, 1979, £150)
- J A Robbins & others, American Literary Manuscripts: a Checklist, 2nd ed. (Athens, Georgia, 1977)
- Alice's Adventures Underground (facsimile of BL Add. MS 46700). Introduced by Morton N Cohen (Guildford, 1978)
- J Percival, Manuscript Collections in the Library of University College, London: a Handlist, 2nd ed. (1978)
- University of Birmingham, The Galsworthy Papers: handlist [II] of papers deposited in Birmingham University Library by the bequest of R H Sauter (Birmingham, 1978)
- P Kelley & R Hudson, The Brownings' Correspondence: a Checklist (The Browning Institute / Wedgestone Press, New York, 1978?)
- A N L Munby & Lenore Coral, British Book Sale Catalogues 1676-1800, a Union List (1978)
- A Ingram, Index to the archives of Richard Bentley & Son, 1829-1898 (Cambridge and Teaneck, NJ, 1977)

THE WARWICK CASTLE ARCHIVES APPEAL FUND

The Appeal reached the necessary sum (£120,000) to buy the Warwick Castle Archives for deposit in the Warwickshire Record Office.

THESES COMPLETED

To our knowledge the following history theses, listed in Newsletter no 1 as being in progress, have now been submitted and accepted.

E M Drage, Bishop Leofric and Exeter Cathedral Chapter (1052-72): a reassessment of the manuscript evidence (Oxford DPhil).

C de Hamel, The Production and Circulation of Glossed Books of the Bible in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries (Oxford DPhil).

E A McIntyre, Early-twelfth-century Worcester Cathedral Priory, with specific reference to the manuscripts written there (Oxford DPhil).

also (not previously listed) R Simon Taylor, An Edition of MS B (Cotton Tiberius A.VI) of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle (St Andrews BPhil).

SECURITY

As a tailpiece to the report in Newsletter no 1 on manuscript thefts in Cambridge, readers may be interested to know (since the report did not get into the national press) that the thief was subsequently jailed for four years. He had sold most of what he stole to dealers and used the money for gambling. When recovered, some of the illuminated leaves sold to a well-known London firm of art dealers had already been framed and mounted by the dealers ready for sale at the Chelsea Antiques Fair. It emerged at the trial that four Cambridge libraries in all were victims of the thefts: the University Library, two college libraries, and the Oriental Faculty Library. Additional security precautions, of which one is likely to be closed-circuit television, are being actively considered.

THE TRIVIAL NEWSLETTER

This heading does not introduce a modest disclaimer by the editors of the present newsletter but an announcement of a newsletter of that name covering the fields of medieval grammar, logic and rhetoric. On behalf of the SIEPM Commission on the Trivium it is being produced by the staff of the Institut for graesk og latinsk middelalderfilologi, Store Kannikestraede 11, DK-1169 Copenhagen K, Denmark. The editors are Jan Pinborg and Sten Ebbeson. Provided that sufficient material is forthcoming, it is hoped to publish three issues a year.