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SCONUL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MANUSCRIPTS (AD INTERIM)

The next meeting organized by the successor to the SCONUL Manuscripts Group will be held at King's College, London on 20 November 1979. Speakers at the colloquium will be Professor T J Brown (King's College) on the Comité International de Paléographie and Nicolas Barker (British Library) on Conservation.

The text of Dr Philip Larkin's talk to the seminar 'Manuscripts and Correspondence of 20th-Century Authors' at King's College, London, 21-22 March 1979, has been published in Encounter liii (July, 1979).

BRITISH RECORDS ASSOCIATION

The 47th Annual Conference of the BRA will be held at Drapers' Hall, London, on 29 November 1979. Because of the recent joint meeting with the Scottish Records Association in Edinburgh, the BRA's meeting will be confined to one day. Since this year is the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Association's Records Preservation Section, the Conference will be used 'to take stock and to consider the issues and problems to be addressed in the next half century'.

LECTURES

Mgr José Ruysschaert, Vice-Prefect of the Vatican Library, will be the 1980 James P R Lyell Reader in Bibliography at Oxford. He did not after all give a University of London Palaeography Lecture in 1979 as expected.

Mr P J Parsons, Student of Christ Church, Oxford, and University Lecturer in Papyrology, will give the University of London Palaeography Lecture on 29 April 1980.

PERSONAL

Mr Eric Ceadel, Librarian of the University of Cambridge, died suddenly on 1 June 1979.

Dr H G T Maehler, Freie Universität Berlin, has been appointed to the Readership in Papyrology in the University of London (at University College), as successor to Professor E G Turner, who has retired.

M. Charles Samaran, directeur honoraire des Archives de France, Membre de l'Institut, President of the Comité International de Paléographie since 1952, etc, celebrates his 100th birthday on 28 October 1979.

EXHIBITIONS

In 1980 the Benedictine Order will celebrate the 1500th anniversary of the birth of St Benedict and the British Library will mark the occasion by staging a major exhibition in the King's Library from 11 July (the Feast of the Translation of St Benedict) to 30 November on the theme 'The Benedictines in Britain'. The aim of

the exhibition is to present the Benedictine achievement during the Middle Ages (with some exhibits bringing the story up to modern times) and since one of the main themes will be book-learning it will be of the greatest interest to students of manuscripts. Exhibits will come primarily from the British Library's own collections but they will be supplemented by some important loans. A series of evening lectures is being planned: lecturers will include Dr Mary Berry (Cambridge), Professor Julian Brown (London), Dr Antonia Gransden (Nottingham), Professor P D A Harvey (Durham), Dom Philip Jebb (Downside), Dr Richard Marks (Glasgow), Nigel Morgan (London), Dr Beryl Smalley (Oxford), Dr A G Watson (London).

The British Library exhibition 'Wonders of the Age' - Masterpieces of Early Safavid Painting, 1501-76 (10 August to 23 October) will go to the National Gallery of Art, Washington DC, and the Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University.

An exhibition 'British Literary Manuscripts, 800-1800, at the Morgan' will be held at the Pierpont Morgan Library, New York, 20 September-25 November 1979.

Exhibitions in the National Library of Scotland include 'Manuscripts and Archives in the National Library of Scotland' (until January); 'Francis George Scott, composer (1886-1958)' (January-March 1980); 'Sir William Russell Flint' (Spring 1980); 'Treasures of the National Library of Scotland' with a catalogue (until 1980)

DIAL-AN-EXHIBITION

Dial-an-exhibition is a new telephone service giving current information about a selection of exhibitions at London's museums and art galleries, including those of the British Library. The service is available round the clock, seven days a week, and is regularly up-dated. The service is operated by the Inter-Museum Public Relations Group which represents the major government financed museums and galleries in London. The number to dial is 01-730-0977. (Abridged from British Library News no 44 (August 1979).)

DICTIONARY OF THE BOOK TRADE

The Liverpool Bibliographical Society intends to compile an historical Dictionary of the Book Trade in the North West to 1850 for eventual publication. For details see The Library, 6th ser, i pt 2 (June 1979), p 205. Interested persons and those willing to assist should write to Mr M R Perkin, Liverpool Bibliographical Society, Sydney Jones Library, Liverpool University, PO Box 123, Liverpool L69 3DA.

MEDIEVAL LIBRARIES OF GREATER GERMANY

Dr Sigrid Krämer, Bayerische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Munich, has completed the 3,500 page typescript of her Medieval Libraries of Greater Germany. She is now revising and checking and hopes to be able to send it in sections for printing before long.

SCOTTISH MEDIEVAL MANUSCRIPTS ARCHIVE

An archive of late medieval Scottish manuscripts has recently been established in the Department of Scottish Literature, University of Glasgow. It consists of photographs of sample pages from manuscripts and of Beta-radiograph prints of water-marks. The project is being funded by a grant from the British Academy. For details see The Library, 6th ser, i pt 2 (June 1979), pp 205-6. Enquiries should be directed to Mr R J Lyall, Dept of Scottish Literature, University of Glasgow, 6 University Gardens, Glasgow G12 8QH.

GERMAN CATALOGUES OF MANUSCRIPTS

So many good catalogues of manuscripts are appearing from Germany nowadays that it is difficult to keep up with them. Some help in doing so can be had from a recent list from Verlag Otto Harrassowitz (Postfach 2929, 2600 Wiesbaden 1, Federal Republic of Germany) - Buch- u. Bibliothekswesen: Bibliographie, Dokumentation. 1979 Teil 1 des Gesamtkataloges, pp 18-33 of which list catalogues of manuscript and incunabula collections - reprints, catalogues in print and catalogues in preparation.

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Hilton Kelliher, The Manuscript of Wordsworth's 'Poems in Two Volumes' (a facsimile of British Library MS Add.47684, the leaves of which have recently been restored to proper order). (Scolar Press, May 1980, £60.)

The Bannatyne Manuscript. National Library of Scotland Advocates' MS 1.1.6, works of the Scots Chaucerians. Introduction by Denton Fox. (Scolar Press, Nov-Dec 1979, £120.)

The Account-books of Jonathan Swift. Transcribed and edited by Paul V Thompson and Dorothy Jay Thompson. (Scolar Press, late Spring 1980, £30.)

G L Bursill-Hall, A Census of Latin Grammatical Manuscripts (Frommann-Holzboog, Stuttgart).

K M Sharpe, Sir Robert Cotton 1586-1631; History and Politics in Early Modern England. (Oxford UP, 1979, £10.)

Miscellanea Codicologica F. Masai Dicata MCMLXXIX, ed P Cockshaw and others. 2 vols. (Ghent, Editions Scientifiques E Story-Scientia, 1979, 6000 BFr (4800 BFr before 31.10.1979).)

A book on the library of Raphael de Marcatellis, abbot of St Bavon, Ghent (1437-1508) by Dr Albert Derolez, on the occasion of an exhibition about that library in the University Library, Ghent, 18 September-26 October 1979.

SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Catalogue by David Steel (University of Lancaster, 1979) of the exhibition 'Laurence Binyon and Lancaster', at Lancaster Museum, 28 April-26 May 1979

Daniel Huws, 'A Welsh Manuscript of Bede's De natura rerum', The Bulletin of the Board of Celtic Studies xxvii (1978), pp 491-504

Harold G Jones, Hispanic Manuscripts and Printed Books in the Barberini Collection i Manuscripts ii Printed Books (Città del Vaticano, Bibl. Apostolica Vaticana, 1978)

George B Pace & Linda E Voigts, 'A "Boece" Fragment', Studies in the Age of Chaucer (University of Oklahoma) i (1979), pp 143-50

Marina Passalacqua, I codici di Prisciano (Sussidi eruditi xxix), (Rome, Edizione di storia e letteratura, 1978)

Mirjam M Foot, The Henry Davis Gift: A Collection of Book Bindings i Studies in the History of Book Binding (London, British Library, 1979, £60)

L I Kiseleva, 'Medieval Western Manuscripts in the Library of the Academy of Sciences, Leningrad', The Book Collector xxviii (1979), 391-400

Armando Petrucci, Catalogo sommario dei manoscritti del fondo Rossi. Sezione Corsiniana (Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, Indici e sussidi bibliografici della biblioteca xix), (Rome, 1977)

M P Harris, 'A Checklist of the Duke Latin MS Collection', Library Notes [Duke University Library] xlvii (1977)

Stephen Spector, 'The Provenance of the N-Town Codex [British Library MS Cotton Vespasian D.VIII]', The Library, 6th ser, i (1979), pp 25-33

M T Clanchy, From Memory to Written Record, England 1066-1307 (London, Arnold, 1979, £14.95)

'The Codex in Britain [editorial]', The Book Collector xxviii (1979), pp 183-98

B S Benedikz, 'Notes on some Medieval Icelandic Manuscripts', Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester lx (1978), 289-302

J A Corbett, Catalogue of the Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts of the University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, Indiana, 1978)

Maria Mairold, Die datierten Handschriften der Universitätsbibliothek Graz bis zu Jahre 1600, 2 vols. (Katalog der datierten Hss. in Osterreich) (1979)

J A Soha, 'Digital image-processing applied to the photography of manuscripts. With examples drawn from the Pincus MS of Arnald of Villanova', Scriptorium xxxiii (1979), pp 40-55

British Heraldry from its origins to c 1800, compiled and edited by Richard Marks and Ann Payne (London, British Museum & British Library, 1978)

Cinq années d'acquisitions 1974-1978. Exposition organisée à la Bibliothèque Royale Albert I^{er} de 24 septembre au 31 octobre 1979 (Brussels, Bibliothèque Royale, 1979)

Bernhard Bischoff, Paläographie des römischen Altertums und des abendländischen Mittelalters (Berlin, Erich Schmidt Verlag, 1979, c 27 DM)

Annarosa Garzelli, La bibbia di Federico da Montefeltro. Un'officina libraria fiorentina 1476-1478 (Rome, Multigrafia Editrici, 1977)

Mostra di codici umanistici di biblioteche friulane 23 settembre-31 dicembre 1978. Catalogo a cura di E Cassamassima, M D'Angelo, C Scalon, L Martinelli (Florence, Biblioteca Medicea-Laurenziana, 1978)

An Index to selected Bodleian Library Color Reproductions, compiled and edited by Thomas H Ohlgren (New York & London, Garland Publishing Inc, 1977)

Claire Baker, 'A dismembered Book of Hours [Bodleian MS Douce 77, British Library MS Harley 2980]', Bodleian Library Record x no 1 (Dec 1978), pp 19-22

Elizabeth M Hallam, 'The Tower of London as a Record Office', Archives xiv no 61 (Spring 1979), pp 3-10

Elizabeth M Hallam & M Roper, 'The Capital and the Records of the Nation: Seven Centuries of Housing the Public Records in London', London Journal iv (1978), pp 73-94

M A Faraday, 'Indexing late medieval Personal Names of Wales and the Marches', Archives xiv no 61 (Spring 1979), pp 11-15

E H Alton, D E W Wormell & E Courtney, 'A Catalogue of the Manuscripts of Ovid's Fasti', University of London Institute of Classical Studies, Bulletin Number 24 (1977), pp 37-63

H Rochais & E Manning, Bibliographie générale de l'Ordre Cistercien, fasc I: Manuscrits (La Documentation Cistercienne xxi, fasc 1) (Rocheftort, 1977)

K Dengler-Schreiber, Scriptorium und Bibliothek des Klosters Michelsberg in Bamberg (Studien zur Bibliotheksgeschichte herausgegeben von Wolfgang Milde, 2) (Graz, Akademische Druck- und Verlagsanstalt, 1979)

D J McKitterick, The Library of Sir Thomas Knyvett of Ashwellthorpe, c 1539-1618 (Cambridge, University Library, 1978)

Hubert Houben, St Blasianer Handschriften des 11. und 12. Jahrhunderts, unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der Ochsenhauser Klosterbibliothek (Münchener Beiträge zur Mediävistik und Renaissance-Forschung, 30) (Munich, Arceo-Gesellschaft, 1979)

P R Robinson, 'Self-contained units in composite manuscripts of the Anglo-Saxon period', Anglo-Saxon England vii (1979), 231-8

David Thomson, A descriptive catalogue of Middle English grammatical texts (New York and London, Garland Publishing Co, 1979)

Geoffrey Chaucer: the poetical works. A facsimile of Cambridge University Library MS Gg.4.27, with Introd. by M B Parkes and Richard Beadle, vol 1 (Cambridge, D S Brewer, 1979)

Une longue vie d'érudit. Recueil d'études de Charles Samaran, 2 vols (Geneva, Droz, 1978)

Charters of Burton Abbey, ed P H Sawyer (Anglo-Saxon Charters ii) (Oxford UP for the British Academy, 1979)

W Lourdaux & M Haverals, Bibliotheca Vallis Sancti Martini in Lovanio. A Contribution to the Study of Intellectual Life in the Netherlands (15th-18th c) I. The Surviving Manuscripts (University of Louvain, 1978)

Linda E Brownrigg, 'Manuscripts containing English decoration 871-1066, catalogued and illustrated: a review', Anglo-Saxon England vii (1978), 239-66

Benedictins du Bouveret, Colophons de manuscrits occidentaux des origines au xvi^e siècle v (Fribourg, Éditions Universitaires, 1979)

S Dufrenne, Les Illustrations du psautier d'Utrecht: sources et apport carolingien (Paris, Editions Ophrys, 1978)

M Baker, 'Medieval Illustrations of Bede's Life of St Cuthbert', Journal of the Warburg and Courtauld Institutes xli (1978), 16-49

Kataloge der Stadt- und Universitätsbibliothek Frankfurt am Main. Die Mittelalterlichen Handschriften der Gruppe Manuscripta Latina, ed by Karin Bredehorn and Gerhardt Powitz (Frankfurt a M, Klostermann, 1979)

Morton W Bloomfield and others, Incipits of Latin Works on the Virtues and Vices, 1100-1500 AD including a section of Incipits of Works on the Pater Noster (Cambridge, Mass, Mediaeval Academy of America, 1979)

J A Edwards, The Samuel Beckett Collection: a Catalogue (Reading, University Library, 1978)

Stephen Spector, 'Symmetry in Watermark Sequences', Studies in Bibliography [University of Virginia] xxxi (1978), pp 162-78 (illustrated from British Library MS Cotton Vespasian D.VIII)

Ted-Larry Pebworth and Claude J Summers, 'Recovering an important seventeenth-century poetical miscellany: Cambridge Add.MS 4138', Transactions of the Cambridge Bibliographical Society vii pt 2 (1978), pp 245-7

University College London. Library, The Papers of Raymond Wilson Chambers (Occasional Publications, 4) (1978)

University College London. Library, The Archives of Routledge & Kegan Paul Ltd, 1854-1973 (Occasional Publications, 6) (1978)

H D Irmscher & E Adler, Der Handschriftliche Nachlass J G Herders in Berlin (Wiesbaden, Harrassowitz, 1979)

I A Baxter, India Office Library & Records. A Brief Guide to Biographical Sources (London, India Office Library, 1979)

BAGFORD FRAGMENTS

A collection of some 217 manuscript leaves and fragments made by the London bookseller and antiquary John Bagford in the early eighteenth century was acquired by the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1968. Milton McC Gatch, Karen Gould and Linda Voigts are in the early stages of producing a catalogue of the fragments, which are mostly of English origin and of the eighth to the sixteenth centuries. Since only about a third of them seem to be binding fragments, it is thought that others are missing leaves and fragments from codices that may survive. Dr Voigts hopes that anyone working on defective manuscripts that may have passed through Bagford's hands - he bought for Harley, Sloane, Pepys and Moore amongst others - will get in touch with her to check whether missing portions might be amongst the Missouri fragments. She is also willing to supply information about the collection and about specific fragments. Her address is 427 East 55th St, Kansas City, Missouri 64110, USA.

LATIN MANUSCRIPT BOOKS

With the author's approval, a revised and expanded edition of P O Kristeller's Latin Manuscript Books is being undertaken by Sigrid Krämer (Munich), Charles Lohr (Freiburg) and Wolfgang Milde (Wolfenbüttel).

OLD AND MIDDLE ENGLISH RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Useful lists of research in progress in Old and Middle English (including, of course, many references to work on manuscripts) will be found in Neuphilologische Mitteilungen lxxix pt 3 (1978), pp 291-300 (Old English) and lxxix pt 4 (1978), pp 403-10 (Middle English).

SOME THESES IN PROGRESS (partly supplementary to the list of historical theses in Newsletter no 1)

M F M Smith, An examination of insular book design c AD 600-800 (Oxford MLitt)

Jennifer J Morrish, An examination of literacy and learning in England, 9th-10th centuries (Oxford DPhil)

A R Rumble, A study of British Library Add. MS 15350 (Codex Wintoniensis) (London PhD)

Katherine M Waller, The Library of Rochester Cathedral c 1080-c 1150 (now Liverpool PhD)

Judith A Atkins, To investigate University College Oxford MS 124 in conjunction with part of Douai 49 (two copies of the same work) and relate them to Cistercian thought at the turn of the 12th and 13th centuries (London MPhil)

M J Kennedy, Malton Priory Register: an edition of British Library MS Cotton Claudius D.IX (Birmingham PhD)

Vivien M Brown, An edition of the cartulary of Eye Priory, Suffolk. Essex Record Office D/DBY Q 19 (London PhD)

Jennifer D King, The charters of Wix priory in Essex c 1120-c 1300 (London MPhil)

Melanie Barber, An edition of the cartulary of St Martin's Priory, Dover. Lambeth Palace MS 241 (London MPhil)

Philippa J A Brown, An edition of the cartulary of Sibton Abbey, Suffolk. British Library MS Arundel 221 (London MPhil)

A Makinson, An edition of the British Library Harley MS 433 (Liverpool PhD)

FORTHCOMING SALES

Sotheby's

Western Manuscripts and Miniatures, 11 December 1979.

Christie's

Miniature Books from the library of Arthur A Houghton jr, 5 December 1979.

MITTELALTERLICHE BIBLIOTHEKSKATALOGE DEUTSCHLANDS UND DER SCHWEIZ

The great series of published medieval library catalogues for Germany and Switzerland begun in 1918 by Paul Lehmann and, after a dormant period, resumed in the early 1960s, has reached a milestone with the publication of materials for the dioceses of Passau and Regensburg (vol iv pt 1) and Freising and Würzburg (vol iv pt 2) (see Recent Publications above). This completes coverage of the Bavarian dioceses. Materials for Lorsch, the Mainz Carthusians, the diocese of Cologne, and parts of north Germany are in various stages of preparation.

FORGERY

In November 1978 the detection of a forged manuscript in Cambridge University Library made headlines briefly in the national press. A manuscript of the Rubaiyyat of Omar Khayyam, purporting from the colophon to have been written in A.H.604 (A.D.1207) and regarded as genuine when bought by the library in 1950, had been shown by scientific tests to be a modern forgery. The main work of investigation was carried out at the Institute of Archaeology in the University of London and the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory, and proof of the forgery depended essentially on an analysis of the paper of the manuscript. It was shown that this could not have been made before 1866 when the particular method of manufacture was introduced, and

the manuscript as a whole was probably a production of the last 30-40 years. While exposure of the forgery is of concern mainly to Orientalists, the methods of detection may be of interest to manuscript curators generally. Further information can be supplied by A E B Owen, Manuscript Department, Cambridge University Library.

THE NEW WYCLIF SOCIETY

Medieval Sermon Studies Newsletter v (Autumn 1979) reports the foundation of a society intended 'not only to complete the work of the earlier Wyclif Society but also to make accessible and intelligible the work of Wyclif's contemporaries'. It is hoped to begin publication of a newsletter this autumn and, once the society is established, of series devoted to important late-fourteenth-century philosophical texts, translations of certain texts, and monographs. Those interested should write to Professor Laurence Eldredge, Dept of English, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada K1N 6N5.

POETRY OF THOMAS CARLYLE

Information about the whereabouts of any manuscripts of Thomas Carlyle's poems is sought by Fleming McClalland for an edition. Information should be sent to him at the Department of English, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30602, USA. (From The Library, 6th ser, 1 pt 2 (June 1979), p 206.)