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NOTES AND NEWS

THE addition to the Trust Fund which Mrs. Rylands made in her will appeared to provide amply for the care of the Library and the development of its collections. Economic conditions after the first World War created difficulties and necessitated retrenchment in various directions. The financial consequences of the second World War and the constant inflation which has been a feature of this century were even more serious and resulted in the curtailment of the staff and the limitation of funds available for book-purchase. In 1949 the University of Manchester generously came to the assistance of the Library by means of an annual grant which for some years enabled the Governors to balance their budget. In 1957, faced by the effects of continued inflation, the Governors succeeded in increasing their income still further as the result of a nationwide Public Appeal which enabled them to invest a sum of £70,000, augmented by two generous benefactions totalling a further £70,000. In addition, the Trustees obtained from the Court an Order granting wider powers of investment of the Trust Fund, again resulting in an increase of income. Once more, however, in spite of rigid economies, expenditure has overtaken income to a point at which the efficiency of the Library's services is threatened.

APPEAL TO
LOCAL
AUTHORITIES

The fame of the John Rylands Library and its contents is world-wide. It renders service to scholars and institutions in many countries, but its immediate purpose, as envisaged by the foundress, is to provide research facilities in the humanities for a wide area of the North of England. In order that these functions should be fully discharged and the Library adequately

staffed and properly maintained, it is estimated that an additional income of £15,000 per annum is required. The Trustees and Governors, having done all in their power to increase the income of the Library, and without any support from public funds other than the University grant, believe that it is not unreasonable to turn for assistance to local authorities within its immediate sphere of influence. At the end of June an appeal for support was directed to all municipal and urban district councils within a radius of about twenty miles and it was suggested that assistance on the basis of a sum of one penny per head of population might be considered. At the present moment (mid-August) the response to the Appeal is distinctly encouraging. Naturally in so short a time many councils have not yet found it possible to discuss the matter, but already more than a dozen authorities have generously agreed to make an annual contribution in support of the Library, a number of them on the suggested basis of one penny per head.

The Governors learned with deep regret of the death in March of Mr. Richard Hawkin, of York, who had for many years been a generous donor to the Library and whose friendship three successive Librarians of Rylands had been privileged to enjoy. Frequent references in "Notes and News" have recorded the many substantial gifts, reflecting his own interests, which he has made to the Library. They include several hundred pamphlets, collected into bound volumes, relating to the history, archaeology and topography of Yorkshire, mainly of the nineteenth but with numerous items from the eighteenth century. Many, among them a number of chap-books, bear York imprints, while printers from Knaresborough, Scarborough and other smaller towns in the county are also represented. Several of his gifts indicated his own radical sympathies, as, for instance, a small selection of anarchist literature, a number of broadsides and pamphlets relating to the anti-slavery movement, and material both manuscript and printed relating to his friend Edward Carpenter.

A few weeks before his death he presented, in memory of his

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HAWKIN
MEMORIAL
GIFT

wife who predeceased him by a few months, a copy of the facsimile of "Jerusalem", issued in 1877 by Pearson, which was limited to 100 copies. At the same time he offered to the Library a set of thirteen plays by his close friend, James R. Gregson, all with inscriptions by the author. This offer was implemented by Mrs. Joan Vaughan, Mr. Hawkin's daughter, who has also generously presented to the Library, as The Richard Hawkin Memorial Gift, his extensive collection, numbering ninety-two volumes, of editions of the works of William Blake, of facsimiles of his illustrated books, and of biographical and critical treatises relating to the poet.

The Library's Blake collection is already considerable and includes a fine copy of Edward Young's "Night thoughts", 1797, with Blake illustrations hand-coloured by the artist, and a copy of Robert Blair's "The Grave. Illustrated by etchings executed by L. Schiavonetti, from the original inventions of William Blake", 1808, as well as the standard collections of the works edited by Ellis, Yeats and John Sampson. The present donation adds about a dozen further collections or selections of the poet's works, among the editors being Edward De Selincourt, Basil De Selincourt, Alice Meynell, Jacob Bronowski and Denis Saurat. It includes facsimiles of the original editions of "All religions are one", "America: a prophecy", "The book of Urizen", "The marriage of Heaven and Hell", "Tiriel" and "Visions of the daughters of Albion". Even of the most frequently reproduced texts, "Jerusalem" and the "Illustrations of the Book of Job", the gift furnishes facsimile editions not previously found in the Library. To our books on Blake's artistic activities it adds W. B. Brown, "William Blake: etchings from his works", and two by Sir Geoffrey Keynes, "Blake's pencil drawings. Second series", 1956, and "The tempera paintings of William Blake: a catalogue", 1951. More than a score of the biographical and critical studies included were not previously represented in the Library. So many editions of texts and of facsimiles of Blake's illustrative work have been published and so much has been written regarding him that such a gift is bound to result in some duplication. That fifty-six of the ninety-two volumes now presented are new to the Library indicates

how much this welcome gift adds strength to the Rylands Blake collection.

Major F. E. G. Bagshawe has added to the extensive family muniments from Ford Hall, Derbyshire, which he deposited with us in 1950, a further eighteen manu-^{BAGSHAWE}script volumes. The bulk concerns members of the family already represented in the *Hand-List of the Bagshawe Muniments* which was published in 1955. Eleven of the volumes are in the hand of the well-known seventeenth-century Derbyshire divine the Rev. William Bagshawe (1628-1702), known as the "Apostle of the Peak", accounts of whom are given in W. H. G. Bagshawe's *The Bagshawes of Ford* (1886) and in the *Dictionary of National Biography*. They include three volumes of his sermons, six volumes of his works and a two-volume diary for the years 1696 to 1698. Another three volumes contain notes on others of his sermons in the hand of his son. In the additions are two other journals, one of the Rev. William Bagshawe for 1793 and one of the Rev. James Clegg. Clegg succeeded the "Apostle of the Peak" at Malcalf in 1702, moving nine years later to Chinley, where he remained until his death in 1755. His journal, which covers the period from 1708 to within one week of his death, is a substantial folio volume rich in information relating to his activities as both a nonconformist minister and a doctor of medicine, for in November 1729 he was "created Doctor of Physick by a Diploma Medicum from the University of Aberdeen in North Brittain". Extracts only from it have been printed, by Henry Kirke in 1899, and the whole would well repay study.

The full list of these additions, with the numbers now assigned to them, continuing from those in the published *Hand-List*, is as follows:

25/7/1-3. *Rev. William Bagshawe* (d. 1702)

1. Sermons. 17th cent. 3 vols. Holograph.
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25/7/4. *Samuel Bagshawe (d. 1706)*
4. Notes of Sermons by his father the Rev. William Bagshawe. 1693-c.1697. 3 vols. Holograph.
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5. Diary, 1708-55. 1 vol. Holograph.
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6. Journal, 1793. 1 vol. Holograph.
7. Treatise on the Human Mind. n.d. [17th cent.].
1 vol. Holograph.
- 25/7/8. *Miscellaneous*
8. Funeral Sermons. 17th cent. 1 vol. Four sermons, of which the first was preached by the Rev. James Clegg on the death of Samuel Bagshawe (1706).

The following is a list of recent Library publications consisting of reprints of articles which appeared in the latest BULLETIN (Spring 1968):

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The following reprint consists of the two articles on this subject which appeared in the BULLETIN for Autumn 1967 and Spring 1968 :

"The Household of Queen Elizabeth Woodville, 1446-7." By A. R. Myers, M.A., Ph.D., F.S.A., Professor of Medieval History in the University of Liverpool. 8vo, pp. 68. Price twelve shillings and sixpence net.

The following is a list of the public lectures (the sixty-seventh series) which have been arranged for delivery in the Lecture Hall of the Library during the current session 1968-9 at 5.15 p.m.

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16 October 1968. "Morley's Gladstone : A Reappraisal." By M. R. D. Foot, Professor of Modern History in the University of Manchester.

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15 January 1969. "Omar Khayyam : Astronomer, Mathematician and Poet." By J. A. Boyle, Professor of Persian Studies in the University of Manchester.

12 February 1969. "The Symbolism of Names in the Old Testament." By James Barr, Professor of Semitic Languages and Literatures in the University of Manchester.

12 March 1969. "Anaxagoras and the Concept of Matter before Aristotle." By G. B. Kerford, Hulme Professor of Latin in the University of Manchester.

7 May 1969. "The Use of the Bible in Modern Theology." By D. E. Nineham, Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Cambridge.

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