Anthony Hobson (1921-2014) succeeded his father, Geoffrey Hobson (1882-1949), as a director of Sotheby's in charge of the book department and as a historian of bookbinding and book collecting. These activities were of course closely related and their scholarly researches and publications often grew out of the observations and discoveries they made as auctioneers. The collector who most profited from their advice was Major Abbey, whose English bindings (1490-1940) were the subject of an important monograph by the father, handsomely produced in 1940 by the Chiswick Press. The son's first book was *French and Italian Collectors and their Bindings in the Library of J.R. Abbey*, published in 1953 for the Roxburghe Club, which N. Barker in his obituary of Dr. Hobson for *The Independent* called ‘an astonishingly mature work for one just 30’. His expertise in medieval and illuminated manuscripts was considerable, too, and his greatest successes at Sotheby's were the Dyson Perrins manuscript sales (1958-59), the ‘New Series’ of Phillipps sales (1965-77) and the fine bindings and manuscripts of Major Abbey (1965-78).

Dr. Hobson was president of the Association Internationale de Bibliophilie and of the Bibliographical Society, a member of the Roxburghe Club and the Société des bibliophiles français, and Honorary Foreign Corresponding Member of the Grolier Club of New York.
1. **ALBERTINI (Fabio)** Catalogo della Libreria gia’ raccolta da Fabio Albertini. *Napoli: Tasso, 1850.*
   Small 4to, 248pp., later full vellum, leather gilt lettered title label to spine, a nice copy.
   Not listed on Copac; OCLC locates a single copy at Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin.
   Presentation label to Norfolk & Norwich Library from John Henry Gurney, October 1904.
   £65

   5 Vols., in 6, over 1,100pp., tipped-in coloured frontis., in each volume, 96 plates, printed wrappers.
   £145

   8 Vols., numerous illustrs., orig. cloth, d.w’s, a nice set.
   Presentation inscription to title page of vol. I “For my excellent friend, Anthony Hobson (+ the seven succeeding volumes) with love & admiration.”, tipped-in are 5 postcards and a A.L.s from Lord Anglesey.
   £375

   Revised Edition, xxii, 342pp., frontis., orig. cloth.
   Full-length study of this important and admirable figure.
   Two A.L.s from the author loosely inserted.
   “virtually unobtainable”—Taylor
   £50

   First and only edition, 2 vols., folio, [4], 646, [2]; [4], 596pp., engraved title vignette, engraved arms of Barberini on last leaf in vol. I, engraved emblematic device on last leaf of vol. II, contemporary full vellum, morocco spine title labels, label to vol. I defective otherwise a very nice set.
   "The Barberini catalogue has enjoyed a special importance because it is a rather early and very large book and appears to have been widely circulated" (Taylor, p.23). The catalogue of the vast library created by Cardinal Francesco Barberini (1597-1679), "Nipote" of Pope Urban VIII Barberini. For many years one of the principal bibliographical reference works at the disposal of scholars, second in rank only to Thomas Hyde's third catalogue of the Bodleian Library, 1674, with which it shared the then revolutionary alphabetical arrangement under the authors' surnames, but was richer in books printed in Italy; it contained no less than 31,671 printed books. Barberini's vast income from his many benefices was estimated at 100,000 Scudi, allowing him to fully indulge in his collecting passions. He held numerous high offices from 1627-1633, among them that of Librarian to the Holy Catholic Church. For his own library, he employed as librarians Leone Alacci (1586-1669), Lucas Holstenius (Lukas Holste, 1596-1661)—both of whom became custodians of the Vatican Library—and Carlo Moroni (from ca. 1673). The authorship of the catalogue has been attributed to Holste, but probably received its final redaction from Moroni. Preceding both volumes of the catalogue is a two-page "Motu Proprio" by Pope Clement IX, allowing the Barberini Library to own, with certain restrictions for their use, heterodox works. A third volume, describing the manuscripts, was planned but never published. The library of the Barberini Family (Biblioteca Barberiniana, Rome) became a part of the Vatican library in 1902. Taylor, who repeatedly mentions and discusses the Barberini Catalogue, finds it "virtually unobtainable" (p. 228).
   £5000

Fumagalli, no. 3701; Taylor, p.23 (and elsewhere). Loosely inserted is Hobson’s one page Ms. notes relating to this catalogue.
   2 Parts in one, 74, [2]; 136pp., 20 plates of bindings, blue buckram. **£38**

   Baretti was a lexicographer, translator, literary scholar, poet and travel writer. He is mainly remembered in England as a friend of Dr. Johnson and as the author of *A Dictionary of the English and Italian Languages*, a classic which first appeared in 1760 and was often reprinted and for which Dr. Johnson wrote the dedication. The 94 page history of the Italian tongue in this book covers the language development from the twelfth to the mid-eighteenth century. The rest of the book is a valuable and interesting guide describing in bibliographical detail those Italian books which Baretti deemed to be important. Dr. Johnson contributed the first paragraph to the preface of this work.
   Early 19th century armorial bookplate of John Somers [Cocks] Lord Somers, this pasted over the armorial bookplate of Treadway Nash D.D. of Bevere, Worcestershire. **£125**

   First edition, 566pp., 16 plates, orig. cloth, d.w. slightly torn.
   Recognised both as the definitive life of Stanley Morison, and as the authoritative account of typography in the twentieth century.
   Presentation inscription and 7 A.L.s and 8 T.L.s from the author to Hobson. **£50**

   First edition, 283pp., 12 plates (4 coloured), illustrs., cloth-backed boards with ‘butterfly-net’ patterned paper sides.
   A study of the poetry pamphlets produced by Frederic Prokosch purchased by Bernard Quaritch at Sotheby’s in 1972 and the ‘Wiseian’ investigation of their validity which ensued.
   6 A.L.s and 8 T.L.s from the author, and 2 pages on notes by Hobson. **£95**

    First edition, 394pp., frontis., 14 plates, orig. cloth, d.w.
    The extent of the crime was clearly wider than had been supposed when the Enquiry was first published. Carter and Pollard steadily compiled matter for a new edition of the book right up to their deaths in the mid 1970s. Their material passed to Nicolas Barker, who with John Collins completed the work.
    Loosely tipped-in are 6 A.L.s and 1 long T.L.s (relating to this publication) from Barker to Hobson. **£50**

    Vols., 1-3 of 4, xv, 276; xi, 312; xi, 212pp., portrait, numerous plates showing examples of Barthou’s collection of bindings, orig. printed wrappers bound-in, cont. half calf. **£65**

    13 vols., numerous facsimiles, orig. cloth, a nice set. **£645**
   Vols., 1-2 of 3, 120; 136pp., numerous plates of bindings, blue buckram.

   Second edition, 411pp., cont calf calf, joints rubbed and cracked.

   First edition, 4to, [2], 332, [8]pp., one of 370 copies, orig. cloth-backed boards, upper and lower board stamped in gilt, uncut, double slip-case, a fine copy.

   First edition, 208pp., orig. cloth, d.w.
   The Headmaster of Eton considers six works of English literature, regarded in their own day as masterpieces, but now forgotten and unread.
   Presentation inscription from the author on half-title, loosely inserted is an extensive and interesting collection of some 32 A.L.s from the author.

17. **BIRLEY (Robert)** A specially bound copy for presentation of two of Birley’s works on Eton College Library.
   42, [2]pp., 1 plate, orig. printed wrappers bound-in. TLS review pasted-in, quarter morocco, decorated paper boards, morocco title lettered in gilt, a very nice copy.
   Tipped in is a A.L.s from Birley “Here are copies of my History of College Library and a revised edition of the 100 Books, which has, I hope, fewer errors than the preliminary one. I am very grateful for your help, not only while I was compiling these, but but very often before...”, also loosely inserted is a A.L.s from Will Carter in reference to the Eton College Library bookplate by Reynolds with an example supplied.

   xvi, 114, [2]pp., frontis., 7 plates (2 folding, of which one is a photograph of leaves of a “Caxton” destroyed by bookworms) orig. parchment wrappers bound-in, full morocco by Riviere.
   A popular and anecdotal account of the ravages of fire, water, gas and heat, dust and neglect, ignorance and bigotry, the bookworm, other vermin, bookbinders who hack, wash, size and mend, collectors and servants and children.

   First edition, 4to, 3 parts bound in one, 27, [1], 2 plates; 19, [1], 1 plate; 62, [2]pp., 8 plates, orig. printed wrappers bound-in, half morocco by Roger de Coverly, marbled boards, uncut, t.e.g. a nice copy.
Signature are the sign or mark which Printers place beneath certain pages for the convenience of Binder, and to distinguish the sequence of the sections (sometimes styled quires or gatherings) which they print. The custom of fastening books to their shelves by chains was common at an early period throughout all Europe.

   6 Vols., 4to, limited edition, orig. cloth.

   3 Vols., 4to, 2 facsimile volumes bound in simulated vellum, commentary volume in orig. marbled paper wrappers, all housed in marbled paper covered clam-shell box.

   The most comprehensive collection of its kind, 8,000 items catalogued, with index of names.
   Signed by G. D. Hobson with some notes and pencil marks to text.

23. **BOOKBINDING. [A. LAVIGNE DE TOURS].** Jolie Collection de Livres Anciens Rare et Précieux... Composant le Cabinet de M. L***-D***. *Paris: Henri Leclerc, 1920.* £32
   4to, 50pp., 19 plates of bindings, blue buckram.
   Blogic II, 288.

   4to, [iv], 86, [2]pp., numerous plates of bookbindings throughout, orig. printed wrappers bound-in, cont. quarter cloth, marbled boards, uncut.

   4to, 124pp., 27 full-page plates of bindings, most prices supplied in pencil, blue buckram, 372 lots.

   First edition, 10 vols., in 9, later cloth-backed decorated paper boards, leather title label to spines, uncut, a nice set.

   “The first bibliography of books printed on vellum; it describes 1,750 books owned by what is now the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, and 2,750 works which the author traced in other public and private libraries. But it is much more than a mere bibliography of books printed on that precious material; the copious notes make it a valuable bibliography of rare books in many fields.” - Breslauer & Folter, Grolier Club, Bibliography, 123.

   ONE OF A FEW COPIES PRINTED ON FINE PAPER

2 Vols., small 4to, xv, [1], 713, [3]; 380pp., sold with the 62pp., of printed prices achieved, 10 plates (some double-page), half calf, marbled paper boards, five raised bands, contrasting morocco title labels, lightly scuffed otherwise a very nice set.

The Borghese catalogue enumerates more than 7,000 lots, the second part includes the library of Comte de l’Aubepin and Comte Pio Resse. Pope Paolo V (1559-161) formed this marvellous library, which was largely augmented by other members of the family, e.g. Cardinal Scipione Borghese. In 1889 the family lost most of their money through speculating in real estate in Rome, when the market collapsed and the bank loan had to be repaid they had to sell their Villa (with its contents) on the Pincio Hill to the State. It was presumably as a result of this crash that the library had to be sold. The library was bought for only 60,000 lire by a Roman bookseller, Menozzi, who now offered it, with added material, at auction. Lord Crawford bought 62 vols. of broadsides, some of which he exchanged with the BM for duplicate broadsides. This is one of a few copies printed on fine paper, with the plate of the famous forgery of the Siensese Binding in gold and colours (in the ordinary edition this plate is not in colours).

Hobson’s notes on the library in MS. to front endpaper and on an added sheet.

28. [BOULLAND (Georges, Baron Franchetti)] Catalogue d’un Joli Choix de Livres Rares et Précieux Reliés en Maroquin Ancien et Moderne. Paris: Charles Porquet, 1890. £65
4to, [8], 89, [3]pp., 11 plates of bindings, 2 facsimiles, priced in a cont. hand, half red morocco by Marius Michel, marbled boards, lightly rubbed, a nice copy.

With a 4 page A.L.s from Charles Porquet tipped-in, one short note in the hand of G. D. Hobson.

29. BRANCA (Carlo) Catalogo della Libreria di Carlo Branca in Milano... Preceduto da brevi cenni Bibliografici. Milan: Giuseppe Chiusi & Luigi Nervetti, 1844. £85
4to, cii, [2], 1-128, [2], 1-100pp., title vignette, orig. printed wrappers bound in, modern cloth, Hobson’s instructions for the binder inserted.

A priced catalogue of the Milan bookseller Carlo Branco. The catalogue is divided into two main sections: an introduction covering the whole area of book-collecting aimed mainly at the new book collector. The second section the catalogue with a separate title-page, separately numbered and printed at a second printers.

30. BRAVETTI (Jacopo) Indice de Libri a Stampa Citati per Testi de Lingua nel Vocablorio de’ Signori Accademici della Crusca. Con una Lettera Preliminaire, et Alcune Osservazioni. Venice: Antonio Savioli, 1778. £45

With the bookplate of A. N. L. Munby.

First separate edition, 12pp., 2 plates, additional photo of a relevant binding onto rear wrapper with MS. description, orig. printed wrappers.

Presentation inscription from the author on upper wrapper.

4 Vols., (I-II text; III-IV watermark illustrations), one of 500 copies, 16,000 illustr., orig. cloth, small nick to head of spine of vol. I otherwise a very good set.

The fundamental work for the study of watermarks, based on more than 40,000 tracings of watermarks drawn from 220 European archives, of which 16,112 watermarks are reproduced dating from the 13th century to the end of the 16th century.

4to, xvii, [v], 463, [1]pp., 22 facsimiles, orig. cloth. **£38**


First edition, small 8vo, viii, 384pp., calf.


2 Vols., civ, 160; 161-427pp., 216 plates, later calf.

Reprint of the second edition with a long biography of Burton and an index added. A new title page has been engraved with the information that this is a special copy extra-illustrated. The original title page has been bound into the back of volume two. The extra-illustrations are portraits of contemporary and classical authors collectors and scholars; also numerous views.

ONE OF 153 COPIES


First Edition, 2 vols., bound as one, [2], 49, [1]; [2], 57, [1]pp., one of 153 numbered copies printed on handmade paper, title in red and black, 21 plates (mostly of bookbindings, 2 in full colour), full red morocco by Zaehnsdorf, uncut, marbled endpapers, turn-ins tooled in gilt, extremities lightly rubbed otherwise a very nice copy.

This part of the magnificent library of the eminent Egyptologist comprises mainly French editions of either French or classical Greek and Latin Authors. Many descriptions include interesting anecdotal information, and the plates demonstrate the superb quality of the bindings of these books. De Ricci, p. 174. “In 1904 the Earl of Carnarvon (1866-1923) who formed a small but choice library of French books of the eighteenth century, sold to the Paris bookseller Edouard Rahir, from whom he had purchased many of the finest items”.

Bookplate of Ernest G. Mocatta.


A4 folded photocopy, 76-80pp.

Presentation inscription from the author.

38. **CARTER (John)** The Dry Martini. *Hamish Hamilton Ltd., 1963.* **£20**

8pp., printed on yellow paper, one of 200 copies, orig. wrappers, printed paper label on upper cover.

Presentation copy “Anthony & Tanya, Christmas greetings from Ernestine and Jake.”


78pp., frontis., 1 plate, facsimiles, orig. printed wrappers, printed list of prices and buyers’ names, 356 lots.

three T.L.s and two A.L.s from Carter’s Wife, Ernestine, regarding the sale of her husband’s books.


xiv, 242pp., orig. cloth, d.w.

Carter’s writings on collecting patterns methods, tools, bookshops, rarity, condition, and price trends, still stands.

Loosely inserted are 4 A.L.s from Carter to Anthony and Tanya, one minor note by Hobson in the text, Rampant Lions Press printed Memorial Service for John Waynflete Carter tipped-in.

First edition, xii, 400pp., 4 plates, orig. cloth.

This book is a fully documented exposure of a group of more than fifty “first editions” of eminent authors, of which, thirty of them are shown to be forgeries and the status of the remainder to be open to considerable suspicion.

Signed by G. D. Hobson July 1934, presentation inscription from Carter “to whose honoured name let me now add, 23 years, three months, 21 days after publication, that of his son Anthony Hobson”, also signed and dated by Pollard, loosely inserted is an interesting little group of 5 letters and postcards, a Christmas card and telegram all from Carter, a photograph of Carter and a A.L.s and photograph of Pollard from Esther Potter, Rampant Lions Press printed Memorial Service for John Waynflete Carter.


First edition, 12mo, 95pp., 3 facsimiles, orig. printed wrappers.

Presentation inscription from John Carter on front-free endpaper, 3 A.L.s and a presentation extracted book article by Carter tipped-in.


4 Parts, orig. printed wrappers.

Presentation inscription from Carter on upper cover of all numbers; [working paper 2] “for Anthony Hobson, this strong candidate for the Gorfin Prize for the shoddiest production of 1967, from John Carter.”, tipped in is a A.L.s from Carter’s wife, Ernestine and a postcard from John Carter.

44. **CARTER (John) Editor.** John Hayward 1904-1965: Some Memories. [Both first and second state of this offprint which was originally printed in the Winter 1965 number of *The Book Collector.*] *London: Shenval Press, 1966.* **£35**

2 copies, 44pp., portrait (in second state only), orig. printed wrappers.

Both presentation copies “first state, without the portrait; one of two copies not recalled for completion - for Anthony Hobson from his old friend the editor, 15 feb. 66.”


First separate edition, 38pp., illus., orig. printed wrappers, final two leaves loose.


First edition, large 4to, 96pp., followed by 432 pages with reproductions of watermarks, frontis., orig. cloth, d.w.

Excellent essay on the subject, showing 578 watermarks and ream wrappers in full size, with lists of Dutch and English paper-makers of the period.

Signed by G. D. Hobson on front endpaper.

47. **CICOGNARA (Leopoldo)** Memorie Spettanti alla Storia della Calcografia del Commend Conte Leopoldo Cicognara. *Prato per I Frat. Giachetti, 1831.* **£75**

First edition, 262pp., orig. printed wrappers bound in, later buckram, uncut.


A classic of library literature on the development of libraries and their fittings.

With the bookplates of Arundell & Katharine Esdaile and A. N. L. Munby.


3 Parts, 70; 71; 66pp., numerous illustrs., priced in a cont. hand.

[Bound with:]


4to, 39pp., priced in a cont. hand. 4 sales bound in one, later buckram.

**LARGE PAPER PRINTED ON JAPON PAPER**


2 Vols., in one, 4to, orig. wrappers bound-in, cont. red half morocco, marled paper boards, spine tool ed in gilt, extremities rubbed, head of spine slightly pulled, t.e.g.

Inscribed by G. D. Hobson “Lot 517 in the sale of the library of Lt-Col. W. E. Moss, Sotheby & Co. 2/III/1937.”, with some minor notations in his hand on the plates illustrated with bookbindings.


First edition, xii, 372pp., 11 plates (1 double page), 3 plans, orig. cloth, d.w.

Giving a sketch of the library as it was in 1845, tells its history under successive librarians; first under Bandinel and Coxe; then under Nicholson; and finally under Nicholson’s three successors in office.

With the bookplate of Major J. R. Abbey.


First edition, large 8vo, xvi, 208pp., 151 illustrs., orig. buckram, uncut, t.e.g. a nice copy.

Signed by G. D. Hobson on front endpaper, with some notes in his hand within the text.


First edition, x, [iii], 707, [1]pp., frontis., 267 text illustrs., orig. cloth.

This masterly survey ranks as one of the most important works in English on the subject. It covers the origin, development and use of the printer’s device from the advent of printing in the West to the middle of the 16th century.

Signed by G. D. Hobson with his MS. notes of reference to front endpapers.
ONE OF 100 COPIES


First edition, 2 vols., 4to, [6], 600; [4], 601-1099, lxixpp., one of 100 copies printed for private circulation, frontispieces, numerous facsimiles throughout, orig. cloth-backed boards, printed title label to spines, uncut, a nice set.

Breslauer & Folter, 147. “Owing to the extremely detailed bibliographical descriptions and critical notes by Davies, the Catalogues of the Fairfax Murray Collection of French and German Fifteenth and Sixteenth Century books may be considered selective bibliographies of their subject and belong indeed to the best reference works on it.”

ONE OF 100 COPIES


First edition, 2 vols., 4to, [4], xxii, 462; [2], 465-818, lxixpp., one of 100 copies printed for private circulation, frontispieces, numerous facsimiles throughout, cloth-backed boards, printed paper labels to spine lightly chipped, uncut, a nice set.

Lavishly illustrated with full-page plates of bindings, and reproductions of woodcuts, many full size; exact collations, meticulous, often original, descriptions and investigations are given for all the vast amount of material which is here assembled. A bibliographical monument of lasting importance.


2 Vols., folio, xix, [1], 143, [1] p., [1], XXV leaves of plates; 463pp., 124 coloured plates, first volume in orig. cloth-backed boards, volume II in orig. cloth, d.w. a little worn.

Loosely inserted are 32 A.L.s or postcards from Tilly de la Mare; a A.L.s from Nicolas Barker and a T.L.s from Bernard M. Rosenthal.

57. **[DE MARINIS (Tammaro)] Compiler.** Catalogue des Livres Composant la Bibliothèque de M. Giuseppe Cavalieri à Ferrara. *Florence: T. De Marinis, 1908.* £195

First edition, royal 8vo, [4], 524pp., one of 300 copies on handmade paper, photographic frontispiece of the library, 7 plates on six folding sheets, numerous facsimiles, half red morocco by Riviere & Son, uncut, t.e.g.

Cavalieri was one of the outstanding Italian book collectors of his time, with a library rich in early Italian illustrated books, catalogued by De Marinis, his favourite bookseller. His catalogue became a model for Italian bibliographies of this kind; it was De Marinis’ first independent publication.


First edition, x, 204pp., 8 plates, illustrs., orig. buckram, uncut.

This book still stands as a reliable work of reference.

Tipped-in are 7 A.L.s from De Ricci to G. D. Hobson, text with numerous notes in ink in Anthony Hobson’s hand, catalogue chippings and index list of the Phillipps sales inserted.

First edition, 67pp., orig. printed wrappers bound in, later buckram. Signed by Hobson on front wrapper, with his numerous MS. notes to the text, bound with several articles relating to the Holkham Library.

60. **DELESSERT (Benjamin)** Catalogue des Livres Pares et Précieux... *Paris: Guillemin, 1912.* £50

4to, viii, 170, [2]pp., portrait frontis., numerous plates and facsimiles, orig. printed wrappers bound-in, cont. half green morocco, patterned paper boards, contrasting red morocco title lettered in gilt, spine tooled in gilt, a nice copy.


Fourth and best edition, greatly enlarged and corrected, 2 vols., bound as one, [2], xiii, [1], 562; [2], 579, [1]pp., one engraved plate, later buckram, a little faded and worn.

“This edition is entirely rewritten, and contains for the first time an Account of the best editions of the Hebrew Bibles and of the Greek and Latin Fathers...”—Jackson.

Jackson, 6; Windle & Pippin, A 3d. Dr Herbert N. Evans copy with his numerous MS. and printed slip additions; with the signature and bookplate of A. N. L. Munby.


8vo, 79, [1]pp., limited to 250 copies, frontis., portrait, orig. quarter leather, slip-case.


3 Vols., small folio, xiii, 297; ix, 77; 170pp., one of 100 copies, 3 coloured frontispieces, 72 plates (including 3 in colour), orig. cloth, red leather title label to spines.

This important three-volume catalogue contains a record of Estelle Doheny’s great collection of early printed books, illuminated MSS., English and American literature, Western Americana, private press books, fine bindings, autographs, children’s books, fore-edge paintings, etc.

With a T.L.s from the author to G. D. Hobson, and 2 typescript copy letters of the thanks from Hobson inserted; signed by Geoffrey D. Hobson with the Doheny compliments label pasted onto endpaper.


First edition, 4to, 118, [1]pp., one of 252 copies, 25 plates, orig. cloth-backed boards, printed paper label on spine, uncut.

“Disagrees with Blades; believes that Caxton learned at least the rudiments of printing at Cologne. Assumes that Caxton first established a press in 1474 with Colard Mansion as partner and assistant. Although this biography is, to a large part, based on Blades’s work, Duff departs from the older work on the basis of subsequent research.” — Heilbronner, Printing and the Book in Fifteenth-Century England, 154.


First edition, 2 vols., xxviii, 841; xxxvii, 1,104pp., frontispieces, 40 illustrs., 18 plates (8 folding) plus 6 plates of bookbindings (4 coloured), inner hinges shaken, orig. cloth, a little frayed.

A classic of general library history, constituting even to-day “the only full and consecutive history of the subject.” Includes also a descriptive account of most of the important schemes of classification until about 1850, and detailed information on the compilation and printing of the British Museum catalogue.
A couple of minor notes by G. D. Hobson on endpaper of vol. I.

   First edition, xii, 780pp., frontis., 8 illustrs., 4 folding coloured plans, orig. cloth, a good copy.
   With the large armorial bookplate of William Arthur, Sixth Duke of Portland.

   Second Edition, revised, continued to 1885, and (in greater part) re-written, vol. I [all published], large 8vo, xxxviii, 232pp., limited to 500 copies, inner front hinge shaken, orig. cloth, lettered in gilt, uncut.
   Contains all the revisions for publication made by Edwards before his death, being originally printed in 1885, and issued for presentation to subscribers only by Thomas Greenwood in 1901.
   With the Edward Edwards bookplate.

   First edition, 2 vols., 450; 451-794pp., orig. cloth, d.w.
   The first full-scale historical treatment if the impact of the advent of printing and its importance as an agent of change.

   First edition, large 8vo, xviii, 448pp., frontis., 45 plates and illustrs., orig. buckram, uncut, t.e. g.
   A most useful compilation, covering all the great collectors.
   With the signature of G. D. Hobson to front-free endpaper.

   2 Vols., 4to, illustrated with numerous samples tipped-in, orig. cloth.


   First edition, 3 vols., folio, xxii, 422, [4]; xxiv, 400, [1]; xxiv, 639pp., 21 engraved plates (5 double-page), 485 illustrs., later blue buckram, a nice set.
   A monumental piece of scholarship on the medieval libraries (mainly monastic) of Paris and their subsequent fate. Comprehensive as well as detailed and finely printed and illustrated.

   Second edition, royal 8vo, xxxii, 401pp., frontis., 60 illustrs., buckram.
   8vo, [8], 23, [3] pp., one of 145 numbered copies printed on an iron hand press, orig. cloth, printed paper label on upper cover.
   Presentation inscription on half-title.

76. **FUMAGALLI (Giuseppe)** Lexicon Typographicum Italiae. Dictionnaire Géographique d'Italie pour servir a l'historie de l'imprimerie dans ce pays. Florence: L. S. Olschki, 1905. £75
   First edition, 4to, xlvi, 587 pp., 219 illus., in the text, cont. half calf, rubbed, joints starting.
   An indispensable work for the history of printing in Italy.
   With the bookplate of Graham Pollard.

   Goldschmidt’s catalogue one hundred contains descriptions of 100 of the most interesting books and manuscripts which have never appeared in their printed catalogues “for the simple reason that they were immediately upon acquisition offered to a likely customer and accepted straight away”.

78. **GOLDSMID (Edmund)** A Bibliographical Sketch of the Aldine Press at Venice, Forming a Catalogue of all Works Issued by Aldus and his Successors, from 1494 to 1597, and a List of all Known Forgeries or Imitations. *Edinburgh: E. & G. Goldsmid, 1887.* £95
   3 Vols., in one, 56; 80; 42, xxiv pp., one of 100 copies on large paper, orig. cloth, uncut.
   A few notes in the text by Hobson in both pencil and ink.

   First edition, 4 parts in 2 vols., 290; [2], 291-668 pp., one of 100 copies privately printed, tipped-in is a A.L.s from Grimaldi’s son, Alexander Beaufort, presenting these volumes to the Law Society, numerous folding pedigrees, cont. half red morocco.
   Stacey Grimaldi (18 October 1790 – 28 March 1863), was an English lawyer and antiquary. For upwards of forty years he practised as a solicitor in Copthall Court in the city of London. He was eminent as a 'record lawyer,' and was engaged in several important record trials and peerage cases. In 1824 he was elected a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. In 1834 he was appointed to deliver lectures on the public records at the Law Institution, and in 1853 an auditor of the Incorporated Law Society. He was a frequent contributor to the Gentleman's Magazine from 1813 to 1861. The longest treatise in this multifarious collection, of which only one hundred copies were printed for private circulation, is entitled Nomenclatura, or a Discourse upon Names. Containing Remarks on some in the Hebrew, Grecian, Roman, and British tongues; together with a Dictionary comprising more than 3,000 Names, with their derivation and meaning.

   72 pp., one of 1000 copies, frontis., 17 illus., orig. decorated wrappers.
   Introduction by George Ong, followed by detailed descriptions of 87 items on display at the Grolier Club, January 24-March 9, 2007.

First edition, xii, 53, [1]pp., one of 175 copies numbered and signed by the printer, prospectus loosely inserted, orig. two-tone cloth, uncut, unopened.

A catalogue 117 incunabula formed by Mr. Justice William O'Brien, and bequeathed by him, on his death in 1899, to the Jesuit Fathers of Milltown Park College.

82. **GUTENBERG JAHRBUCH**, Verlag der Gutenberg-Gesellschaft in Mainz. 1925-2011


78 Vols., 4to, ill., throughout, orig. cloth. An excellent run of one of the most important periodicals concerning the book arts. This yearbook has developed into a truly international platform for discussion of printing history, as well as modern bookmaking. There is an astonishing variety of subjects treated every year, from a dozen different countries. One issue often comprises articles in five languages, English contributions taking prominent part, both in number and in importance. The yearbook is the official organ of the Gutenberg Society and the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz.

83. **HAMILTON PALACE COLLECTION**. Catalogue of the Collection of Pictures, Works of Art, and Decorative Objects, the Property of His Grace the Duke of Hamilton, K.T.: Which will be Sold by Auction...


5 Parts in one, 234pp., 78 photographic plates, half calf by Stoakley of Cambridge, spine tooled in gilt with a morocco label, marbled boards, spine faded otherwise and nice copy.

The complete 5 sales (2213 lots) of the works of arts from Hamilton Palace which produced the enormous sum of £397,539 over seventeen days.


First edition, xiv, 559, [1]pp., 22 attractive wood engravings (including vignette on title and head & tailpieces & initial letters), text slightly spotted, cont. full green morocco by James Toovey, marbled endpapers, spine tooled in gold and lightly faded, joints a little rubbed, t.e.g.

An account of the chief treasures in the libraries of the University of Cambridge. The author (1802-1865) was a member of the Roxburghe Club.


4to, part one only, xxiii, [1], 332pp., plates and illustrs., in the text, handsomely bound in half dark blue morocco by Gruel, some lightly rubbing to joint.


3 Vols., xx, 688; xii, 575; xxiv, 737pp., orig. cloth, d.w's. The first detailed scholarly history of libraries in Britain and Ireland, aiming to provide a wide-ranging survey of the full variety of such institutions from the medieval period to the end of the millennium.

Hobson’s extensive notes loosely inserted.

**SNEYD LARGE PAPER SET**


First edition, 6 vols., large folio, large paper set, complete with all plates, illustrations and maps as called for, with some occasional spotting and browning, full cont. smooth tan calf by J. Clarke, covers with the gilt-blocked armorial of Ralph Sneyd, spines rubbed, joints to vol. III starting, marbled endpapers and edges.
Originally issued in 15 separate parts (one for each hundred), on both large and small paper. Title-leaves were printed in 1844 and issued with the last part (for Frustfield), so that the work could be divided into six volumes, with the general title “The modern history of South Wiltshire ...” and the imprint “London: Printed by and for John Bowyer Nichols and John Gough Nichols”. Vol. 1: Mere, Heytesbury. Vol. 2: Branch and Dole / by the Rev. John Offer and Sir R. C. Hoare, Everly, Ambresbury, Underditch. Vol. 3: Westbury / by Richard Harris and Sir R. C. Hoare, Warminster / by Henry Wansey and Sir R. C. Hoare, South Damerham / by Henry Wansey and Sir R. C. Hoare, Downtown / by George Matcham [and Sir R.C. Hoare], Cawden. Vol. 4: Dunworth and Vale of Noddre / by James Everard, Baron Arundell and Sir R. C. Hoare, Chalk / by Charles Bowles [and Sir R.C. Hoare]. Vol. 5: Alderbury / by Sir R. C. Hoare [and J. G. Nichols], Frustfield / by George Matcham [and Sir R.C. Hoare], Addenda to the several hundreds; and general index to the whole work [with no part title-leaf]. Vol. 6, Old and new Sarum, or Salisbury, by Robert Benson and Henry Hatcher [parts 1 and 2, the latter by Hatcher alone].


Loosely inserted is a MS. note by Hobson of copies presented and A.L.s of thanks from Murray Simpson (Secretary of the Edinburgh Bibliographical Society), Paul Quarrie (Eton College Library), Paul Need (The Pierpont Morgan Library) & Mirjam Foot (British Library).


First edition, xxxv,182pp., one of 50 of a deluxe edition which includes a restrike from an original Phillipps bookplate, frontis., facsimiles, orig. cloth-backed marbled boards.

555 Items described.

Signed by Holzenberg with a T.L.s to Hobson relating the Middle Hill Press.


First edition, 4to, [10], 449pp., limited edition, numerous plates throughout, orig. two-tone cloth, t.e.g.

Examples of early scientific works in theoretical, experimental, and applied science, including technology. Full bibliographical descriptions with facsimiles of title pages, and with brief notes on the importance of these books in the history of science.


First edition, 4to, xxii, 391pp., one of 300 numbered copies, 2 plates (1 coloured), later cloth, red morocco title label to spine.


A.L.s from Sullivan to the Cambridge University Librarian, C. Sayle tipped-in.
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<td>First edition, small 4to, 101, 120, xxpp., orig. printed wrappers, top outer corner of first 60 pages affected by damp and chipped away (not effecting text). “Helen’s Tower Library consists principally of books given to Lord Dufferin by the various distinguished persons he had the good fortune to know during the latter half of the nineteenth century. Almost all of them contain the autographs of the donors, and several are adorned with their autograph poems”. —Preface.</td>
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<td>First edition, small 4to, x, 291pp., numerous illustrs., orig. cloth, d.w. The contributions to this volume address important issues about books and their users in the fifteenth century. A unifying theme is the complex relationships between producers, be they authors, printers or decorators, the economic conditions of book distribution, and the requirements of readers or other users of books.</td>
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<td>First edition, 4to, 415pp., orig. cloth. With a T.L.s from Richard W. Oram (librarian at Austin) presenting the volume to Hobson, also a typescript copy of Hobson’s reply noting some errors. Hobson contributed some of the binding descriptions and gave advice on matters bibliographical.</td>
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100. KEYNES (Geoffrey) Editor. The Library of Edward Gibbon: A Catalogue. London: Jonathan Cape, 1940. £85
First edition, 288pp., frontis., 11 illus., orig. buckram, uncut.
Signed by Keynes of half-title, tipped-in is a signed postcard from the author to Hobson regarding the Gibbon MS Catalogue; Hobson has added a not in pencil to front free-endpaper “A scarce book, only about 100 copies were sold and the rest of the edition was pulped.”

A MONUMENTAL WORK ON WATERMARKS

16 Vols., in 17, a excellent set.
Vol. 1. HEAWOOD (Edward) Watermarks Mainly of the 17th and 18th Centuries. 1950. buckram. 4to, 156pp., one of 200 numbered copies, frontis., 4,078 watermarks on 533 plates, orig. simulated leather.
Vol. 2. The Briquet Album. A Miscellany on Watermarks, Supplemeniting Dr. Briquet’s Les Filigranes, by Various Scholars. 1952. 4to, 158pp., one of 400 numbered copies, plates showing 92 watermarks, orig. simulated leather.
Vol. 3. ZONGHI (Aurelio & Augusto) & GASPARINETTI (A.F.) Zonghi's Watermarks. 1953. 4to, 88pp., one of 400 numbered copies, frontis., 134 plates showing 1,887 watermarks, orig. simulated leather, d.w.
Vol. 5. The Nostitz Papers. Notes on Watermarks Found in the German Imperial Archives of the 17th & 18th Centuries, and Essays Showing the Evolution of a Number of Watermarks. 1956. 4to, 122pp., one of 450 numbered copies, 152 plates showing 766 watermarks, orig. simulated leather.
Vol. 7. TSCHUDIN (Dr. W. Fr.) The Ancient Paper-Mills of Basle and Thier Marks. 1958. 4to, 266pp., one of 600 numbered copies, frontis., 430 facsimiles, orig. buckram.
Vol. 8. EINEDER The Ancient Paper-Mills of the Former Austro-Hungarian Empire and their Watermarks. 1960. 4to, 188pp., one of 450 numbered copies, frontis., 450 plates showing 1,871 watermarks, orig. buckram.

[Sold with:]


BOFARULL Y SANS (Francisco de) Animals in Watermarks. 1959. 4to, 801 facsimiles of watermarks, orig. decorated boards. English translation of Los animals en las marcas del papel de 1910.

VOORN (H.) Danish & Norwegian Paper Mills and their Watermarks. 1959. 4to, 46pp., one of 600 copies, facsimiles of numerous watermarks, orig. decorated boards.
LARGE & FINE PAPER COPY WITH EXTRA COLOURED PLATES


First edition, folio, large paper de-luxe copy, xv, 190pp., frontis, portrait, 61 plates, this copy having five additional coloured plates repeating several which are already reproduced in black and white, orig. printed wrappers bound-in, cont. half morocco by Roger de Coverly, marbled paper sides, spine gilt, uncut, t.e.g. a nice copy.

The auction catalogue of 540 items, selected for their bindings and provenance, with a preface by E. Quentin-Bauchart. There were apparently three issues of this catalogue: small paper copies issued without plates, and of large paper copies two versions, one with 40 plates and a small number of de-luxe copies with 61 plates which include 5 in colour.

103. **LAMOIGNON (Chrétien-François de)** Catalogue des Livres Imprimés et Manuscrits de la Bibliothèque De M. De Lamoignon. [Photocopy]. *1784.*

6 Parts bound as 4, 4to, bound in black morocco by Sangorski and Sutcliffe, Cockerell marbled paper boards, five raised bands to spine, title lettered in gilt, a very attractive set.

The excessively rare privately printed library catalogue which was issued in just 15 copies, this photocopy is taken from the copy in the Bibliothèque Nationale. The library was founded by Guillaume de Lamoignon (1617-1677) and enlarged by successive owners (the collection of Nicolas Berryer was merged with it in 1762) until its dispersion in 1791.

A couple of notes in Hobson’s hand.


177pp., numerous illustrs., later calf, spine gilt.


Second edition, xxi, [3], 192pp., later calf.


First edition, 4to, xii, 230, [6]pp., one of 200 numbered copies signed by the author, numerous facsimiles, orig. wrappers bound in, later buckram, uncut.

**FIRST OF THE LIBRI SALES**


xlii, [ii], 496, several ownership stamps, cont. half vellum, gilt leather label, 3,025 lots.

The first of the Libri sales. “The Libri catalogues are very difficult to come by and do not have sufficient coherence to give a picture of a library. Guglielmo Libri-Carucci, a noted book thief, did not have in his possession at any one time all the books that are listed in the sale catalogues.”—Taylor, Book Catalogues. p.224.

Norman, 29.

108. **LIGNEROLLES (Raoul Léonor du Tranchant, comte de)** Catalogue des Livres Rares et Précieux Manuscrits et Imprimés... *Paris: Charles Porquet, 1894-95.*

5 Vols., bound in two, including alphabetical table, royal 8vo, and atlas folio, large paper copy, atlas containing reproductions of bindings, title-pages, etc., presentation inscription on title of atlas volume, later blue buckram, a very nice set.
The Comte de Lignerolles’ passion for books bordered on Bibliomania, collecting in the classic French tradition of the 19th century as proposed by Brunet. The 5296 lots realized a total of 1,136,407 francs, well below the en bloc offer of 2 million francs the collector had refused. The index and price list were published for parts I-III only.


First edition, viii, 350pp., 8 illus., orig. cloth, d.w.

This book provides a fascinating and meticulous examination of the life and work of the scholar-printer, Aldus Manutius, by describing his background, outlook, method of business and effect on the intellectual life of his time. Hobson’s notes relating to the book tipped-in.


Folio, 104, [8]pp., text in English and Danish, 8 coloured plates, limited to 850 copies, orig. stiff printed wrappers.

The two essays, from slightly differing viewpoints, both focus on Nicolas Jenson as a central figure as well in the history of book publishing during Renaissance, as in the history of letterforms right down to the present day.


First edition, xvii, 286pp., 13 plates, orig. cloth, d.w.

This book tells the story of how printing came to Venice, and how the most commercially advanced power in Europe exploited the new invention to disseminate the scholarship of the Renaissance. The early chapters examine the values and careers of the men who backed the first printers. The author’s attention the turns to the printers themselves, particularly to the Frenchman Nicholas Jenson, the most influential publisher/printer of the age.

Loosely inserted are Hobson’s 6 page MS. notes and his review of the book cut from the TLS, some notes within the text in his hand, two A.L.s from the editor of the TLS.

**LARGE PAPER COPY PRINTED ON THICK PAPER**


First edition, 4to, large paper copy printed on thick paper, [4], 428pp., cont. quarter vellum, patterned paper boards, red morocco title label to spine, light rubbed, uncut.


First edition, 4to, xxvi, 331, [1]pp., one of 500 number copies signed by the publisher, coloured frontis., 247 facsimiles, orig. cloth, slightly soiled, uncut, t.e.g.

Lyell has drawn largely on his own collection, which was especially rich for the period 1500-1550, as well as on other sources, in compiling this book, in which nearly 250 examples are illustrated and discussed.


First edition, [4], xlv, 259, [3]pp., 2 plates, one folding, half calf, rubbed, top portion of spine missing.

G. D. Hobson’s reference notes on front endpaper.


4to, 239pp., numerous coloured plates, orig. cloth, d.w.
116. MARINIS (Tammaro de) Vendita all’Asta dell Preziosa Collezione Proveniente dalla Cessata Libreria de Marinis... Milan: Ulrico Hoepli, 1925-26. £125

3 Vols., small 4to, coloured frontispieces, 159 plates, illustrs., in the text, later green buckram, 1025 lots, a nice set.

The auction of the residue stock of the great Italian bookseller and binding historian Tammaro de Marinis occasioned by the closure of the bookshop.

117. MARINIS (Tammaro de) Studi di Bibliografia e di Storia in Onore di Tammaro de Marinis. Stamperia Valdonega, Verona, 1964. £325

4 Vols., 4to, xl, 296, [2]; viii, [iii], 326, [2]; x, [ii], 327, [2]; viii, [ii], 392, [2] pp., 244 plates (some folding), orig. cloth.

A magnificent and important festschrift, printed under the supervision of Giovanni Madersteig. Covering all aspects of the art of the book.

Loosely inserted is a group of 17 A.L.s/postcards and related ephemera from De Marinis to Hobson.

ONE OF 50 LARGE PAPER COPIES

118. MARTIN (John) A Bibliographical Catalogue of Books Privately Printed; Including those of the Bannatyne, Maitland and Roxburghe Clubs, and the Private Presses at Darlington, Auchenleck, Lee Priory, Newcastle, Middle Hill, and Strawbery Hill. London: J. and A. Arch; Payne and Foss; J. Rodwell, 1834. £275

First edition, 2 vols., 4to, one of 50 large paper copies, xiv, 314; [2], [315]-563, [1] pp., G. F. Storm designed and engraved the frontispiece which appears in a coloured state in large paper copies (ours in in two states, both plain and coloured), vol. II signed by Powis, orig. cloth, a very nice set in original binding.


2 Vols., 4to, [6], 138; [4], 162 pp., 151 plates (33 of illuminated mss., 29 of bindings), later green buckram, 637 lots, a nice set.

A fine collection of Italian works including many incunabula and early printed books. Dr. Martini (1870-1944) had produced a catalogue of his collection just before selling it in 1934.

120. MITTARELLI (Giovanni Benedetto) Bibliotheca codicum manuscriptorum monasterii S. Michaelis Venetiarum prope Murianum una cum Appendice liberorum impressorum seculi XV. Opus posthumum Johannis-Benedicti Mittarelli... [Edited by Giacinto Ceruti.] Venetiis: ex typographia Fentiana, sumptibus praefati monasterii, 1779. £1695

First edition, folio xxiv, [1], 1257 columns, xv, [1], [2]-491 columns, title page vignette, frontispiece portraits, cont. full vellum, tear to head of spine and a couple of small pin worm holes to base of spine, otherwise a very nice copy.

121. [MORELLI (Jacopo)] Compiler. Biblioteca Manoscritta di Tommaso Giuseppe Farsetti, Patrizio Veneto. Stamperia Fenzo, Venice, 1771. £125

Small 8vo, xxii,[ii], 404, [2] pp., later buckram, marbled boards, uncut.

The catalogue of the MSS collected by Farsetti (1720-1791), Venetian patrician, poet and book collector, and patron and friend of Morelli (1745-1819). Morelli, from 1778 a custodian of the Marciana, was variously baled by bibliographers and palaeographers master and prince of bibliography. The above catalogue, his first published work, with a long preface by him, describes 78 Latin and 165 Italian MSS. Farsetti left his MSS to the Marciana.
122. MORISON (Stanley) John Bell, 1745-1831. Bookseller, Printer, Publisher, Typefounder, Journalist, &c. Cambridge: Printed for the Author at the University Press, 1930. £245

First edition, large 8vo, xii, 168pp., one of 300 copies, coloured frontis., 18 plates and inserts (collotype, photogravure and line: one coloured), some folding and others of 4 & 8pp., orig. buckram, spine gilt with red leather label, uncut.

This important critical biography of the founder and part proprietor of the Morning Post, The World, The Oracle or Bell’s New World, Bell’s Weekly Messenger, La Belle Assemblee, original proprietor of the The British Library, Bell’s British Theatre, Bell’s Poets of Great Britain and Bell’s Edition of Shakespeare is an elegant production. There are appendices on Bell’s book and newspaper typography, the story of his types in the United States, and his type specimens.

Appleton 94. Tipped-in is a T.L.s from Morison to J. R. Abbey answering his query over a binding he suspected could be from the Bell workshop.


First edition, 218, [4]pp., 21 Illustrs., (some folding or double-page), orig. cloth, d.w.

With a long presentation inscription on front endpaper and a tipped-in A.L.s from Barker to Hobson.


Describing 599 items with very full collations, historical notes on many of the items are given, and at the end are indices under general, artists, printers and publishers, place, subject and chronological headings.


First edition 4to, 2 vols., xvii, [3], 358; [6], 359-728pp., numerous facsimiles, orig. cloth.

Describing 557 items with very full collations, historical notes on many of the items are given, and at the end are indices under general, artists, printers and publishers, place, subject and chronological headings.


First edition, 192pp., orig. cloth, d.w. a little chipped.

Presentation inscription from the author to John Hayward on front-free endpaper, loosely inserted are two A.L.s and one T.L.s from the author to Hobson and a A.L.s from the author’s wife, Sheila.


First edition, viii, 117pp., 2 plates, orig. cloth, d.w.

Covers the period from the beginning of the eighteenth century until about 1914 - a period which ‘saw the collecting of autographs rise to a cult of staggering dimensions.’

Presentation inscription on front endpaper, 8 A.L.s, 7 T.L.s and 5 postcards from the author.


First edition, xvii, 278pp., coloured frontis., 12 plates, orig. cloth, d.w.

Tipped-in: A.L.s from John Jolliffe (Constable Publishers) asking Hobson to read the manuscript of ‘Portrait of an Obsession’ and report on its merits - 5 page typescript copy of Hobson’s critical review; A.L.s by Munby regarding several ‘handsome gifts’ given by Lionel Robinson given to the Bodleian, BM, British Library, University of Newcastle - together with Hobson’s typescript copy reply; a further four A.L.s from Munby; two
   2 Parts, [4], 17, [1]; 279-290pp., orig. printed wrappers.
   Presentation copy with a letter from the author.

   12pp., 6 plates, stapled as issued.

   339-345pp., printed wrappers.
   Presentation inscription, A.L.s from the author.

   Large 12mo, [12]pp., one of 110 numbered copies printed signed by Munby, orig. marbled wrappers, printed paper label on upper cover, uncut.
   Part of this article was delivered as an after-dinner speech to the Friends of Princeton University Library in 1968.

   First Edition, xiv, 241pp., frontis., 8 plates, orig. cloth, d.w.
   Presentation inscription from Munby’s wife Sheila, and 7 A.L.s tipped-in.

   First edition, 4to, xxv, [1], 146pp., frontis., orig. cloth.
   Loosely inserted is a A.L.s from Lenore Coral and two reply typescript copies from Hobson; a photocopy of Hobson’s original typed foreword to the book; a couple of reviews cut from *Book Monthly Review* and TLS; signed postcards from Sheila Munby and Robin Alston; Hobson’s notes on upper free endpaper.

   v, 55p., orig. printed wrappers.
   Presentation inscription from Munby.

   First edition, xvi, 55pp., orig. cloth, d.w.
   Presentation inscription from the author on front endpaper.

   4to, 545pp., one of 500 copies, orig. cloth, d.w.
A facsimile reprint of Phillipps own catalogue of manuscripts printed by him at the Middle Hill Press taken from one of only three known complete copies, a work which was stated, by Munby, to be ‘possibly the rarest and most interesting example of this class of literature’.


First edition, 31pp., 8 tipped-in plates, orig. wrappers, printed paper label on upper front cover.

The Robinson’s Christmas Greetings card for 1948 tipped-in.


First edition, 5 vols., bound in two, frontispieces (1 coloured), 24 plates, bound for the Robinson’s for presentation, contemporary half crushed brown levant morocco by Sangorski & Sutcliffe, some minor rubbing, gilt, t.e.g.


A couple of Hobson’s notations within the text, more extensive notes to rear endpaper of the second volume, 5 A.L.s and T.L.s from Munby loosely inserted; two photographs of Thirlestaine House taken by Hobson’s wife Tanya; and related clippings.


First edition, x, 170pp., frontis., 16 plates, orig. cloth, d.w.

7 A.L.s from the author and 3 from his wife Sheila, 2 A.L.s from Brooke Crutchley, Hobson’s 4 pages of notes, a copy of his review which appeared in TLS and a letter of thanks from Munby who suspected that Hobson had written it, and additional material.

141. **MUNBY (Dr. A. N. L.)** Catalogue of the Well Known Collection of Printed Books... *Sotheby’s, 1976.* £45

2 Parts, frontispieces, 3 plates, orig. wrappers, 772 lots.

Hobson’s bill for both sales and related material inserted.


3 Vols., 4to, xxiv, 363; [4], 438; [4], 554pp., 38 plates, orig. wrappers bound-in, green cloth.

[Sold with:]


4to, xciv, 496pp., orig. wrappers bound-in, green cloth.

The detailed catalogue of early and Renaissance illuminated and text MS. and early printed books at Chantilly, presented by the Duc d’Aumale.

MS index of bindings in G. D. Hobson’s hand, several relating MS notes in Anthony Hobson’s hand.


4to, 232pp., 137 plates, blue buckram, uncut.

144. **NAPOLEONIC REQUISITIONS.** Liste des principaux objets de Sciences et d’Arts receuillis en Italie par les commissaires du Gouvernement Francais. *[Venice?: s.n., 1797?].* £395

Folio, 27, [1]pp., printed in columns within frames, stabholes to front blank margin, near cont. drab limp boards, hinges worn, housed in a custom-made quarter morocco box.
A rare official publication recording the requisitions made by the French commissioners of the Directoire in Italy. It is divided into five sections: Paintings, Sculpture, Antiquities, Books and Natural History including Curiosities. Within each section there are sub-divisions according to city. Many more details are given than in the booklets issued both in France and in Italy for the general public’s information.

145. NICOLINI (Simonetta) Bibliografia Degli Antichi Cataloghi a Stampa di Biblioteche Italiane (Secoli XVII e XVIII). Firenze: Sansoni Antiquariato, 1954. £30

4to, xlii, 396pp., 33 color and 150 black and white illustrs., orig. cloth, leather spine label, slip-case.
An overview of key books, manuscripts, and images chronicling the evolution of medical knowledge from antiquity to the invention of the CAT scan. Detailed bibliographical descriptions were contributed by 23 experts in their fields. A reference book in the tradition of One Hundred Books Famous in Science.

147. OPPLER-HANNOVER (Baurats Edwin) Katalog der Bibliothek des Königlichen... und einer Inkunabel-Sammlung aus Privatbesitz enthaltend... Leipzig: C. G. Boerner, 1913. £75
4to, 221pp., 33 plates, numerous illustrs., in the text, later buckram.

148. ORCUTT (William Dana) The Book in Italy During the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries Shown in Facsimile Reproductions from the Most Famous Printed Volumes. London: George G. Harrap & Co. Ltd., 1928. £65
First edition, folio, 220, [2]pp., limited to 750 number copies, coloured frontis., 128 plates (of which 3 are coloured), orig. quarter vellum, uncut, t.e.g.

149. PARTINGTON (Wilfred) Thomas J. Wise in the Original Cloth. The Life and Record of the Forger of the Nineteenth-Century Pamphlets. London: Robert Hale Ltd., 1946. £75
First edition, 372pp., frontispiece, 26 illustrations, orig. cloth.
This is the first biographical and critical study of the amazing Thomas James Wise, who has gained immortality as the perpetrator of the most original and extensive series of forgeries in British literary annals.
Inserted are a copy typed letter from C. G. de Graz, managing director of Sotheby’s auction rooms, to Mrs Wise “I am not writing to Mr. Wise directly... all of us here, sympathise with Mr. Wise in the unhappy controversy which has arisen this Summer... October 1st. 1933”, an A.L.s reply from Mrs. Wise; a copy typed letter from de Graz to Partington thanking him for his book and giving his view on the Browning sonnets, an A.L.s reply from Partington; also a copy typed letter from G. D. Hobson to Partington regarding the sonnets; plus numerous clipped reviews.

First edition, 4to, xiv, 378pp., illustrs., throughout, including 42 coloured, orig. cloth-backed boards, gilt label on upper cover.
Twenty-six of the world's most prestigious bookbinding experts have contributed essays reflecting Mirjam Foot's own research interests, particularly the placement of bindings in their historical context. Among the essays included are: The Mysterious Mr. de Sauty by Marianne Tidcombe; Some unrecorded sixteenth-century French bookbindings by Nicolas Barker; Ticketed Bindings - a hundred years of European bookbinding by Nicholas Pickwoad; The Keatley Trust Collection of modern British bindings by Dorothy A. Harrop; John Wittaker's edition of the Magna Carta, its printing, and his bindings on the Wormsley copies by Bryan Maggs. Other authors include Anthony Hobson, Lotte Hellinga, David Pearson, Robin Myers, and more.
With an A.L.s from the author thanking Hobson for his contribution Plaquette and medallion bindings.
First edition, 4to, viii, 351pp., one of 300 copies, orig. cloth, d.w.
A couple of minor notations by Hobson in ink within the text, Hobson reviewed this work for the TLS and a review from the paper is tipped-in.

First edition, 4to, 264pp., frontispiece, 13 illustrations, orig. buckram, printed title label to spine.
A detailed work including general historical information particularly pertinent to the book trade of the period. Includes Pynson, Lettou, Machlinia, and Notary as well as printers who did not become active until the 16th century. Contains descriptions and illustrations of type faces and of the books printed.
Reference index on front endpaper in the hand of G. D. Hobson.


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164. [RENOUARD (Antoine Augustin)] Catalogue de la Bibliothèque d’un Amateur, avec Notes Bibliographiques, Critiques et Littéraires. Paris: Chez Antoine-Augustin Renouard, 1823. £745
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177. **ROUVEYRE (Edouard) & UZANNE (Octave)** Miscellanées Bibliographiques... *Paris: Edouard Rouveyre, 1878-80.* £45

First edition, 210; 202; 152pp., orig. printed wrappers bound-in, later buckram, uncut.
178. ROXBURGHE CLUB. List of Members 1812-1991; List of Books 1814-1990. Printed for the Roxburghe Club, 1991. 8vo, 36pp., one of the copies specially bound for members, orig. maroon cloth. £50


Folio, xvii, 44, [2 (subtitle), [55 (facsimile - the first two leaves printed in colour, the rest in black-and-white)]pp., Hobson’s name printed in red in the roll of members, bound in quarter black leather, purple cloth covers, spine lettered in gilt.

In 1955 the late John Sparrow (1906-92), Warden of All Souls' College, Oxford (1952-77) and a distinguished bibliophile who had been elected to the Roxburghe Club in 1953, bought from Maggs Bros. an unassuming little seventeenth-century manuscript of Latin verse, entitled 'Amores Amyntae et Leucidis' and subscribed 'Auctore Sigismondo Boldonio Mediolanensi', with the date 1630. It had passed through distinguished hands - from Queen Christina of Sweden to Cardinals Decio Azzolini and Angelo-Maria Durini, and then to Richard Monckton-Milnes, Lord Houghton and his heirs. A selection from it was printed by Durini in 1776. But otherwise, both book and author had been little known, the author's name only as the writer of vivid letters borrowed by Manzoni and used in 'I Promessi Sposi'. Sparrow set to work and by diligent search in archival and printed records traced the little book in its complicated travels over three centuries. He also discovered much about the life and other writings of Sigismondo Boldoni. These verses, in Sparrow's book, were written in homespun calligraphy that must surely be from the author's own hand. The pages, picked out in red and gold, have been reproduced in their entirety for the first time (the first two leaves in colour, the rest in black-and-white), together with Sparrow's essay recounting the history of the book and its author (first printed in 'The Library' in 1962). This is accompanied by a preface giving an account of Sparrow's interests as a bibliophile and the genesis of this volume and two further short chapters, 'Boldoni in Padua' and 'Who is Leucis?', all by Nicolas Barker.

180. ROXBURGHE CLUB. Esther Inglis’s ‘Les Proverbes de Salomon’. A Facsimile with an introduction by Nicolas Barker. The Roxburghe Club, 2012. 8vo, xiv, 124pp., followed by followed by 34 leaves of facsimile, Hobson’s name printed in red in roll of members, quarter red morocco, spine lettered in gilt, slipcase. £125


Loosely inserted: Hobson’s 7 page MS. notes and additions to the text; two letters from the author relating to the book and copies of Hobson’s reply; six A.L.s from the Earl of Crawford.


Only a few of the coloured illustrations and some of the black-work embroidery designs have ever been reproduced but here Sir Paul Getty has commissioned a magnificent two-volume monograph by Nicholas Barker with many full-size colour reproductions for presentation to his fellow members of the Roxburghe Club. The Great Book of Thomas Trevilian is also a tribute to the work of the printers and binders who have given it form. Like the original it is bound in two volumes. Over 300 of the pages of the ‘Great Book’ have been reproduced in superb facsimile by John Parfitt at the Westerham Press, using up to twelve different colours to achieve a faithful likeness to the original. These have been supplemented with 160 further illustrations, reproduced in black and white and colour, showing the manuscripts, prints, and books, from which Trevilian drew his inspiration, and the embroidery, surviving and preserved in contemporary portraits, analogous to his patterns. The text has been set in Caslon’s Great Primer, cast by Gloucester Typesetting Services, and printed in red and black throughout by Susan Shaw at the Merrion Press.

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Hobson’s name printed in red in roll of members.


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205. **ROXBURGHE CLUB. FOX (Henry, Lord Holland) Letters to Henry Fox, Lord Holland:** With a few Addressed to his Brother Stephen, Earl of Ilchester. Edited by the Earl of Ilchester. London: Privately Printed for Presentation to the Members of The Roxburghe Club, 1915. £295

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207. **ROXBURGHE CLUB. GRIFFITHS (Jeremy) & EDWARDS (A. S. G.) Editors.** The Tollemache Book of Secrets. A Descriptive Index and complete Facsimile, together with Catherine Tollemache’s Receipts of Pastery, Confectionary &c. The Roxburghe Club, 2002. £375

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215. **ROXBURGHE CLUB. ROBERTS (Andrew) Editor.** The Correspondence between Mr Disraeli and Mrs Brydges Willyams 1851-1863. With a Foreword by Lord Rothschild. *Privately Printed for the members of The Roxburghe Club*, 2006. £275

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216. **ROXBURGHE CLUB. ROBINSON (B. W.) & SIMS (Eleanor) Commentary by.** The Windsor Shahnama of 1648. With contributions by Manijeh Bayani. *Published by Azimuth Editions for The Roxburghe Club*, 2007. £245

Folio, 255pp., Hobson’s name printed in red in roll of members, numerous coloured illustrs., orig. cloth.

The Shahnama (‘Book of Kings’), which chronicles the history of Iran from the Creation to the Islamic conquest, was written by the poet Firdawsi at the turn of the 11th century. Its central importance to Iranian culture is reflected in the thousands of copies made since then, many superbly illustrated and produced for royal and other powerful patrons. One of these copies, presented to Queen Victoria in 1839, is one of the finest treasures among the collection of Islamic manuscripts now in the Royal Library at Windsor Castle. Its 148 colourful images, which are in superb condition, show heroes, mythical beasts and bloody combats and are complemented by particularly sumptuous marginal illumination in gold.


Small 4to, 43. [3]pp., Hobson’s names printed in red in roll of members, tipped-in frontis., and 2 plates, cont. quarter Roxburghe morocco, gilt.

Privately printed at the Stouton Press and presented to the members by The Duke of Norfolk.


Folio. [12], [41]pp., special copy bound in full red morocco, blocked in gilt in a facsimile of the original 18th-century French morocco binding with the arms of Queen Marie Antoinette, red cloth folding box.

The original manuscript was in the library of Baron Jérôme Pichon in the late 19th century and in the library of Baron maurice de Rothschild in 1909. In 1963 it was purchased by Mr and Mrs Charles Wrightsman and is now produced in full facsimile for the first time for Mrs Jayne Wrightsman, O.B.E. 40 copies were bound in full morocco for presentation to members of the Roxburghe Club, plus a very small but unspecified number for presentation by Mrs Wrightsman of which this is one. In addition approximately 30 copies bound in cloth were available for sale worldwide.

Folio, xiii, [i], 68pp., with 21 coloured facsimile leaves, 20 plates, blue cloth, spine lettered in gilt. £125


Small folio, 464pp., Hobson’s name printed in red in roll of members, 60 coloured illustrs., this being one of the limited copies for members bound in quarter morocco, spine lettered in gilt, a.e.g.

A study of the art market for Dutch and Flemish pictures in nineteenth-century London, based on 564 unpublished letters between the art dealer John Smith, his sons and their customers, and also on the Smith firm’s business books, which are now located in the Victoria and Albert Museum. His customers included the Prince Regent (later George IV), the Duke of Wellington, Lords Bute, Lansdowne and Northwick, Sir Robert Peel, Sir Charles Bagot, Ralph Bernal and William Beckford, as well as members of the Baring, Hope and Rothschild banking families, and the firm dealt in works by such artists as Rembrandt, Vermeer and Rubens. For around seventy years John Smith’s firm acted as a leading London dealer, and had curatorial responsibility for Lord Ellesmere’s celebrated collection of pictures at Bridgewater House, St James’s, a role that lasted for three generations, and a lesser role for Lord Ashburton’s collection at Bath House. Piccadilly, which lasted as many. Smith was also the author of the pioneering Catalogue Raisonné of the Works of the Most Eminent Dutch, Flemish, and French Painters substantial volumes covering forty-one artists, published between 1829 and 1842. £295


Large folio, [12], 26, [2]pp., Hobson’s name printed in red in roll of members, followed by 190 coloured facsimile plates, orig. quarter Roxburghe morocco over bevelled boards, device stamped in gold on upper cover.

A handsome monograph on this spectacular manuscript of medieval church music commissioned by Edward Higgons, Master of Arundel College in Sussex. £350


Folio, x, 97, [1]pp., with 4 coloured portraits and 4 plates of facsimiles, orig. quarter morocco, spine faded, vellum tips.

Dedicated and presented to the President and Members of the Roxburghe Club by the Marquess of Salisbury. £120

Hobson’s name underlined in red in roll of members.


Large folio, xxi,[i],100,[2]pp., with 78 facsimile plates in full colour, Hobson’s name printed in red in the roll of members, orig. quarter Roxburghe morocco, spine lettered in gilt, vellum corner tips, t.e.g.

A fine collection of contemporary illustrations of English medieval chivalry at its peak, with an extensive historical introduction and account of how these images came into their present form as the volume in the library of the Duke of Buccleuch. £425

4to, xvi, 75pp., image of a bust of Henry VIII by Torrigiani as frontispiece, facsimiles of the Pynson edition in full and the existing fragments of the Goes edition, images of bindings and other fragments in the text, Hobson’s name printed in red in roll of members, one of the special copies bound in the orig. quarter Roxburgh morocco, spine lettered in gold.

With notes on the two unique editions in Westminster Abbey Library, descriptions of the bindings in which they were preserved, and the other items found in these bindings by Howard M. Nixon. The Gardyners Passetanunce is a propaganda poem promoting the newly formed Holy League which was proclaimed on 4 October 1511. It is a simplified version of a densely written Latin tract by James Whytstons which discusses the nature of a just war, the merit of fighting in defence of the Pope and compares Louis XIII of France to various tyrants and persecutors of religion. Pynson, the king's printer, published this 'tabloid' poetic version at the behest of the King and Court to spread the propaganda to a wider less academic public, a second edition appeared, probably in the same year, printed by Goes and Watson. The poem is anonymous but Nixon's essay on the poem’s history does provide all the available evidence on the subject and draws his conclusions... An excellent book published by the Roxburghe Club in honour of Howard M. Nixon after his death.


Square 8vo, [iii], 82, [6]pp., dinner menu and related material loosely inserted, orig. cloth, leather label on upper cover.

Published especially for the annual dinner held at Wormsley for members of the Roxburghe Club only.

226. **SANDER (Max)** Le Livre à Figures Italien depuis 1467 jusqu’a 1530. Essai de sa Bibliographie et de son Histoire. [With:] RAVA (Carlo Enrico) Supplement... Milan: Ulrico Hoepli, 1942-43. £495

First edition, 6 vols., in 5, 4to, numerous facsimiles throughout, green buckram, red leather labels lettered in gilt, a nice set.

Sander’s important study of the development and progress of the graphic arts in Italian book illustration. This fundamental reference book (text in French) contains the descriptions of over 8,000 works. Each listing includes a precise collation, bibliographical citations, sale prices and, in many cases, notes on the edition and descriptions of particularly significant illustrations.

227. **SILVESTRE (L.-C.)** Marques Typographiques ou Recueil des Monogrammes, Chiffres, Enseignes, Emblèmes, Devises, Rébus et Fleurons des Libraires et Imprimeurs qui on exercé en France, depuis l’introduction de l’Imprimerie en 1470, jusqu’a la fin du seizième siècle...

Paris: P. Jannet & Renou et Maulde, 1853-1867. £145

First edition, 2 vols., [4], viii, 384; [4], 385-745, [23]pp., cont. half calf, rubbed, headcaps a little chipped, joints staring.

A most important reference book picturing, in full size for the most part, and identifying more than 1300 French printers’ devices from the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Printers, like other manufacturers, put a proprietary mark on their goods—a design cut in wood or metal, printed on the title-page or at the end. It customarily consisted of a pictorial device, sometimes with ornament, sometimes with a motto; an indication of the printer’s identity was often included—his name, initials or a personal sign. Bigmore & Wyman, II, p.356.


4to, 47pp., illus., (some coloured, some folding), orig. printed wrappers.

Folio, lxix, 557pp., 128 illustrs., with a folding map of Greek printing, orig. cloth, slip-case.

A splendid volume on the history of early Greek printing, covering the fifteenth century and the opening twenty years of the sixteenth century. The work is arranged as a series of monographs on individuals concerned with the publication of printed books, printing houses and presses. Originally issued in Greek in 1989 this is unquestionably a work of major importance, although, sadly, we believe that there is currently no sign of any further progress of further volumes.


First edition, 4to, xxviii, 613pp., one of a small number of specially bound copies in full red morocco gilt, with the Sterling monogram in gilt on upper cover, spine faded, all edges gilt, frontis., portrait, 7 plates, slip-case.

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240. WASSERMANN (Eugène von) Catalogue de la Bibliothèque de M. Eugène von Wassermann... *Brussels: Georges Giroux, 1921.* £95
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