ALGERNON CHARLES SWINBURNE EXHIBIT - The library was highly honored in February by being selected by Mr. and Mrs. John S. Mayfield for an exhibition of rare books and related material from their extensive Swinburne collection. This exhibit displayed for the first time the Mayfield collection of one hundred and one copies of the first edition of Swinburne’s "Atalanta in Calydon" published in London in 1865. Several of the volumes in the exhibit contain inscriptions by Swinburne and were presented by him to important persons in England. Seventy-eight are in the original bindings with the circular decorations designed by Dante Gabriel Rossetti. Several are in beautiful fine bindings by Zaehnsdorf, Aurifex, Riviere, and Sangorski & Sutcliffe. The exhibit also displayed several later editions of "Atalanta," a Kelmscott printing presented to Swinburne by William Morris, some Swinburne letters, and related art and artifacts.

At the opening of the exhibit on February 24 Professor Terry Meyers of the College of William and Mary gave an interesting talk on Swinburne. Meyers is co-editor of the forthcoming variorum edition of Swinburne’s poems.

Swinburne bibliographers, booksellers, and library catalogers for more than a hundred years had assumed that only one hundred copies of the first edition of "Atalanta in Calydon" were printed. In a recent article by Mr. Mayfield entitled "A Swinburne Collector in Calydon," in The Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress (Winter 1980 issue), he describes his thirty year quest to assemble one hundred and one copies of the first edition.

John Mayfield is the author of many articles and books on English and American literature, and he has lectured at universities in the United States, England and Japan. He has assembled extensive collections of the books and manuscripts of Swinburne, Byron, Browning, Shelley, Joyce, Bridges, Powys, Lanier, Tarkington, Caldwell, Mencken, and many other English and American writers. He is Librarian of the Army and Navy Club in Washington, Curator Emeritus of Manuscripts and Rare Books at Syracuse University, and a member of the Grolier Club, Rowfant Club, Manuscript Society, and Bibliographical Society of America. He is actively serving the Georgetown University Library as Consultant for Manuscripts and Rare Books, and as Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Library Associates.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield extend a cordial invitation to anyone interested in doing research in their collections of English and American books, letters, and manuscripts.
AMBASSADOR GEORGE C. MCGHEE PAPERS AND BOOKS - The library has received an additional substantial portion of the papers of Honorable George C. McGhee, former U.S. ambassador to Turkey and West Germany. These papers include significant material pertaining to his diplomatic career, participation in the Bilderberg Conferences, work with the Urban League, and his many other activities in public service.

Ambassador McGhee also presented to the library a portion of his extensive library of books relating to Turkey and Asia Minor. In this gift of two hundred sixty-four volumes from the 17th to early 20th centuries are early European travellers' accounts, an outstanding collection of early 19th century plate books, richly illustrated histories of costume and manners and a fine copy of the rare Treuttel and Wuertz's Voyage pittoresque de Constantinople (1819), two volumes in elephant folio with plates after Melling.

COLONEL JOHN W. THOMASON, JR. MANUSCRIPTS, BOOKS, ART - From Mr. & Mrs. John S. Mayfield the library has received a portion of their collection of books, manuscripts, and original art work by and about John W. Thomason, Jr. (1893-1944), author, artist, illustrator, and career officer in the U.S. Marines. The gift includes books written, illustrated, or owned and used by Thomason and more than forty original drawings and watercolors, among them the originals of some of his most noted work in book illustration. The Thomason Collection will be of special interest to researchers on military history, American literature, and book illustration.

RUSSELL J. BOWEN COLLECTION ON INTELLIGENCE, SECURITY AND COVERT ACTIVITIES - The library has received on deposit from Colonel Russell J. Bowen a collection of more than 4,000 books on intelligence, espionage, covert activities, and national security. The Bowen Collection includes books and documents of the United States, England, France, Germany, Japan, USSR, and other countries. The scope of the collection extends over several hundred years, and includes wars and conflicts in Europe, the American Revolution, the Civil War in the United States, the World Wars and other events. Intelligence and espionage activities during World War II, the Cold War, and recent events are extensively documented. The Bowen Collection may be the largest body of published intelligence material in any university library.

Colonel Bowen deposited this collection at Georgetown because of his desire to have it used for the advancement of research, writing, and education pertaining to intelligence. It is located in Special Collections and is available for use by scholars, researchers, and students. The National Intelligence Study Center, directed by Dr. Ray S. Cline, is providing financial assistance for preparation and publication of a catalog which will facilitate access to and utilization of the Bowen Collection.
FINE PRINTING - From Mrs. Patricia G. England, an Associates Trustee, the library has received an initial gift of fine printed books from her collection, including books from the Kelmscott and Doves presses and examples of a variety of American presses dating from the early 20th century to the present time. The works of modern American illustrators and printers Barry Moser, Leonard Baskin, and Claire Van Vliet are represented in Mrs. England's gift. These fine volumes strengthen Georgetown's collection of the works of modern fine presses, and we hope this gift will encourage other Associates to contribute fine printing to the library.

Mrs. England also donated a substantial collection of art exhibit catalogs and related monographs, and several books on District of Columbia history, including the first directory of Washington to include Georgetown and Alexandria, E. A. Cohen and Company's compilation of 1834, which has the added piquancy of extreme rarity: the National Union Catalog shows copies only at the University of Texas, the Newberry Library, and the Library of Congress.

MOBY DICK - The library has acquired the Arion Press (San Francisco) edition of Herman Melville's Moby Dick, designed and printed by Andrew Hoyem with numerous wood-engraved illustrations by Barry Moser. This fine large edition reproduces the clear text of the forthcoming definitive edition of Melville's novel, and it is one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken by an American private press.

JOYCE KILMER LETTERS - Mr. Kenton Kilmer, son of the poet and literary critic Joyce Kilmer, has presented a remarkable series of letters written by his father between 1917 and 1918 while serving with the American forces in France. Kilmer became one of America's heroes after his death in battle, and he is a symbol of soldierly courage and poetic idealism. This correspondence, addressed to Kenton and his mother Aline, is a significant addition to the library's collection of American literary manuscripts.

CHILTON-BRENT FAMILY PAPERS - From Henry G. Hunt of New Haven, Connecticut, the library has received papers of the Chilton and Brent families with material dating from 1689 to 1930. This collection, formed by the late William B. Chilton, contains papers of Daniel Brent, diplomat and nephew of Archbishop John Carroll; John Carroll Brent (C'1833), a noted Washington author and lawyer; George Chilton, a prominent New York chemist; and Robert S. Chilton, a poet and diplomat. Included among the manuscripts is an unpublished John Carroll letter to Daniel Brent in 1804, an important speech written and corrected by President James Buchanan in 1858, and a remarkable letter to the American painter John Wesley Jarvis written in 1811, dealing with the production of chrome yellow. There is also correspondence from Lewis Gaylord Clark, Mary Mapes Dodge, John Frederick Kensett, and others.
HAMILTON KING PAPERS - From Mrs. Anne L. Stewart the library has received the last portion of the papers of Hamilton King, United States Minister to Siam between 1898 and 1912. This gift contains diplomatic correspondence, both American and Siamese, and an important group of diaries kept by Mrs. King while in the Far East. A Georgetown alumnus, Colonel William Strobridge, aided in the acquisition of this important collection of diplomatic material.

DOUGLAS WOODRUFF PAPERS - The library has recently acquired the papers of the noted English author and journalist, Douglas Woodruff (1897-1979). He was a graduate of New College at Oxford, and for more than thirty years edited the Tablet which under his direction became England's foremost Catholic weekly journal. His papers contain important correspondence with many of the leading English writers and intellectuals of the century, including Hilaire Belloc, Roy Harrod, Ronald Knox, Evelyn Waugh, and Rebecca West.

A Bundle of Thanks

Although we attempt to acknowledge in this Newsletter the major gifts of books, journals and other materials received from our Associates, it is not possible to say 'thank you' publicly to the many donors who give valuable gifts to this library. All gifts are vitally important to our library development, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank each of our Associates who so generously contributed material during the past year. Your gifts are important. Please keep them coming to this library.

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Gratefully yours,

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