The Carlyle Collection of Rodger L. Tarr
Armstrong Browning Library,
Baylor University

The following bibliography of items held in the Carlyle Collection of Rodger L. Tarr, recently acquired by the Armstrong Browning Library, Baylor University, does not nor is intended to serve as a definitive container list for the archive. The librarians at the ABL will make the official list of items in the Tarr Collection available to scholars in May 2010. In addition to its service as an introduction to an important new collection, the list provided here as an appendix to Professor Tarr’s preface is intended to reflect the results of his life as a collector, a way of life worthy of remembrance in these less than Halcyon days of E-Bay and Google-driven collecting. The editors thank the librarians of the ABL for their kind support of our presentation of this material.


Primary Materials


Collectanea Thomas Carlyle. As above, in rarer Binding A.


*General Index to Carlyle’s Collected Works.* London: Chapman and Hall, 1872. First Edition. Tarr D5. Note: The Index is difficult to find, since it was published separately from the edition itself.


*Goethe’s Novel.* London: Edward Moxon, 1837. First Edition, unauthorized, one of the rarest Carlyle items. Only two other copies found, both at the Beinecke Library. This is by far the best copy of the three. Tarr A9.1.


*Golden Moments with Carlyle.* London: Collins, n.d. Rare Miniature Book: 4" x 1.5". Binding: leather, AEG.


Jane Welsh Carlyle: Letters to Her Family, 1839–1863. Ed. Leonard Huxley. London: John Murray, 1924. Tarr G5.1.a. Note: Stunning Presentation and Association Copy. Pasted inside the front cover: “To B. W. Bell / in token of her kind and deep interest in this Book. / from / Mary R. Chrystal / May 10th 1924.” There is an asterisk beside Mary Chrystal’s name and written below it is: Miss Chrystal was the daughter of “Babbie” of the Letters & it was Bell who advised their publication.” Written on the front free end paper: “The Corrections in this book were / sent to me by the late Alex. Carlyle / With whom I became very friendly. / G. W. Bell.” There are numerous corrections throughout the text by Alexander Carlyle, the nephew of Carlyle.


Letters Addressed to Mrs. Basil Montagu and B. W. Proctor by Thomas Carlyle. Privately printed, 1881. 1 of 50 copies in original wrappers, address to Lady Strachie on the back cover with half-penny stamp present.


Letters of Jane Welsh Carlyle to Joseph Neuberg, second copy as above.


Montaigne and Other Essays Chiefly Biographical. Ed. S. R. Crockett. London: James Gowans, 1897. Tarr A53.1.b. Note: Large Paper Copy, 1 of 60 for sale. Very rare. I have seen only two other copies.


Shooting Niagara: And After? London: Printed for Sale by the Carlyle House, 189?.


The Squire Papers [Appendix to Cromwell’s Letters and Speeches]. London: Chapman and Hall, 1849. First Edition. Tarr A19. Note: the Squire Papers are forgeries and resulted in considerable embarrassment to Carlyle. I have seen only one other copy, which was not in this superb condition. One of the rarest Carlyle items.


Thomas Carlyle Table Talk. Liverpool: Cope’s Tobacco Plant, 1890. Binding: wrappers. Note: fine copy of Cope’s Smoke Room Booklets, no. 5.


Secondary Materials


Borg, James M. W. *Rare Book Catalogue containing Carlyle material*, 1982. Rare.


Chesterton, G. K., and J. E. Hodder Williams, *Thomas Carlyle*. New York:


*Chronica Jocelini de Brakelonda*. Londini: Sumptibus Societatis Camdenensis, 1840. First Edition. Binding: original cloth. Note: This is one of the rarest Carlyle items. The Corrigendum is present. This very rare chronicle inspired him to write *Past and Present* (1843). I have never seen another copy in such a pristine binding.


Clare, Maurice. *A Day With Thomas Carlyle*. 2nd copy, as above.


Duval, K[ulgin]. D. *Scott and His Scotland: A Catalogue to Mark the Bicentenary of the Birth of Sir Walter Scott*. Pitlochry, Scot.: n.p., 1971. Binding: large paper. Note: This catalogue transformed pricing for rare books, raising prices considerably from what books previously had been fetching. Prices for Carlyle material, for example, more than doubled. Rare.


Richardson, W. L. *A Visit to Carlyle’s Annandale*. Chicago, IL: Privately Printed, 1913. Note: A fine copy marred only by the previous owner’s signature.


The Baylor Libraries Special Collections Teaching Fellows Program encourages the use of rare books, archives, and other special collections materials in Baylor graduate and undergraduate curricula. In this session, fellows will present lightning talks on how the use of special collections materials.... Sandy, Durham University, was a visiting researcher at the Armstrong Browning Library in 2017 and will return to the ABL, pandemic permitting, in the fall as the Library’s Three-Month Research Fellow. Read Prof. Sandy’s interview with Edinburgh University Press here: https://bit.ly/37PExDR. Baylor University owes its founding to Robert E. B. Baylor, James Huckins, and William Milton Tryon, who in 1841 organized an education society in the Texas Union Baptist Association with the purpose of establishing a Baptist university in Texas. The campus library facilities include the Armstrong Browning Library; the Baylor Collections of Political Materials, which houses the manuscript collections of several former members of Congress and the Texas legislature; the Moody Memorial Library, which houses general collections, public services, circulation, government documents, music, periodicals, and reserves; the Jesse H. Jones Library, which houses the public service departments of the reference services and. The Armstrong Browning Library & Museum is a 19th-century research center & houses the world's largest collection of Browning material & fine art. Waco, TX. Great to think about wonderful times spent in the collections and with such fine friends at the Armstrong Browning Library â€” Not forgetting Liz in the Lobby. Thanks ABL. Welcome back, Baylor! The Armstrong Browning Library is open for research and instruction. Learn about our COVID-related policies and procedures here: https://bit.ly/3ixvJ9O. Interested in having an instruction session at the ABL? Collection Management. Communication. Conferences. Consortia. Cooking. Copyright. Courses. Atılım University, Kadriye Zaim Library, Ankara, Turkey. akbayrak.emre@gmail.com. Bluesyemre’s Calendar. March 2021. M. T. W. The Armstrong Browning Library is located on the campus of Baylor University in Waco, Texas, USA and is the home of the largest collections of English poets Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Additionally it is thought to house the largest collection of secular stained glass in the world. The original collection of Browning works were donated to Baylor in 1918 by Dr. A.J. Armstrong. After the death of the Browning's only son Robert Barrett Browning and subsequent sale of their collection