

tinuation which shows that the reason for the cancellation was an injudicious reference to the deposition of Alfonso VI of Portugal.

The Stuart collection does add several works among Milton's sources which emphasise the lack of continental works among Turnbull's collections, for the additions are a 1580 edition of the *Vindiciae contra tyrannos*, a copy of the 1601 *Alexandra* of Lycophron and the 1647 *Compendium theologiae Christianae* of Wollebius which Milton used extensively in his *De doctrina Christiana*. Despite these there are still very few Continental works and my earlier remarks remain applicable.

The Library is continuing to buy works related to Milton, as and when it can. Most of these are peripheral, providing additional works in for instance, the 1690s controversies over the *Eikon basilike*, or further background works to the toleration and conformity debates of the 1660s. In most cases the connection with Milton is remote and not worth pursuing in this context.

It would be ridiculous to suggest that the Turnbull Library surpasses the British Library Reference Division (formerly the British Museum Library) or the Bodleian Library in general terms. What can reasonably be said is that the Milton collection at the Turnbull is as adequate for some types of research as either of those libraries. There are slightly more eighteenth century editions at the Turnbull than at the British Library and there is now a reasonable selection of background material from the seventeenth century.²³ When Turnbull wrote to Quaritch that he hoped to make his Milton collection as complete as possible he could not have realised the size of the task he was undertaking. I think that if he saw the collection now he would feel it has a modest claim, not to completeness, but to adequacy. I also suspect that he would set about collecting continental editions, translations and allusions as vigorously as his credit would let him.

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NOTES

- ¹ McCormick, Eric H. *Alexander Turnbull: his life, his circle, his collections*. Wellington, 1974.
- ² *Ibid.*, p. 279.
- ³ Parker, William R. *Milton: a biography*. 2 vols. Oxford, 1968, vol. 2, pp. 1205-13.
- ⁴ Elliott, V. G., 'John Milton at the Turnbull: II. The impact on the Turnbull collection', *Turnbull Library Record*, 8 (n.s.) (1), 1975, p. 16-17.
- ⁵ G. William Stuart's collection of Milton editions was sold to the University of Western Ontario and duplicates from that collection, with a further collection of Miltoniana, were purchased by the Turnbull Library in late 1974; the purchase was announced in October 1974 and written up in Traue, J. E., 'John Milton at the Turnbull: I. The purchase of a collection', *Turnbull Library Record*, 8 (n.s.) (1), 1975, pp. 14-15.
- ⁶ First suggested by Taylor, C. R. H., 'The Milton collection', *Turnbull Library Record*, No. 14, 1960, p. 14.