NOTES FOR A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF MICHAEL WIGGLESWORTH'S DAY OF DOOM, AND MEAT OUT OF THE EATER

Addenda

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A paper with the above title was printed in the Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society for April, 1929. In January, 1938, Messrs. Henry Stevens Son and Stiles, the London booksellers, catalogued a copy of the London, 1673, (fourth edition), of Michael Wigglesworth's Day of Doom, and, in a note, called attention to a copy of a London edition of 1687 that had once passed through their hands. As the latter edition has not been previously noted, a further description is desirable and the courtesy of the Messrs. Stevens makes this possible.

The volume appeared as Lot 2109 of the Britwell Court (Christie Miller) Sale at Sotheby's on April 8, 1927 and was acquired from the purchasers by Sir R. Leicester Harmsworth. Its title is as follows: The Day of Doom/or a/Description/of the Great and Last/Judgement./With a Short Discourse/ about /Eternity./(four lines out of Eccles.)/London/Printed for Samuel Tidmarsh, at the Kings-/Head in Cornhill, near the Royal-/Exchange, 1687./

Collation: 2 preliminary leaves and 92 pages. Signatures A^8 , B^4 , C^8 , D^4 , E^8 , F^4 , G^8 , H^4 .

On the basis of present information this edition is the third English or fifth general edition of this popular seventeenth century poem and the editions printed at Boston, 1701, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1711, Boston, 1715, Boston, 1751, Norwich, 1774, and Norwich, 1777, become, in turn, the sixth to eleventh editions respectively.

The Gazette of Yale University Library, Vol. V, No. 3, January 1931, recorded the acquisition by that library of a copy of the first edition, Boston, 1670, of Michael Wigglesworth's Meat out of the Eater. This copy unfortunately lacks H^4 , H^5 and L^4 , but no other copy is known to exist in any condition.

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