

## APPENDIX V

## PETER YOUNG'S NOTEBOOK

SINCE PETER YOUNG finally managed to utilize all the blank paper in his paper book, it is necessary first to unriddle the order of his entries, which Warner found impossible; "there is nothing to explain the confusion of dates among the acquisitions of 1575-1578." The explanation is good Scotch thrift, and the order can be accurately determined. Unfortunately, however, I could not have access to the manuscript in order to apply the check of paleographical evidence, since I did not decide to add this chapter and its consequent appendix till the summer of 1941. Still a satisfactory approximation can be attained.

Young began an *Index Librorum Regis* on the recto of folio 15 of his book with gifts, some of which are dated 1574. Pretty well through the first sequence, on folio 17b, there are two items dated "1574, febr. xx;" that is, February 20, 1575. All these dates, therefore, may belong to 1575. The last item in this sequence of entries, at the bottom of 18a, is Foxius Morzillus, given by "My Lord Glamis," whose gifts, including this item, are listed at the top recto of the next preceding blank leaf, folio 14a. On this leaf, the items continue to one dated "xxii december, 1575;" thence finally to the bottom of the verso, which ends with an item dated "the 5 Marche, 1576;" i.e., March 5, 1577. It appears clear, therefore, that the *Index* was drawn up in 1574 or early in 1575, and then continued as gifts and purchases came in. The fact that this main list is roughly in groups, the first being of Biblical material, etc., the principal group of schoolbooks following entries of February 20, 1575, this fact probably means that the *Index* was drawn up after the latter date. It was then continued as gifts and purchases came in. Young's efforts to procure a library for James in 1575 probably occasioned the drawing up of this *Index*. We shall see that the schoolbooks also confirm this date. The only definite date against this order of events is one on the first page of the *Index*, "1577, in Marche"; that is, March, 1578. I judge, however, from the facsimile (opp. p. lii) that this entry is a later insert. A similar explanation probably applies to the *Elogium* of Henry II from the library of James' mother, which is cancelled and listed elsewhere in a group dated "xxii december, 1575."

As we have seen, it was in 1575 that Young found it necessary to revert to folio 14 in order to carry on his *Index*. When he wished to enter a list of purchases in November, 1575, he used the verso of the preceding leaf, 13b, and did not interrupt his series of gifts. This series continued to the bottom of 14b, the last entry being dated March 5, 1577. In the meantime, the next purchases, those beginning in January, 1576, were entered on the next earliest blank space, the recto of 13. Young followed these with the gifts at New Year's 1577; and when he had come up against the *Index* in March, 1577, he then continued the list of gifts on the bottom of this leaf, one entry