

being dated April 10, 1577. It will be seen from these facts that the *Index* must at least have been begun before the list of gifts for 1575, and before the list of books bought in November, 1575. The purchased schoolbooks of the *Index* were all before this list, confirming the other facts.

In the meantime, certain purchases of 1576 had been entered on the recto of the next preceding sheet, fol. 12. We know that these are purchases not later than July 25, 1576, since three of the items: Erasmus, Florus, and Manutius, appear in a list which was ordered paid on that date.<sup>1</sup> When about May, 1577, Young finished the recto of 13, he turned back to the next blank space and continued the gifts below the list of purchases on the recto of 12, one of his first dates there being June 1, 1577. Young continued gifts through November 27; entered a list of purchases and a few more gifts to complete the page. This list of purchases probably dates about April 11, 1577, since Young entered Munster, one of its items, at that date as a gift, and then crossed the entry out. Young begins the verso with a group of books from Queen Mary's library, the date being December 4, evidently 1577. These he had long sought. He completed the page with the gifts of January 1, 1578, and possibly following. In the meantime, another purchase of 1576 had occupied the verso of folio 11, facing the other list of 1576 on the recto of 12. Just as three items from the latter were paid for on July 25, 1576, so were three items from the former; Dubravius, Melanchthon, and Sigonius. Another list of purchases through George Hackett continues the verso of 11. Since none of these appears in the account of July, 1576, while three from the preceding and three from the succeeding do, this list is probably later than July, 1576. Gifts then complete the page. By analogy, these are most likely the continuation of the gifts in 1578 at the next earliest available space. The fact that Holinshed, 1577, is in the list confirms this inference. If so, Hackett's books would be later than July, 1576, but not later than 1578. Young had now backed up against an entry on the recto of fol. 11 of another instalment of Queen Mary's books on March 18, 1578, which left only one blank page, folio 10b. This was filled by a list of books taken from Sterling to Holyrood House upon November 11, 1583. We thus have the order of the *Index* and the added books from 1575 to some time in 1578. Later purchases and gifts were evidently entered elsewhere.

Young had now played doodle through all his blank space, and had finally backed into another group of entries. For he had started to keep check on his pursuit of Queen Mary's books on the recto of folio 10. He entered first a list of July 1, 1573, which he had got through the Regent. Then another of October 28, 1573, which went to the Regent, but was not delivered to James till November 16, 1578 (?part in 1573?); next a copy of an inventory of November 15, 1569; books from the Regent at various times; books from him as Lord Morton in November 1578. One of these lists near the bottom of 10a marked "Bukis gottin be me fra My Lord Regentis grace at sundry tymes" has the annotation, "quhilk all var gottin fra my lord St. Jhone." The date is furnished by a list near the top of the page,

<sup>1</sup> *Miscellany of the Maitland Club* (1833), pp. 13-15.