

‘Fragment’ proves conclusively that this type is, as it were, the ‘pre-supposition’ of the 42-line Bible fount, the general characteristics of which are already there, although imperfect in many details of technique.

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‘A List of Books printed in Scotland before 1700, including those printed furth of the realm for Scottish Booksellers, with brief notes on the printers and stationers. By Harry G. Aldis. *Printed for the Edinburgh Bibliographical Society.*’—Mr. Aldis’s most useful List deserves a longer notice than room can be found for in this number of ‘The Library.’ The few words that can be said here must be mainly of congratulation. We hope and trust that the List is very incomplete—there were several Scottish books in the Scott sale which could not be found in it—but it is as complete as diligent work up to the date of going to press could make it, and it offers the indispensable nucleus round which all fresh information can be grouped. Up to 1600 Mr. Aldis registers 341 books, and 222, 418, 700, 554, and 1684 in each successive twenty years of the seventeenth century, the last score being one short, as Mr. Aldis, like the German Emperor, prefers to end his century at 99. Even when thus curtailed the production of this last score of years exceeds that of the previous sixty, and is in strong contrast to its immediate predecessor in which there had been an actual falling off. Mr. Aldis’s List is excellently arranged, and states the whereabouts of at least one copy of every book mentioned, where this is known. It also gives

references to Dickson and Edmond's 'Annals of Scottish Printing' and other bibliographical works. It is followed by a topographical and an alphabetical list of the printers, under the latter being included very brief but very useful summaries of what is known as to their careers. Finally comes an excellent Index of Authors. Everyone who is concerned with our older British literature will be grateful to Mr. Aldis for his work, but most users of the book will probably regret that both the paper on which it is printed and its dainty white-backed cover are much too delicate for the hard wear which will surely befall so useful a book of reference.

'The Library' has also received the first volume of a 'History of the Library of Congress,' by Mr. W. D. Johnston, which it is hoped to notice in our next number.

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