

SALE OF A MAJOR COLLECTION BW7

(a) Books with some contribution by JB (Blanchard C)

BW002 *The Scottish Tongue:*

GBP12

A Series of Lectures on the Vernacular Language of Lower Scotland

by WA Craigie, John Buchan, Peter Giles and JM Bulloch

Published by Cassell & Co, 1924.

Blanchard C41. Includes 42-page text of JB's lecture "*Some Scottish Characteristics*". First edition with leather binding and blue marbled endpapers. The binding is very bright but is rubbed at the corners and the spine has some quite heavy wear. The front joint is split. Excellent internally.

BW158 *Essays by Divers Hands* edited by John Drinkwater.

GBP8

Published by OUP, 1925.

Blanchard C44. Includes a JB essay *The Old and the New in Literature*. First edition. Very good externally but for lightly rubbed corners and some patchy browning of the title label. The fly-leaf has a crossed out name and there are a handful of rubber stamps of Repton School Library but no other evidence of library use. Other than this, very good internally.

BW396 *Motoring To-day and To-Morrow* by The Earl of Cottenham

GBP90

Published by Methuen & Co, 1928.

Blanchard C59. Includes a 7-page preface by JB. First edition with dustwrapper.

The green binding has slight patchy fading but is generally very bright. Excellent internally. The pale yellow dustwrapper is lightly soiled and the spine a little faded. The rear panel has a small (0.5 inch) closed tear on the top edge. Very rare, especially in a d/w.

BW143 *Field-Marshal Earl Haig* by Brigadier-General John Charteris.

GBP22

Published by Cassell & Co, 1929.

Blanchard C61. Includes a 1-page foreword by JB. First edition.

The spine is faded as is a small area of the rear cover adjacent to it. The endpaper maps are lightly browned and there are intermittent brown spots throughout. Otherwise good internally with all maps and plates in good order.

BW274 *Derby and the Forty-Five* by Major L Eardley-Simpson

GBP45

Published by Phillip Allan, 1933.

Blanchard supplement C82a. Includes a 4-page introduction by JB. First edition.

The spine has faded and there is some patchy fading on the covers and some rubbing on the extremities. There is a pencilled gift inscription on the fly-leaf. A scarce title.

BW231 *First Over Everest* by PFM Fellowes, LV Stewart Blacker, PT Etherton and the Marquess of Douglas & Clydesdale.

GBP15

Published by John Lane, The Bodley Head, 1933.

Blanchard C84. Includes a 4-page introduction by JB. 4th edition, 1933 (same month as first).

The whole of the spine and substantial areas of the front have faded to a pale grey shade. The rear remains largely blue. Otherwise very good, with an ownership inscription on the fly-leaf. The red and blue stereoscopic 'spectacles' are still in the pocket inside the rear cover. These are needed for viewing the 3D photo opposite page 222.

BW282 *The Five Sons of "Bare Betty"* by Colonel Hon Arthur C Murray

GBP25

Published by John Murray, 1936.

Blanchard C99. Includes a 2-page introduction by JB. Inscribed cheap edition with dustwrapper.

Bound in pale yellow cloth imprinted in black. Except for a very small stain on the lower front corner the book is in excellent condition. The mostly white d/w is lightly soiled and has a tiny stain

on the spine. The fly-leaf carries an inscription from the author to Dr C Maxwell-Joyner, MA, MC. Inside the front cover is pasted a publisher's advert for the book.

BW159a *The Scots Week-end and Caledonian Vade Mecum* edited by D&C Carswell GBP16
Published by George Routledge & Sons, 1936.

Includes a 13-line piece of Scots dialogue from JB. First edition. A wonderful book with a huge range of subject matter, all of it relating to Scotland. Songs, history, clans, tartans, customs and many other things. An excellent book to dip into. The spine is evenly sun-browned and the covers are lightly stained from many years of handling. The binding is slightly cocked. Excellent internally with a former owner's name on the fly-leaf.

BW004 *Arctic Journeys* by Edward Shackleton GBP20
Published by Hodder & Stoughton, 1937.

Blanchard C112. Includes a 3-page introduction by JB. Travel Book Club edition with dustwrapper. John Buchan was President of the Oxford Exploration Club from its start, Hence the introduction. The Travel Book Club edition is identical internally to C112 but is bound in speckled grey cloth with black lettering. It is in very good condition and the fold-out map at the rear is undamaged. The illustrated d/w, which is mostly white is lightly soiled on the front, a little more so on the spine and the rear. It is worn and a bit ragged along the top edge.

BW340 *Truthless Rhymes* by Kathleen E Evetts GBP65
Published by Basil Blackwell, 1937

Includes a 1-page foreword by JB. First edition with copy dustwrapper. Sub-titled *A Book of Doggerel* this contains a delightful set of nonsense poems. This seems to have been the author's only published work and is, in itself, exceptionally rare – this is only the third copy I have come across in over 20 years of bookselling. The boards have patch fading and the spine is rather fragile and partly detached with some wear at the sides. Other than this, the book is in very good condition. It has a photocopy of an equally patchily faded dustwrapper.

BW160 *Letters to TE Lawrence* edited by AW Lawrence GBP30
Published by Jonathan Cape, 1962.

Blanchard C140. First edition with dustwrapper. It includes 2 letters from JB to Lawrence. The book is near fine and the dustwrapper is intact but has a faded spine with some creases at the head. The covers have some patchy fading.

BW278 *John Buchan: A Biography* by Janet Adam Smith GBP15
Published by Rupert Hart-Davis, 1965.

Blanchard C141. First edition with dustwrapper. The book is in very good condition throughout. The dustwrapper is complete but is lightly rubbed and creased around the extremities.

(b) Miscellaneous JB works

BW147 *Montrose*. First published by Thomas Nelson & Sons, 1928. GBP10

Cheap edition, 1936, with dustwrapper. Initially, the cheap edition differed from the first edition in having black lettering and one or two other differences. However, by this date the book was as Blanchard A76 but the dustwrapper differed from that of the first edition and showed a price of 7/6 as oppose to the 21/- of the first edition. The book is in very good condition but for gently bumped front corners and rubbed spine ends. There is a gift inscription on the fly-leaf. The dustwrapper has a sun-darkened spine and wear at the ends. The front and rear are lightly sun-browned, a little soiled and have some scattered stains. The rear panel seems to have been used as a notepad by a previous owner.

BW237 *Sir Walter Scott*. First published by Cassell & Co, 1932.

GBP15

8th edition 1961, with dustwrapper.

Bound in green cloth with gold lettering. Fine throughout. The illustrated d/w is lightly creased at one corner but otherwise excellent. A very nice copy.

BW299a *A Prince of the Captivity*. First published by Hodder & Stoughton, 1933.

GBP110

First edition with dustwrapper.

Blanchard A99. Binding generally very bright although the spine is very slightly darkened. One corner bumped and the binding is slightly cocked. Very bright internally. There is a small bookseller's label on the front paste-down. The dustwrapper has a spine which is unevenly sun-browned and is worn at the ends. The front and rear has a small, neatly repaired, closed tear and the rear is lightly soiled with a little wear at the corners. Scarce in a dustwrapper.

BW273 *Memory Hold-the-Door*. First published by Hodder & Stoughton, 1940.

GBP5

22nd impression, 1942 with dustwrapper.

Green cloth, gold lettering. Very good but for slight rubbing at the extremities. The d/w has a browned spine, some brown spots on the rear and the front is lightly scuffed. The ends of the spine are worn.

BW412 *John Burnet of Barns*

GBP2

Dustwrapper only for Nelson Uniform green leather edition. Slightly darkened spine and a little ragged along the top edge. Small piece missing from the foot of the spine.

**BW292 *John Buchan's Collected Poems* edited by Andrew Lownie and W Milne
Published by Scottish Cultural Press, 1990.**

GBP12

First edition (paperback).

Although JB published only one book of poetry (*Poems Scots and English*), he wrote many other poems which were scattered throughout his writing. This book gathers all of his poetry together, including some unpublished poems, and presents them in chronological order and adds notes of their publication history. 230 pages, bound in illustrated card covers. The lower front corner is turned and slightly worn but otherwise the book is very good throughout.

BW355 Signed letter from JB to R Ellis Roberts

GBP170

A typed letter, dated 26th March, 1923, signed by JB and in its original envelope, giving permission for R Ellis Roberts to include some of JB's poetry in an anthology. I can find no evidence of the anthology having been published, nor can I find any other connection between JB and Mr Roberts.

(c) 3 Buchan family rarities

BW413 *John Buchan 1847-1911*. Published privately 1912.

GBP35

Blanchard C12. A memorial volume for Revd. John Buchan, father of JB and his siblings. It starts with a 19-page biographical sketch by Anna Buchan which is followed by JB's poem *In Peebles Churchyard*. The remainder of the book contains selections from the Revd. Buchan's theological writing, sermons and poetry. The spine has faded to a muddy brown shade and the front and back have patchy fading. The lower corners and the ends of the spine are rubbed. Bright internally although the title page looks a little 'grey'. The fly-leaf is inscribed "Miss Rae with kind regards from Helen Buchan" and the front paste-down bears Miss Rae's name and address. Rare.

BW414 *In Memoriam W.H.B. 1880-1912*. Published privately, undated.

GBP150

Blanchard C14. Written in memory of Willie Buchan, one of JB's brothers, who died while on home leave from the Indian Civil Service. It is thought to have been compiled by Anna Buchan but there are contributions from other family members, including JB's poem *Fratri Dilectissimo* as well as the text of an article by Willie which was published in *Blackwood's Magazine*. The corners are lightly

bumped and there is a small impact mark on the outer edge of the front cover. But for lightly browned endpapers the book is very good internally. A nice copy of a very rare title.

BW415 *Alastair Buchan 1894-1917. Published privately, undated.*

GBP200

Blanchard C22. Written in remembrance of Alastair Buchan, JB's youngest brother, who died of wounds sustained at the Battle of Arras, April 1917. Compiled by Anna Buchan, it includes JB's poem "A.E.B." and letters from AEB and comments of others about him. The cream covers are lightly darkened and the rear has a faint liquid stain. Internally excellent. A delightful copy of a very rare work

(d) And now for something completely different...

Amongst the collection there is a number of other books, mostly antiquarian, covering a variety of subject matter. Here they are:

BW393: *Oeuvres Poétiques de J. Racine, Tome Premier et Tome Second (bound together)* GBP50

**Published by: Paris, Chez Lefèvre, Rue de l'épéron, No 6,
et Brière, Rue de S.-André, no. 68, 1831**

272 + 384 pages. Bound in dark brown half-leather with 4 raised bands and gilt lining. Paper-covered marbled boards. The binding rubbed at the extremities. Paper covering quite worn on the front and largely worn away on rear. Hinges cracked but binding firm. Pages toned around the margins and some foxing/spots throughout but overall around G+. There is a neat h/w inscription on front fly-leaf "Isabella Wilkinson March 1838"

Size: 12 x 8 cms.

BW392 *The Odyssey of Homer* translated by A Pope Esqr.

GBP80

**Published by: W. Suttaby, Stationers Court, Ludgate Street
& C. Corral, Charing Cross, 1805.**

453 pages. Bound in brown quarter-leather with green/black marbled boards. Gilt lettering. Maroon title label. The spine is creased and the leather cracking in places with wear at the head & foot. The edges/corners are rubbed and the boards a little rubbed. Front hinge cracked but binding firm. Apart from very occasional spots the text is very clean. The fly-leaf has a lengthy pencil note which my ageing eyes are struggling to decipher, although the writing is quite neat! I think it either comments on Pope's translation or gives a brief history of it.

Size: 13 x 7.5 cms.

BW391 Title: '*Active Service*' Testament 1915-1915

Published by: Scripture Gift Mission and Naval and Military Bible Society

491 pages: Bound in pale brown Rexene (or similar) with red lettering. Text block edges red.

Condition: 1 leaf has a small tear and a few are turned at the corners, but generally good.

Lord Roberts's Message is on the front paste-down. There are several short notes on the fly-leaf and rear paste-down about the service of one, possibly two, soldiers. None of them identify the soldier(s) in question but the notes could possibly identify the servicemen via Army records.

Size: 9.5 x 6.5 cms.

BW390 Title: *Witty Humorous and Merry Thoughts. Selected by T.M.*

GBP10

Published by D Bryce & Son, Glasgow. (Golden Thought Books), undated.

127pages, bound in either black morocco leather or faux-Morocco. Gilt lettering. Illustrated endpapers. A collection of aphorisms and anecdotes of a light-hearted nature. The binding is a little worn and shaky but no leaves are missing or loose. There are one or two pencilled annotations.

Size: 8.5 x 6 cms.

BW389 Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam translated by Edward Fitzgerald**GBP40****Published by Collins Clear Type Press. Undated, but almost certainly 1920s.**

Unpaginated, but approx. 80 pages, bound in mid-brown soft, grained leather with yapped edges. Blind-stamped title on the spine and part-gilt decoration on front. Brown marbled endpapers. There are slight signs of easing of front hinge, but otherwise very good. Internally very bright. There is a hand-written inscription on the reverse of the fly-leaf "Agnes Paris Xmas 1924"

Size: 15 x 9.5 cms.

BW388 P.OVIDII NASONIS QVAE SVPERSVNT**GBP30****AD OPTIMORVM LIBRORVM FIDEM ACCVRATE EDITA. CVRAVIT ANTONIVS RICHTER.*****TOMUS II. Metamorphoseon Libri XV*****Published by LIPSIAE SVMTIBVS ET TYPIS CAROLI TAVCHNITII, 1828**

360 pages, bound in mottled brown leather with gilt lettering and black title label. There is some rubbing on the spine, otherwise binding is very good. A few leaves have creased corners. Internally bright and of foxing/spots.

Size: 13.5 x 9.5 cms.

BW387 COMMON PRAYER**GBP100**

A prayer book bound together with a Psalter and other church publications. The prayer book is undated but includes a prayer for the then sovereign, King George II, who reigned from 1727 to 1760. There is a "Companion to the Altar" dated 1772 and the Psalter is dated 1774.

Inside the front cover is a printed bookplate of a very simple design, which I think may have been bound in when the whole volume was bound or rebound (possibly C19th). This bears the name "Isabella Elliott", which has been neatly crossed out and re-written "Bewick". Isabella Elliott married **Thomas Bewick**, the wood engraver and author of *A History of British Birds* in 1786.

Bound in full black leather, possibly re-spined. This is clearly a well-used prayer book with some deterioration at the edges of the pages but no loose or missing leaves as far as I can see. The boards have a cracked and worn appearance but may have been restored at some point.

Size: 16 x 11 cms

BW386 Gall & Inglis' Handy Map & Guide to London with Index to Streets**GBP40.****Published by Gall & Inglis, London & Edinburgh, undated.**

24-page guide and street index and cloth-backed fold-out map. Bound in light brown cloth with black lettering. "London" in shaded red & yellow. The fold-out map is cloth-backed

Condition: The small 24-page guide & Street index has come away from the binding but remains in sound condition. There is damage to the double-sided fly-leaf. But for a couple of tiny splits at cross-joins of folds the map is in excellent condition.

Size: 13 x 9 cms. Fold-out map approx. 80 x 50 cms.