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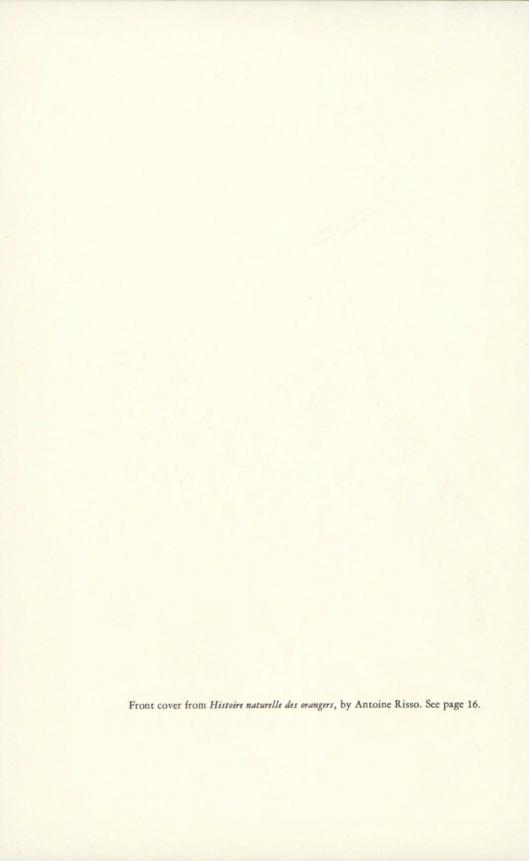
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Lehigh University Rare Book Collection

## Century I





# Century I

Rare Book Collection

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#### Foreword

The doors of the Lehigh University Library first opened in 1878. Munificently endowed, it soon became known among booksellers both here and abroad as "the American library with a lot of money for books". But more than money was required to form what the Encyclopaedia Britannica as early as 1910 described as an "important" American academic library. In his mandate from the board of trustees, Dr. William H. Chandler, first director of the library, was charged to acquire inter alia items illustrative of the art of book production. Moving with great skill and imagination, Dr. Chandler interpreted the charge broadly, and proceeded to build the foundation for the present distinguished Rare Book Collection. Thus: the four Shakespeare Folios, the double elephant folio of Audubon's Birds of America, Copernicus' De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium (1543), thirteen early editions of Ptolemy, a fine group of travels and voyages, several rare Bibles and a number of medieval manuscripts.

In due course three collections of books came to the university by gift, one from Eckley B. Coxe, in mining and metallurgy, which included Georg Agricola's De Re Metallica (1556); another from the late Harvey Bassler, B.S., '08, Sc.D., '45, in the natural sciences. It was under this bequest that the university received the Voyage de Humboldt et Bonpland, D'Orbigny's Voyage dans L'Amérique Meridionale, and the three voyages of

Captain James Cook.

In 1929 Robert Brodhead Honeyman, Met. E. '20, L.H.D., '59, made his first gift of books to his university. Here were, for example, the first edition of Euclid's Elementa (1482) together with the first English edition (1570) and a leaf of the manuscript of Darwin's On the Origin of Species. Then in 1955, Mr. and Mrs. Honeyman gave their superb collection of English and American literature — at a time when the only prominent American author represented in the vault was Melville (by the first American edition of Moby Dick). This gift of some 4,000 volumes contains unusual strength in a number of authors: Edmund Spenser and John Milton among the English; Cooper, Irving, Melville and Whitman among the American. In addition, the gift included a number of landmarks in political thought and in science as well. Four years later, on the occasion of the Darwin centenary, the Honeymans presented their great Darwin collection, including the unique Proof Copy of the Origin and each of the first seven editions.

It has been said that, for its size — 7,000 volumes — this Rare Book Collection is the best in America. It is hoped that it will continue to grow,

perhaps at a more steady rate than it has in the past.

What follows is a short-title list of two-hundred representative works

in various fields, some purchased by the university, others given, and all forming a significant national resource. This is where this collection stands as it reaches its one-hundredth year.

James D. Mack Curator of Rare Books

April, 1977

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# Religio Medici. /1

For mo weligion, though there beesterall timen withours that might got swade the world, that I have now off all . As the general drand all of my profession, the natural sonife of my Studies, the indifferentic of my bohabiour, unde defravele in matter of Veligion: Stoithen broken thy defending one, now with that comon aroun of toutention of polong the other: It indespugat hereof, & dare wout bour soution assume the hono= nable Stille of a elfinitian. Flot that fonestly owe this title to the fort, my Education, or Alymi, wherein front boxus, and beeing but top Either to sonfirme the fa arino infis, my parents inflitto into my contrarie produstand ing, on by a gentrall roubtut proverde in Shoe. Foligion of my Southty : But that handing in my riper years, and confirmed fred coment -Seeni and examined all, of finde my sulfer obliged by the aximinales of quaris, and the Sawe of mind owne Hobson to embrate not other ~ name, but this. Reither doth hirtin my gente Sufarro make met forgett the generall esturities, four buto humanitii; askathen to hate thin gittie & uxpet, Infidells; and (what is norfe) the fewis; rather tonting my selfe 40

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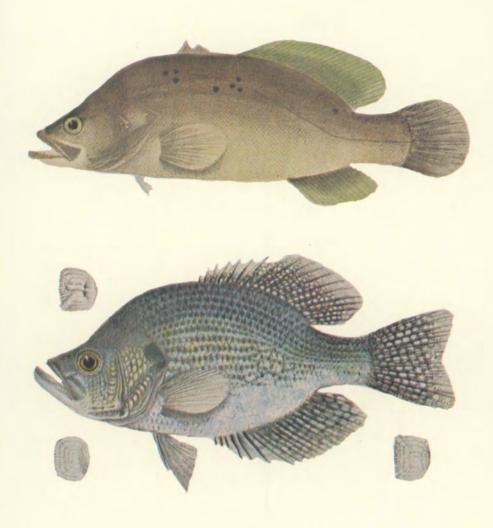
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um coelestium, Libri vi.

Habes in hoc opere iam recens nato, & ædito, studiose lector, Motus stellarum, tam fixarum, quam erraticarum, cum ex ueteribus, tum etiam ex recentibus observationibus restitutos: & nouis insuper ac admirabilibus hypothesibus or natos. Habes etiam Tabulas expeditissimas, ex quibus eosdem ad quoduis tempus quam facilli me calculare poteris. Igitur emc, lege, fruere.

און שעול אודס צלוב בסודש.

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