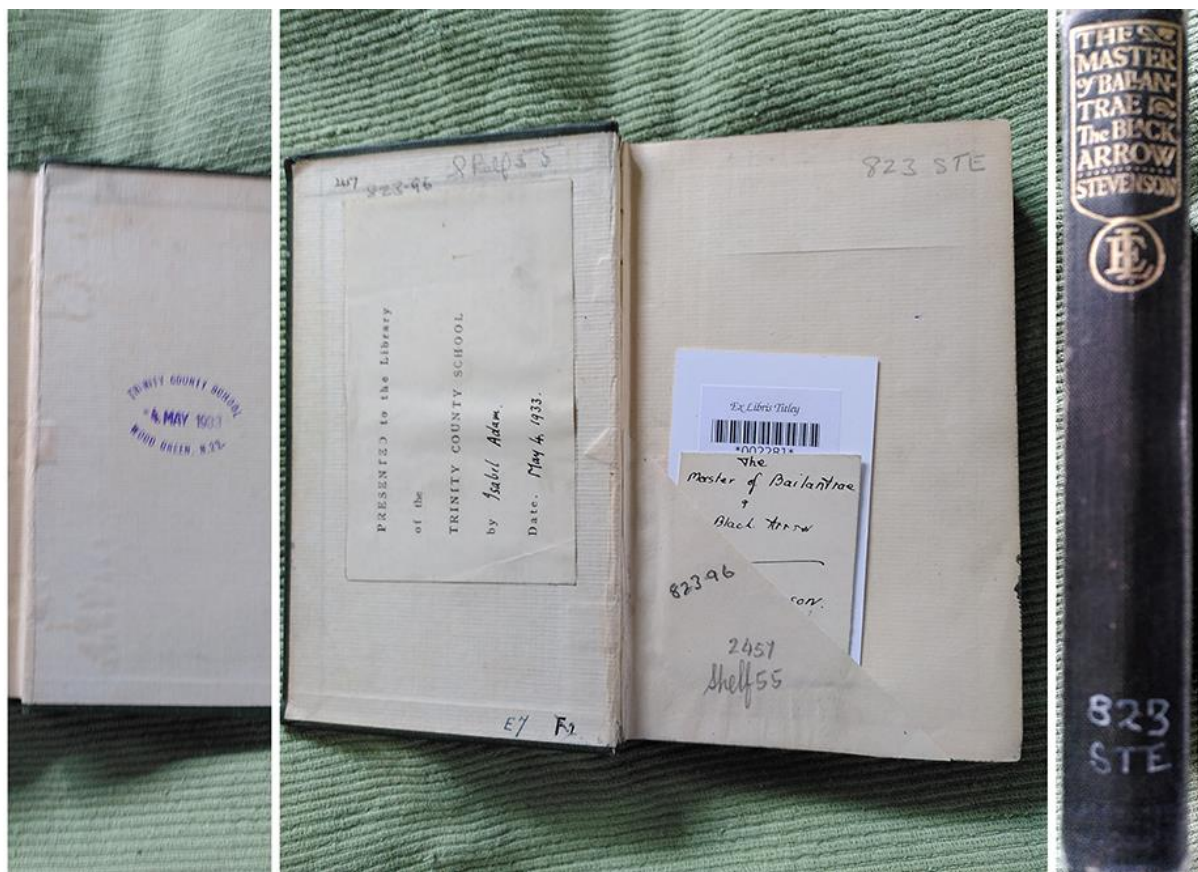


The Story of a Trinity School Library Book (so far)

By Laurie Pate (with additional material from Colin Marr)

This story relates the story of a library book presented to Trinity in 1933. Back then, pupils leaving the school were encouraged to donate a book that would be added to the school library.

As the contact person for the Trinity website, I was contacted by a Nigel Titley, (not Trinity), with details of a school library book. Nigel, who owns the book, (claiming to have a library of 3000 volumes), had found the school library stamp inside the front cover, then googled Trinity and found my name. In the email to me, there were images of the book that included some detail of the book's history, (see below).



The Master of Ballantrae by Robert Louis Stevenson

These are some extracts from the correspondence...

"You may be interested in the attached. I'm not sure when or how this book came into my possession but it was presented to the school library by Isabel Adam in May 1933. It's still in good condition and is now part of my library"

"We've got more than 3000 books in our collection and I'm trying to catalogue them. I came across this one a couple of evenings ago and was intrigued by the details inside the front cover and looked up Trinity. My guess is that, as was common at the time (this was the 1930s), when leaving school 6th formers would present a book to the library as a way of giving back something to the school. Probably not a set book, or it wouldn't

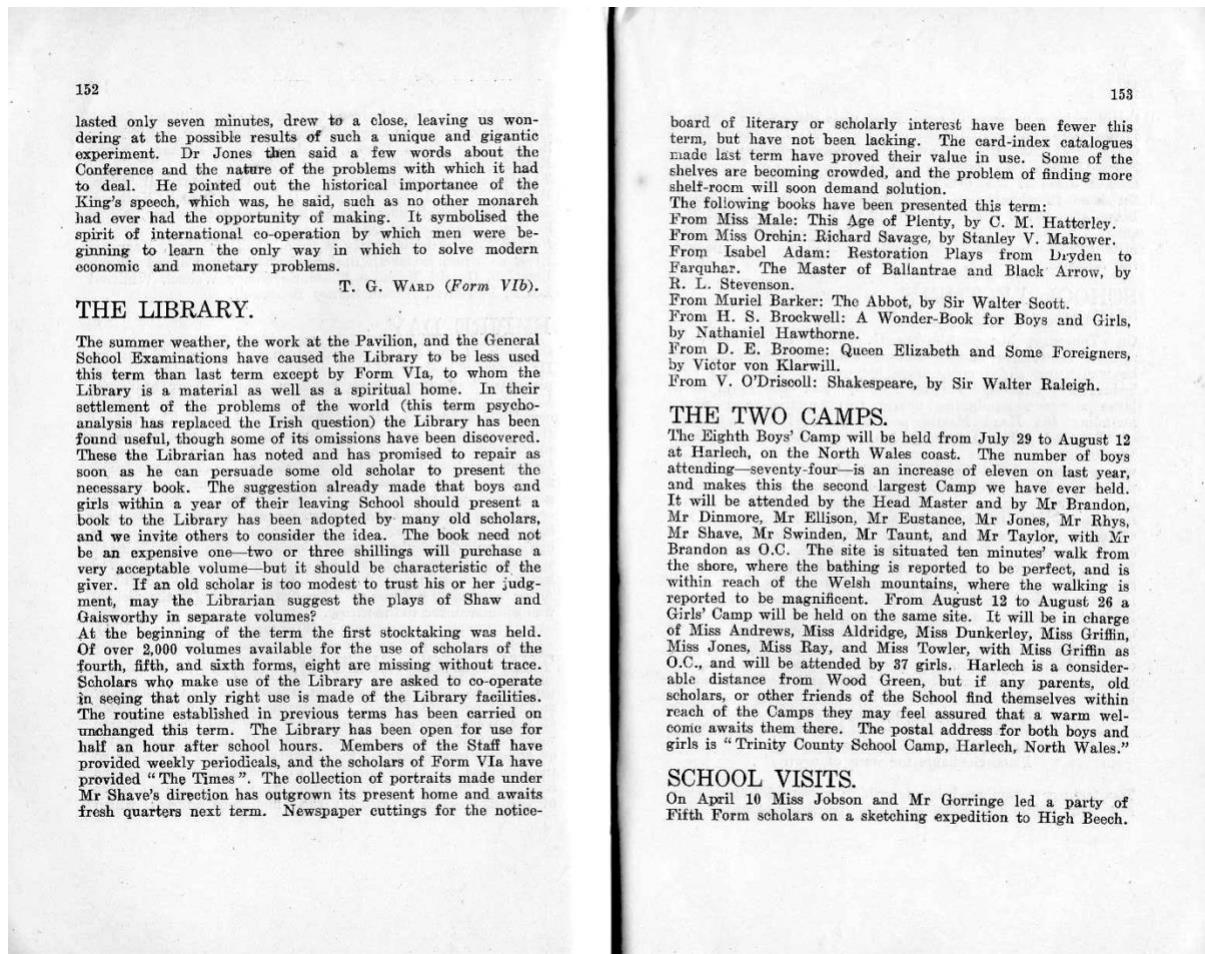
have been presented to the library. Your members may remember having taken it out from the library at some point.

I'm not even sure how this came into my possession. I have a vague feeling that I acquired it at the death of my godmother, whose name was Elizabeth (Betty) Craig. She was a teacher and possibly had something to do with Trinity, (Laurie adds - website search shows no results)

I suspect that the book was culled at some point when RLS became less fashionable"

"If you find anything out then I'd be interested to know. The call number for the book, by the way, was 823STE but that doesn't tell us much, just indicating that it is a work of UK fiction in English from an author with the first characters STE in their surname. It also indicates that the school had a well trained librarian at some point, which is impressive and certainly more than my own school could say"

This is what Colin Marr discovered about the library and the book in the Trinity School Magazine for Summer 1933...



"I looked and found it. (Trinity School) Magazine for Summer 1933. This shows that donation of books within a year of leaving was a new idea. And there is Isabel Adam donating two books, 'Restoration Plays from Dryden to Farquhar' and the RLS one. Amazing, I wonder what became of her?"

So does this ring any bells? Anything you can add for Nigel?