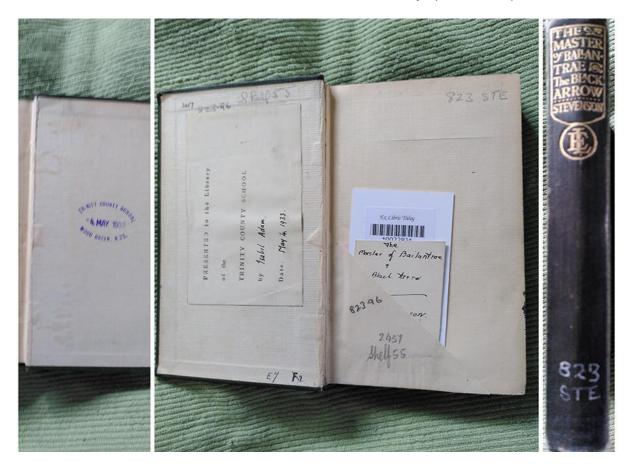
The Story of a Trinity School Library Book (so far)

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...

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lasted only seven minutes, drew to a close, leaving us won-dering at the possible results of such a unique and gigantic experiment. Dr Jones then said a few words about the Conference and the nature of the problems with which it had to deal. He pointed out the historical importance of the King's speech, which was, he said, such as no other monarch had over had the opportunity of making. It symbolised the spirit of international co-operation by which men were be-ginning to learn the only way in which to solve modern economic and monetary problems. T. G. WARD (Form VID).

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board of literary or scholarly interest have been fewer this term, but have not been lacking. The card-index catalogues made last term have proved their value in use. Some of the shelves are becoming crowded, and the problem of finding more shelt-room will soon demand solution. The following books have been presented this term: From Miss Male: This Age of Plenty, by C. M. Hatterley. From Miss Orchin: Richard Savage, by Stanley V. Makower. From Isabel Adam: Restoration Plays from Dryden to Farquhar. The Master of Ballantrae and Black Arrow, by R. L. Stevenson. Farquhar. The Master of Ballantrae and Black Arrow, by R. L. Stevenson. From Muriel Barker: The Abbot, by Sir Walter Scott. From H. S. Brockwell: A Wonder-Book for Boys and Girls, by Nathaniel Hawthorne. From D. E. Broome: Queen Elizabeth and Some Foreigners, by Victor von Klarwill. From V. O'Driscoll: Shakespeare, by Sir Walter Raleigh. THE TWO CAMPS. The Eighth Boys' Camp will be held from July 29 to August 12 at Harlech, on the North Wales coast. The number of boys attending-seventy-four--is an increase of eleven on last year, and makes this the second largest Camp we have ever held, it will be attended by the Head Master and by Mr Brandon, Mr Dinmore, Mr Ellison, Mr Eastanee, Mr Jones, Mr Rhys, Mr Shave, Mr Swinden, Mr Taunt, and Mr Taylor, with Mr Brandon as O.C. The site is situated ten minutes' walk from the shore, where the bathing is reported to be perfect, and is within reach of the Welsh mountains, where the walking is reported to be magnificent. From August 12 to August 26 a Girle' Camp will be held on the same site. It will be in charge of Miss Andrews, Miss Aldridge, Miss Dunkerley, Miss Griffin as O.C., and will be attended by 37 girls. Harlech is a consider-able distance from Wood Green, but if any parents, old scholars, or other friends of the School find themselves within reach of the Camps they may feel assured that a warm wel-come awaits them there. The postal address for both boys and girls is "Trihity County School Camp, Harlech, North Wales." THE TWO CAMPS.

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SCHOOL VISITS. On April 10 Miss Jobson and Mr Gorringe led a party of Fifth Form scholars on a sketching expedition to High Beech.

"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 Farguhar' and the RLS one. Amazing, I wonder what became of her?"

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