The Cantwell Collection

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The Cantwell collection (with the agreement of Dr Eamonn Cantwell) is an open collection within the Boole Library, University College Cork, and the Library has added a small number of significant titles to the collection since the original gift in 2006. The Collection was first exhibited at the Boole Library, UCC, 24 June-30 July 2003, and it complements other Boole Library collections such as the Cuala Press Collection, and the Dolmen Press Collection of the Yeats scholar and distinguished publisher, Liam Miller.

The accompanying catalogue, W. B. Yeats: A Collector’s Gift was compiled by Olivia Fitzpatrick and a team of assistants and was available at the exhibition, which opened with the inaugural lecture of the series: see above p. 3. Catalogue details not pertaining to provenance and to be found more generally in Wade, have not been repeated here. A few details of provenance for some items have been added to this list. The provenance of each title was not specifically recorded prior to 2006 unless noted in the UCC Library catalogue record. Errors in A Collector’s Gift have been silently corrected.

PART 1: MATERIAL CATALOGUED SINCE 1996

These items are all part of the Cantwell Donation and have been checked against the listing in W. B. Yeats A Collector’s Gift (2003).


Yeats, W. B. The Shadowy Waters. London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1900. Cantwell 822.9 YEAT Wade 30, http://library.ucc.ie/record=b1334717. This copy is stamped on the flyleaf: Cappagh, Co. Waterford, the address of Percy Arland Ussher.


Yeats, W. B. Early Poems and Stories. London: Macmillan & Co., Ltd., 1925. Two copies. Cantwell 828.8 YEAT Wade 147, http://library.ucc.ie/record=b1087986. Two copies, only one of which was part of the original donation, and which is inscribed ‘Mrs Jameson from W. B. Yeats January 24, 1926’.

Yeats, W. B. A Vision: an Explanation of Life founded upon the Writings of Giraldus and upon Certain Doctrines attributed to Kusta ben Luka. London: Privately printed for subscribers only by T. Werner Laurie, Ltd., 1925. Cantwell 824.9 YEAT Wade 149, http://library.ucc.ie/record=b1335033


PART II: ACQUIRED BY LATER DONATION FROM J. Kearney, Blackrock, Cork


PART III: ACQUIRED BY UCC BY PURCHASE SINCE 2005


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