

their meaning. 'Othello,' he says, 'tested by the brain it is ridiculous, tested by the ear it is sublime.' Thus Ryland's reminder of the emphasis on rhetoric in Renaissance schools not only illumines the design of Shakespeare's verse, but it also serves to guide aright the modern actor and the modern critic of Shakespeare's plays.

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Library News

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Sterling Library

Since its report last year (RN v, 97) Yale has added over one hundred pieces of incunabula, giving a total to date of 1823 pieces. Eighty-four of the new ones are from the stock of the late Dr. Joseph Martini of Lugano. Of particular interest are the works of Aeneas Silvius, Pope Pius II, which are represented by an edition of his famous *Epistola ad Mahumetum*, Rome (ca. 1489) and two editions of his *Epistolae in Pontificatum editae*, Milan 1473 and 1487. Also included in the gift is a copy of the *editio princeps* of the first part of the *Summa Theologica* of Thomas Aquinas, Padua 1473. Among three translations from the Greek is the *editio princeps* of Hierocles, *In aureos versus Pythagorae opusculum*, Padua 1474. There are nine editions of the Latin classics. Twelve of the group are not previously recorded as being in the United States, and four of these appear to be heretofore undescribed. In addition nine more volumes printed at the Aldine Press have been added.

Several rare English sixteenth century books were presented, among others the 1545 translations of St. Bernard of Clair-

vaux, *Modus bene vivendi*, Lydgate's *Chronicle*, 1555, Lanquet's *Epitome*, 1559, Bp. Cooper's *Thesaurus aurus*, 1565, Seneca's *Octavia*, 1566, Nash's *Pierce Penniless His Supplication to the Divell*, 1595, and five later tracts by Robert Greene.

The first printed edition of any portion of the Ethiopic Bible—the earliest book printed in Ethiopic characters—has also been received. This is the Psalms and Song of Solomon, edited by Johann Potken, printed by Marcellus Silber at Rome in 1513.

Several volumes of interest to the Renaissance scholars have come with the Coe Ornithological Collection. The earliest is a manuscript treatise on falconry of about 1415 written on vellum and titled *De venatione*.

In the field of Western Americana, Yale has added the *Itinerario y Compendio de les cosas notables que ay desde Espana hasta el Reyno de la China*, printed at Lisbon in 1586. This almost unknown edition of a rare work contains the account of the explorations of Espejo in New Mexico. Another landmark is the book that named California—*Las Sergas de Espladian* by Montalvo, Burgos, 1526.