

## ANOTHER VOLUME FROM ADAM SMITH'S LIBRARY

NOT RECORDED in any of the catalogues of Adam Smith's library, which culminate in Hiroshi Mizuta's *Adam Smith's Library, a supplement to Bonar's Catalogue with a checklist of the whole library* (Cambridge University Press for the Royal Economic Society, 1967), is a volume now in the National Library of Australia. It is the 'fourth edition' of William Richardson's *Poems, chiefly rural* (Glasgow: printed and sold by Andrew Foulis. 1781.) — number 588 in Gaskell's *Bibliography of the Foulis Press*.

On the front paste down is the familiar label, 31.5 mm x 57.5 mm., with 'ADAM SMITH' enclosed in rules, and above it is the pencilled notation 'D.N.S./1917.', the ownership mark of David Nichol Smith, as part of whose collection it came to the National Library in 1962.

The date of publication of Richardson's *Poems* is sufficient to explain why the volume was not included by Adam Smith in his manuscript catalogue of the library, compiled in the same year, 1781, and now in the library of the Faculty of Economics, University of Tokyo. Presumably it derives from the Cunningham portion of the library, and David Nichol Smith's notation suggests that it was among those volumes sold after W.B. Cunningham's death in 1878, since the final dispersal did not occur until after the death of R.O. Cunningham in 1918, when the bulk of the remaining Adam Smith volumes found their way to Tokyo.

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