

indicating that the book could be ordered from Bowker for \$5, notes that Carter's work "is always eagerly awaited by fellow bookmen on both sides of the Atlantic." According to Bowker records, 2000 copies were published on 26 July 1948. An advance extract from the last chapter ("Condition") had been published in *Publishers' Weekly* (also published by Bowker) on 22 November 1947 (D:1947). On 8 June 1948 Carter wrote to Sol Malkin (editor of *Antiquarian Bookman*), asking him to include, in the issue closest to the book's publication date, a notice (in the "Sack Cloth and Ashes Department") of an error in his discussion of a variant in Boswell's *Johnson* (this letter is cited in Richard Cady catalogue 21 [1985], item 23). Then in early 1949, Carter arranged for an erratum slip to be printed, correcting this error: on page 98 he had said that the "gve/give" variant in Boswell's *Johnson* is one of two examples of points that are "neither interesting nor significant"; the erratum slip notes that "the priority of the *gve* reading was long ago established by Prof. Pottle" in his bibliography of Boswell. A proof of this erratum slip, dated 1 February 1949, is in the Bowker files; a copy of the final slip, signed "J.C." in print, is taped into the Rosenwald copy in the Library of Congress. By 7 November 1955, there were still 133 copies of the book unsold, and these were given to Carter.

**English (Cambridge University Press) edition:** Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1948. xi, 201 pp. Cloth, dust-jacket. Price 15s. 1500 copies printed (according to a publisher's dummy in the collection of Richard Landon). The Cambridge edition (a new typesetting) was published three months after the American edition, on 29 October 1948, according to a review copy in my collection. And the copy (also in my collection) that Carter gave to his friend Brooke Crutchley, the University printer, has an inscription ("for the printer from a completely satisfied author") dated 26 October 1948. (The American preface is dated 1 December 1947, and the English preface is dated 21 July 1948, only five days before the American publication date.) Since the error that necessitated the erratum slip in the American edition had come to Carter's attention by early June (see above), he was able to make a change during production of the Cambridge edition. A set of the Cambridge proofs in my collection, dated 5-6 May 1948 (with the title-page date of "194", before the fourth digit was known), has the same erroneous text on p. 103 that the American edition has on p. 98. But the Cambridge edition as published in October has a revised text, with the passage altered in two ways. First, the cancels in Shelley and Conrad, which in the earlier text "produced a genuine distinction of issue," now "make a proper bibliographical 'point.'" Second, the Boswell example is attached to this sentence ("as does the misprint 'gve' for 'give' on p. 135, vol. 1 of *Boswell*"), so that in the next sentence only some transposed lines in *South Wind* (and not the Boswell misprint) are "neither interesting nor significant." The introduction was reprinted (condensed) from the English edition in *Good Living* (C:1948) and, from the American edition, in William Targ's *Bouillabaisse for Bibliophiles* (C:1955); chapter 10 was reprinted (condensed) from the American edition as "Bookseller and Auctioneer" in *The Atlantic Monthly* (D:1948, July) and, from the English edition, as "Bookshop and Auction Room" in *The Bookseller* (D:1948, December); and chapter