

## Additions to the Library

THE library has recently received by gift from Bevan Neave of Sydney, New South Wales, Sydney Parkinson's *Journal of a Voyage to the South Seas*, 1784,<sup>1</sup> a royal quarto volume handsomely illustrated with a portrait of Parkinson, maps of the two hemispheres and twenty-seven other plates.

Sydney Parkinson, son of Joel Parkinson, brewer, of Edinburgh, was draughtsman for the natural history collections under Sir Joseph Banks on Cook's first voyage round the world. He died of dysentery at Batavia, 26th January, 1771, on the homeward voyage.<sup>2</sup> The *Journal* was first published in 1773 by the author's brother Stanfield,<sup>3</sup> anticipating Dr. John Hawkesworth's official *Account*,<sup>4</sup> and after the issue of a few copies publication was stopped by a Chancery injunction on the grounds of infringement of Hawkesworth's rights and of material belonging to Sir Joseph Banks. The work contained a bitterly abusive preface directed against Banks, whom Stanfield Parkinson accused of retaining documents, drawings and specimens which he maintained should have come to him after Sydney's death. Dr. John Fothergill, who had attempted to act as mediator in the quarrel, was also rewarded with a share in the editor's abuse. After Stanfield Parkinson had died insane in St. Luke's Hospital, London, Dr. Fothergill bought up the remaining copies of the edition, with the intention of reissuing them with a preface of his own, setting down the true facts of the case. However, Dr. Fothergill died shortly afterwards at the end of 1780, and the new edition was put out by Dr. John Coakley Lettsom in 1784, with Dr. Fothergill's *Explanatory Remarks*, and a résumé of other voyages added. From this edition of 1784 a French translation was made and published at Paris in 1797.

Amy E. Wallis recently gave another eighteenth century topographical work, Thomas Jeffery's *American Atlas* (1776), with its fine map of Pennsylvania at the close of the colonial period.

<sup>1</sup> See Joseph Smith, *Descriptive Catalogue of Friends Books*, ii, p. 260.

<sup>2</sup> Not recorded in the London or Scottish registers at Friends House.

<sup>3</sup> Stanfield Parkinson, upholsterer, of Little Pulteney Street, Golden Square, member of Westminster M.M., d. 3rd February, 1776.

<sup>4</sup> Three vols. Quarto. 1773.