

Manning finally left China in 1817.

In 1829 he retired to Bexley & lived in a cottage  
"with a vast library of Chinese books", at Orange Grove  
near Dartford

In 1838 he had a paralytic stroke

He died at Bath 2 May 1840

He was in his time considered the finest Chinese  
scholar in Europe. He was familiar with  
15 languages & his MSS., papers & books were  
given by his brother to the Asiatic Socy. The  
books were to be preserved in a separate case &  
a catalogue of them was undertaken by  
Dr Samuel Ball (Ann: Reg.; May 1841, p. vi)

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Article written by W. P. Courtney)

Manning's Diary was contained in  
"Narratives of the Mission of Geo. Bogle to Tibet  
& of the journey of Thos. Manning to Lhasa"  
by C. R. Markham, published Ser. 1876  
& 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 1879

The Minutes of the Asiatic Socy. show that  
his "whole collection of Ch. books" was received  
by the Socy. shortly before 3 Apr. 1841

In 1838 the Society's Chinese Library contained about 260 books, which were listed in Prof. Kidd's catalogue of that year.

Two or three years after this, the library received the Manning collection

In 1879 the books of the Ch. Library were again catalogued — by Mr Holt

Holt's Catalogue included the Manning Collection; one of the books (Cat No. 13, vol 2) is pen marked "Manning". But the Manning collection was scattered throughout the Catalogue, & not housed on special shelves nor in special cases, & Holt failed to maintain the distinction of the "Manning Collection", but arranged the volumes in bookcases named after Amherst, Elgin &c.

The problem is, to separate the books of the Manning Collection from other works in Holt's Catalogue, & we may exclude

- (1) those volumes which were in the library in 1838; that is, all those which can be identified as having been in Kidd's catalogue — about 250 works.
- (2) those volumes which were published after Manning returned from China in 1817 — there are 20 or more of these
- (3) the volumes which can be ascribed to other donors (after 1838) — there are 5 or more of these
- (4) the volumes, excepting one in each instance, which are in duplicate or triplicate — there are about 100 of these (& another 20 or more in Kidd's list)

[Exclusion of duplicate or triplicate copies is open to doubt. In Cat. No 18. vol 1, there is a scrap of an envelope dated 1824, in which Manning refers to a duplicate copy.]

- (5) Translations from English (or European) into Chinese eg. Cat. No. 541
- (6) Miscellany works eg. Cat. Nos 255., 505 &c

This excludes, in all, some 380 books from Holt's Catalogue & leaves about 180 for the "Manning Collection".

The numbers written outside many of the volumes possibly refer to Manning's private list of his books — Those without numbers are for the most part included in Kidd's list, & those with numbers are absent from Kidd's list, but the point needs further examination

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4	1	<del>8</del>	5	<del>2</del>	9	6	3	220	7
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