News from the Restorers of Alchemical Manuscripts Society Digital Library Service.
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Old texts in new transcripts and new texts of old transcripts... a mirror is held up to the R.A.M.S. project... and a few projects step through... all whilst postage costs rose, packaging turned colour to enjoy the new hand-coloured emblem of R.A.M.S.(above).

Readers suggest texts

From last quarter news: Collectanea Chymica (1684) by Eirenaeus Philalthes and Magnalia Naturae (1680) by Wendeslaus Sellerus have both reached a very rough draft transcription and now require thorough spell checking and page formatting.

As a result of the last newsletter, two readers contacted the Library to suggest two texts by donating scanned documents of the original publications of:
- Clangor Buccinae Tractatus Mirabilis, Simil & attentissimus, ex quadem vetustissima scriptura excerptus, (93 pages) from Artis Auriferae (1593) and
- the rare Hercules Piochymicus (1632) by Jean-Henri Casimir Fabre (211 pages).

Both of these texts are in Latin. The objective of the project is to firstly transcribe the original page scans into digital text, include them in the Library and slowly translate them.

If any readers would like to participate in the translation stage of the project please email.

News from the Archive

The elegant moths remain dancing around the lamp to assist the light’s survival... the enthusiastic volunteer, Jamie Wilson, has provided scanned copies of the original table of contents for some of the missing texts that are in the archive and about to be scanned as part of the final update (planned for next year?). Two files are available online at the website for:
- Bacstrom's Compendium Volume 2 - http://www.ramsdigital.com/pics/BTOC.jpg and

As a result of the advertisement (see last quarter news) numerous texts that where not know to be included in the complete collection have been uncovered.

The remaining texts to complete the collection are:
Compendium of Alchemical Tracts vol. III. Bacstrom, Sigismond 100 pages
Wells of Power - Hans Nintzel. Treatise on Gold Agriculta 126 pages
Magnificant Tract on Philosophic Water Anonymous 18 pages
Amore Proximo Anonymous 7 pages
Light of Life (photocopy) Bryant, Delmar D. (Adiramled) 100 pages
Journals publ. in Wyoming Ohio (photocopy) Bryant, Delmar D. (Adiramled) 250 pages
Secret Fire, the Cylian 7 pages
Compendium of Alchemical Exper. (photocopy) Elliot (editor) 70 pages
Four Hermetical Writings Paracelsus 70 pages

Next on the list... transcription equals typing, typing, typing.

Otherwise, to all readers of this simple newsletter I wish you success in your endeavours and thank you for your continued support.

By way of an attempt to impress your friends, gloss colour cards have been printed and included with the discs when ordered. The four cards received are from a 50 image collection so that the card images are either lab photos, diagrams, covers, etc. Please give the new cards to friends in The Art so that they may order their own collection and support this project. If you imagine that you may have the opportunity to distribute more cards please ask for them when given the opportunity to add comments to your order in Paypal, or email with further requests.

If you have read this newsletter and haven’t yet purchased a collection then do so immediately! Remember when ordering through Paypal to check that your account address is correct.

If you know someone that would be interested in the library collection please forward them the url: http://www.ramsdigital.com

P.S. Somewhat excitedly I am anticipating the next issue of Alchemy Journal as there may be two literary works from me in the publication: an article about Divine Mathematics and a review of the recently re-issued Atalanta Fugiens recording!

Kind regards,
Andrew Kettle.