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FIFTY YEARS OF TYPE-CUTTING
A POLICY REVIEWED AND RENEWED

For more than twenty years it has been the policy of The Monotype Corporation Limited to make available fine typographical material designed to serve all the multifarious requirements of the industry. Such designing as the Corporation had accomplished before 1922 was accidental and haphazard. It was related, reasonably enough in that period, to particular and immediate demands which the Corporation hoped would serve the general and future needs of its customers. This was an inevitable stage in the establishment and expansion of mechanical composing, by no means an easy and rapid success, as readers of the preceding issue of THE MONOTYPE RECORDER (which chronicled the history of the Corporation) are aware. In their pioneer days, all composing machine companies were compelled by the demands of their customers to copy the designs originated by the founders of movable type for hand-composition. Thus, at the date when ‘Monotype’ composing machines were introduced into this country the invention of
new designs was unpractical, unnecessary and undesirable. The Corporation's first fount, Series 1, was issued to the trade in 1900. There followed the cutting of bread-and-butter Albions, Clarendons, Grotesques, Old Faces and Moderns, currently used in the trade.

In addition, the Corporation was soon cutting faces for the Continent. The first Russian (Series 17) was cut in 1907. An Irish (Series 24) was cut in 1903. The first Fraktur (Series 28) was cut in 1904. The first Greek (Series 90) was cut in 1910. A Typewriter fount (Series 82) was cut in 1911.

The first attempt to originate a new roman and italic was Series 59 (Fig. 5), which was brought to the Corporation by the late J. M. Dent, famous as the publisher of the Morte d'Arthur (London, 1893–94) decorated by Aubrey Beardsley, and many other handsome editions for the collection, and cheap
editions for the pocket. Dent’s “Temple Classics” and “Everyman’s Library” are known the world over. The publisher was one of the first to see the importance of the mechanical principle and of bringing it into the service of fine design and high quality. In this connexion it is noteworthy that Beardsley drew, on Dent’s behalf, for zincographic reproduction. This was the opposite of the Kelmscott doctrine, which prescribed hand-cutting and hand-printing of wood-blocks, as a protest against the mechanization of art. Nevertheless, Dent made his obeisance to Kelmscott when he chose as the model of the face he required the Corporation to cut, a heavy Venetian fifteenth-century original. The Dent Veronese is undeniably Morrisian in style. It is colourful and vigorous, and though by no means a “limited edition” face it was rightly restricted to special kinds of work. It had too much “flavour” for the run-of-the-world demand and
was not shaped to secure for itself a long life as a book fount, though it is still found in current use. Like many other designs it is at its best in sizes below 11 point. In 8 point it is a very successful design.

But what the trade really wanted was a design less self-conscious and suitable for all the kinds of work that flow into the average printing office. The “all-purpose” design whose success set the Corporation on the right direction in the risky business of cutting original faces of fine quality, character, and of bread-and-butter utility, was Series 101, the Imprint face. It was cut by the Corporation to the specification of J. H. Mason and the late Gerard T. Meynell, for use in their new monthly review of the trade and the art of printing. The monthly, short-lived as it was, had a lasting influence on the art, for the fount created for its use is in constant use at the present day.
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Next there came in 1913 Plantin, Series 110, a semi-bold on classical old face lines. It was the Corporation's first original contribution to jobbing typography, and was suggested by the late Frank Hinman Pierpont, Manager of the Corporation's Works at Horley, and the creator, incidentally, of the punch-cutting

MODERN NO. 1, SERIES 1 (1900)
10 Point
ABCD EFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
1234567890 # $# % &

OLD STYLE, SERIES 2 (1901)
10 Point
ABCD EFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
1234567890 # $# % &

FIGURE 4

and matrix-stamping departments. This face, too (Fig. 5), is widely used at the present day. Thus the Corporation had to its credit, before the first world war, the originating of two faces of permanent value.

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The outbreak of war in 1914 suspended designing, and it was not until the period of reconstruction after the peace of Versailles that the Corporation found itself in the position to consider its matrix programme. The English Corporation had been twenty-five years in existence when, in 1922, an adult programme of matrix-cutting was authorized. It was a programme that fell into two parts. The first began in 1922 with the cutting of the Garamond series, and it was brought to a close in 1941, when the Head Office, No. 43 Fetter Lane, was completely destroyed by enemy action. The Corporation's Typographical Advisers were also involved in work of a different character. The loss of the
Office meant the destruction of the technical library and the dispersal of the staff. The necessity of pressing forward with the manufacture of war equipment was paramount. The death of W. I. Burch (September 3rd, 1942) was a further setback. He had served the Corporation for forty-three years and died, in effect, seven years before its fiftieth birthday. The Corporation’s typographical programme, begun after the first European war, followed, in the main, the doctrine underlying the selection of the Imprint and Plantin series. The programme occupied some seventeen years of study and manufacture. Its inception took place some twenty-five years ago. The present, therefore, is a fitting time in which to comment on the work so far accomplished.

First it may be said without undue complacency, and without prejudice, that the 1922 typographical programme was a piece of private initiative and enterprise on the part of the Corporation. It was not forced upon the Corporation by the exigencies of competition, or by the impulse of the so-called “profit-motive”. At the time there was no competition in the production of book faces, fine or otherwise. There is little nowadays. It is no easy matter to design a jobbing or display series having at least a chance of permanency in the printer’s composing room. It is a more serious matter to design and establish a new book-type
for the use of the trade in the broad sense. In 1922 no attempt was being made either by the founders of movable type for hand-composition, or by the manufacturers of composing-machines for slug-setting, to originate designs calculated to raise the standards of book-production. Such a task is difficult; and, in the

CASLON OLD FACE, SERIES 128 (1916)
10 Point

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ABCDEFGHJKLMNPQRSTUVWXYZ&  ABCDEFGHJKLMNPQRSTUVWXYZ&
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz  abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
  1234567890  /
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BODONI NO. 3, SERIES 135 (1921)
11 Point

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ABCDEFGHJKLMNPQRSTUVWXYZ&  ABCDEFGHJKLMNPQRSTUVWXYZ&
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz  abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
  1234567890  /
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FIGURE 6

case of all commercial businesses, including the Monotype Corporation, a considerable risk. The Corporation’s responsibilities to the large section of the trade engaged in book-work were already great, for single-type mechanical composing had already become the method preferred by the most experienced book-houses.

Some idea of what is involved will be grasped by those outside the trade when it is explained that the cutting of the Garamond face in 1922, and the Baskerville in 1923 imposed upon the Corporation schedules of work that involved vastly more than the mere cutting of a range of capitals, small capitals, lower-case and italics, numerals and points. Book-work requires, in addition, a range of fractions, accented characters, geographical, astronomical, mathematical, linguistic, and other peculiaries. The number of sorts cut over and above the capitals, lower-case, etc. for service with Series 101 is high, as will be seen in Fig. 18. For the book sizes, i.e. 12 point and below, there have been cut
upwards of 8,000 punches of special sorts. This total, however, still does not satisfy the needs of the trade. The Corporation regularly receives demands for new sorts in addition to the 8,000 or more already cut. A similar task is discharged by the Corporation in connexion with other faces, notably Times New Roman, Series No. 327. It is hardly necessary to mention the great number of decorations, decoration units, and ornaments that the Corporation has cut for use with Garamond and other Old Face types, or the ornament dashes and brackets used for, and in connexion with, the late eighteenth-century founts such as Baskerville and Bell. The programme set up by the Corporation twenty-five years ago comprised several designs, or rather, series of designs, some of which were recuttings of classical designs of which the Garamond, Berthome, Baskerville, and Fournier are examples; others were new creations, such as Gill Sans and Perpetua. The necessity of companion bold-faces was also foreseen. The performance as a whole implied an immense task requiring, incidentally, the double backing of sound design and sound learning. To initiate it required an act of faith in the taste and judgment of the trade.

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It is appropriate here to recall the name of the late HAROLD MALCOLM DUNCAN, Managing Director of the Corporation from 1900 to 1924, who pledged the Corporation to the carrying out of this 1922 programme; and also, the name of WILLIAM ISAAC BURCH, his successor from 1924 to 1942, whose

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FIGURE 8

period was further distinguished by the production of the Super Caster.

It is appropriate, also, to thank all those in the trade at home and abroad, who from time to time have given, and still give the Corporation the benefit of their experience and advice. If the choice and range of the faces selected for cutting by the Corporation between 1922 and 1942 have any title to be regarded as contributions to the art, the credit is due in the largest measure to DUNCAN, and after him, BURCH. The first realized the duty of the Corporation to provide the trade with typographical material of artistic value, and the second saw the business value of such an effort. The coming of the Super Caster in BURCH's period naturally made a great difference to the conception of design applied to publicity and advertising.

It was in January 1929 that the first Super Caster was installed. The new machine necessitated the designing of fresh display types, and the Corporation expanded the original Gill Sans (262) into a numerous family comprising extra
bold, bold, bold condensed, bold extra-condensed, light, shadow, and outline varieties of the basic 262. Thus came into existence an interrelated group of no fewer than 24 varieties of designs comprising 235 founts (or sizes) together constituting a range unique in the trade. The display branches of the trade,

Fournier Old Face, Series 185 (1925)
10 Point
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
1234567890

New Hellenic Greek, Series 192 (1927)
10 Point
ΑΒΓΔΕΖΘΙΚΛΜΝΞΌΠΡΣΤΥΦΧΨΩΣ
Αύω

which had already bestowed a hearty welcome to the larger sizes of Garamond (156), Baskerville (169), Cochin (165), Poliphilus (170), Lutetia (255), Fournier (185), to mention a few of the text-types cut between 1922 and the appearance of the Super Caster, rightly accepted, among other completely new display faces, Albertus (481 etc.) and Matura (496, 528).

Historians and commentators at home and abroad who have dealt critically with the modern history of the art have been generous in their praise of the initiative taken by the Corporation when, as is recognized, it was less fashionable than it is now to press the claims of art upon industry. While it would be unbecoming for the Management of the Monotype Corporation to sound in the pages of its own Recorder the praises of its own policy, it would be absurd to ignore the existence in the trade (using the term in the broader sense to include authors and publishers as well as engravers and printers) of an interest in the Corporation's future policy regarding artistic production.
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The Monotype Recorder is happy, therefore, to take the opportunity of informing those concerned that, in spite of disappointments, delays, shortages, and controls of every description, it is the intention of the Corporation to carry forward another instalment of typographical designing and redesigning to which it first set its hand in the reconstruction period after the first world war.

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There were three major developments in the British trade during the past quarter of a century. They are noteworthy because they have become permanent. First is the increase of standardization which followed the adoption in 1913 of the sans-serif design made by the late Edward Johnston for the Underground at the request of Frank Pick. He was advised by Gerard Meynell, founder and editor of The Imprint and originator of the Imprint face mentioned above, to adopt a sans-serif based on classic proportions. The design was so successful that it was standardized for use on the buses, tubes, trains, and on station destination indicators. The whole experiment, the first of its kind in Britain, was so successful that in 1932 the L.N.E.R. standardized the sans-serif which the Corporation had commissioned from Eric Gill.

In 1931 an even more ambitious standardization took place: the Corporation
cut for *The Times* a series of designs, including a text-face, and a wide range of headline types for use in the newspaper. These designs were made in the office of the newspaper and swiftly established themselves in the esteem of the trade as a whole. They have been standardized by many other newspaper and periodi-

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**Figure 11**

cal houses in Britain, on the Continent, and in the U.S.A. The expansion of the trade as a whole during the period 1925–35 gave the inherent advantages of both Gill Sans and Times New Roman 327 the opportunity of use immeasurably greater than had been reached by any previous faces designed for similar work.

A second major development has been the increased use of bold type, a practice long familiar in the Continental trade where the attitude to italic differs somewhat from the British custom. The two great standardizations mentioned above involve not only romans and italics but bold versions of both. These are related in line as well as design to the parent fount. A given ‘Monotype’ series is now envisaged in terms of related light, bold, and extra-bold.

A third major development is the increased use of large display types, also, it should be noted, designed in terms of light, bold and extra-bold, condensed and extra-condensed. When the range of the Super Caster was developed to cast 72 point, the Corporation was forced to consider designing in wholly new terms.
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All these developments were influenced by, as they also contributed to, the new spirit in typographical work involving design that synchronized with the foundation of the Design and Industries Association, and other bodies representative of British manufacturing organizations interested in the application of sound principles of design to industrial manufacture. The educational influence of these societies and of the instructional efforts of the Corporation extended the interest in typographical design beyond the trade and into certain sections of the general public.

From 1930 the Corporation found itself serving a class of customer that was new. Whereas from 1922–29 the Corporation’s policy needed to be explained, from 1929–39 the trade voluntarily expected typographical leadership from the Corporation. The history of The Monotype Recorder witnesses to the fact that after 1929 the periodical was welcomed by a trade that was educated to the use of fine design. In recent years the Government agency known as the Council of Industrial Design has carried forward the educational policy which the Corporation had initiated. It became evident that whether the Corporation wished it or not, the post-war trade would demand continuity with the 1922 and 1929 programme.
A new instalment, or second part, of the Corporation’s programme, therefore, was due to begin with the return to peace. Unfortunately the Corporation in 1945 found itself beset with difficulties of labour and material and, at the same time, faced with the urgent demand for machines and matrices, not only from the Home market but also from abroad—in particular from allied and neutral countries that, during the war, had been unable to secure supplies.

The tasks of resettlement and recruitment of staff, and of overtaking the arrears of manufacture, delayed the designing and engraving of new typographical material. When it was possible to undertake the cutting of new founts, demands from the East for new vernacular alphabets, accompanying the rise to nationhood of India and Pakistan, had to be given priority over roman and italic. The Arabic-speaking countries also needed new designs and, in the discharge of these obligations, the cutting of new display founts has necessarily been in abeyance.

In addition there have been difficulties arising out of the destruction in 1941 of the Corporation’s headquarters, No. 43 Fetter Lane. Before the war it was customary for members of the trade, metropolitan, provincial, Continental, American, antipodean, and oriental, to visit Fetter Lane for the purpose of discussing typographical problems. The breadth of experience that the Corpora-
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formation was thus enabled to share, represented a substantial contribution to the sound drafting of the Corporation's typographical programme. In this post-war period it has not been possible to rebuild on the site of No. 43 Fetter Lane the office that had achieved a place in the affection of the trade, and the Publicity and

MATURA, SERIES 496 (1938)
18 Point
ABCDEFHGIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ&
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz |1234567890 ABCDE fi1ff1

MATURA SCRIPTORIAL CAPS., SERIES 528 (1939)
24 Point

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Typographical departments have been accommodated above the School at No. 54 Fetter Lane since 1942.

At this address the endeavour is being made to restore some of the amenities that made 43 Fetter Lane a place of typographical resort. Accordingly, a large exhibition room on the top floor has been furnished; and there is being currently shown a selection of no fewer than 120 items collected by the Corporation, illustrating the use made of the faces that have been cut in recent years, to revise, and restyle, their appearance. The exhibits comprise not only the output of H.M. Stationery Office and that of the great University Presses, but also of the magazine printers, and jobbing houses. The exhibits illustrate the great improvement in style that has taken place during the past score years. It is believed that some of the credit of this improvement is due to the example and precept of the Monotype Corporation, and it is the confident hope of the Corporation that it may make in the future as significant a contribution as in the past
to the art in both book-types and display faces. That the Corporation’s activities in this direction have been appreciated was proved by the welcome extended to its officials on the opening day of the Exhibition by a representative group of front rank printers, distinguished artists, designers and typographers.

**FIGURE 15**

It was recognized that the continuance of a shortage-economy affecting labour and materials, as well as the paramount need to supply export orders for established series, render it impossible to make broad promises of new designs. The most that can be done at present is to assure those interested at home and abroad that it is the firm intention of the Directors to place at their disposal in course of time, designs of book and display faces no less advantageous to the printers of the world than those cut between 1922 and 1939. Accordingly the Corporation pledges itself to maintain in the future the leadership won in the past.

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As has been said it was the pre-war policy of the Corporation, beside cutting the types both for book and display uses that have been mentioned, to provide publicity written and designed for the purpose of aiding the trade. It has long been part of the Corporation’s activity to offer technical and artistic advice in
the use of the machines and materials that it supplied, so far as it may have suited the consumer, i.e. the printer, the publisher, and the reading public, to accept it. In pursuance, there have been issued from time to time publications of an educational character explaining the operation of ‘Monotype’ machines,

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\begin{align*}
\text{ALBERTUS, SERIES 481 (1937)} \\
18 \text{ Point} \\
\text{ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ} & \\
\text{abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz} \\
£1234567890 \quad \text{ÆŒæœ \space fi \space ff \space fl \space ffi \space ff} \\
\end{align*}
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\begin{align*}
\text{ALBERTUS BOLD TITLING, SERIES 538 (1940)} \\
14 \text{ Point} \\
\text{ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ} & \\
£1234567890 \\
\end{align*}
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FIGURE 16

their functions and products, including the nature and purpose of the matrices supplied for use with these machines. These publications were written, for the most part, by qualified members of the staff; but from time to time outside contributors were also commissioned.

By this means it has been possible for the Corporation to make some contribution towards an orderly approach to the problems involved in a particularly difficult branch of art-criticism. These problems involved in the intelligent criticism of the art of typography are, in part, historical, as is natural in a conservative trade whose habits, whether manual, mental, or terminological, derive from past typographical history, and even its calligraphical antecedents. There are also problems arising out of technical advantages and limits, and in the description of what has finally been designed and produced for use on the printed page.

In 1927 a complete number of the Recorder was devoted to the roman and
italic of John Baskerville, which the writer described as a “critical note”. This “critical note” incidentally laid the basis for a description of typographical letter-forms more rational and precise than the old division of all designs into early Venetian, late Venetian, Old Style, Transitional, and Modern, or the


In 1931–32 the Corporation published in THE MONOTYPE RECORDER two articles commissioned from Mr. Joseph Thorp. These carried forward the attempt to analyse and rationalize the distinctions that exist between the same parts of letters in a wide range of book and display founts. The terms recommended in these two articles have been adopted by the Corporation’s Type Drawing Office, and have won recognition elsewhere. Accordingly, they are used in the descriptions accompanying the specimens of four of the most important series cut by the Corporation between 1928 and 1938, i.e. Gill Sans, Series 262 (1928), Perpetua, Series 239 (1929), Times New Roman, Series 327 (1931), and Ehrhardt, Series 453 (1938), which it is the purpose of this issue of THE MONOTYPE RECORDER, by way of conclusion, to display.
IMPRINT, SERIES 101 (1912)
10 Point

STANDARD ACCENTS

SOME OF THE PECULIARS AVAILABLE IN THIS SIZE

ROMAN

ITALIC

PHONETIC, &c.

FIGURE 18
TIMES NEW ROMAN, SERIES 327 (1931)
10 Point

STANDARD ACCENTS

SOME OF THE PECULIERS AVAILABLE IN THIS SIZE

ROMAN

ITALIC

FIGURE 19
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Gill Sans first appeared as a type design in June 1928, as a set of Titling Capitals, Series 231. A lower-case alphabet was cut to mate with the caps. to form Series 262. Display and composition sizes of the latter are shown below.

GILL SANS

H almost square; O circular; h almost monotone line.
roman: A flat head; C vertically sheared arms (also G S); E F equal arms; C G O Q circular; M high centre; R curved tail; a sheared headstroke; f kerned; g horizontal ear, circular upper bowl; j obliquely sheared foot; o circular; t bracketed crossbar; w uncrossed. £ curved foot stroke. Figures: lining.
italic: sloped roman, 8°. Narrow caps. C flat upper arm; E lowest arm longest; Q curved foot ending in point; f descending tail, well kerned; g as roman; p grace stroke; t unbracketed crossbar. Figures: lining.

SERIES 231—14 POINT TITLING, DISPLAY (1928)
ABCD EFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZÆŒÆ
£1234567890

SERIES 262—24 POINT DISPLAY
ABCD EFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
£1234567890
ÆŒÆ

SERIES 262—12 POINT COMPOSITION, WITH ITALIC (1933)
ABCD EFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ & ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
£1234567890 fi ff fl ffi flfl
ÆŒÆŒÆœœœœœœ fi ff fl ffi flfl £1234567890

FIGURE 20
Further Gill series were cut later in other weights—Bold 275, Light 362, etc.—which were followed by display faces. A few, Cameo 233, Shadow 406, and Bold Condensed Titling No. 1, Series 373, are set out below.

**SERIES 275—18 POINT BOLD, DISPLAY (1929)**

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ABCDEFHGIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ ÅŒÆ€
abcdefhgiJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ åœfíffíffíffí
£1234567890
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**SERIES 362—18 POINT LIGHT, DISPLAY (1930)**

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ABCDEFHGIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ ÅŒÆ€
abcdefhgiJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ åœfíffíffíffí
£1234567890
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**SERIES 233—24 POINT CAMEO, DISPLAY (1934)**

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ABCDEFHGIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
VWXYZÅŒÆ€ £1234567890
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**SERIES 406—24 POINT SHADOW, DISPLAY (1936)**

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ABCDEFHGIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
VWXYZÅŒÆ€ £1234567890
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**SERIES 373—14 POINT BOLD CONDENSED TITLING NO. 1, DISPLAY (1933)**

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ABCDEFHGIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZÅŒÆ€
£1234567890
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FIGURE 21
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Perpetua 239, designed by Eric Gill, was first cut by the Corporation in a 13 point size. Most of the other sizes now available were added within two or three years of the first cutting, though the 72 point did not appear until 1938.

PERPETUA

H hair-line full bracketed horizontal serifs; O round, vertical stress; h as capital serifs; almost horizontal in lower-case heads.

Roman: A flat top; E almost equal arms; M splayed; S flattened arms; W uncrossed; a sharp hooked head; c barbed sheared head terminal; f widely splayed obliquely sheared head; cross-stroke pointed on left; g horizontal ear level with top of bowl; j pointed foot; q flat top [d flat foot]; r flourished lip. Figures: non-lining. 2 rises; 5 long upper stroke, small lower bowl; 7 curved foot; 9 small bowl; 4 long bar; 0 monotone and circular.

Italic: 11° sloped roman. Full bracketed slightly oblique serifs; narrow caps. B P R D flourished head strokes; a open; f splayed sheared head and foot; g double storied; j pointed foot; p q upturned foot to right only; & descending tail, turned in initial stroke. Figures: non-lining.

SERIES 239—24 POINT DISPLAY (1929)

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ &
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzæœšffflffflAÆE

£1234567890

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ AÆE&
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzæœšffflfffl

£1234567890

FIGURE 22
A companion Bold 461 to Perpetua 239 was made available in 1936, at first only in the 10 and 12 point sizes. Of the Titlings in this design, after the normal weight (which was cut as early as 1928), the Bold 200 version was completed in 1935 and the Light 480, in 1937 (Fig. 23).

**Series 239 and 461 (Bold), 13 Point Composition**

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ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ& abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
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£1234567890 ś ś ś ś ś ś ĄĘĘĘĘĘĘĘĘĘĘ 1234567890
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**Series 258—24 Point Titling, Display (1928)**

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ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
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£1234567890 WXYZĄĘĘ
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**Series 480—24 Point Light Titling, Display (1937)**

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ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
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£1234567890 WXYZĄĘ
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**Series 200—14 Point Bold Titling, Display (1935)**

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ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
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£1234567890
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**Figure 23**
An account of the cutting of the Times New Roman family was the subject of a special MONOTYPE RECORDER, published shortly after the completion of the task in 1931. Matrices of this face became available in October 1933, when the proprietors of The Times released the design for general use (Fig. 24).

TIMES NEW ROMAN

H fine bracketed serifs; O almost circular; h fine bracketed serifs, oblique in lower-case heads. [Biased stress.]
roman: C no lower arm serif; J non-descending; M unplayed; Q central claw tail;
O biased; P lower bowl rises; S vertically splayed and sheared head and foot serifs;
W uncrossed; g straight ear without bulb; b d q p strongly biased; t narrow; j bulbged terminal. Figures: lining; 7 monotone mainstroke.
italic: regular. 16°. f and ligatures bracketed cross-stroke on left; g horizontal ear without bulb; k serifed upper right arm; r deeply cleft; t narrow; v w bulbged terminals.
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SERIES 327—18 POINT TIMES NEW ROMAN, DISPLAY (1931)

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SERIES 327—10 POINT COMPOSITION, WITH ITALIC (1931)

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FIGURE 24
The cutting of 327 Series and the accompanying Bold 334 and various Titlings—Heavy 328, Normal 329, Bold 332, and Extended 339—were all completed for the re-dressing of *The Times* in October 1932. The Semi-Bold 421 was a further variant added by the Monotype Corporation in 1935 (Fig. 25).

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| 328    | 24         | Heavy titling | 1931 | ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZÆŒ  
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| 329    | 24         | Titling  | 1931 | ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZÆŒ  
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| 332    | 24         | Bold titling | 1932 | ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZÆŒ  
|        |            | Display  |      | £1234567890 |
| 339    | 18         | Extended titling | 1931 | ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZÆŒ  
|        |            | Display  |      | YZÆŒ& £1234567890 |

**Figure 25**
Matrices for the first sizes of Ehrhardt 453 were completed in 1938. An 8 point, cut in 1947, brought the number of composition sizes available up to five (8, 10, 11, 12, 14). Display sizes are 18 and 24 point. The preceding issue of The Monotype Recorder was set in Ehrhardt (Fig. 26).

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**EHRHARDT**

- H flat almost unbracketed (faintly bracketed) serifs; O condensing; h oblique triangular serifs, full bracketed. [Biased stress.]
- **ROMAN**: A flat top, curved bar; B equal bowls, curved link; C both arms serifed; G high bar; J descending, bulbous terminal; M splayed; P upward tilting bowl; Q generous tail; R narrowish, narrow waisted; W uncrossed; & lower than cap. height; b rounded base, unfooted; f cross stroke bracketed on left; g obliquely disposed lower bowl, generously bulbed ear; j pointed foot (see cap.); t generous crossbar; z sloped bars; o slightly biased. Figures: non-lining, regular. 7 swells at foot; o monotone.
- **ITALIC**: narrow 17° slope. C both arms serifed; f head stroke and cross bar; Q swirled tail; h k m n r y deeply crotched (cleft); g condensed upper bowl; p grace stroke; v round; w joined head strokes; x bulbed head and foot; note æ. Figures: as roman.

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**SERIES 453—24 POINT EHRHARDT, DISPLAY (1938)**

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**FIGURE 26**

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**27**
### TABLES OF COMPARISONS

**A: WIDTHS OF ROMAN L.C. ALPHABETS IN POINTS; B: X-HEIGHTS IN THOUSANDTHS OF AN INCH**

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*MODERN 7       | 109     | 44.7   | 125    | 56.2   | 135    | 60.0   | 154    | 68.5   |

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*MODERN 7       | 40.0     | 48.0   | 56.0   | 44.4   | 51.8   | 56.7   | 74.0   |

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*As this issue was going to press, the Editor received an advance copy of the Notes on the Choice of Type Faces for Scientific Periodicals, by the Royal Society's Consultative Committee for Co-operation with Printing Organizations, under the chairmanship of Dr. S. Zuckerman. Societies and Institutes proposing to start new journals or to restyle existing ones are "strongly recommended" to use one or other of three 'Monotype' faces which are already well supplied with special sorts. These are 'Monotype' Modern No. 7 (for which over 600 mathematical sorts have been cut), Imprint (Fig. 18) and Times New Roman (Fig. 19).
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It has been found necessary, also, to add to the technical information (set, line, unit arrangement, etc.) which has always been shown for the benefit of printers and 'Monotype' machine operators. An endeavour has been made, in the new format, to meet the need of typographers by showing in every point size, as far as is possible in the space available, full alphabets of roman capitals, small capitals and lower-case, and italic capitals and lower-case (see p. 31 et seq.).

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