Blake-Varley sketchbook and “An Allegory of the Bible” at the Tate Gallery

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Although the Newsletter is a bit late this time it is indeed still in good running order. We have secured an editorial assistant, at least for part of the year, to help out with paper work, and our task in getting the Newsletter out has been considerably simplified. After this issue things should settle down so that the next Newsletter can appear at the normal time.

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In the first issue of the Newsletter (p. 2), we reported on the discovery of the Blake-Varley sketchbook. A selection of pages from the sketchbook is now on view at the Tate Gallery. Among the drawings are "The Ghost of a Flea," King Harold transfixed by the arrow, Milton's first wife, and two interiors with the Empress Maud. A facsimile edition of the sketchbook with notes by Martin Butlin has been published for the Blake Trust.

The Tate is also showing, in its handsomely redecorated Blake gallery, a new acquisition bequeathed by Miss R.M. Dyer. It is an early watercolor, "An Allegory of the Bible" (referred to in W.M. Rossetti's list of 1880 as "The Pilgrimage of Christiana").

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