

pastor of the Christian flock. Nevertheless they contained no direct moral teaching. Moral or spiritual lessons were only introduced into them incidentally; and in this respect they strikingly differed from emblems proper, which are perfectly unfettered in their choice of subject, and pass from grave to gay, from lively to severe, making profitable use of all humours. And inasmuch as it is only the moral and spiritual teachings in these quaint designs which have any interest for us, we have included under the name of Emblems only such devices as contain them.

We may add that we think a taste for emblems is natural to children, at least we can speak for ourselves. We can hardly remember the time when Quarles was not