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A bibliography of Charles Harpur's poems has appeared in the Centre's Occasional Publications Series. *The Poems of Charles Harpur: An Analytical Finding List* was compiled and edited by Elizabeth Holt and Elizabeth Perkins. The bewildering array of manuscript versions of the poems in the Mitchell Library is sorted out for the first time. A variorum edition of any or all of the poems is now possible. Literary critics wishing to study either the poetic processes of revision or Harpur's relationship with colonial newspapers and journals – that were often the primary means of publication in the colonial period – will find that their path has been cleared by the Herculean labour of the two scholars.

*The Analytical Finding List* gives a systematic description of the manuscript versions and publication history of every known Harpur poem. The dating of manuscript versions could only be achieved the hard way: through detailed comparison of texts. This is an essential reference book for any library dealing with the colonial period of Australian literature.

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