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Papers, 1955-88, of Alastair Fowler, professor of English literature at Edinburgh University. They include manuscripts and typescripts of his scholarly publications and of his poetry, and correspondence reflecting his service on editorial and advisory boards as well as his friendship with literary personalities. © in this web service Cambridge University Press Cambridge University Press 978-0-521-12896-4 - Triumphal Forms: Structural Patterns in Elizabethan Poetry. Alastair Fowler's 'Triumphal Forms' noted medieval numerology's association of the number five with the sovereign. (Fowler, p., 26, 69) symbolically a classical allusion to Osiris's royal myth overlaps the very heraldry, raising it to heraldry of high royal creativity. (236). Alastair Fowler argues that Milton designed the length of the overall action of Paradise Lost—thirty-three days—to provoke the recollection of Christ's lifetime, and also to correspond to Dante's canto totals of books in the *Divina Commedia* (Triumphal Forms 131-32).⁶ Not surprisingly, Shakespeare employs number symbolism in his non-dramatic works. For a general discussion of this subject, Alastair Fowler, *Triumphal Forms* (Cambridge, 1970), 15. Richard Bulstrode, *Memoirs and Reflections upon the Reign and Government of King Charles the First and King Charles the Second* (1721), p. 222. 16. *Ogg*, I, 139. 17. The following paragraphs draw on Austin Woolrych's account of the Alastair Fowler is Regius Professor Emeritus of Rhetoric and English Literature at the University of Edinburgh and visiting professor at the University of Virginia. He has edited *Paradise Lost* (1968), and his critical work includes *Triumphal Forms* (1970) and *Kinds of Literature* (1982). Children, 16 pages. *Triumphal Forms: Structural Patterns in Elizabethan Poetry*, Alastair Fowler, 1970, literary criticism, 234 pages. A demonstration of the persistence of numerology, a characteristic of literature in the Middle Ages, in Elizabethan poetry one-patch quilts bridge

As Alastair Fowler cautions, “masonic entered the genre in its printed forms. court festivals, coronation pageants, and triumphal entries associated both with rulers and with the many individuals who entered into cultural negotiations with those in command drew upon Alastair Fowler was educated at the University of Edinburgh and taught at University College, Swansea, before becoming fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford. He has been a member of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. His publications include *Spenser and the Numbers of Time* (1964), an edition of *Paradise Lost*, and *Triumphal Forms* (1970). Alastair Fowler found that the exact middle of the poem fell between lines 761 and 762 of book 6. There the son in celestial panoply all armed of radiant URIM, work divinely wrought, ascended, at his right hand victorie sate eagle-wing'd, beside him hung his bow. (pl 6.760–63)²

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