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"BAPTISTIANA" PRE-1801

Anti-Anabaptist

Althamer, Andreas, attrib. author. Ein kurtze Vntterricht, den Pfarherrn und Predigern: Inn meiner gnedigen Herrn der Marggraffen zu Brannndenburg. [et]c. Fürstenthumben un[d] Landen, hieniden in Francken, und auff dem Gebirg verordent, wes sie das Volck wider etliche verfürische Lere, der Widertauffer, an den Feyertägen auff der Canntzel, zum getreülichsten und besten, auss götlicher Schrifft vermanen, und unterrichten sollen. [Nuremberg: Jobst Gutknecht, 1528]. Small 4to (20 cm; 8.75"). [14] ff.

\$975.00

Althamer (1498–1564), a Lutheran minister, was a strident opponent of the Anabaptists. This work, written at the behest of Margrave George of Brandenburg, who after publication had it distributed to all pastors and preachers in his realm, aims to prove the doctrine of infant baptism from the Old Testament and in doing so ties it directly to circumcision as a sign of the divine covenant and grace.

During the Bern Disputation (1528) Althamer stood and defended the Lutheran doctrine of the Lord's Supper.

This is printed in gothic type and offers a title-page graced by a four-element woodcut border composed of floral, avian, and animal motifs, with putti not forgotten.

Provenance: Ownership signature on title-page of Howard Osgood, noted late 19th- and early 20th-century collector and scholar; old circular pressure-stamp on same page of a seminary (properly released).

WorldCat finds two copies in North America, one of which has been deaccessioned, and COPAC finds two copies in Great Britain, both at the British Library.

Hillerbrand, *Anabaptism*, 3577; VD16 ZV2334 or ZV2333 or B6972 (all listed without attrib. author). Removed from a nonce volume, provenance indications as above. Light dust-soiling to exterior paper; minor library pencillings and one old inked numeral; limited brown stain in blank area of last leaf, offsetting to previous page opposite. A few instances of marginal notation or textual correction in old ink and an old hand. (25960)

"The Foule Mist of Anabaptisme"

Anonymous. A short history of the Anabaptists of High and Low Germany. London: Robert Austin, 1647. 4to (19.3 cm, 7.6"). [2], 56 pp.

\$600.00

Third edition, following the first of 1642 and second of 1643, of this uncommon anti-Baptist diatribe, in which the unidentified author accuses Anabaptists of being false to the true Reformed religion and likely to "bring us in time to community of wives, community of goods, and destruction of all" (p. 56).

ESTC R30642; Wing (rev. ed.) S3598. Later plain paper wrappers with edge wear and chipping at spine. Title-page with very old institutional pressure-stamp and early inked numeral in upper margin. Outer corners stained, edges ragged; one leaf with upper outer corner torn away, with loss of a few words; title-page darkened and last page stained; still a good, usable copy. (25531)

The Very Rare Richmond Printing

First Edition of the First Register — Anti-Slavery Content

Asplund, John. The annual register of the Baptist denomination, in North-America; to the first of November, 1790. Containing an account of the churches and their constitutions, ministers, members, associations, their plan and sentiments, rule and order, proceedings and correspondence. Also remarks upon practical religion. [Richmond: Printed by Dixon, Nicolson, and Davis, April, 1792]. 4to (18.5 cm; 7.5"). iv, 5-60 pp.

\$2250.00

First edition of the first Baptist annual register, with an anti-slavery statement set firmly forth. The wonderful cataloguers at the American Antiquarian Society write of this edition: "Apparently printed in sections, presumably by John Dixon, Thomas Nicolson and Augustine Davis, rival Richmond printers. The first 16 p. were probably printed in 1791; p. 17-60 in or before April, 1792. Evans, however, postulates that the first 16 p. were printed by Thomas Dobson of Philadelphia in September, 1792, and that Asplund replaced the original gatherings A and B of this edition with Dobson's corrected sheets. Cf. the prefaces to the 1794 and 1796 editions, with title: The universal register of the Baptist denomination . . ."

In addition to its exhaustive account of who's who and what's where, this lists both principles of belief and "Rules of Decorum"; the latter, e.g., forbid laughing and whispering when another member of the association is speaking in assembly. Just before the Appendix, Asplund remarks on the un-Christian "inconsistency" of "Keeping our fellow-creatures in bondage, who have as good a right as we, both to civil and religions liberty — Not only so; but misusing them, concerning common blessings, which certainly is a violation of the rights of nature and inconsistent with a republican government" (this on p. 52, in the part of the pamphlet that Evans and the AAS agree was Richmond-printed). At the end of that section, Asplund notes that he is writing from the American "field": "N.B. I am now travelling to collect materials for the Baptist History of Virginia, which, perhaps, will be in print within eighteen months."

Rare: We trace fewer than half a dozen copies in U.S. libraries.

Evans 26580; Sabin 2222; ESTC W37301. 19th-century half morocco with marbled paper covered boards; binding with label of "John C. Moore, Rochester, NY." Ex-library with area of discoloration on front board where call number label was removed; bookplate on front pastedown; rubber-stamp on title-page, and small stamp and pencilling on rear of same. Approximately 60% of title-leaf replaced in pen and ink facsimile. Some foxing and age-toning. Not an ideal copy, but given the rarity, a darned good one. (24456)

Dobson Printing of Asplund's Annual Register

Asplund, John. The annual register of the Baptist denomination, in North-America; to the first of November, 1790. Containing an account of the churches and their constitutions, ministers, members, associations, their plan and sentiments, rule and order, proceedings and correspondence. Also remarks upon practical religion. [Philadelphia: Pr. by Thomas Dobson, 1792]. Small 4to. iv, 5-57, [1], 69-70 pp.

\$650.00

According to the OPAC at the American Antiquarian Society, this is "An abridgment of the 70 p. Philadelphia edition (Evans 26583) printed by Dobson in September 1772 [i.e., 1792]. In the present issue, the appendix relating to the Baptist churches of Great Britain (p. 58-66) has been omitted, and p. 57 has been reset. As is the case with the 70 p. issue, the first 16 p. are the same sheets as appear in the original [Richmond, April 1792] edition (Evans 26580), and were probably printed in 1791. Evans, however, postulates that the first 16 p. were printed by Dobson in September 1792. He accounts for their presence in copies of the [Richmond] edition of 60 p. by suggesting that Asplund substituted the corrected Philadelphia sheets for the unsatisfactory sheets of the earlier edition. Cf. the prefaces to the 1794 and 1796 editions, with title: The universal register of the Baptist denomination."

In addition to its exhaustive account of who's who and what's where, this lists both principles of belief and "Rules of Decorum"; the latter, e.g., forbid laughing and whispering when another member of the association is speaking in assembly. Between the "Rules of Decorum" and the Index, Asplund remarks on the un-Christian "inconsistency" of "Keeping our fellow-creatures in bondage, who have as good a right as we, both to civil and religions liberty — Not only so; but misusing them, concerning common blessings, which certainly is a violation of the rights of nature and inconsistent with a republican government."

Evans 26582; ESTC W37302. Uncut copy. In 20th-century black buckram binding. Ex-library with bookplate but no other markings. (24467)

Asplund, John. The universal register of the Baptist denomination in North America, for the years 1790, 1791, 1792, 1793, and part of 1794. Containing I. The names of all the churches ... II. All the alterations since 1790, in associations, churches, and ministry ... III. A schedule of associations ... IV. Constitution of associations in general ... V. A short extract of the association minutes ... VI. A short account of the Baptists in other parts of the world. VII. A general description, what constitutes a Baptist, and what makes the different communions among them. Boston: Pr. by John W. Folsom, for the author, 1794. 12mo. 86 pp., [4] ff.

\$450.00

Fifth edition of Asplund's Baptist register. Uncommon.

Evans 26585; ESTC W28479. Black library buckram, rubbed, spine sunned. Ex-library: bookplate, librarian's pencilling; charge pocket. Title-page tipped in. Foxing and age-toning. (21270)

"Sprinkling" Is Best

Bakewell, Thomas. A iustification of two points now in controversie with the Anabaptists concerning baptisme. London: Pr. for Henry Sheperd & William Ley, 1646. 4to (18.9 cm, 7.4"). [2], 30 pp.

\$350.00

First edition of this rebuttal of Tombes's *Two Treatises . . . Concerning Infant Baptisme* and Hobson's *Fallacy of Infant Baptisme Discovered*, preceding the 1650 publication of the author's *The Dippers Plunged in a Sea of Absurdity*. The first point is that "Infants of Christians ought to be Baptized," and the second that "the Sprinkling the Baptized more agreeth with the minde of Christ then Dipping or Plunging in or under the Water."

The printer bordered the title-page, used two nice initials, supplied one elegant headpiece, and added several other modest embellishments.

Uncommon: ESTC, OCLC, and *NUC Pre-1956* locate only seven U.S. holdings, two of which have been deaccessioned.

Wing (rev. ed.) B534; ESTC R5282. Later marbled paper wrappers. Title-page with author's name inked in an early hand; early inked shouldernotes throughout marking biblical citations. Trimmed closely, affecting one final line (without loss of sense) and marginalia. Pages age-toned. (25549)

Defining "Child" for the Purposes of Baptism — RARE

Barker, Thomas. The duty, circumstances, and benefits of baptism, determined by evidence ... with an appendix, shewing the meaning of several Greek words in the New Testament. London: B. White, 1771. 8vo (20.5 cm, 8"). x, 208, [6 (index & errata)] pp.

\$650.00

Sole edition of this examination of the writings of the Apostolic Fathers as pertaining to the great infant baptism controversy. Closing the work is a collection of New Testament usages of various Greek words for "child" or "children," with analysis of their contexts and connotations. The author was a dedicated observer of meteors and comets and published several well-received works on those subjects in addition to his religious and philosophical treatises.

Rare: OCLC and ESTC locate only one U.S. holding, since deaccessioned; there are only two found in the U.K.

ESTC T68482. Recent marbled paper-covered boards, spine with gilt-stamped leather title-label; yellow wrapper with early hand-inked title bound in. Title-page institutionally pressure-stamped and a five-digit number inked twice to the first page of the preface; no other markings. First and last few leaves with minor foxing; other scattered spots mostly confined to margins. Occasional pencilled annotations. (25768)

Beveridge, William. Codex canonum ecclesiae primitivae vindicatus ac illustratus. Amstaelodami: apud Georgium Gallet, 1697. 4to. 407, [1] pp.

\$350.00

Beveridge (1637–1708), bishop of St. Asaph, was a scholar of learned languages and of the Greek Church. This edition, "Editio nova emendatio," is a later, continental, printing; Roycroft published the first edition in 1678. Text of the commentary is in Latin and studies such topics as frequency of communion, eunuchs, baptism and heretics, and concubinage. The text of the *Codex* is in Greek and Latin in parallel columns. An important canon law work.

Contemporary vellum over pasteboards, vellum age-soiled. Bookplate on front pastedown, free endpapers lacking; inked call number on spine. (20683)

B[lake], T[homas]. A moderate answer to these two questions. 1. Whether ther [sic] be sufficient ground in Scripture to warrant the conscience of a Christian to present his infants to the sacrament of baptism. 2. Whether it be not sinfull for a Christian to receiv [sic] the sacrament in a mixt assembly. London: Printed by I.N. for Abel Roper, at the signe of the Sunne over against S. Dunstons Church in Fleet-street, 1645 [i.e., 1644]. 4to. [2], 32 pp.

\$400.00

"Prepared for the resolution of a friend, and now presented to the publick view of all, for the satisfaction of them who desire to walk in the ancient and long-approved way of truth and holiness."

ESTC R12103; Wing (rev. ed.) B3148. Removed from a nonce volume. Edges speckled red. Spine reenforced with archival tape. Waterstaining. Ex-library perforation- and rubber-stamps, with some pencil markings. Worming to last four leaves. (25705)

Booth, Abraham. The principles of antipaedobaptism, and the practice of female communion completely consistent. London: Pr. for the editor & sold by W. Button & M. Gurney, 1795. 12mo. xxxi, [1 (blank)], 98 pp.

\$180.00

"In answer to the arguments and objections of Mr. Peter Edwards in his *Candid reasons*, with animadversions on his temper and conduct in that publication. The preface and notes, by James Dore." Includes bibliographical references.

Printed on wove paper dated 1794 as part of the watermark.

Rare: ESTC, WorldCat, and *NUC Pre-1956* locate three copies in the U.S., one of which now deaccessioned.

Attributed to Abraham Booth by Edwin Starr in his *A Baptist bibliography* (1947).

ESTC T181162. Removed from a nonce volume; darkened. Title-page reinforced with ex-library pressure stamp in lower right hand corner. First few leaves chipped; one leaf with lower outside corner torn away. (25566)

Radical Baptist Would-Be Regicide??

Danvers, Henry. A treatise of laying on of hands. With the history thereof, both from the Scripture and antiquity. London: Pr. for Fran. Smith, 1674. 8vo (16.8 cm, 6.6"). [2], 60 pp.

\$750.00

First edition of this controversial pamphlet arguing against the titular rite, written by a radical, rebellious Baptist preacher (also known as Henry D'Anvers) suspected of involvement in a conspiracy to assassinate Charles II. Numerous rebuttals and responses were published.

Uncommon: OCLC, ESTC, and *NUC Pre-1956* find only seven U.S. holdings; Wing adds one more.

ESTC R8336; Wing (2nd ed.) D236. On Danvers, see: *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* online. Recent marbled paper wrappers. Pages browned; first and last few leaves with edge chips. Pagination 15/16 skipped, signatures however correct and text uninterrupted. (24981)

An Arch-Opponent of Luther's — Baptist Provenance

Eck, Johann. Der viert tail Christenlicher Predigen von den siben H. Sacramente[n] nach aussweysung Christlicher Kirchen vn grund Byblischer gschrift den alten frummen Christen zu gut, durch Johann von Eck. [colophon: Augspurg: getruckt durch Alexander weyssenhorn, in verlegung D. Iohan Ecken zu Ingelstat], 1534. Folio (31.5 cm; 12.25"). [6], 158, [1] ff. (lacks final blank).

\$1800.00

Eck (1486–1543) was a forceful and often convincing voice for Catholicism during the first quarter century of the Reformation; he would also become, specifically, Luther's "most indefatigable and important opponent" (*Encyclopaedia Britannica*). It is impossible to study the Protestant Reformation without also studying Eck and his fellow responders to and critics of Luther, Melancthon, Zwingli, and Calvin.

Present here are 76 sermons, being vol. 4 of Eck's *Christliche Auslegung der Evangelien*. The volumes were all issued separately over the course of several years, by different publishers, and all are treated as stand-alone productions by VD16 and all bibliographies as well as library catalogues.

The work is printed in gothic type (as one would expect) and is illustrated with ten nice-sized (9 x 6.5 cm; 3.5" x 2.5") woodcut illustrations, including the woodcut of The Crucifixion that occupies the otherwise blank verso of the next to last leaf. The title-page is printed in black and red, the printing contained within a single-element woodcut border; this is composed of 14 shields and has at the center top a bishop's hat and tassels.

Provenance: Ownership signature of Joannes Bintengerber (1579); unidentified 16th- or early 17th-century ownership mark in ink on top edge of volume (resembling a brand mark); Howard Osgood (late 19th-, early 20th-century collector and Baptist minister and teacher); later in collection of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (deaccessioned, with their old circular pressure-stamp partially discernable on title-page).

Evidence of readership: Scattered marginalia (e.g. 68r, 96v, 97r, 120r, 137r, 140v, 155v), usually short but not always.

Rare: Via OCLC and *NUC Pre-1956* we trace only 4 copies in U.S. libraries.

VD16 E288. Full modern calf old style: Round spine with raised bands, accented with gilt rules; red leather title label; rules in blind extending onto covers from each band to terminate in trefoils with blind double fillets beyond. Title-leaf with repairs to foremargin and to small losses in five places at or within the borders; same instances affect four places in the text on the verso. Foremargins of some other early and late leaves a little tattered and irregular, with some repair; endpapers smoke-soiled and some other leaves with instances of same soil to outer margins/edges (though often only a sliver); leaf A6 repaired in inner margin. Pin-hole type worming, not serious, in the text at times; waterstain in inner margin of some leaves; outer corners, especially upper ones, bumped/creased in first part. Ownership inscriptions and marginalia as noted. Despite flaws that must be recounted, a sound and still handsome book. (25415)

Fawcett's Hymns — A First Edition

Fawcett, John. Hymns: Adapted to the circumstances of public worship, and private devotion. Leeds: Pr. by G. Wright & Son for the author, 1782. 12mo. 279, [9] pp.

\$900.00

Uncommon first edition of these hymns written by a Baptist theologian, including the still-popular "Blest be the tie that binds." Words only, without music; handsomely typeset with modest ornamentation.

Signed binding: Front free endpaper stamped "Bound by R.W. Smith."

ESTC T92186. 19th-century half morocco with marbled paper-covered sides, spine with gilt-stamped title; refurbished. Title-page with old institutional pressure-stamp; rear free endpaper with paper adhesion and tear as from removal of old "due" slip. All edges gilt. A few scattered light spots, occasional pencilled marginalia, pages otherwise clean. A nice copy. (19510)

Outside the Canon

Fellows, John. Grace triumphant, a sacred poem, in nine dialogues; wherein the utmost power of nature, reason, virtue, and the liberty of the human will, to administer comfort to the awakened sinner, are impartially weighed and considered. . . . A new edition, embellished with a portrait of the author. London: Pr. for Alexander Hogg, [ca. 1770]. 12mo. Frontis. port., 120 [i.e., 96] pp.

\$475.00

A rare work by a minor English hymn-writer. Very little is known about John Fellows (d. 1785). Described as "a poor shoemaker," in 1780, he became a Baptist while taking up residence in Birmingham. (Apparently, he had been a Calvinist Methodist for most of his life; see Hatfield.) His oeuvre consists mostly of hymns and religious poetry, this being his first published work (first edition, 1770). He was additionally the author of works entitled "The New History of the Bible in Verse," "Popish Cruelty Displayed," "Hymns in a Variety of Metres," and "Hymns on Believers' Baptism."

Nicely printed, this is illustrated with an engraved frontispiece portrait of John Fellows, with the titles of some of his other works (see above) appearing beneath it; preliminary pages (8 pp.) consist of a dedication to the Rev. Mr. John Ryland of Northampton, and a preface. Stated at foot of title-page: "Price One Shilling and Six-Pence."

Rare: ESTC locates only two copies in the U.S., and this is one of them, now deaccessioned; and OCLC adds only the copy at Yale.

ESTC N39616; on Fellows, see: Edwin F. Hatfield's *The Poets of the Church* (New York, 1884), & Josiah Miller's *Singers and Songs of the Church* (London, 1869). Recent quarter calf and marbled paper over boards; gilt-stamped leather spine labels, gilt-ruled raised bands, gilt rule where leather meets paper of covers. Title-page chipped at upper right corner, one leaf a little ragged at outer edge, another leaf repaired at outer margin. Pages overall clean, but with some random spotting and slight age-toning, including to title-page and frontispiece; light offsetting to title-page from facing plate. Ex-library with "no. 5" marked in blue crayon at the top of title-page; faintest traces of library call number on the verso; no other markings. Final three pages (pp. 94–96) mispaginated 118, 119, and 120. Handsome. (24459)

Aitken Imprint — Baptist Battlings

First Baptist Church (Philadelphia, Pa.). An address from the Baptist Church, in Philadelphia, to their sister churches of the same denomination, throughout the confederated states of North America. Drawn up by a committee of the Church, appointed for said purpose. Philadelphia: Pr. by Robert Aitken, 1781. 8vo (19 cm). 16 pp.

\$800.00

Controversy that arose in the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia concerning the universalist principles of its pastor Elhanan Winchester (1751–1797). A scarce publication.

Provenance: Signature of Jos. Walter on wrapper.

Evans 17310; Hildeburn 4072; ESTC W11765. 19th-century half brown sheep over marbled paper with gilt-lettered spine, original plain blue wrapper bound in; binding rubbed with front joint just starting. Ex-library copy with inked call number on front cover, bookplate on front pastedown, pencilled call number on verso of second front flyleaf, pressure-stamps, and rubber-stamps (including front wrapper and title-page, "Locked Section"). Title- and following leaf chipped in lower outer corner, repaired with paper; light foxing and spots of soiling, only. Inked ownership inscription as above, on front wrapper. (10829)

Geree's First Vindication — Infant-baptisme

Geree, John. *Vindiciae paedobaptismi: Or, a vindication of infant baptism, in a full answer to Mr. Tombs his twelve arguments alleaged against it in his Exercitation, and whatsoever is rational, or material in his answer to Mr. Marshals Sermon.* London: Pr. by John Field for Christopher Meredith, 1646. 4to (19 cm, 7.5"). [8], 71, [1] pp.

\$800.00

First edition of this reply to John Tombs's *Two Treatises and an Appendix to Them Concerning Infant-baptisme*, both works being part of a vigorously conducted controversy on the topic involving Geree (the Church of England clergyman who wrote *The Character of an Old English Puritan*), Tombs, Michael Harrison, Stephen Marshall, and others among the most prominent theologians and preachers of the day.

ESTC R200633; Wing (rev. ed.) G603. Recent marbled paper wrappers. Pages very slightly age-toned with one early inked marginal annotation, else clean and crisp. (25024)

Geree on Infant Baptism, Again: A Vindication of His Vindication

Geree, John. *Vindiciae vindiciarum: Or, a vindication of his Vindication of infant-baptisme, from the exceptions of M. Harrison, in his Poedobaptisme oppugned, and from the exceptions of M. Tombs, in his chief digressions of his late Apology, from the manner to the matter of his treatises.* London: Pr. by A.M. for Christopher Meredith, 1647. 4to (19.2 cm, 7.5"). [6], 42 pp.

\$850.00

First edition of this defense of Geree's *Vindiciae paedobaptismi* (published in 1646), itself a reply to both *Infant Baptism God's Ordinance* by Michael Harrison and *Two Treatises and an Appendix to Them Concerning Infant-Baptisme* by John Tombs. Geree, a Church of England clergyman, may be best remembered for his summary of Puritan philosophy, *The Character of an Old English Puritan* — the publication of which was another result of the voluminous controversy with Tombs over infant baptism.

Uncommon: OCLC, ESTC, Wing, and *NUC Pre-1956* report only eight U.S. holdings, one of which has been deaccessioned.

ESTC R201234; McAlpin, II, 487; Wing (rev. ed.) G604. Recent marbled paper wrappers. Title-page slightly darkened, last page with offsetting to margins, pages otherwise clean. Stubs of previous binding leaves visible at back. (25017)

Hammond, Henry. The baptizing of infants revievved and defended from the exceptions of Mr. Tombs, in his three last chapters of his book intituled Antipedobaptisme. London: Printed by J. Flesher, 1655. 4to. [1] f., 108 pp., [3] ff.

\$325.00

One of two states of the first edition, both of which are scarce, of this entry in Hammond's considerable body of writings defending his religion.

ESTC R875; Wing (rev. ed.) H515A. Removed from nonce volume. Some foxing. Ex-library pressure stamp to final page. (25552)

The Huguenot Discipline

Huisseau, Isaac d'. La discipline des eglises refformées de France. Ou l'ordre par lequel elles sont conduites & gouvernées. Orleans: Antoine Rousselet, 1675. 12mo (16 cm, 6.3"). [42], 414 pp.

\$900.00

Revised edition of an essential Reformation text: the manual of Huguenot practice in France, which went through numerous reworkings following its establishment by the first national synod in Paris in 1559. "Plusieurs fautes assez considérables" (p. [2]) were here corrected by D'Huisseau, one of the major figures of the Academy of Saumur — a controversial preacher who proposed in his *Réunion du christianisme* a reunification of all Christian churches. D'Huisseau's original rendition of the Calvinist guide to the procedures of the French Protestant churches was first published in 1656; Barbier says the present edition was the first to bear the author's name. It includes sections on confession, marriage, baptism, synods, and the Lord's Supper.

Uncommon: OCLC locates only four U.S. institutional holdings of this edition, one of which has since been deaccessioned.

Barbier, *Dictionnaire des ouvrages anonymes et pseudonymes*, 998–99. Period-style mottled calf framed and panelled in gilt with interior blind roll and gilt-stamped corner fleurons, spine with gilt-stamped title-label, gilt-dotted raised bands, and gilt-stamped compartment decorations; all edges speckled. Inked corrections to contents page. Occasional light spotting or staining (some of the latter to the title-page); otherwise, age-toning only. (25849)

Sin & Salvation: An Allegory

Johnson, John. Mathematical question, propounded by the viceregent of the world; answered by the king of glory. Enigmatically represented, and demonstratively opened, John Johnson. London: George Keith, 1755. 8vo. [2], 106 pp.

\$450.00

First edition of this elaborate, in fact literary allegory of the danger of sin and the possibility of salvation. Includes an appendix, on pp. 48–106, titled "The Answer to the Enigmatical Question. The Allegory Explained." John Johnson (1706–91) was "the founder of a sect called the Johnsonian Baptists. His followers were found for a long time at Wisbech in Cambridgeshire and elsewhere (see *Dictionary of National Biography*)."

Rare: A search of ESTC locates only one copy ONLY; OCLC adds one additional location. Both locations are in the U.S. (Yale and the NYPL), none in the U.K.

ESTC N66391. Removed from a nonce volume; stitching holes present. Title-leaf repaired; shallow chipping/tearing to first three and final three leaves; one additional tear within text area of pp. 3/4 and 105/106 touching but not costing any text; reading fine throughout. First few leaves detaching. Ink annotations and underlining on p. 70, only. Ex-library, with pressure-stamp on title-page and inked accession number at base and inner margin of p. 3. (23667)

Keach on Tropes of the Bible

Keach, Benjamin. Tropologia: A key, to open Scripture metaphors, in four books ... together with Types of the Old Testament, by the Rev. Mr. Benjamin Keach. London: Pr. by J.W. Pasham for William Otridge, 1779. Folio (32.7 cm, 12.9"). [8], xxiv, 224, 225*–240*, 225–980, [12 (index)] pp.

\$750.00

Revised edition, with Keach's essay on "Types of the Old Testament" appended to his analysis of Biblical figures of speech and composition. The first book of the *Tropologia* was originally written by Thomas De Laune, then revised and expanded by Keach, an outspoken Calvinistic Baptist and prolific author who also published *The Grand Impostor Discovered* and *War with the Devil*, among other works.

The *Tropologia* was first printed in 1681, and went through several editions; Lowndes and Allibone both identify this present one as the best of the old issues. Allibone notes how rare it had become by mid-19th-century, and also cites De Coetlogn, who called the work "A most valuable treasure of human composition: a book without which no Christian Minister's Library can be complete."

ESTC T194778; Lowndes 1254; Allibone 1008. Contemporary treed sheep, spine with gilt-stamped leather title-label and old paper shelving label; covers scuffed and abraded, minor cracks to spine leather, front joints starting from the weight of the substantial volume. Front free endpaper with early inked presentation inscription: "Presented to the N.Y. Bap. Ed. Socty. by Lewis Leonard, Poughkeepsie." One leaf with closed tear to center, no loss of text. Pages gently age-toned, with occasional light foxing. (24895)

Saving Youth from the Devil's Blandishments

Keach, Benjamin. War with the Devil: Or, the young mans conflict with the powers of darkness, in a dialogue... London: Benjamin Harris, 1683. 8vo (15 cm, 5.9"). [2], 208 pp. (pagination skips from 94 to 105); 2 plts. (of 7).

\$800.00

Uncommon "seventh impression" of this popular Christian poem, following the first edition of 1673. Keach, a prominent Baptist minister, includes several of his own hymns after his account of the Youth's redemption from a sinful, dissolute life (Jesus, Truth, and Conscience all play roles in the dialogue between the Devil and the Youth); the appendix is another dialogue, this one between "an Old Apostate" and a young professor.

The volume opens with two copper-engraved plates, depicting the protagonist in his natural and converted states.

ESTC R215502; Wing (rev ed.) K105. Period-style speckled calf framed in gilt single fillet, spine with gilt-stamped leather title-label, gilt-ruled raised bands, and gilt-stamped compartment decorations; binding signed by Starr Bookworks. Five plates lacking. Title-page and several others (including the reverse of the first plate) institutionally rubber-stamped, same also of the lower edges of closed book. First plate with two small ink stains and small repair in upper margin (end of now-closed tear extending into image without loss). Pages age-toned with some spotting; trimmed closely, occasionally touching initial letters or headers. Imperfect — interesting. (24771)

Kingsford, William. Three letters to the Rev. Mr. Wesley, containing remarks on a piece lately published with his approbation. And three challenges to all Methodists in the kingdom. Canterbury: Printed for the author by J. Grove, and sold by W. Bristow, and Flackton, Marrable, and Claris, also by J. Marsom, 1789. 8vo. 70 pp. [*bound with*] **Proud, Joseph.** An impartial account of a public disputation on water baptism, held on the 25th day of October, 1787 ... between John Bousell ... and Joseph Proud, with some further observations in vindication of that sacred ordinance. Norwich: Printed by Crouse and Co., [1787]. 8vo. iv, 32 pp.

\$275.00

The first is an uncommon anti-Methodist tract and the second is a very rare work on baptism and the role of water.

Both works are uncommon or rare: ESTC locates only 4 copies of Kingsford in the U.S. and only 1 of Proud.

Kingsford: ESTC T2501. Proud: ESTC N16843. 19th-century quarter sheep with marbled paper sides. Ex-library with call number tag on front cover, bookplate on front pastedown, call number in pencil on verso of title-page. Title-page of Proud very darkened, that of Kingsford cut down and only a bit less dark. Stray stains. Very decent copies of apparently rare publications. (19747)

"Oriental" Romance for CT Subscribers

Langhorne, John. Solyman and Almena: an Oriental tale. East Windsor, Conn.: Pr. by Luther Pratt, 1799. 12mo. 168 pp.

\$400.00

Reprint of an oriental tale in the style of the "Arabian Nights" romance, an extremely popular genre in the 18th century. First edition was London, 1762. At the end are an extract from Robinson's *History of Baptism* about the Anabaptists in Germany, a short story on simple true love entitled "Rural felicity," an ode to solitude, a poem celebrating "female excellence," and a very interesting subscriber's list bristling with Connecticut names and places.

Provenance: Bookplate of Thomas Longley (Hawley) .

Evans 35710; Trumbull, *Connecticut*, 2313; ESTC W3365. Old calf with remnants of black leather spine label; leather with one gouge to back cover and a bit abraded overall. Tear and chip to front free endpaper; title-page with tiny edge tears. Small wormhole at base of initial three leaves, not touching print. Some leaves extruded with shallow tattering. Bookplate as above on front free endpaper. Offsetting from leather of cover and a brown blot or stain at outer margin of title- and following page; same offsetting to last leaves; some general staining and an ink "x-mark" in margin of one other page. This seems to have been read with enthusiasm! (20994)

Arguing Baptism with the Quakers

Leslie, Charles. A discourse; shewing, who they are that are now qualify'd to administer baptism and the Lord's-Supper. Wherein the cause of Episcopacy is briefly treated. London: C. Brome, W. Keblewhite, & H. Hindmarsh, 1698. 4to (22 cm, 8.7"). [8], 62, [2 (adv.)] pp.

\$725.00

First edition of this attempt to convince Quakers of the validity of the orthodox Church of England practice of baptism, written by the nonjuring Church of Ireland clergyman who also published *A Discourse Proving the Divine Institution of Water-Baptism*. Supporting texts in English, Greek, and Latin are included.

ESTC R25145; Wing (rev. ed.) L1130; McAlpin, IV, 589. Recent marbled paper wrappers. Title-page darkened and institutionally pressure-stamped, with lower outer portion torn away, just touching final number in date with no loss of sense. First few pages with edge nicks. Final (adv.) leaf with short internal tear with loss of a few letters, not affecting sense. (25009)

Lyford, William. An apologie for our publick ministerie, and infant-baptism. Written som [sic] years ago for private satisfaction of som [sic] dissenting brethren; and upon request enlarged and published for the same ends. London: Pr. by William Du Gard, 1652. Small 4to. [4] ff., 46 pp., [1 (blank)] f.

\$225.00

Lyford (1598–1653), "Minister of the Gospel at Sherborn in Dorsetshire," and as the DNB labels him, "nonconformist divine," held Calvinist views on many things, which stood him well during the English Civil Wars. He steered a middle course his entire life, as for example: "he believed that parliamentarians had acted unlawfully in going to war against the king" (*DNB*) but he was not a Royalist nor perceived by even the most rabid anti-Royalist as one. So, too, in this publication his explanations are those of one attempting to maintain equidistance from extremes. Here he is in favor of infant baptism and discusses the absolute need to be an ordained minister to preach, etc.

Wing (rev. ed.) L3544; ESTC R24102. Complete copy with the often missing initial and final blank leaves. Removed from a nonce volume; ex-library with 6-digit number stamped on front blank, library name stamped on rear blank, library name perf. stamped on title-page and first page of text, library pencil and ink markings in margins of one leaf. Closely cropped, occasionally costing a catchword or signature mark or part of a side- or shoulder-note. A good copy. (20313)

The Paedo-Baptism Argument Rages On

Marshall, Stephen. A defence of infant-baptism: In answer to Two treatises, and an appendix to them concerning it; lately published by Mr. Jo. Tombes. Wherein that controversie is fully discussed, the ancient and generally received use of it from the apostles dayes, untill the Anabaptists sprung up in Germany, manifested... London: Pr. by Ric. Cotes for Steven Bowtell, 1646. 4to (19.1 cm, 7.5"). [8], 256, [4 (index)] pp.

\$850.00

First edition of this reply to Tombes's *Two Treatises* — one of the most passionately debated publications of the infant baptism controversy — written by a popular and influential preacher. Marshall, John Gere, John Tombes, and a number of the most prominent theologians of the day debated prolifically on the topic; here, Marshall re-engages with Tombes's "destructive Artifice" (p. 3).

Some holdings report (variously) 10 or 12 preliminary pages as present, but signature A is complete here, including one blank leaf.

ESTC R200739; Wing (rev. ed.) M751. Recent marbled paper wrappers. Some light staining to a few early leaves, pages otherwise almost entirely clean. (25039)

The Infant Baptism Controversy Continued, by One of the Great Preachers of the Day

Marshall, Stephen. A sermon of the baptizing of infants; preached in the Abbey-Church at Westminster, at the morning lecture, appointed by the honorable House of Commons. London: Pr. by Richard Cotes for Stephen Bowtell, 1645. 4to (19 cm, 7.5"). [4], 61, [1] pp.

\$600.00

Second edition, following the first of the previous year. Marshall was a prominent member of the Westminster Assembly, one of the most influential preachers to Parliament of his time, and a prolific sermonizer. He engaged with John Gere over their respective positions on infant baptism, with Gere's *Vindiciae paedo-baptismi* written partially in response to the present anti-Baptist sermon.

Uncommon: ESTC, OCLC, Wing, and *NUC Pre-1956* find only six U.S. holdings, one of which has been deaccessioned.

Wing (rev. ed.) M775; McAlpin, II, 361; ESTC R211892 & R31210. On Marshall, see: *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* online. Recent marbled paper wrappers. Title-page institutionally pressure-stamped, with outer and upper margins darkened by offsetting from sometime binding; first few leaves with corners bumped. Based on the signatures, either a half-title or a license leaf is lacking, but this collation matches that reported by ESTC. (25019)

Maurice, Matthias & Williams, Edward. Social religion exemplified, in an account of the first settlement of Christianity in the city of Caerludd [i.e., London]; in several dialogues. Shrewsbury: J. Eddowes, 1786. 12m o. xxiii, [1], 422 [16] pp.

\$145.00

"Written originally by the Rev. Matthias Morrice. The fourth edition. Revised, corrected and abridged; with occasional notes, a copious index, and a preface, containing some account of the author, by Edward Williams."

Provenance: Bookplate of Thomas Ustick, noted Baptist minister in Philadelphia in the latter third of the 18th century, trustee of the University of Pennsylvania, and grandfather of Thomas U. Walter, the great 19th-century architect. Later in the library of Horation Gates Jones. Later still in several institutional libraries.

ESTC T97262. Uncut copy. Publisher's light blue paper cover boards with paper shelfback; paper of spine perished and replaced with a brown cloth tape. Stains on front and back covers. Edges bumped and rubbed. Ex-library: call number on binding, bookplates on front pastedown, rubber-stamps, pencilling. (23761)

Muggleton on Christ's Baptism

Muggleton, Lodowick. [drop-title] Lodowick Muggleton's Letter to Robert Peirce, concerning the Holy Ghost. [London: 1719]. 4to (21.1 cm, 8.25"). 8 pp. .

\$875.00

Lodowicke (or Lodowick) Muggleton (1609–98) was, along with his cousin John Reeve, the founder of the Muggletonians, a small Christian sect that denied the doctrine of the Trinity, believed that God would no longer interfere in human affairs after the revelation of their founders, and condemned prayer and preaching. In this letter he replies in the affirmative to Robert Peirce's question as to whether the Holy Ghost in the bodily shape of a dove descended on Christ at his baptism—with a final note stating his opinion that Moses was never buried.

Not in ESTC; Smith, *Bibliotheca Anti-Quakeriana*, 311. On Muggleton, see: *The Dictionary of National Biography*, XXXIX, 264–67; and on the movement, see: *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church* 948. Recent marbled paper over light boards; front cover with a paper label lettered in black. Browned with darker spotting. Chipping in the margins repaired with tissue paper. Pencilled marginalia including a nota hand on p. 3. (5117)

The End Times, According to Muggleton

Muggleton, Lodowick. A true interpretation of the eleventh chapter of the Revelation of St. John, and other texts in that book; as also many other places of Scripture. London: Pr. for the author, 1662. 4to (18.9 cm, 7.4"). [16], 172, [2 (blank)] pp.

\$2400.00

First edition: Explication of Revelation, "proving" that Muggleton and John Reeve were God's "Last Messengers, and the Witnesses of the Spirit" (p. 165) as mentioned in Rev. 11:3 ff, with a divine commission to declare "the doctrine of the true God, and the right devil" (p. 161). In this, his first independent work following Reeve's death in 1658, Muggleton examines Revelation from a quirky, materialist, anti-Reason perspective, argues that God has a manlike, corporeal face and body, and discusses the failings of the "seven Churches . . . having no Commission from God" (p. 52): Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Presbytery, Independent, Baptist, Ranter, and Quaker.

Provenance: Final blank leaf with inked inscriptions reading "Tho.s. Scupholme His Book 1740" and "Henery Collier His Book 1759."

ESTC R267; Wing (rev. ed.) M3050; Smith, *Anti-Quakeriana*, 305. Period-style calf, covers framed in blind double fillets, spine with gilt-ruled raised bands and gilt-stamped leather title-label. Pages age-toned and spotted; one leaf with tear from lower margin into text, sewn by hand some time ago. (26004)

Surprisingly Unbiased for Its Time

Otte, Johann Heinrich [a.k.a. Johannes Ottius]. *Annales anabaptistici hoc est, historia universalis de anabaptistarum origine, progressu, factionibus & schismatis ...* Basileae: Johannis Regis (impressa per Jacobum Werenfelsium), 1672. 4to (20.3 cm, 8"). [40], 360, [24] pp. (pagination skips 226–29, repeats 241–44).

\$875.00

First edition: A history of the Anabaptists, written by Otte (*a.k.a.* Johannes Ottius, 1617–82), a Swiss Reformed church historian best known for this extensively researched, chronologically ordered account of the various branches of Anabaptism from 1521 through 1671. The Dutch Mennonites, the Swiss Brethren, and the Austrian Hutterites all receive much attention in the latter portion of this volume, which Rosenthal includes under the category of important works on sects, and describes as "*curieux et rare*."

The title-page is printed in red and black; the text is printed in roman, italic, and black-letter fonts with one large foliate initial, two typographical headpieces, and two woodcut tailpieces.

Provenance: Title-page with 19th-century inked ownership inscription of Howard Osgood (1831–1911), an eminent Baptist minister, scholar, and member of the American Committee on Revision of the Old Testament, as well as a famed collector of Reformation materials.

VD17 12:119791F; Hillerbrand, *Anabaptism*, 2456; Rosenthal, *Bibliotheca magica et pneumatika*, 4650. Period-style full dark calf, covers framed in blind fillets and blind roll, spine with gilt-stamped leather title-label, gilt beading on raised bands with blind-tooling extending onto boards, and blind-tooled decorations in compartments; all edges stained black. Title-page with small inked numeral in upper inner corner, ownership inscription as above, and institutional pressure-stamp. First few leaves darkened; first and last leaf each with small paper adhesions along inner margin; instances of minor to moderate offsetting throughout. One leaf with tear from outer margin, just touching text without loss. => **A clean, wide-margined, rather pretty. little quarto.** (26090)

Uncommon Franklin Press Production

Philadelphia Baptist Association. A Confession of faith, put forth by the elders and brethren of many congregations of Christians (baptized upon profession of their faith) in London and the country. Philadelphia: Printed by B. Franklin, 1743. Small 8vo (14.5 cm; 5.75") 112 pp., [1] f., 62 pp.

\$1475.00

Bill Miller, the great Franklin bibliographer, writes of this work: "This Confession, approved by the Baptist congregations meeting in Philadelphia Sep. 25, 1742, had first been set forth about 1643 in London and was reaffirmed in 1689. At the Philadelphia meeting in 1742, the Association approved the idea of having a 'treatise of church discipline' written by Benjamin Griffith." That latter work has an added special title-page: "A short treatise of church-discipline. Philadelphia: Printed by B. Franklin, 1743."

This sixth edition of the *Confession of Faith* has yet another addition: "Of imposition of hands and Singing of Psalms in publick worship."

Provenance: 1930s bookplate of John Clyde Oswald, author of (among other biblioworks) *Benjamin Franklin, Printer* (1917) and *Printing in the Americas* (1937).

Evans 5124; Miller, *Benjamin Franklin's Philadelphia Printing*, 317; Sabin 61497; Hildeburn, *Pennsylvania*, 811; ESTC W037515. Griffith has its own Evans citation: Evans 5194. 19th-century half black roan in imitation of morocco, abraded along front joint (outside) and edges of the boards; signed with blind-embossed stamp, "Turner Hamilton, Binder, Philadelphia." Bookplate as above. Three leaves torn with varying degrees of loss of text: pp. 21–24 (in fact all readable with confidence except for one word), 33–34 (text approximately half missing). Age-toning and spotting; abrasion to rear pastedown. Far from a "perfect copy" and priced as such, certainly a copy with => **very pleasing provenance**. (26032)

"Wo unto All Ministerial Counterfeits!"

Reeve, John, & Lodowick Muggleton. Joyful news from heaven: Or, the last intelligence from our glorified Jesus above the stars: Wherein is infallibly recorded, how that the soul dieth in the body.... London: Pr. by T.J. for Francis Cosinet, 1658. 4to (18.9 cm, 7.4"). [2], 78, [2 (blank)] pp.

\$2000.00

First edition of this anti-Baptist and anti-Quaker polemic. Reeve and Muggleton, self-proclaimed as the two witnesses mentioned in Rev. 11:3 ff., were the prophets and leaders of the Muggletonians, a small Christian sect that denied the doctrine of the Trinity, believed that God would no longer interfere in human affairs after the revelation of their founders, and condemned prayer and preaching. In this treatise the pair discuss the nature and destiny of the soul, the source of true apostolic authority, and the distinctions between true and false ministers.

ESTC and OCLC locate only eight U.S. institutional holdings. The pagination here matches Wing but not ESTC, which calls for only 56 pages.

ESTC R32277; Wing (rev. ed.) R679; Smith, *Anti-Quakeriana*, 304; Whitley, *Baptist Bibliography*, 49–658. Period-style calf, covers framed in blind double fillets, spine with gilt-ruled raised bands and gilt-stamped leather title-label. Pages age-toned and spotted; one leaf with outer and lower margins repaired some time ago. (26001)

Rippon, John. The Baptist annual register for [1790 to 1802] ... Including sketches of the state of religion among different denominations of good men at home and abroad. London: Dilly, Button, & Thomas; et al., [1793–1802]. 8vo (20.9 cm, 8.25"). 4 vols. I: Frontis., [4], viii, [4]–564 pp., [20], [41]–56, v, [1], 40 pp.; 3 plts., table. II: Frontis., [4], 534, [12], viii, 87, [13]–20 pp.; 3 plts. III: Frontis., 565, [1] pp.; 7 plts. IV: Frontis., [2], 553–1151, [9] pp.; 7 plts.

\$1200.00

First edition. A complete set, in four volumes, of the Baptist annual register published during John Rippon's tenure as editor, which lasted from 1790 to 1802. DNB notes that it proved an influential vehicle for Rippon's promotion of itinerant evangelism and for his pro-American views. An exhaustive who's who and what's where including lists of churches, obituaries, historical documents, and correspondence with missionaries in India. Illustrated with 20 engraved plates, many of which are portraits of eminent Baptist pastors.

ESTC N15721 (vol. 1 only), N15723 (vol. 2 only). 20th-century brown buckram binding. Ex-library with bookplate, rubber- and pressure-stamps, and inked accession number. Each plate with rubber-stamp below the engraved image. Pages overall clean, with foxing on some early and later pages. (26131)

Early German–English Language Instruction — BAPTIST PROVENANCE

Sower (a.k.a. Saur), Christopher, comp. Eine nuetzliche Anweisung oder Beyhuelffe vor Deutsche um Englisch zu lernen.... Nebst einer Grammatic.... Vierte und vermehrte Auflage. Germantown: Gedruckt und zu bekommen bey Peter Leibert, 1792. 8vo (16.8 cm, 6.6"). [4], 282 (i.e., 284) pp.

\$450.00

Christopher Sower (a.k.a. Saur, 1721–84) is the likely compiler of this German–English grammar (cf. Evans 6777), designed to help German-speaking immigrants to North America learn English. => **In addition to the lessons it includes short German–English and English–German lexicons**. First published in 1751, it is printed here in both fraktur and roman type, with a woodcut headpiece of the all-seeing eye above the preface. This is the fourth of four 18th-century editions.

Provenance: Front fly-leaf with early inked inscription "Sebastian Keller jnr." Sebastian Keller the second was the son of => **Catharine Hummer** of White Oak, Pennsylvania; Hummer was the first woman to preach among the German Baptist Brethren of Pennsylvania, and famed for her visions of dead people being baptized in Heaven.

ESTC W21002; Evans 24771; Arndt & Eck, *German Language Printing in the U.S.*, 853. Contemporary mottled sheep, covers framed in blind double fillets; binding scuffed and rubbed, spine and front cover with insect damage. Pages browned and intermittently stained as usual with German American imprints; edges of front free endpaper, first few leaves, and back free endpaper tattered. Front fly-leaf with inscription as above. (26180)

Stennett, Joseph. Hymns in commemoration of the sufferings of our blessed saviour Jesus Christ. Compos'd for the celebration of His Holy Supper. London: printed, and sold by W. and J. Marshal, A. Bell, and J. Baker, 1705. 12mo. xl,64 pp.

\$175.00

The second edition enlarged. Stennett (1663–1713) was a Seventh Day Baptist minister.

Binding: Half black morocco of the late 19th-century; signed "R. W. Smith." All edges gilt.

ESTC T123756. Binding as above, with marbled paper, lightly rubbed and abraded over extremities. Gilt title on spine. Starting from upper corner of front board. All edges gilt. Marbled end-papers. Title-page chipped along margins and mounted. Ex-library with pressure-stamp, pencilled notations. A readers inked notations. Some page edges bumped and chipped. Paper age-toned. (22610)

Strong, Cyprian. An inquiry; wherein, the end and design of Baptism—the qualifications for it—the extent of its administration—the advantages arising from it—the standing of baptized children—whether baptism in infancy do entitle to Church privileges in adult years—and the discipline which the Church is to exercise, relative to baptized children, are particularly considered and illustrated. Hartford: Pr. by Hudson & Goodwin, 1793. 8vo. 103 pp.

\$80.00

On infant baptism. Cyprian Strong (1743–1811) was pastor of the First Church in Chatham.

Evans 26228; ESTC W 20537. Removed from a nonce volume; stitch holes in inner margin, not touching text. Some light spotting. Shallow tear in top outer corner of pp. 101–103 without extending into text area. (20422)

The Treatises that Launched 1000 Rebuttals

Tombes, John. Anthropolatria; or, the sinne of glorying in men, especially in eminent ministers of the gospel. Wherein is set forth the nature and causes of this sinne, as also the many pernicious effects which at all times this sinne hath produced, and with which the church of Christ is still infected. With some serious dissuasives from this sinne, and directions to prevent the infection thereof. A discourse usefull, and in these times very seasonable. London: Pr. by G. Miller for John Bellamy, 1645. 4to (19.2 cm, 7.55"). [4], 19, [1] pp. [*bound with the same author's*] Two treatises and an appendix to them concerning infant-baptisme.... London: George Whittington, 1645–46. [10], 34, [2], 82, (75)–(82), 83–176, [10] pp.

\$850.00

Tombes was one of the dominant voices in the heated infant baptism controversy, and his anti-baptism *Two Treatises* inspired numerous responses from the leading theologians of the day.

Anthropolatria is here in its first edition, variant issue with the words "to the Honourable Societies of the Temples" added as part of the author statement; another edition (ESTC R200049) has simply "at the Temple" instead.

The *Two Treatises* — Tombes's "Exercitation about Infant-Baptisme" and "An Examen of the Sermon of Mr. Stephen Marshal, about Infant-Baptisme" — each have a separate title-page in addition to the main title, which gives a publication date of 1645. The first separate title-page states "Printed by M.S. for George Whittington, 1646" and the second "Printed by R.W. for George Whittington, 1645," implying that this copy has been supplied with the second state of the "Exercitation."

Uncommon: Both works are scarce. OCLC, ESTC, Wing, and *NUC Pre-1956* find five U.S. locations for each work, with one holding deaccessioned in each case.

Anthropolatria: ESTC R235187; Wing (rev. ed.) T1796; McAlpin, II, 380. *Two Treatises* (1645): ESTC R200471; Wing (rev. ed.) T1825. Recent marbled paper wrappers. Title-page closely trimmed at bottom, just touching border, and upper portion with a crescent of soil; instances of soil to margins at page-edges variously throughout, and, otherwise, only the odd light spot. Some upper and lower corners crumpled; one leaf with paper flaw in outer margin affecting a few letters of the shouldernote. (25043)

Tombes Defends His 12 Arguments

Tombes, John. An apology or plea for the Two treatises, and appendix to them concerning infant-baptisme; published Decemb. 15. 1645. against the unjust charges, complaints, and censures of Doctor Nathanael Homes, Mr Iohn Gere, Mr Stephen Marshall, Mr John Ley, and Mr William Hussey; together with a postscript by way of reply to Mr Blokes answer to Mr Tombes his letter, and Mr Edmund Calamy, and Mr Richard Vines preface to it. London: Giles Calvert, 1646. 4to (19 cm, 7.5"). [8], 157, [3 (2 blank)] pp.

\$950.00

First edition of this entry in the infant baptism controversy, written by one of its prime movers, "wherein the principall heads of the Dispute concerning Infant-Baptism are handled, and the insufficiency of the writings opposed to the two Treatises manifested" (as per the title-page). Tombes was an accomplished, Puritan-leaning preacher whose career was derailed by his vocal opposition to the rite; his *Two Treatises* ignited a particularly heated debate, with numerous responses published.

Uncommon: ESTC, OCLC, Wing, and *NUC Pre-1956* report 10 U.S. holdings, one of which has been deaccessioned.

ESTC R201072; Wing (rev. ed.) T1801. On Tombes, see: *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* online. Recent marbled paper wrappers. Some light age-toning; one leaf with tiny pinhole affecting four letters, otherwise a clean, fresh copy. (25025)

Uncommon & Oft-Cited Treatise on Baptism

Visconti, Giuseppe. Iosephi Vicecomitis Ambrosiani collegii doctoris Observationes ecclesiasticae in quo de antiquis baptismi ritibus, ac caeremoniis agitur.... Parisiis: Apud Laurentium Sonnum, 1618. 8vo (18.5 cm, 7.25"). [6], 912, [70 (index)] pp.

\$475.00

Second edition: Important study of the development of canon law on baptism. A historian and antiquarian, the author was one of the earliest members of the college of doctors associated with the Biblioteca Ambrosiana, the historic Milan library established in 1609; he was invited to join the college by the library's founder, Cardinal Federico Borromeo, who tasked him with studying ecclesiastical rites.

The first edition of 1615 is scarce, as is this second edition, of which at least two variant issues appeared in 1618. All have the same pagination but attribute their publication to Droüart, Cramoisy, or (as in this case) Laurent Sonnius; presumably at least one of the title-pages is a cancel. All are uncommon: OCLC locates only two U.S. institutional holdings of this Sonnius printing. The work bears a woodcut title vignette, headpieces, and initials, with copious printed shouldernotes to the text.

Starr, *Baptist Bibliography*, V551. On Visconti, see: Feller, *Dictionnaire historique*, 71. Later quarter mottled calf and speckled paper-covered sides, spine gilt extra with gilt-stamped leather title-label, rebaked preserving most of original spine; edges and extremities rubbed, spine with area of discoloration from now-absent shelving label, original spine leather chipped and cracked. Title-page with institutional rubber-stamps, numeral, and pressure-stamp; one additional page pressure-stamped. Pages age-toned with occasional light spotting and title-page dust-soiled; one spot of pinhole worming to first quarter of volume, not touching text. Early inked inscription on title-page inked over, one instance of early inked underlining. Sound and handsome. (25877)

Webster, Samuel. Young children and infants declared by Christ members of his Gospel church or kingdom: and, therefore, to be visibly marked as such, like other members, by baptism: and, Plunging not necessary. Boston: T. and J. Fleet, 1780. 8vo. 36 pp.

\$135.00

Third edition. Not in Evans. "Two discourses delivered September 20th, 1772, to the West Congregation in Salisbury, and, afterwards in several neighbouring parishes. Published at the desire of the hearers."

Bristol B5210; Shipton & Mooney 43915. Removed from nonce volume. Library pressure stamp on title-page. Pencilled notation on title-page. Library call number in ink at foot of page 3. Hole in last page, resulting in the loss of some text, but only a word or two on each of eleven lines total. Age-toned throughout. Poorly cut pages, a little uneven and chipped along the bottom edge. A clean text. (21285)

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