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A METHODIST GATHERING

Allen, Stephen. The Bible and national prosperity: a Thanksgiving discourse, preached in the Congregational Church at Waterville, at a united meeting of the Baptist, Congregationalist and Methodist congregations, November 27, 1851. Waterville, [Me.]: Pr. by Maxham & Wing, 1851. 8vo. 24 pp.

\$35.00

Sermon tracing the influence of the Bible on public morals, "popular intelligence," "the spirit of enterprise," and civil liberty, with much concerning the rapid growth of Catholicism in the United States.

Removed from a nonce volume; light fold mark down center. Clean. Very good condition. (19950)

Andrews, Edward Gayer, ed. The doctrines and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church. 1892. With an appendix. New York: Hunt & Eaton; Cincinnati: Cranston & Curts, 1892. 16mo. 352 pp.

\$15.00

Publisher's brown cloth, spine gilt-stamped. Head and foot of spine slightly pulled. Stitching exposed at hinges. Pp. 351/352 with tear, extending into text but without loss. Ownership inscription on front fly-leaf. (15751)

Barrows, L. D. Distinctive feature of Methodism. A discourse, delivered in the Clinton-Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Newark, N.J., October, 1851. New York: Pr. by Lane & Scott, 1851. 8vo. 36 pp.

\$40.00

L. D. Barrows argues that what makes Methodism distinctive is its self-sacrificing spirit for the salvation of mankind, as developed in three particulars of its Church government.

Removed from a nonce volume. Light staining/foxing on upper portion of title-page and p. 36, and confined to top and gutter margins throughout. Light fold-mark down center of pamphlet. Very good. (20051)

An Abolitionist's Righteous Anger

Birney, James G. The American churches, the bulwarks of American slavery. By an American. Newburyport: Charles Whipple, 1842. 8vo. 44 pp.

\$100.00

Second American edition, revised by the author; first published in England. A compilation of pro-slavery sentiments of the Methodist Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Protestant Episcopal Churches. James G. Birney was the Liberty Party (abolitionist) candidate for President in 1840 and 1844.

Removed from a nonce volume; three stitches in inner margin. Title-page with faint ink inscription by a contemporary owner at top margin of title-page, two small brown spots, and pin-hole (not touching text). Light soiling down center of p. 44. (20467)

On Wesley's Death — By a Friend & Co-Laborer

Coke, Thomas. The substance of a sermon preached in Baltimore and Philadelphia, on the first and eighth of May, 1791, on the death of the Rev. John Wesley. London: Pr. by G. Paramore for G. Whitfield, 1791. 8vo (20.7 cm, 8.1"). 20 pp.

\$125.00

First edition of this sermon given by Coke, the first American Methodist bishop, on the occasion of Wesley's death. Coke acted as Wesley's agent in establishing and legitimating the earliest Methodist figures of authority in the United States; Wesley later bequeathed his papers to John Whitehead, Henry Moore, and Coke, and the latter two prepared and published a biography. In the present sermon, Coke compares Wesley's life to that of the prophet Elijah.

ESTC T48777. On Bishop Coke, see: Dictionary of National Biography. Removed from a nonce volume. Title-page with early inked ownership inscription in upper margin, slightly shaved at top. Lightest waterstaining to upper edges and faint spotting around sewing holes in inner margins; pages otherwise clean, with some minor creasing. (20584)

Cox, Melville Babbage. Remains of Melville B. Cox, late missionary to Liberia. With a memoir. Boston: Light and Horton, 1835. 8vo. iv, 240 pp., port., facsim.

\$58.50

Principally from the documents and journals of Cox (1799-1833), a Methodist missionary, with connecting narrative supplied by the editor Gershom Flagg Cox (1799-1879). A significant early source on Liberia and the missionary work there. The work also contains a lithographed facsimile of a manuscript quotation by Melville Cox and an engraved portrait of him by E. Mackenzie.

American Imprints (1835) 31190; Library Company, Afro-Americana, 2761. Publisher's ribbon-embossed cloth, rebacked crudely with black tape. Ex-library: call number label on spine, front hinge (inside) with paper repair; date due slip at rear. Foxing and staining. A less than good copy. (20708)

Crowther, Jonathan. A true and complete portraiture of Methodism; or The history of the Wesleyan Methodists ... with the whole plan of their discipline ... New York: Daniel Hitt & Thomas Ware (J. C. Totten, printer), 1813. 8vo. 383 pp.

\$100.00

Sole edition.

Shaw & Shoemaker 28252. Contemporary sheep, title gilt-stamped on a black leather spine label; rubbed and abraded, spine label chipped but without loss of lettering. Ex-library, with white-lettered call number at base of spine, bookplate on front pastedown, remnants of a charge pocket at rear pastedown, librarian's ink notation in gutter margin of p. [iii], and accession number rubber-stamped in lower margin of p. [iii]. Shallow tears and chips to front (blank) leaves. A few shallow dog-ears. Some browning and waterstains. (20764)

Another Variety of "Sample" Book

Paperback! Pentecostal Hymnal (with Music)

Date, Henry, ed. Pentecostal hymns no. 2. Chicago: Hope Publishing Co., [1900]. 8vo (9.9 cm, 3.9"). [2], 30, [16], 31-[222] pp.

\$90.00

"Facsimile in miniature": Pocket-sized hymnal, meant to encourage readers to purchase one of the various larger bound editions but containing complete music and lyrics for over 200 hymns. The compiler was a Methodist evangelist whose family immigrated to the United States when he was 13; his hymnals (of which several volumes were published) are among the earliest such works specifically earmarked for the nascent Pentecostal movement.

This "paperback" issue is VERY UNCOMMON, unlike the "hardback" printing.

Publisher's printed paper wrappers, lightly spotted, chipping over spine and with edge nicks; back wrapper with upper outer corner torn away just touching ornamental type border. Some corners dog-eared; one page with inkstain obscuring a few words and notes, pages otherwise clean. (18936)

Dempster, John. A discourse on Christ's mediation by Rev. John Dempster, D.D., before the members of the Methodist General Biblical Institute, Concord, N.H., 1852. Concord: Steam Power Press of McFarland & Jenks, [1852]. 8vo. 23 pp.

\$30.00

Removed from a nonce volume. A few light stains on inner and lower margins of title-page; otherwise, clean. Light fold-mark down center of pamphlet. Very good condition. (19953)

Drew, Samuel. An essay on the identity and general resurrection of the human body: In which the evidences in favour of these important subjects are considered, in relation both to philosophy and scripture. Brooklyn, N.Y.: Pr. by Thomas Kirk, 1811. 8vo. xxxii, 439 pp.

\$120.00

A work on metaphysics by a Methodist preacher. Printed during the first 20 years of printing on Long Island.

Shaw & Shoemaker 22723; Doggett, Long Island Printing, 119. Library buckram. Ex-Mercantile Library copy with rubber stamps, bookplate, and charge pocket inside. Previous owner's ink signature in upper portion of title-page. Leaves browned. Edges deckle. Binding tight. (3908)

Emory, Robert. History of the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church. New York: G. Lane & C.B. Tippet, 1845. 12mo. 350 pp., [1 (blank)] f., [1] p., pp. 352-364, [2 (advertisements)] ff.

\$67.50

Contemporary sheep, rubbed; front joint open, but sewing holding. Light foxing or brown-spotting. Inked ownership inscription on front free endpaper. All edges speckled brown. (5468)

Fletcher, John. An appeal to matter of fact and common sense. Or a rational demonstration of man's corrupt and lost estate. Philadelphia: Melchior Steiner, 1783. 12mo. 271, [1] pp.

\$200.00

Early American edition of this Methodist treatise on original sin.

ESTC W11665; Evans 17930. Contemporary sheep, spine with raised bands; binding slightly sprung, with small areas of insect damage to back cover and foot of spine, leather cracking over spine and abraded over corners, edges, and spine extremities. Front free endpaper lacking; back free endpaper with inked inscription dated 1789. Pages browned and stained, with occasional pencilled marginalia (including, in one case, the comment "Voltaire again!") (14942)

Wesley's Homage

Halyburton, Thomas, & John Wesley. An extract of the life and death of Mr. Thomas Haliburton...second edition. Bristol: A & G. Way, prs., 1747. 12mo (17.2 cm, 6.75"). [8], 92 pp.

\$1350.00

Second edition of John Wesley's rendition of the life of the legendarily pious theologian Thomas Halyburton (sometimes given as Haliburton), son of a Scots nonconformist minister. Halyburton's writings, all published posthumously, were promoted by Wesley, who provided the introduction for this volume and some editing of Halyburton's autobiography.

ESTC N9604. Period-style calf by Grace Bindings (signed in blind at inner area of lower rear turn-in), framed and panelled in blind rolls with blind-stamped corner fleurons, spine with gilt-stamped leather title and author labels and with gilt-stamped floral decorations. Pages age-toned and paper embrittled, with a very few small edge nicks; title-page with a short tear from lower margin into lower inner corner, not touching text. Clean, interesting. (14807)

Harris, William Logan. The doctrines and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church. 1884. With an appendix. Edited by Bishop Harris. New York: Phillips & Hunt; Cincinnati: Cranston & Stowe, 1884. 16mo. 424 pp.

\$15.00

Publisher's cloth, gilt-lettered on spine. Binding a little soiled and scuffed. (15789)

Hedding, Elijah. Hymns for the use of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Revised edition. New York: Carlton & Lanahan; Cincinnati: Hitchcock & Walden, copyright 1849. 8vo. 736 pp.

\$75.00

Revised edition of this Methodist hymnal, here in an attractive binding with the name of the owner, Ada Elliott, gilt-stamped on the front cover.

Contemporary morocco, covers framed in blind with central blind-stamped medallions, spine with gilt-stamped title, front cover with owner's name gilt-stamped as described above; leather a touch rubbed over joints and extremities. (14463)

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Buy It to Read It?

Hersey, John. Hiroshima. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1946. Small 8vo. [10 (4 blank)], 3-118, [2 (1 blank)] pp.

\$7.00

Book club (Borzoi Books) edition. Sub-title on dust jacket: "The story of six human beings who survived the explosion of the atom bomb over Hiroshima—this is the complete text of the brilliant report to which "The New Yorker" devoted its entire issue of August 31, 1946." From the front flap: "John Hersey tells what these six—a clerk, a widowed seamstress, a physician, a Methodist minister, a young surgeon, and a German Catholic priest—were doing at 8:15 a.m. on August 6, 1945, when Hiroshima was destroyed by the first atom bomb ever dropped on a city. Then he follows the course of their lives, hour by hour, day by day...."

Publisher's cloth, stamped in green on the spine and front. With dust jacket, illustrated on the back with photographs of the six survivors. Near fine, in a very good dust jacket. (5068)

"Travels & Labors" in New York State

Hudson, John B. Narrative of the Christian experience, travels and labors of John B. Hudson, a local elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church. With notices of the introduction of Methodism into various sections of the state of New York. Written by himself, with the assistance of a friend. Rochester, [N.Y.]: William Alling, 1838. 12mo (13.5 cm, 5.32"). 176 pp.

\$145.00

Travels in western New York during the rise of the Mormon Church; other exciting religious fervors are also canvassed.

American Imprints (1838) 50907. Original quarter sheep over printed paper boards. Covers rubbed with partial loss of some letter; staining and slight bug-spotting; chipping at top and outer edges; hinges (inside) open. Light spotting and staining throughout. In a brown library cloth dust jacket with gilt title and date of publication on spine. In a brown slipcase, showing evidence of a once present paper spine label. (20815)

Sexual Scandal, 1872

Huston, Lorenzo Dow (defendant). The trial of the Rev. L. D. Huston for the alleged seduction of Mary Driscoll, Virginia Hopkins. Baltimore: Fisher & Denison, 1872. 8vo. 64 pp.

\$100.00

The Rev. Huston, a Methodist minister, was charged with seducing Mary Driscoll (b. 1855) and Virginia Hopkins (b. 1854). The publication claims to be "giving a full and complete account of all the testimony taken before the ecclesiastical court, and containing all the evidence that has been withheld from the public, with an elaborate article from Dr. Huston's legal counsel. The only authentic edition, containing all the suppressed testimony." Huston was acquitted.

Removed from a nonce volume. Good condition. (20168)

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)

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We have other Methodist Almanacs, ALSO — Please enquire!

Methodist almanac, for the year ... 1852 ... comprising also a summary view of Methodism throughout the world ... New York: Lane & Scott (Joseph Longking, Pr.), [1851]. 12mo. 60 pp., plus wrapper.

\$30.00

Wood engraved illustrations include "Ohio Wesleyan University," "Winged Lion from the Ruins of Nineveh," "View of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania," "Female School at Fuh-Chau, China," and "Central Methodist Church, Newark, N.J."

Original front wrapper present, but not rear one. Some chipping and definite wear, especially along spine. Old ink notations. A good copy. (9383)

Methodist Episcopal Church. Address of the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to the General Conference held in Baltimore, May, 1840. Baltimore: Wm. Woody, pr., 1840. 8vo. 24 pp.

\$15.00

Removed from a nonce volume. Ex-library, with penciled call number on verso of title-page. Lightly penciled signature at top of title-page. Overall very good. (20643)

Methodist Episcopal Church. Minutes taken at the several annual conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, for the year 1811. New-York: Daniel Hitt, for the Methodist Connection in the United States (John C. Totten, printer), 1811. 12mo. 40 pp.

\$57.50

Shaw & Shoemaker 23375. Sewn; lacks wrappers. Smudged ink inscription in upper margin of title-page; pencilled underlining on same page. Stains, dog-ears, irregular edges. (611)

Methodist Episcopal Church. Minutes taken at the several annual conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the United States of America, for the year 1809. New York: John Wilson & Daniel Hitt, for the Methodist connection in the United States (J. C. Totten, printer), 1809. 12mo. 33, [3 (blank)] pp.

\$57.50

Shaw & Shoemaker 18071. Sewn; lacks wrappers. Faint blind stamp ("Seal of the New Jersey Historical Society"), smudged ink inscription, and pencilling on title-page. Light foxing. Edges tattered; dog-ears. (605)

The Methodist harmonist, containing a great variety of tunes collected from the best authors, adapted to all the various metres in the Methodist hymn-book, and designed for the use of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States. To which is added a choice selection of anthems and pieces, for particular occasions. New York: J. Emory & B. Waugh, for the Methodist Episcopal Church; and to be had of the Methodist preachers in the cities and country (J. Collord, printer), 1831. Oblong. xi, [1], 247, [4] pp.

\$100.00

A. I. (1831) 8249. Contemporary sheep over marbled paper sides; rubbed, a little holing on back joint, small loss of leather at head of spine, evidence of paper label removed from corner of front cover. An early owner's ink inscription on the front free endpaper and penciled musical notations on rear free endpaper. Ex-library, with bookplate on front pastedown, five-digit number in ink, rubber-stamped six-digit number, penciled call number, call slip and bar code on rear pastedown, and paper shelf label on spine. First four preliminary leaves detaching and with shallow tears at gutter margin, title-page and one other leaf chipped in marings. Foxed throughout. (19922)

Morris, Thomas A. The doctrines and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal church: 1868. Cincinnati: Hitchcock & Walden, 1869. 8vo. 374 pp.

\$18.00

Publisher's blind-stamped cloth, spine with gilt-stamped title; cloth a touch rubbed over corners and spine extremities. Front free endpaper with pencilled figures; front fly-leaf with pencilled ownership inscription. (15621)

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A Minister's Wife's Memoirs

Newell, Fanny. Memoirs of Fanny Newell; written by herself, and published by the desire and request of numerous friends.... To which are now added, numerous interesting letters, and a particular account of her last sickness and death. Springfield, Mass.: O. Scott & E. F. Newell, Springfield, and Francis S. Wiggins, New York; Springfield: G. & C. Merriam, printers, 1833. 12mo. [2], (5)–216 pp.

\$80.00

Stated third edition. First edition published in 1824. Sabin says that the “statement on the title of the so-called third edition, that it has “Corrections and Improvements,” is, on the part of the publishers, a pious fiction. It is simply a reprint of the second edition.” Christian autobiography, of Fanny Newell (1793–1824).

Provenance: This copy comes from the archives of the Merriam Company, the printers of this book and the firm known for publishing Webster's dictionary, and is stamped “G. & C. Merriam Co.” on the front pastedown and on the verso of the title-page. Examples of 19th-century books retained in the libraries of their printers or publishers are now uncommon finds.

Sabin 54952. Contemporary sheep, spine with gilt-stamped leather title label and paper shelving label; binding worn and abraded. Pages age-toned, waterstained, moderately foxed. Free endpapers loosening. Rubber stamps of the G. & C. Merriam Co. on front pastedown, verso of title-page. One corner of pp. 65–66 and pp. 139–140 torn away, without loss of printing. Lacks one leaf bookseller's advertisement. (7165)

Perry, James H. The man for the times: a Thanksgiving discourse, preached before the M. E. churches of the city of Brooklyn November 30, 1854. New York: Carlton & Phillips, 1855. 8vo. 22 pp.

\$47.50

James H. Perry was pastor of the Carlton Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church. This sermon expounds on the question “What manner of men do the times in which we live require, in order to bring public opinion and public practice to God's standard?”

Removed from a nonce volume. Mild foxing at top margin of title-page and several other pages. Very good. (19951)

The preacher; or sketches of original sermons, chiefly selected from the manuscripts of two eminent divines of the last century...second American from the second London edition. Philadelphia: J. Whetham & Son, 1842. Vol. 1 only (of 2). 8vo. viii, 13-432, [4 (adv.)] pp.

\$60.00

Second American edition: The first volume only of a guide to writing sermons, intended primarily for Baptists, Methodists, and other denominations making use of lay preachers.

Contemporary sheep, worn with joints cracked and covers separating; front pastedown with bookseller's ticket, front free endpaper with private ownership stamp. Moderate foxing. (8572)

Punshon, William Morley. The prophet of Horeb. His life and its lessons.. A lecture by the Rev. W. Morley Punshon, Wesleyan minister, Sheffield, delivered before the Young Men's Christian Association, in Exeter Hall, January 17, 1854. [London: Pr. by G. Barclay for James Nisbet & Co. and Hamilton, Adams, & Co.], 1854. 12mo. pp. [227]–271, [1 (blank)] p.

\$40.00

NSTC 2P29095. Removed from a nonce volume. Lightly age-toned with some light spotting. (10586)

Scott, Orange. The new and improved camp meeting hymn book: Being a choice selection of hymns from the most approved authors... second edition. Brookfield: Pr. by E. & G. Merriam for the compiler, 1831. 16mo (11.1 cm, 4.4"). iv, 192 pp.

\$115.00

Second edition. Pocket hymnal (without the music) compiled by the Rev. Orange Scott, the abolitionist Methodist clergyman who presided over the Utica Convention and the founding of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America.

Provenance: Publisher's library copy, with rubber-stamp of “G. & C. Merriam Co. Springfield, Mass.” on the front pastedown and front fly-leaf. Front pastedown with small booklabel of prominent collector Michael Zinman.

Contemporary mottled sheep, spine with gilt-stamped title; binding a bit sprung, with leather chipped over spine and rubbed over edges and extremities. Pages foxed. One leaf with upper portion torn away, resulting in loss of several lines. (17530)

Selleck, Alonzo F. Recollections of an itinerant life. Edited by his son. New York: Phillips & Hunt, 1886. 8vo. Frontis., 186 pp.

\$100.00

Sole edition of these memoirs by a Methodist Episcopal preacher.

Publisher's cloth, front cover and spine stamped in black and gilt; binding cocked, with cloth rubbed over corners and spine extremities. Endpapers lightly foxed; front fly-leaf with inked ownership inscription. (12951)

A "Mother of 'Free Methodism'"

Shay, Emma Freeland. Mariet Hardy Freeland: a faithful witness. A biography by her daughter Mrs. Emma Freeland Shay ... Introduction by Mrs. Mary L. Coleman. Chicago: The Free Methodist Publishing House, 1913. 8vo. Frontis., 224, [3] pp.; 18 plts.

\$20.00

Written on the front endpaper: "Mrs. Freeland was one of the Mothers of 'Free Methodism' who lived in western New York at the time of the founding of the Free Methodist Church. She pioneered in South Dakota, helped found Wessington Springs Seminary and was active in the early days of the General Women's Missionary Society."

Publisher's green cloth, gilt-stamped on the front cover and spine. One plate detached from binding and another plate torn through center without loss. Contemporary gift inscription in ink on the front pastedown. Ex-library, with call number in pencil on verso of title-page. Good. (20748)

Simpson, David. A plea for religion and the sacred writings. Addressed to the disciples of Thomas Paine, and to wavering Christians of every denomination. Philadelphia: Solomon Wieatt, 1809. 12mo. 406, [2] pp.

\$125.00

Early American printing: Methodist Rev. Simpson denounces sinners like Rousseau, Voltaire, and most especially Paine, and attempts to answer numerous objections to the gospel of Christ.

Shaw & Shoemaker 18613. Contemporary sheep, abraded and worn, joints cracked; spine with gilt-stamped leather title label and paper shelving label. Front pastedown with library bookplate. Many pages with light spots of foxing. (2858)

"The Lord's dealings with Mrs. Smith"

Smith, Amanda. An autobiography. The story of the Lord's dealings with Mrs. Amanda Smith, the colored evangelist; containing an account of her life work of faith, and her travels in America, England, Ireland, Scotland, India, and Africa, as an independent missionary. Chicago: Meyer, 1893. 12mo. 506 pp. front., plates, ports.

\$375.00

Mrs. Smith was born a slave at Long Green, Md., in 1837 and was manumitted by her mother's mistress. Her story takes her to Liberia, India and elsewhere, along the way becoming an internationally known and respected Methodist evangelist, despite considerable opposition by the A.M.E. church which thought it inappropriate for a woman to do what she did. The volume has a most laudatory introduction by Bishop Thoburn.

Publisher's red cloth with a gilt-stamped bust of Mrs. Smith on front cover. Small area of spine at base torn away. Ex-library with stamps on bottom edges of closed volume; call number tag on spine; bookplate on front pastedown, perforation-stamps on all plates and title-page; date due slip at rear. Not a great copy, but not a terrible one either. (13324)

Smith, John (Anderson, James R. ?). My father Braddock. Philadelphia: Pub. for the author by Perkinpine & Higgins, 1859. 8vo. [2] ff., 137, [9 (adv.)] pp.; 4 plts.

\$125.00

"Being the history of the trials, sufferings, sacrifices, and wrongs, of this good old man and his family in the Methodist Itinerancy." Sole edition of this piece of fiction and RARE. Library of Congress attributes this to James R. Anderson.

Not in Wright, Fiction. Publisher's blind-stamped cloth, spine with gilt-stamped title; cloth rubbed over extremities and cracking over joints. Upper page edges with institutional stamp; back pastedown with charge pocket. Back free endpaper torn; front free endpaper with inked presentation inscription dated 1868. (17498)

Thomas à Kempis for American Methodists

Thomas à Kempis. An extract of the Christian's Pattern; or, a treatise of the imitation of Christ. Philadelphia: Pr. by Joseph Crukshank for John Dickins, 1794. 12mo (10.1 cm, 4"). 306, [14 (index & adv.)] pp.

\$450.00

Early American printing of John Wesley's abridged version of the *Imitatio Christi*, following the London first edition of 1741. This was one of a series of works published by John Dickins, an early Methodist preacher, for the use of Methodist Societies in the U.S.; Dickins's publishing operation eventually became the Methodist Publishing House, still in business today as the United Methodist Publishing House.

Provenance: An interesting array of ownership inscriptions: "Abigail Davis Book Given her By her Friend [Master?] Vaughan" — "Abigail Davis Book" — "Abigail Davis" — "Abigail Vaughan, Her Book," this last written largest of all. ("Reader, I married him"?)

Evans 27179; ESTC W33646. Contemporary sheep, binding overall showing scuffs and small cracks. Endpapers and fly-leaf with early inked ownership inscriptions; title-page verso institutionally rubber-stamped. Pages age-toned and spotted, with intermittent pencilled bracketing; a few leaves starting to separate. (20808)

Tooker, Manly. Poems, and jottings of itinerancy in western New-York, in two parts. Rochester: E. Darrow & Brother (pr. by Benton & Andrews), 1860. 16mo (14.5 cm, 5.7"). 160 pp.; illus.

\$135.00

Sole edition of the only recorded work by Tooker, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Penn Yan, NY, as well as a member of the East Genesee Conference and an agent of the American Bible Society for Western New York. Early pages in this volume are illustrated with a full-page woodcut of "Cayuga and its environs" and several smaller cuts depicting childhood incidents.

Provenance: Front free endpaper with pencilled inscription: "To my friend J.P. Millner [?] from the Author with kind regards Nov. 29 1866."

Publisher's cloth, covers with blind-stamped decorative frames, spine with gilt-stamped title; cloth faded, with corners bumped and spine title dimmed. Front free endpaper with inscription as above. Pages foxed, stained. (15404)

Waugh, Beverly. The doctrines and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal church. New York: Carlton & Porter, 1856. 32mo. 240 pp.

\$40.00

Black embossed publisher's cloth, spine gilt extra; corners bumped; cloth a little faded with a few small stains; small tears in cloth at head and foot of spine. Pages with occasional light foxing and a few dog ears. (5490)

"ONE God to Us, There Is but One"

Wesley, Charles. Hymns on the Trinity. Bristol: William Pine, 1767. 12mo (16.6 cm, 6.5"). 132 pp.

\$500.00

First edition, containing 188 hymns and prayers. This volume is sometimes confused with Wesley's *Gloria Patrie, &c.* or, *Hymns to the Trinity*, a smaller collection printed in 1746 and later. Charles Wesley — sometimes assisted by his brother, John Wesley — was one of the most prolific English hymn-writers; many of his works are still sung today in Methodist and other congregations. This little volume is nicely printed, with elegant use of a few simple ornaments.

ESTC T53141. 19th-century half morocco with marbled paper-covered sides, spine with gilt-stamped title; edges a bit rubbed, front cover and one spine compartment with small scuffed area from a now-absent label. All edges gilt. Title-page institutionally pressure-stamped, with inked numeral in upper margin; first text page with inked numeral in lower margin. Additional pagination supplied in upper outer corners in an early inked hand. (20289)

Wesley, John. An extract from the Rev. Mr. John Wesley's journal, from August 9, 1779, to August 26, 1782. XIX. London: J. Paramore, 1786. 12mo. 92 pp.

\$200.00

First edition: No. 19 in a series of excerpts from the Rev. Wesley's journal.

ESTC T17159; Baker 386. Sewn, removed from a nonce volume. Title-page and several others rubber-stamped by a now-defunct institution. Some creasing. (18350)

Wesleyan Methodism not a schism. London: John Mason, 1839-40. 12mo. 15, [1] pp.

\$25.00

Number 2 in the series "Wesleyan Tracts for the Times."

Removed from a nonce volume. (868)

Wood's Bible Dictionary

Wood, James. A dictionary of the Holy Bible. New York: D. Hitt & T. Ware, 1813. 8vo (22 cm, 8.625"). 2 vols. I: 600 pp. II: 616 pp. .

\$200.00

James Wood (1751-1840), a Methodist minister, largely based this encyclopedic dictionary of the Bible on that of Augustin Calmet.

This is the sole American edition. Text first printed in England in 1804.

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