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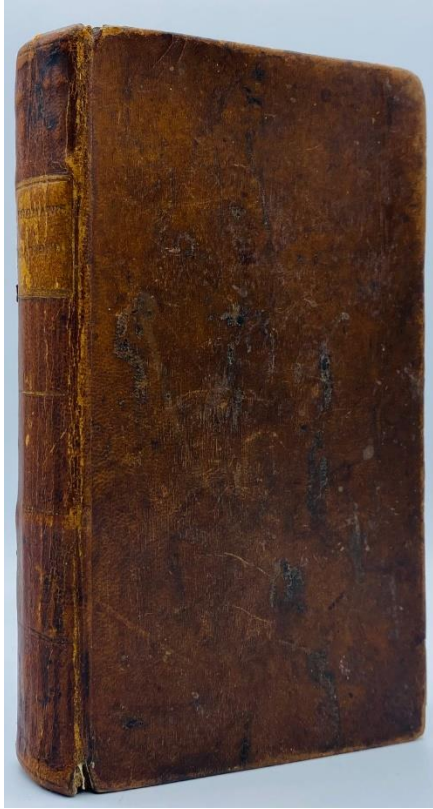
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1- Bodman, Manoah. **An Oration on Death, and the Happiness of the Separate State, or the Pleasures of Paradise, with Their Probable Changes and Improvements.** Williamsburgh: Printed by Ephraim Whitman, 1817. 300pp. Duodecimo [17.5 cm] Full sheep with gilt bands and a tan gilt label on the backstrip. Very good. Sporadic foxing throughout. Contemporary marginalia on the front free endsheet.

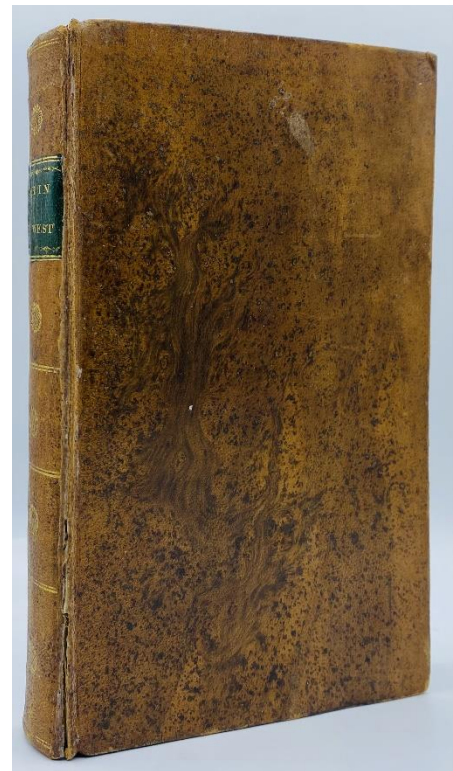
Manoah Bodman (1765-1850) was considered a man of great eccentricity, who regularly delivered orations in New England towns during the Second Great Awakening of the late nineteenth century. He published two broadsides, two booklets, and one book, all filled with depictions of verbal communication with visions of various kinds possibly brought about by epileptic seizures. Rare.

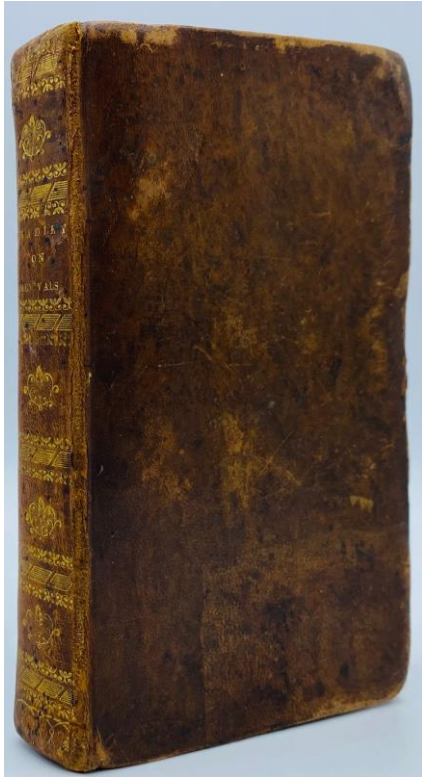
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2- Boudinot, Elias. **Star in the West; Or, a Humble Attempt to Discover the Long Lost Ten Tribes of Israel, Preparatory to Their Return to Their Beloved City, Jerusalem.** Trenton, NJ: Published by D. Fenton, S. Hutchison, and J. Dunham, 1816. First Edition. 312pp. Duodecimo [17.5 cm] Full sheep with gilt bands, gilt devices, and a green gilt label on the backstrip. Very good. Sporadic foxing throughout. Name in ink (contemporary) on the front free endsheet.

A particularly influential work which popularized the standard arguments of the day in favor of Hebrew origins for Native Americans. Ethan Smith depended heavily upon this book when he wrote View of the Hebrews. Indian-Hebrew language tables, traditions, customs, religious beliefs, and ceremonies appear here, along with generous citations taken from Isaiah. A breastplate is mentioned, p. 53, with precious stones worn in the temple by the Israelite high priest, and a plate of gold on his forehead, engraved with the inscription "Holiness to the Lord." Mormon Parallels 66.

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3- Bradley, Joshua. **Accounts of Religious Revivals in Many Parts of the United States from 1815 to 1818. Collected from numerous Publications, and Letters from Persons of piety and correct information.** Albany, NY: Printed by G.J. Loomis & Co., 1819. First Edition. 300pp. Sextodecimo [14.5 cm] Full sheep with gilt bands and title on the backstrip. Near fine. Sporadic foxing throughout.

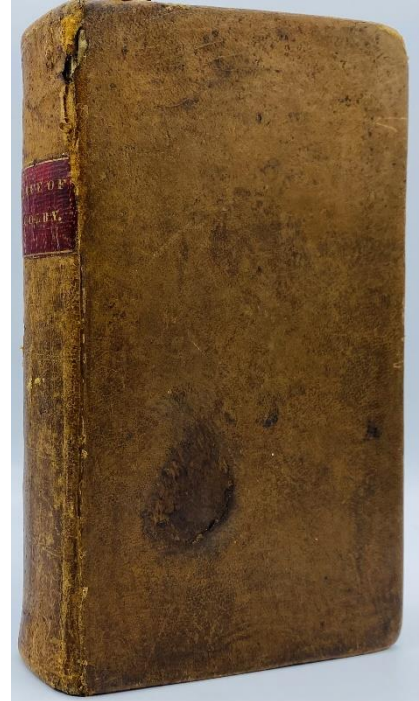
Joshua Bradley, was the pastor of churches in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont and New York, he first affirmed and later renounced freemasonry, creating no small stir among his former masonic brethren. As a mason, he published a defense of freemasonry in 1816 while pastoring in Vermont. At that time, Bradley was a member of Newport Royal Arch Chapter and Grand Chaplain of the Washington Encampment of Newport. However, about a decade later, while preparing to defend freemasonry against the rising tide of antimasonry, he altered his views and abruptly did an about face, renouncing freemasonry in the light of the antimasonic movement then causing chaos in the country, citing the murder of William Morgan as one reason. He became a vocal antagonist of freemasonry.

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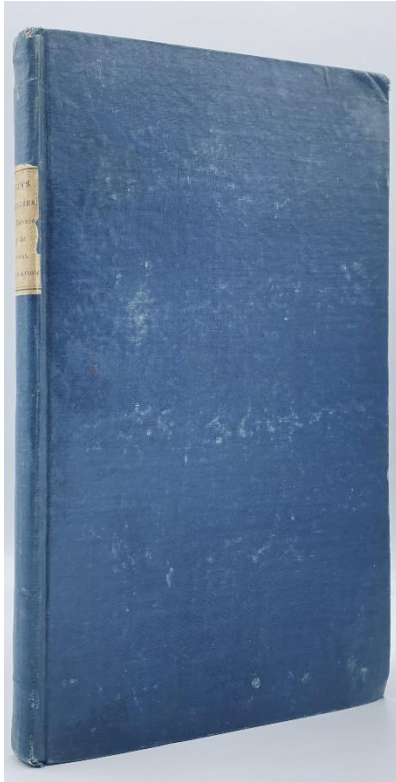
4- Colby, John. **The Life, Experience and Travels of John Colby. Preacher of the Gospel.** Rochester, NY: Printed for David Marks, Jr. by E. Peck, 1827. First New York Edition. 356pp. Duodecimo [18.5 cm] Full brown sheep with a red gilt stamped label on the backstrip. Very good. Minor sporadic foxing.

John Colby (1787-1817) was born at Sandwich, New Hampshire. His narrative is a touching if naively-written Baptist itinerant minister's life that impressed David Marks even before Marks set out to preach at some of the same locations as Colby years later. Young Colby responded to revivals in Vermont, forsook "civil mirth," and was immersed in baptism the evening before his eighteenth birthday (two weeks before the birth of Joseph Smith sixty miles away).

Pages 353-55 contain a superb, lengthy letter from David Millard to David Marks for this edition, dated from West Bloomfield, New York, December 4, 1826 ("never before published." p. 353). That poignant report relays details of Colby's final days, recalled by Deacon William M. Fauquier of the Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia where the twenty-nine year-old minister managed to deliver his final sermon, standing on his own - corpselike at the pulpit - after which he was helped down, to select his own gravesite. Mormon Parallel 102. Sabin 14263



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5- Dean, Paul. **A Course of Lectures in Defence of the Final Restoration. Delivered in the Bullfinch Street Church, Boston, in the Winter of Eighteen Hundred and Thirty Two.** Boston: Published by Edwin M. Stone, 1832. First Edition. 190pp. Octavo [23 cm] Blue cloth with a paper label on the backstrip. Very good. Minor rubbing to boards with gentle foxing throughout.

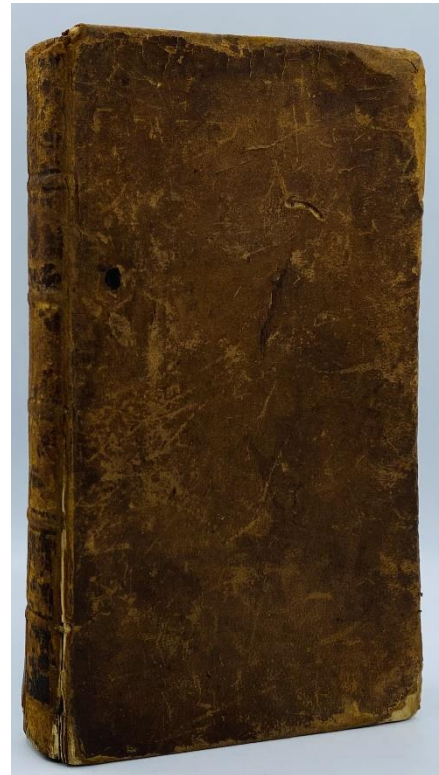
Paul Dean (1789-1860) was a prominent Universalist evangelist and pastor in the first half of the 19th century. Unlike many of his fellow Universalists at the time, who were increasingly identifying themselves as unitarians, he affirmed the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. In 1815 he succeeded John Murray, honored today as a founder of American universalism, at the First Universalist Society in Boston (Hanover Street) and later, the Central Universalist Church (Bullfinch Street). Rare.

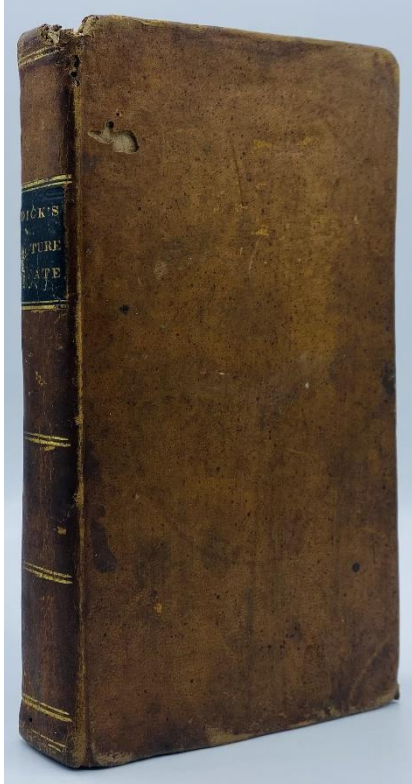
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6- [Dermott, Laurence] Pennsylvania. Grand Lodge. **Ahiman Rezon Abridged and Digested: As a Help to all that are, or would be Free and Accepted Masons. To Which is Added, a Sermon, Preached in Christ-Church, Philadelphia, at a General Communication, Celebrated, Agreeable to the Constitution, on Monday, December 28, 1778, as the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist.** Philadelphia: Printed by Hall and Sellers, 1783. First American Edition. 166pp. Duodecimo [20 cm] Full brown calf with raised bands to the backstrip. Very good. Corners rubbed with crown and foot of backstrip bumped with minor loss. Front hinge starting at foot. Name in ink (contemporary) on the front free endsheet. Small label of former owner at head of front pastedown. Sporadic foxing throughout. Lacks frontispiece.

First American edition of the Masonic book of constitutions. Includes a printed dedication leaf by William Smith of the University of Pennsylvania (the publisher) to General George Washington "in testimony, as well of his exalted services to his country, as of that noble philanthropy which distinguishes him among Masons." Appended are 30 pages of Masonic songs. The volume concludes with a sermon by Smith, which has its own title page and dedication to Washington. Sabin 84584. Walgren 74.

\$1500





7- Dick, Thomas. **The Philosophy of a Future State**. New York: Published by R. Schoyer, 1831. 276pp. Duodecimo [18.5 cm] Full brown sheep with gilt bands and a gilt black label on the backstrip. Very good. Gentle wear to boards with a (contemporary) name in ink on the front free endsheet. Sporadic gentle foxing.

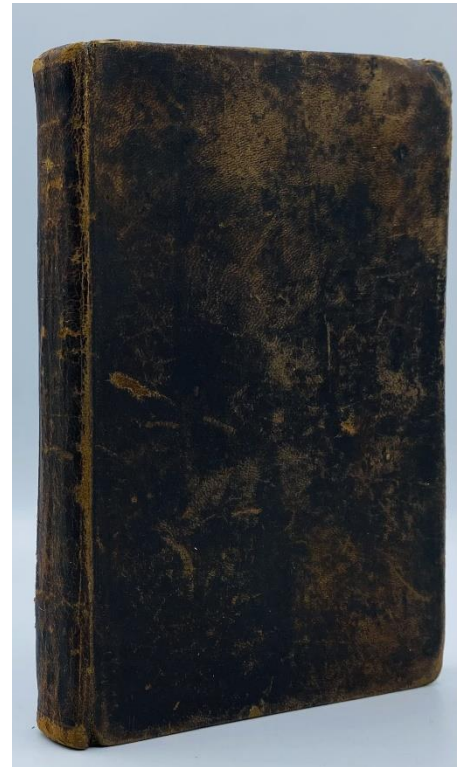
The best-known and perhaps most striking of the Mormon parallel works by Thomas Dick. The year following Joseph Smith's acquisition of the mummies and papyrus used in the Book of Abraham, Oliver Cowdery quoted heavily from this book in the Mormon periodical, Messenger and Advocate 3:3 (December 1836), pp. 423-25. Joseph owned a copy of "Dicks Philosophy" which he donated to the Nauvoo Library in 1844. Joseph Smith's ideas of Kolob certainly followed precedents of concepts which had been popularized earlier throughout Britain and America by Thomas Dick. Mormon Parallels 115.

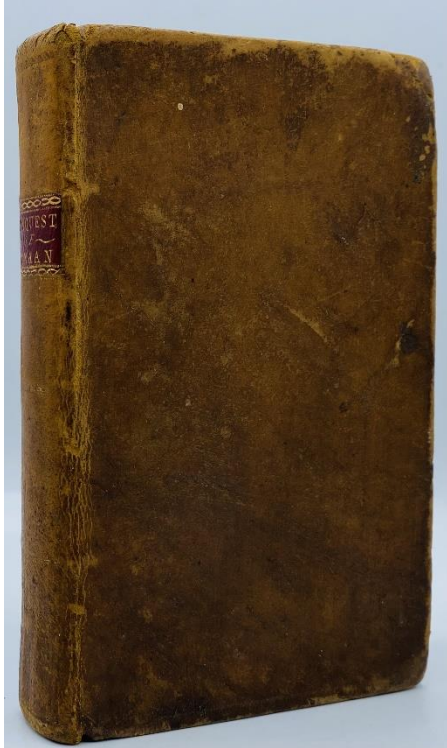
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8- Dow, Peggy [Lorenzo Dow]. **Vicissitudes in the Wilderness; Exemplified, in the Journal of Peggy Dow. To Which is Added, an Appendix of Her Death, and Also, Reflections on Matrimony**. Norwich, CT: Printed by William Faulkner, 1833. Fifth Edition. 214pp. Duodecimo [17 cm] Full brown calf. Very good. Gentle rubbing to boards and minor foxing to endsheets.

Memoir of the wife of the famed itinerant Methodist preacher, Lorenzo Dow, who was the namesake of Lorenzo Snow, Brigham Young's brother, and other early Saints. She writes of body and spirit being reunited, eternal marriage, the world of spirits, and other ideas that would be familiar to an LDS audience. Peggy Dow (1780-1820) was born Peggy Holcomb in Granville, Massachusetts. Her mother died when Peggy was five months old, leaving behind six children. Although her father remarried soon after her mother's death, Peggy eventually was sent to live with a married older sister. After a religious conversion, she met the itinerant Methodist preacher Lorenzo Dow, whom she married in 1804. Mormon Parallels 121. Howes D442. Graff 1137. Sabin 20759.

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9- Dwight, Timothy. **The Conquest of Canaan; A Poem, in Eleven Books.** Hartford, CT: Printed by Elisha Babcock, 1785. First Edition. 304pp. Duodecimo [17.5 cm] Full brown calf with a red gilt stamped label on the backstrip. Very good. Gentle rubbing to boards. Inscribed by the author's son, James Dwight, on the front pastedown.

Epic poem that contains ideas and concepts familiar to an LDS audience: The Americas given to an ancient Israelite; "celestial fruits"; the throne of God; Cosmology of divinely inspired worlds and beings; ongoing creation; America reserved by God; etc. Timothy Dwight (1752-1817) was an American educator (including the longtime president of Yale), theologian, and poet who had a strong instructive influence during his time. He was a second cousin to Elizabeth Dwight Lathrop, wife of the noted theologian, Joseph Lathrop, who was a distant cousin of Joseph Smith. Mormon Parallels 126.

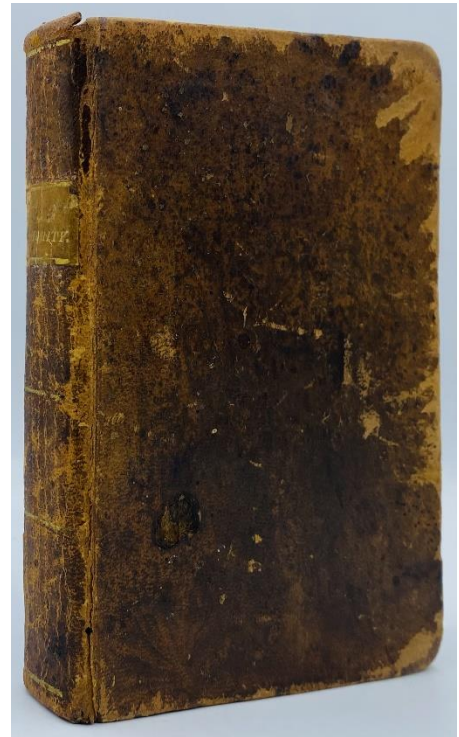
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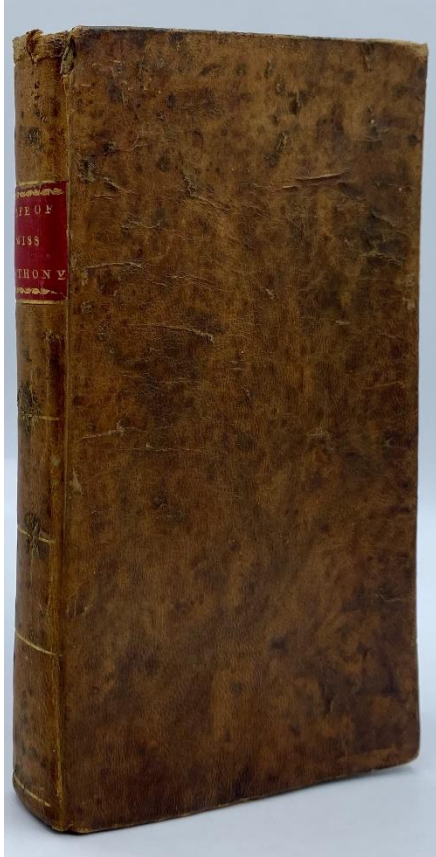
10- Ferguson, Richard. **The Fiery-Flying Serpent Slander, and the Brazen Serpent Charity, Delineated: Or a Saint and Slanderer as Opposite as the Ancient of Days and the Genius of Darkness, Being a Selection from Vocabularies, Digests of Law, and approved Authors upon Divinity, both French and English, to restrain Slander and promote Charity.** Winchester, VA: Printed by Jonathan Foster, 1814. First Edition. 252pp. Sextodecimo [16 cm] Full brown calf with a tan gilt stamped label and gilt bands on the backstrip. Very good. Gentle rubbing to boards.

Inscribed by the author on the front pastedown: "Presented to Jas. H. Terrell By The Author."

The title of this book typifies the common use in the nineteenth century of the theme of Moses' brazen serpent which was raised up in the wilderness to heal the Israelites who had been bitten by "fiery serpents" (Numbers 21:6-9; Deuteronomy 8:15). This popular allegory also appeared three times in the Book of Mormon (1 Nephi 17:41, 2 Nephi 25:20, Helaman 8:14-15). The 1830 Book of Mormon printing reads, "fiery-flying serpents," p. 45, hyphenated by the typesetter as in Ferguson's title above. Mormon Parallels 145.

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11- Hopkins, Samuel. **The Life and Character of Miss Susanna Anthony, Who died in Newport (R.I.) June 23, 1791, in the 65th year of her age. Consisting Chiefly in Extracts from Her Writings, with Some Brief Observations on Them.** Portland, ME: Published by Lyman, Hall & Co., 1810. Second Edition. 187pp. Duodecimo [18 cm] Full brown calf with a gilt stamped red label on the backstrip. Very good. Manuscript note on the front free endsheet. Contents foxed, more so at immediate front and immediate rear.

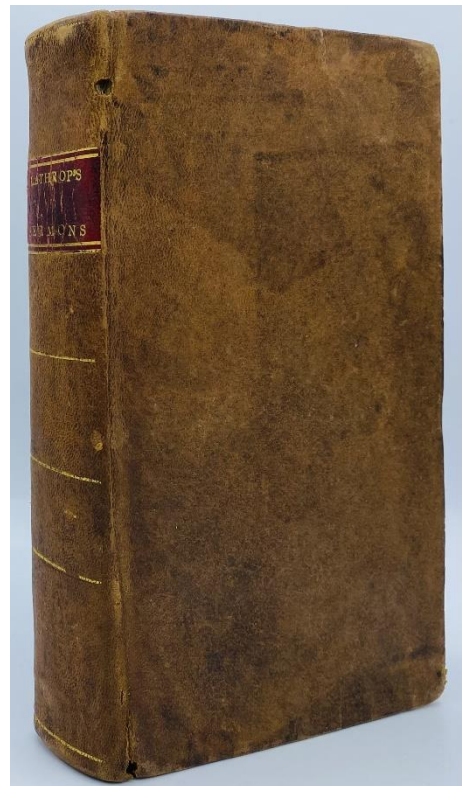
Rev. Samuel Hopkins (1729-1811) was among the most original theologians America has produced. In the years after the publication of his monumental System of Doctrines, the New Divinity became increasingly identified as Hopkinsianism. The movement won many clerical followers and came to dominate New England Congregationalism during the first two decades of the nineteenth century. Hopkins's legacy also influenced nineteenth-century reformers. For instance, his doctrine of disinterested benevolence helped inspire the foreign missionary movement in the United States, and his antislavery writings were republished and read by nineteenth-century New England abolitionists. Susanna Anthony (1726-1791) was Congregationalist writer on religion, and was a longtime resident of Newport, Rhode Island. Sabin 32951

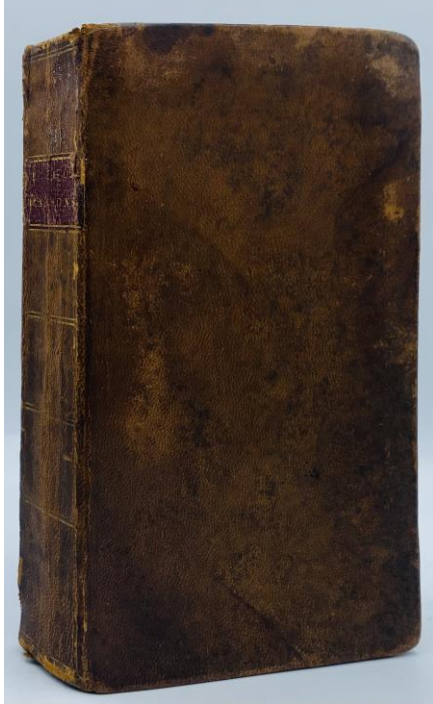
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12- Lathrop, Joseph. **Sermons on Various Subjects, Evangelical, Devotional and Practical. Adapted to the Promotion of Christian Piety, Family Religion and Youthful Virtue.** Worcester, MA: Printed by Isaiah Thomas, 1806. First Edition. 407pp. Octavo [21 cm] Full brown calf with a gilt stamped red label and gilt bands on the backstrip. Very good. Sporadic foxing throughout.

Work that contains themes and concept familiar to an LDS audience: Revelation; Sin and Salvation; Cosmology and other worlds. Joseph Lathrop (1731-1820), a highly respected and influential New England divine, served as pastor of the Congregational church in West Springfield, Massachusetts for more than sixty years. He was a third cousin to Lydia Fuller Gates, Joseph Smith's great-grandmother (Huntington; M. Anderson). His wife Elizabeth Dwight was second cousin (one generation removed) to Timothy Dwight. Lathrop was widely published, and he exhibited a kindly, tolerant spirit toward other Protestant denominations. He held doctorates of divinity from both Harvard and Yale, and was offered the Yale professorship in theology (1793), which he declined. Mormon Parallel 212.

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13- Parson, Levi. Compiled by Daniel O. Morton. **Memoir of Rev. Levi Parson, Late Missionary to Palestine. In Three Parts.** Poultney, VT: Printed by Smith & Shute, 1824. First Edition. 431pp. Duodecimo [18 cm] Full brown calf with a gilt stamped red label and gilt bands to the backstrip. Very good. Lengthy contemporary inscription on the front free endsheet. Frontis portrait present.

This work by Rev. Levi Parson discusses at length his preaching to a group of Native Americans in New York, and his belief that they were descendants of the Israelites. "Mr. Parsons had for years desired an opportunity of preaching to the American natives. This desire was granted. On the 7th of April he visited the Stockbridge Indians under the care of the Rev. John Sergeant. Great preparations were made to receive him. It was at a late hour when he arrived, and though worn down with excessive fatigue, the site of Indian blankets excited unusual animation. Never probably did he preach with more fervour; and the thought that his audience might be the descendants of Abraham inspired an ardour entirely unexpected. Knowing that Parsons was headed to the Holy Land,

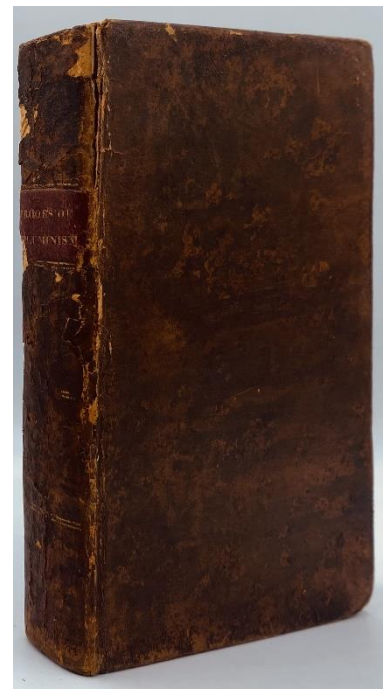
the Indian chief 'then read a talk in Indian and in English, which he desired Mr. Parsons to deliver to the Jews, their forefathers in Jerusalem.'" p.217. Levi Parsons(1792-1822) was born in Goshen, MA. He attended Middlebury College which he followed with Theological training at Andover Theological Seminary beginning in 1814, and ending in 1817. He was ordained in the same year. He was sent as a missionary to Egypt in 1817-1822. Mormon Parallel 258. Sabin 50995.

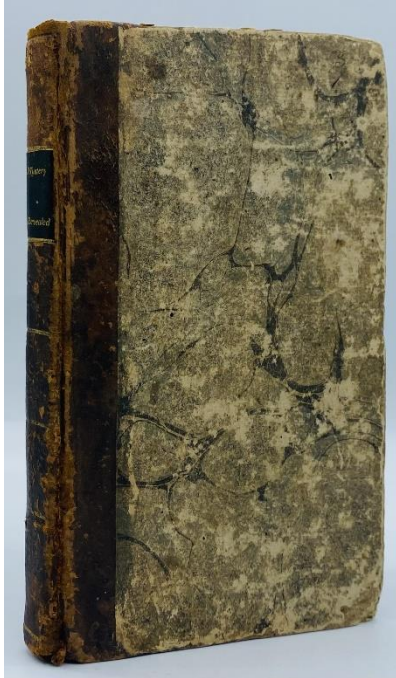
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14- Payson, Seth. **Proofs of the Real Existence, and Dangerous Tendency, of Illuminism. Containing an Abstract of the Most Interesting Parts of what Dr. Robison and the Abbe Barruel Have Published on the Subject; with Collateral Proofs and General Observations.** Charlestown: Printed by Samuel Etheridge, 1802. First Edition. 290pp. Duodecimo [18 cm] Full brown sheep with a gilt stamped red label and gilt bands to the backstrip. Very good. Gentle rubbing to boards with the front hinge starting at the head.

Discussion of French scandals, secret plots, and the means by which, through Freemasonry, a dark Illuminati conspiracy was supposedly transferred to America. Works such as this, drawn from the highly influential writings of John Robison (1739-1805), the Abbé Augustin de Barruel (1741-1820) and others convinced a generation of Americans, from the most popular theologians to grass-roots polemicists and writers of text books for children, that conspiring atheist intellectuals were plotting the overthrow of Christian religion and government in Europe and America. Mormon Parallels 310. Sabin 59316. Walgren 718. Rare.

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15- Plummer, Frederic. **The Mystery Revealed. The Only True God and His Son Jesus Christ Acknowledge And the "Articles of Faith in the Holy Trinity" as Contained in the Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Shewn to Contradict Themselves and The Scriptures. Being an Answer to Two Letters From Samuel Luckey, Methodist Preacher.** Exeter: Printed by C. Norris & Co., 1813. First Edition. 113pp. Sextodecimo [18 cm] 1/4 brown calf over marbled boards with a gilt stamped black label and gilt bands to the backstrip. Very good. Gentle rubbing to boards.

When in his late teens (and a few months before Joseph Smith was born), Plummer felt such "extreme distress" over his "mountains of guilt" and "horrid temptations" that he sank into prayer. Upon feeling forgiven, he writes: "there was brought to my understanding a full view of the Son of God on the cross; his wounded head, and marred face; his pierced side, and purple gore and the spirit said, 'In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world'" - p.11

"I was convinced, that the Lord had committed unto me a dispensation of the gospel; and in 1807, commenced travelling and preaching Christ as I had learned him, But there has been great opposition from the different sects and their priests pronounce me an Heretick, disorganizer, &c. &c. because I reject all Creeds, Disciplines, and Doctrines of men." - p.12

Frederick W. Plummer (1787-1854) was born in Haverhill, Mass., the son of Silas Plummer (1750-1824). He was the cousin of Farnham Plummer (1780-1857). Plummer was a minister of the "Christian" sect, traveling extensively in New England, New York, and Pennsylvania. - Mormon Parallels 325. Rare.

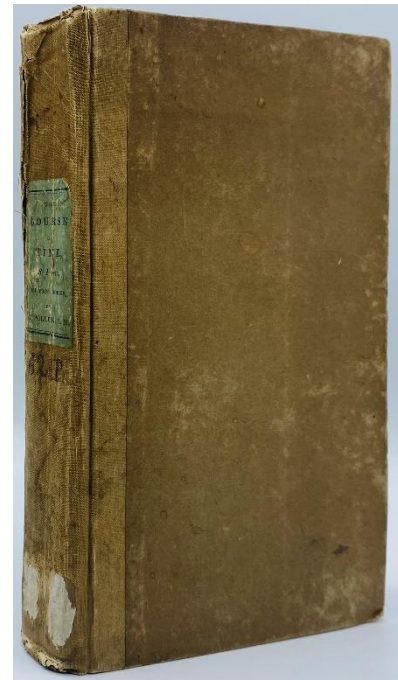
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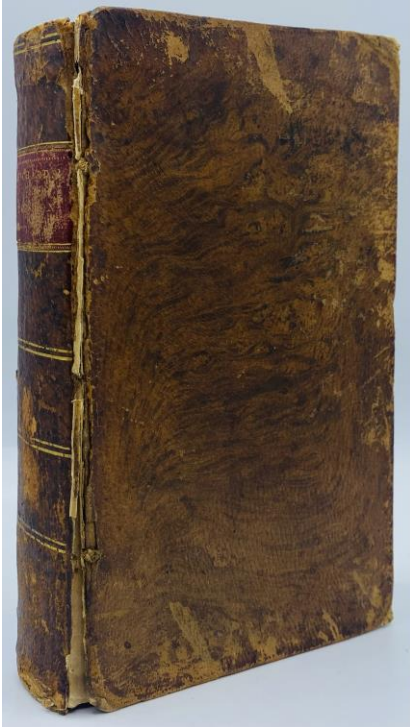
16- Pollok, Robert. **The Course of Time, A Poem in Ten Books.** Boston: Published by Crocker and Brewster, 1828. 295pp. Duodecimo [20 cm] 1/4 tan cloth over matching tan boards with a green printed label on the backstrip. Very good. Gentle wear to boards. Stain on front pastedown and rear pastedown.

This work covers themes and concepts that will be familiar to an LDS audience: Tree of Life, the Fall of Man, and cosmology. At Grandin's printing shop in Palmyra, New York, Abner Cole quoted passages from The Course of Time in his gossipy little rag, The Reflector, while the Book of Mormon was issuing from the same press. In his number for April 19, 1830, Cole, editing under the name of Obediah

Dogberry, Esquire, even supplied a brief 'Biographical Sketch of The Rev. Robert Pollok.' - Mormon Parallel 327.

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17- Preston, William. Edited by George Richards. **Illustrations of Masonry.** Portsmouth: Printed by W.D. Treadwell, 1804. First American Edition. 400pp. Duodecimo [18 cm] Full brown sheep with a gilt stamped red label and gilt bands to the backstrip. Very good. Gentle rubbing to boards with the front hinge starting.

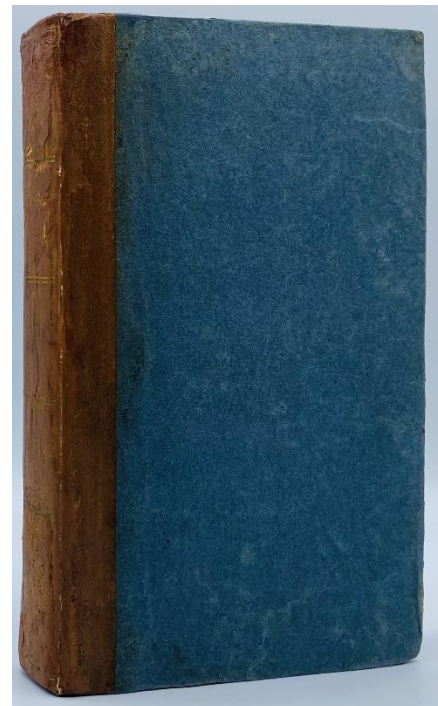
In 1763 a group of Edinburgh men in London, including Preston, formed a masonic lodge (formally constituted as the Caledonian in 1772). His interest in masonic scholarship grew, and he began regularly to meet other masons to discuss masonic practice. This work culminated in an address to a masonic gala in 1772 which was attended by the most prominent freemasons in England. Later in that year Preston published this major work, which includes the text of his address along with descriptions of ceremonies, a historical account of freemasonry, and songs. This edition contains extensive notes on the history of Freemasonry in England and America. This work served as a basis, abridged and modified, for the American Masonic system established by Thomas Smith Webb. In this work Preston writes of the 'Doctrine of the Spheres . . . two artificial spherical bodies . . . the noblest instruments for giving the most distinct idea of any problem or proposition, as well as enabling us to solve it.' p.76-77. Which is similar to the Book of Mormon's ball-shaped Liahona device. Mormon Parallels 336. Walgren 824. Rare.

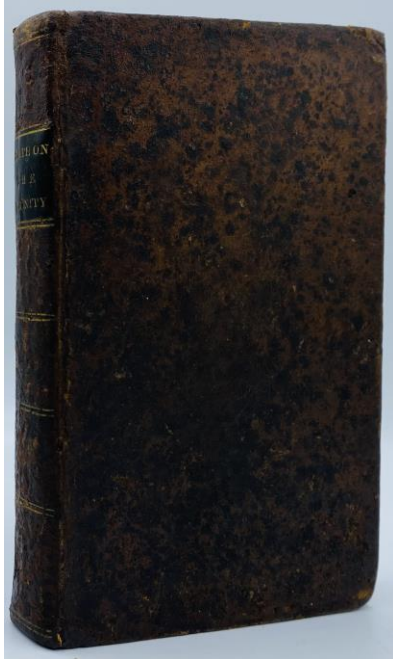
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18- Shakers. Edited by Calvin Green and Seth Y. Wells. **A Summary View of the Millennial Church, or United Society of Believers, (Commonly Called Shakers.) Comprising the Rise, Progress and Practical Order of the Society; Together with the General Principles of Thei Faith and Testimony.** Albany: Printed by Packard & Van Benthuyzen, 1823. 320pp. Duodecimo [18.5 cm] 1/4 calf over blue boards with gilt bands on the backstrip. Better than very good. Sporadic foxing.

A keystone of Shaker apologetics, written by Shaker authorities, offering "a correct knowledge of the truth *from the proper source.*" *As with other Shaker works, Mormon parallels in the Summary View must be understood as sometimes reflecting more similarities of language than of doctrine. Always, however, they show us expressions which were clearly available to Joseph Smith. Topics covered include: Consecration; Salvation for the Dead; Eternal Progression and Perfection; and Loss of Spiritual Light. Mormon Parallels 376. Sabin 28513.*

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19- Smith, Ethan. **A Treatise on the Character of Jesus Christ, and on the Trinity in Unity of the Godhead; with Quotations from the Primitive Fathers.** Boston: Published by R.P. & C. Williams. Printed by N. Willis, 1814. 235pp. Sextodecimo [17.5 cm] Full brown sheep with a gilt stamped black label and gilt bands to the backstrip. Very good. Contemporary inscription on the front free endsheet with gentle foxing throughout.

Influential Trinitarian defense with concepts of ironic interest to later Mormonism, including the condescension of God, the need for an infinite Atonement, the subject of plural Gods, and Ethan Smith's assertion that Jehovah is Christ. Smith wrote this work to counter the effects of Noah Worcester's Bible News.

Ethan Smith (1762-1849) was a New England Congregationalist clergyman, who served congregations for several years at a time in New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts. He accepted an appointment as 'City Missionary' in Boston. He also served as a supply pastor for vacant pulpits. "He was a warm friend of what he accounted pure revivals of religion; though he was careful to distinguish the precious

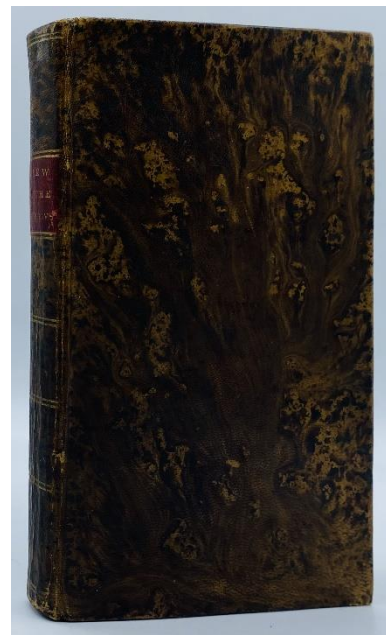
from the vile" in matters of religious experience. Smith enjoyed a "robust constitution and vigorous health" and continued to preach until within two weeks of his death. Mormon Parallels 397. Rare.

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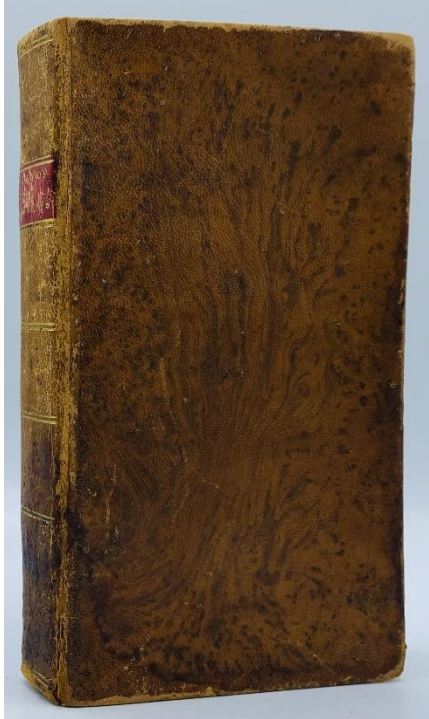
20- Smith, Ethan. **View of the Hebrews; Exhibiting the Destruction of Jerusalem; The Certain Restoration of Judah and Israel; and An Address of the Prophet Isaiah Relative to Their Restoration.**

Poultney, VT: Smith & Shute, 1823. First Edition. 187pp. Duodecimo [18.5 cm] Full brown sheep with a gilt stamped red label and gilt bands to the backstrip. An exceptionally nice copy of this rare work.

Ethan Smith's View of the Hebrews combines scriptural citations and reports from various observers among Native Americans and Jews to support the claim that the Native Americans were the descendants of the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel. It is one of several books reflecting the popular fascination at the time of Joseph Smith with the question of Native American origins. Alleged relationships of View of the Hebrews to the Book of Mormon have attracted interest periodically through the years. Ethan Smith's book was published in the adjoining county west of Windsor County, where Joseph Smith was born and lived from 1805 to 1811. B.H. Roberts studied and compared both works at and looked candidly at the possibility that Joseph Smith could have been acquainted with Ethan Smith's book and could have used it as a source of the structure and some ideas in the Book of Mormon. He cited some twenty-six similarities between the two books. "It may never be proved that Joseph [Smith] saw 'View of the Hebrews' before writing the Book of Mormon, but the striking parallelisms between the two books hardly leave a case for mere coincidence." - Fawn Brodie.



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21- Smith, Ethan. **View of the Hebrews; or the Tribes of Israel in America.** Poultney, VT: Published and printed by Smith & Shute, 1825. Second Edition. 285pp. Duodecimo [18.5 cm] Full brown sheep with a gilt stamped red label and gilt bands to the backstrip. Very good. Name in ink on the front free endsheet. Gentle foxing to front and rear of textblock and minor damp staining to the foot of the first few leaves.

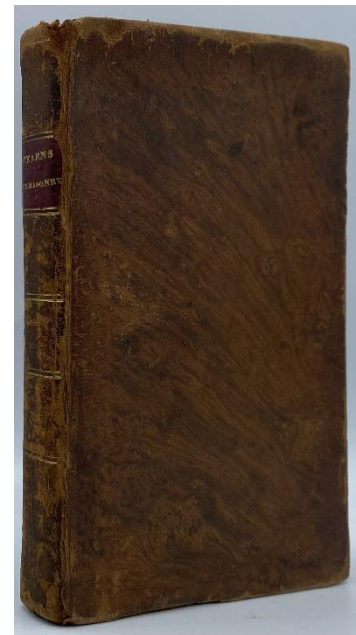
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some ideas in the Book of Mormon. He cited some twenty-six similarities between the two books. "It may never be proved that Joseph [Smith] saw 'View of the Hebrews' before writing the Book of Mormon, but the striking parallelisms between the two books hardly leave a case for mere coincidence." - Fawn Brodie. The second edition is the preferred state, due to Smith's expanded text from the first edition, includes more content and parallels.

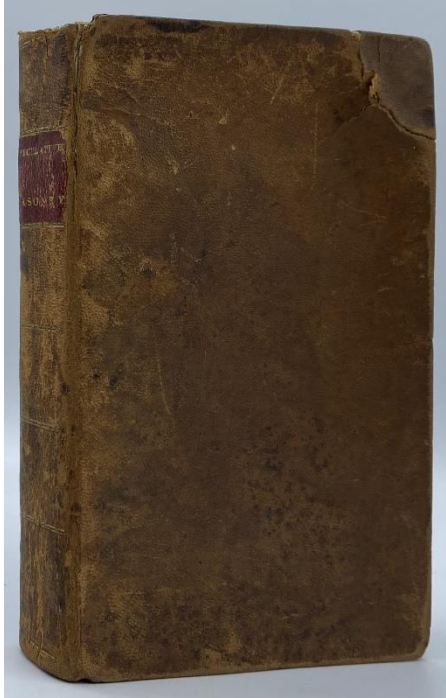
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22- Stearns, John G. **An Inquiry Into the Nature and Tendency of Speculative Free-Masonry: With an Appendix. To Which is Added, Plain Truth; A Dialogue; And the Author's Reasons.** Utica, NY: Northway & Porter, Printers, 1829. Fifth Edition - Revised and Corrected. 211pp. Sextodecimo [17.5 cm] Full brown sheep with a gilt stamped red label and gilt bands to the backstrip. Very good. Gentle sporadic foxing throughout.

The most complete edition of this scarce work printed until 1858, by an anti-Masonic minister, printed the same year printing began on the Book of Mormon. W.W. Phelps, appears as one of the former Master Masons who signed an affidavit at Le Roy, NY, that Morgan's 'Illustrations of Masonry' "is a fair and full exposition of the three first degrees of speculative free-masonry" - p.126. According to Dr. B. W. Richmond, Morgan's widow Lucinda - later one of the first plural wives of Joseph Smith - held a copy of Stearns in her hands while convulsed in sorrow near the Prophet's body that day in the Mansion House in 1844. Lucinda was later sealed to Joseph 'for eternity' with her own husband standing as proxy in the Nauvoo Temple in 1846. Mormon Parallels. 416. Sabin 90896. Walgren 3214.



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23- Town, Salem. **A System of Speculative Masonry, In Its Origin, Patronage, Dissemination, Principles, Duties, and Ultimate Designs, Laid Open for the Examination of the Serious and Candid: Being a Course of Lectures, Delivered Before the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, at their Annual Meetings, Held in Temple Chapter Room, In the City of Albany.** Salem, NY: Printed by H. Dodd and Co., 1822. Second Edition. 284pp. Duodecimo [18 cm] Full brown sheep with a gilt stamped red label and gilt bands to the backstrip. Very good. Front hinge starting at head. Sporadic foxing throughout with damp stains to several leaves at the front.

This work was used by Masonic officers throughout New England and elsewhere, this work was clearly a prime Masonic influence in Joseph Smith's immediate world. The list of subscribers shows some two hundred copies going to Ontario County, New York, including Seymour Scovell, the Palmyra store keeper who occasionally gave odd jobs to young Joseph. It may interest Mormon scholars to see that this book ascribes Masonic tradition and practice to major Old Testament figures, beginning with Enoch

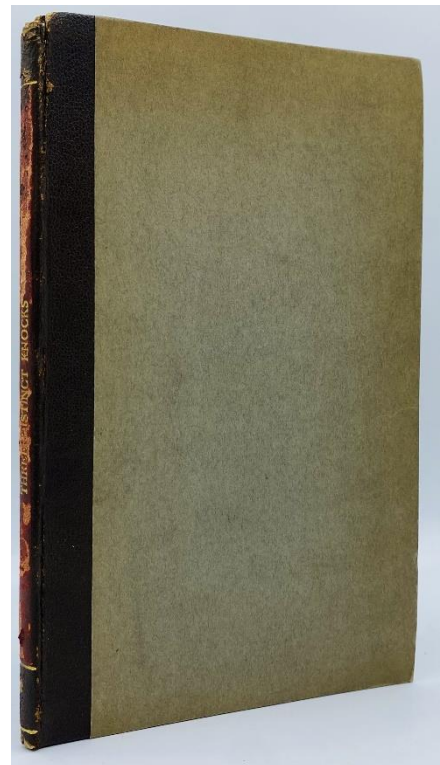
and continuing through Melchizedek, Solomon and others who ostensibly passed the sacred name of deity on through the centuries to the present day. Mormon Parallels. 444. Sabin 96366. Walgren 2615.

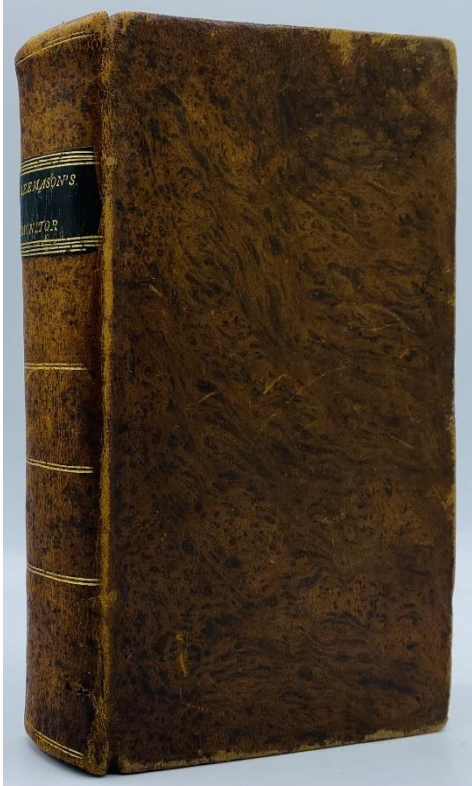
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24- W**** O*** V*****n. **Three Distinct Knocks: Or, the Door of the Most Ancient Free Masonry, Opening to All Men, Neither Naked nor Clothed, Bare-footed nor Shod, &c. Being An Universal Description of All Its Branches, from Its First Rise to this Present Time As Its Delivered In All Lodges.** Maidstone: Printed for C. Brown, (c.1830). 39pp. Octavo [23.5 cm] 1/4 sheep over gray boards with a gilt stamped red label on the backstrip. Near fine. Bookplate on the front pastedown.

This short work describes some of the Masonic rites that will be familiar to Mormons acquainted with the endowment ceremony (The five points of fellowship -The penalties invoked in the - non-disclosure oaths. Two grips - The symbols of the compass and the square. - "three distinct knocks.")

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25- Webb, Thomas Smith. **The Freemason's Monitor; Or, Illustrations of Masonry: In Two Parts.** Providence, RI: Printed by Henry Cushing, and Thomas S. Webb, 1805. New and Improved Edition. 345pp. Duodecimo [18 cm] Full brown sheep with a gilt stamped black label and gilt bands to the backstrip. Near fine. Name in ink (contemporary) on the front free endsheet. Minor sporadic foxing.

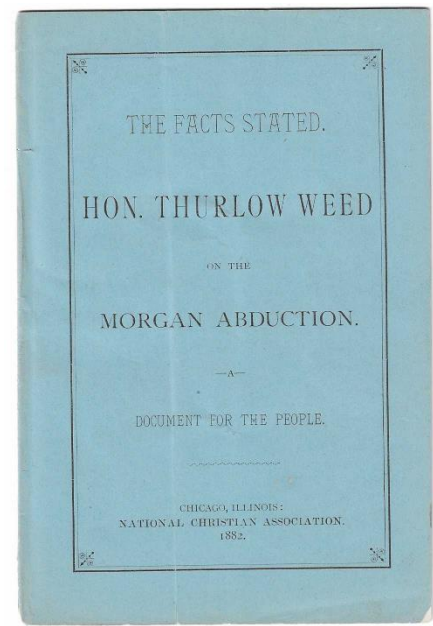
This is the work made famous among Mormon scholars by Jack Adamson in the 'Treasures of the Widow's Son.' Adamson writes that "remarkably well-disseminated lore had many people aware of the story of a sacred treasure, the treasure of the widow's son, buried in a sacred hill. For the story of the treasure, I have relied chiefly on the pro-Masonic work. Thomas S. Webb's Free Mason Monitor, and it embodied the kind of material that could be expected to appeal to those who were reared in the peculiar environment of the burned-over district." A certain degree of interest surrounds Webb's monitors because of their touching upon the legend of Enoch, the underground temple containing a plate of gold, etc. Mormon Parallels. 459. Sabin 102234. Walgren 893.

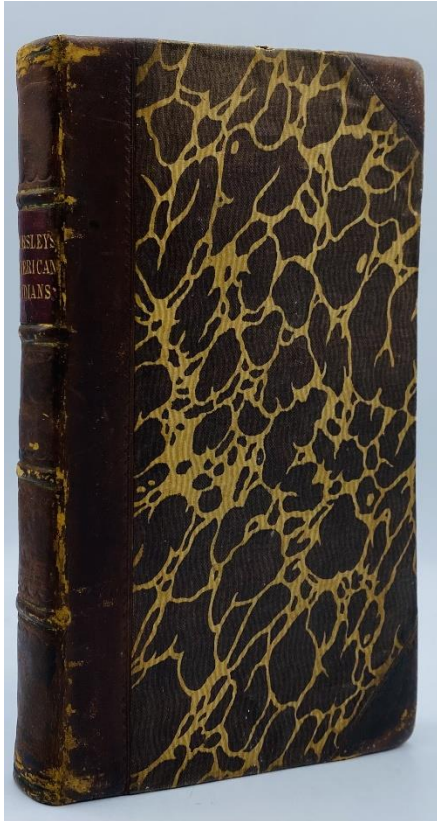
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26- Weed, Thurlow. **The Facts Stated. Hon. Thurlow Weed on the Morgan Abduction. A Document for the People.** Chicago, IL: National Christian Association, 1882. 15pp. Duodecimo [18 cm] Light blue printed wrappers. Better than very good. Rear cover chipped at lower left with loss.

*Edward Thurlow Weed (1797 - 1882) was a printer, New York newspaper publisher and Whig and Republican party boss. This is Weed's first hand of account about the abduction and disappearance of Captain William Morgan, an anti-freemason, and relates other theories and facts that accompanied the abduction. Thurlow Weed became involved in the controversy surrounding the disappearance of William Morgan, a former Mason who had threatened to publish a book revealing the secrets of Masonic rituals and degree ceremonies. Weed has the curious distinction of being offered the original printing jobs of both Morgan's antimasonic *Illustrations of Masonry* and the book which Martin Harris would later call the 'Anti-masonick Bible,' the *Book of Mormon*. Mormon Parallels 461.*

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27- Worsley, Israel. **View of the American Indians: Their General Character, Customs, Language, Public Festivals, Religious Rites, and Traditions: Shewing Them to be the Descendants of the Ten Tribes of Israel. The Language of Prophecy concerning them, and the course by which they travelled from Media into America.** London: Printed by W.W. Arliss for the Author, and sold by R. Hunter., 1828. 185pp. Duodecimo [19 cm] 3/4 brown calf over marbled boards with a gilt stamped red label and gilt bands to the backstrip. Near fine.

This work relies heavily on Ethan Smith's View of the Hebrews but adds additional information, including Manasseh ben Israel's account of Antonio de Montezinos's discovery of the ten tribes in Peru. Worsley believes that the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim arrived in America first and that the other tribes followed. He describes mounds and iron tools and explains that the mound builders had been destroyed by the Indians. He also mentions the discovery of large stone crosses in Central America and records the Indian tradition of a lost book of God. This work was first printed in 1822. Mormon Parallels 491. Sabin 105493.

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28- Youngs, Benjamin Seth and Richard McNemar. **The Testimony of Christ's Second Appearing; Containing a General Statement of All Things Pertaining to the Faith and Practice of the Church of God in the Latter Day.** Union Village, OH: B. Fisher and A. Burnett, Printers, 1823. Third Edition. 573pp. Duodecimo [19 cm] Rebound in 1/2 green cloth over marbled boards with a paper label on the backstrip. New endsheets and pastedowns. Mild sporadic foxing throughout.

This title first published in 1808, is commonly called the Shaker Bible, it is the most complete statement of Shaker theology. The Shaker connection with the early Kirtland Mormons was both dramatic and intense. Joseph Smith probably entertained hopes of converting Shakers when Leman Copley, a Shaker convert to Mormonism, allowed the Colesville congregation of Saints (who had emigrated to Ohio from south central New York State) to settle on his extensive property in Thompson, sixteen miles northeast of Kirtland, and practice a communitarian lifestyle there. Sometime in the Spring of 1831, Joseph dictated a revelation which directed Copley, Sidney Rigdon and Parley P. Pratt to preach to the nearby Shakers. Mormon Parallels 498. Sabin 79729.

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