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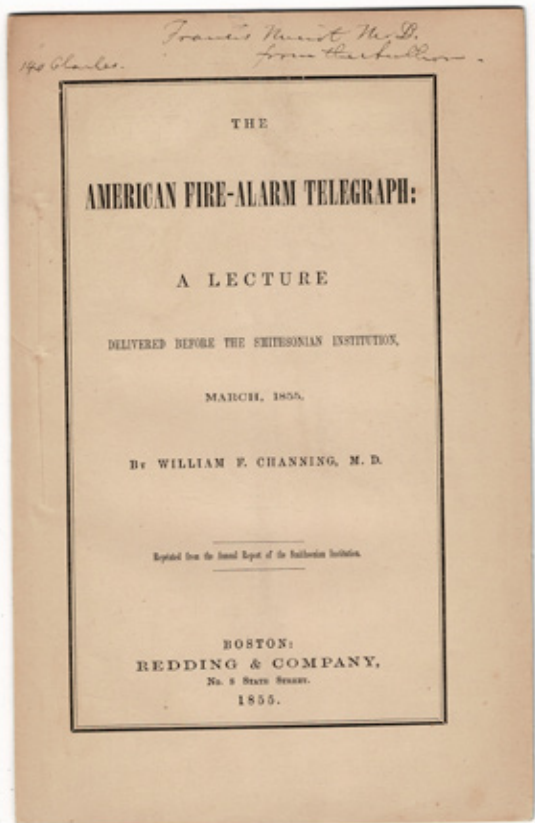


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1. **Channing, William F.** *The American fire-alarm telegraph: a lecture delivered before the Smithsonian Institution.* Boston: Redding & Company, 1855. \$200

First separate edition, reprinted from the *Annual Report of the Smithsonian Institution*. 8vo, pp. 19, [1]; original printed paper wrappers, inscribed to "Francis Nuriot, M.D. from the author. 140 Charles." Fine.

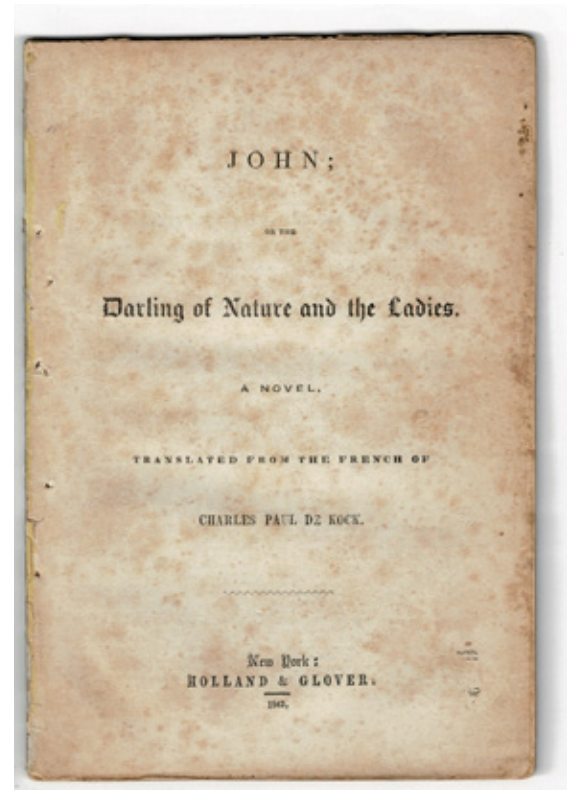
Channing invented the first fire-alarm telegraph, which was installed in Boston, and worked with Alexander Graham Bell in the development of the telephone. He is credited with the idea of a hand-held receiver.

2. **De Kock, Charles Paul.** *John; or the darling of nature and the ladies.* New York: Holland & Glover, 1843. \$450

8vo, pp. 64; removed from binding, wrappers wanting, text in double columns, moderate foxing throughout; all else very good. Listed in McCorison's *Risqué literature published in America before 1877* but with no copies located therein. The story appears to have been also translated as "The Modern Cymon" in 1833 and "Jean" in the collected works of 1903/4. Holland & Glover was a short-lived publisher that specialized in the risqué, putting out a collection of de Kock works alongside Becklard's *Physiological Mysteries and Revelations in Love* and his *Onanism and its Cure*.

A rare De Kock title, with a single copy at the Library Co. of Philadelphia in OCLC and UCLA in the NUC. Not in *American Imprints*.

De Kock (1794-1871) was "a prolific and popular author of rollicking, risqué, or more often frankly coarse, frequently sentimental and fundamentally good-natured novels ... written with an untiring comic vigour..." (*Oxford Companion to French Literature*).



WITH AN INTERESTING COMMENT ON LORENZO DOW

3. **Foote, Henry (b. 1798).** Two-page autograph letter to his father, Jeremiah Foote, in Colchester, Connecticut. Shippingport, Kentucky: Aug. 25, 1830. \$425

Folio, 65 lines, approx. 400 words, break at wax seal (no loss), previous folds, mathematical calculations on the address panel, completely legible. At the time Jeremiah was 71 and Henry was 32.

"Father Greeting. I write you this short letter (in haste) My object is your comfort - Well knowing that you (specially) delight (or make yourself happy) when you observe your fellow beings pleasantly situated - (It has been your faithful rule-) It is your nature to sympathize with suffering humanity & also your pleasure to rejoice in find the case of a fellow being happy or pleasant -- Now father I have derived a similar sentiment from your loins - & from the breast of mother & would not take worlds for it - to comfort you on the above principle I state that ever since I left I have not been more pleasantly situated -- * The only burthen on my mind is that I may not yet see you in the flesh - & according to a former engagement (by letter) 5 years (near three are expired)..."

Henry goes on to say that he will try to see him "according to the engagement" and "when it happens I shall not let

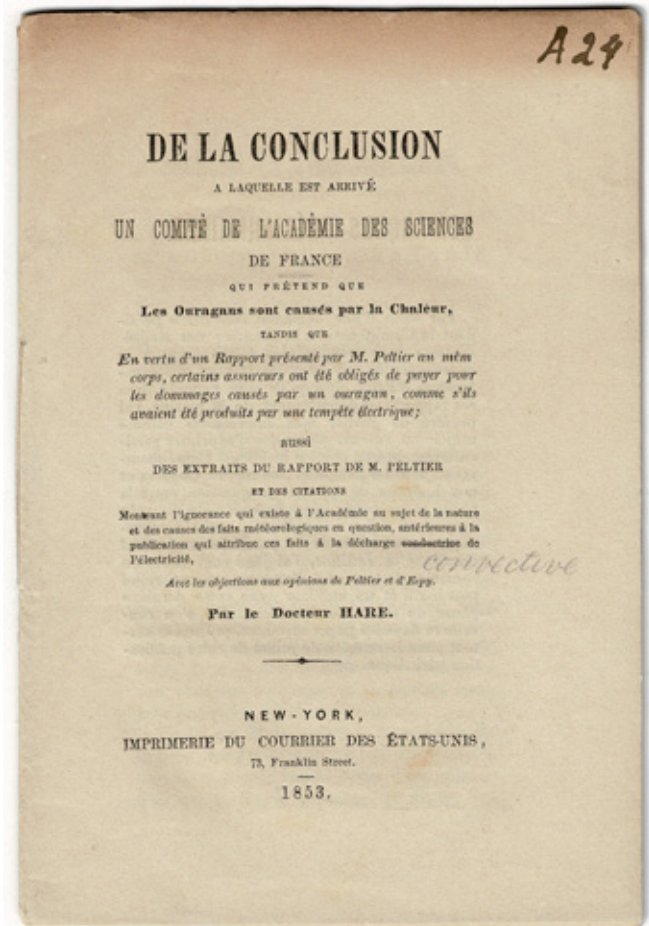


Father Greeting ^(Shipping order on haste)
 I write you this short letter
 (in haste) for your comfort
 Well knowing that you (Specially)
 delight (or make yourself happy)
 when you observe you & your being
 pleasantly situated - (It has been
 your - with all rule) - in your nature
 to begin these with suffering humanity
 & also your pleasure to provide in
 kind the case of a fellow being
 Happy or pleasant
 Now Father I have derived
 a similar softness from your
 loins - & from the breast of
 Mother - & would not take
 worlds for it - so comfort
 you on the above principle
 I state that ever since I left
 you I have not been more
 pleasantly situated.
 * The only burden on my mind is that I
 may not see you in the flesh - or according
 to a former engagement (by letter) 5 years
 or 3 in regard
 I will endeavor to see you
 according to the engagement I shall
 * shall I send) - & when it happens I shall
 not let you have one cell -
 Death - separate - Had I been a
 farmer like you, I should have outdone
 my fellow beings as you did - You &
 Uzzial cut 12 acres of rye in
 half a day - I taking after you
 our pursuing surgery & med. in a
 similar manner - I am in blood
 daily - sometimes persecuted
 Bid fearlessly proceed (with prudence)
 in favor of doing good.
 You & Enos must write me as
 soon as you receive this -
 I have been in this place - one year
 & a few days - I have from 2 to
 3 thousand due me - I shall get
 soon - I will bring you when I come
 Doct. Weatherford - My Bro. in law
 & your grand son Jeremiah & a goat
 & 2 coons, a lion & the cow calf
 I shall leave here
 I am in the best of health
 have lost my big belly
 weight 168 lbs
 I want Henry with me -
 tell Bro. Asham that he must
 be industrious & support L. Cameron
 till I am able to help him
 Geo. St. Clair one of my agents
 in Va. is dead
 Sr. wgs. said Doct. Little was at
 the point of death the last
 I heard from him
 I saw Lorenzo Dow a few days
 past - He has departed from
 his original purity &
 become a lover of money
 Selling Med. & Books...

you leave me till death separates. Had I been a farmer like you, I should have outdone my fellow beings as you did - you and Uzzial cut 12 acres of rye in half a day -- I taking after you am pursuing surgery & med. in a similar manner - I am in blood daily ... but fearlessly proceed (with prudence) ... I have been in this place one year & a few days - I have from 2 to 3 thousand due me ... I will bring you when I come ... Doct. Weatherford - my Bro. in law & your grandson Jeremiah & a goat, 2 coons, a lion & the cow calf I shall leave here. I am in the best of health, have lost my big belly - weight 168 lbs ... I saw Lorenzo Dow a few days past. He has departed from his original purity & become a lover of money selling med. and books..."

4. **Hare, [Robert].** *De la conclusion a laquelle est arrive un comite de l'academie des sciences de France qui pretend que les ourangaus sont causes par la Chaleur; tandis que en vertu d'un Rapport presente par M. Peltier ... aussi des extraits du rapport de M. Peltier ... avec les objections aux opinions de Peltier et d'Espy.* New York: Courier des Etats-Unis, 1853. \$200

16mo, pp. 30, [2]; printed self-wrappers; ink number on title page, near fine. Robert Hare was engaged with l'Espy and Peltier in a debate over the nature and source of storms. Hare was a minor player in this debate. His belief was that "vast currents of opposing electrical charge" was the source of storms. This pamphlet appears to be a defense of that position. Scarce, with no copies recorded in the US.

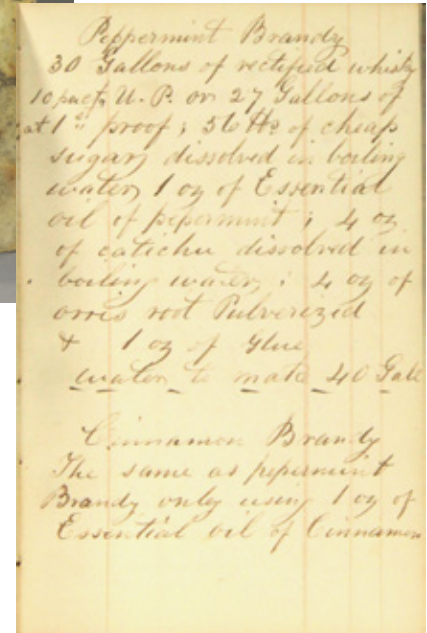


5. **[Immigration.] Porter, William Peacock.**
Manuscript notebook of an immigrant from
England. Ohio & Pennsylvania: 1840-59.

\$1,250

12mo, approximately 192 pages, in ink; marbled edges
and endpapers, stiff vellum boards, boards soiled, clasp
lost, first gathering loose, text clean and writing legible.

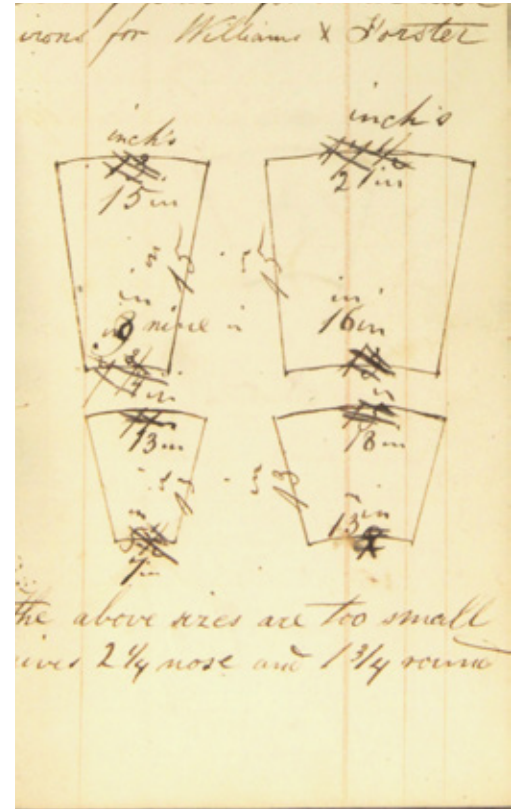
This notebook consists of records of the finances, business,
and reference material of William Peacock Porter, an
otherwise anonymous individual who appears to have
arrived in the US sometime around 1840 from Sunderland,
Durham, in Britain. It appears that entries dated before
1844 were recorded in England, and entries after that date were recorded in
either Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, or Cincinnati, Ohio. He appears to have been
employed in blacksmith work, with many pages of his notes dedicated to the
production of chains, anvils, boilers, and ships. He keeps track of his workload,
wages and grocery expenses, as well as keeps reference on the value of chain.
One table shows "the size of chain requisit for vessels according to their
tonnage." The book also includes periodic records of Porter's personal expenses.



These entries typically list the date of the transaction, the product purchased, and the cost of the item. Among Porter's purchases were groceries, oil, and a broom.

Occasionally he makes notes of his employers, which include the Durham coalmine Ludworth Colliery; producers of train cars in Cincinnati Keck & Davenport; Douglas and English Co.; and Williams Forster and Co. Little is said about his movement, but one entry does record his travel: "Nov. 26 went to Cincinnati and from thence to Louisville. Arrived at Pittsburgh on the 26th of Dec 1849." Most entries are made in Pennsylvania and Ohio, with references to a visit to Niagara falls, the Pittsburgh fire of 1845, property that Porter rented out in Mansfield PA, and work done in and around Cincinnati. It also appears that Porter ran a chain producing shop, as he paid for the repair of an anvil and also recorded the payment of hired help, though only in one instance. Another entry records the travel of a relative, James Porter, from Pittsburgh to California by way of St. Louis on the steam boat Silias Wright. Later entries have diagrams for the proper production of plates for water tube irons. Five pages cover recipes for various flavors of brandy including cherry, lavender, peppermint, cinnamon, sassafras, and wintergreen.

Of Mr. Porter there appears to be no other record.

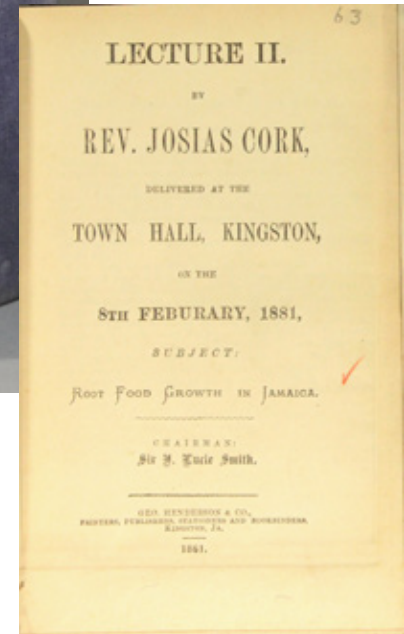


6. [Jamaica.] Morris, D[aniel], et al. 14 pamphlets on Jamaican agriculture. [Kingston and London: 1881-1897]. \$1,500

14 pamphlets and offprints, totaling 716 pages, primarily on agriculture and horticulture. The majority of titles are written by Sir Daniel Morris. The book comes from his library, with his bookplate on the pastedown, and a hand written table of contents on the flyleaf. Purple pebbled cloth, gilt title on spine (this was vol. XXXIV of a set of books bound for Morris); spine head chipped, boards sunned, text clean with page numbers penciled in and red checks on title pages. The titles included are as follows:

Morris. *The vegetable resources of the West Indies. An address delivered before the London Chamber of Commerce 17th March, 1888.* London: S. W. Silver & Co., 1888. Pp. 30.

Morris. *Fruit as a factor in colonial commerce* [drop title]. A paper read ... before the Royal Colonial Institute, 8th February, 1887.



[London: The Anglo-Continental Guano Works, 1887]. Pp. 31, [1].

Cork, Rev. Josias. *Lecture II. Delivered at the Town Hall, Kingston, on the 8th February 1881, subject: root food growth in Jamaica.* Kingston: Geo. Henderson & Co., 1881. Pp. 16.

Morris. *Lecture III. By D, Morris, M. A., F. G. S., Director of public gardens and plantations, delivered at the Town Hall, Kingston, on the 17th May, 1881, subject: some objects of productive industry.* Kingston: Geo. Henderson & Co. 1881. Pp. 34, [8].

Espeut, W. Bancroft. *Lecture IV. Delivered at the Town Hall, Kingston, on 8th March, 1881, subject: the timbers of Jamaica.* Kingston: Geo. Henderson & Co., 1881. Pp. 24.

Morris. *Institute of Jamaica. Popular lectures. Third series. Some objects of productive industry. Part IV: native and other fiber plants ... delivered 5th February, 1884.* Jamaica (Kingston): Mortimer C. DeSouza, 1884. Pp. 48. Lightly foxed.

Morris. *Cacao: how to grow and how to cure it.* Jamaica (Kingston): Aston W. Gardner & Co., 1887. Pp. iv, [2], 42. Title foxed.

Morris. *Planting enterprise in the West Indies. A paper read before the Royal Colonial Institute 12th June, 1883.* London: Messrs. S. W. Silver & Co., 1883. Pp. 52.

Emigrants' Information Office. *General information for intending settlers in the West Indies.* London: printed for Her Majesty's Stationary Office, by Eyre and Spottiswoode, 1897. Printed upper wrapper bound in (lower lacking), full-page map; pp. 96.

Harrison, J. B. *The results of recent scientific researches into the agricultural improvement of the sugar cane* [drop title]. Georgetown, Demerara: The Argosy Press. [1897]. Upper printed wrapper bound in. Pp. 52. Signed by the author with compliments on upper wrapper. Paper brown and brittle, with a couple corners chipped.

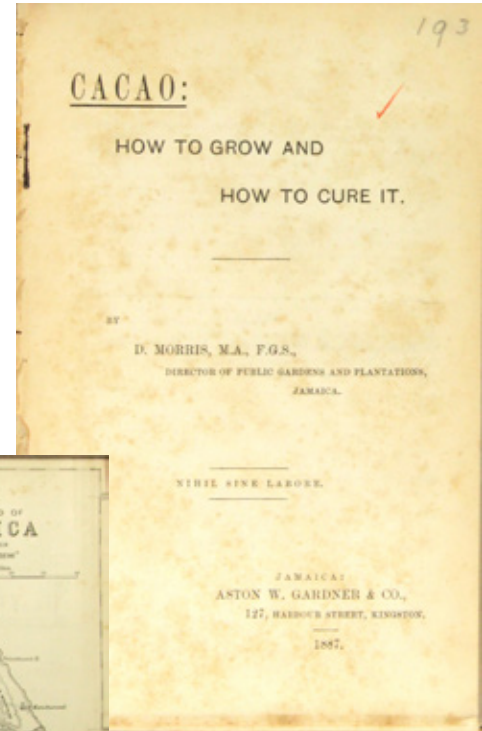
Fawcett, William. *Economic Plants. An index to economic products of the vegetable kingdom in Jamaica.* Jamaica (Kingston): Government Printing Establishment, 1891. Pp. 78.

Jamaica in 1896. A handbook of information for intending settlers and others. Kingston: Institute of Jamaica, 1896. Folding map; ship route map on title page; pp. 85, [3].

Morris. *Lecture on "the occurrence of droughts, their causes and the means whereby their effects might be mitigated, modified or relieved."* [Kingston]: printed at the Office of the Colonial Standard and Jamaica Despatch, 1885. Pp. 28, [2]; some marks in the margin.

Massee, George. *Disease of Colocasia in Jamaica* [drop title]. [London: Linnaean Society Journal, 1887]. Offprint. Upper wrapper present with title in manuscript, pp. [1], 46-49, [1]; one plate.

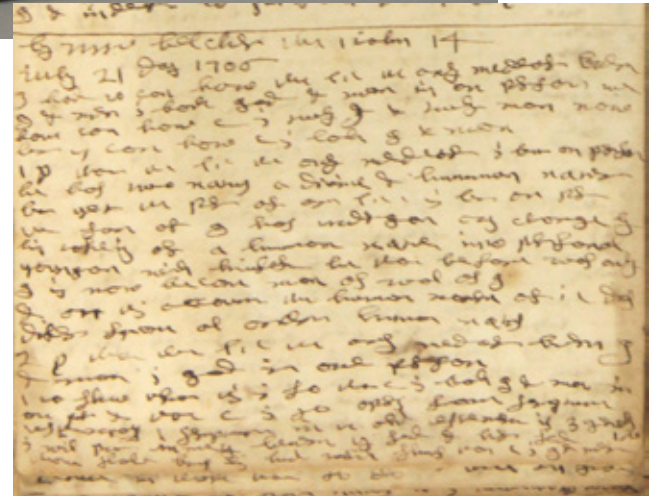
Most titles are scarce, with the median copies listed on OCLC at 5 and a few with only 1.



CONTEMPORARY NOTES ON SERMONS OF
COTTON AND INCREASE MATHER, JOSEPH
BELCHER, AND OTHERS

7. **Metcalf, Michael.** Manuscript notebook transcribing nearly 120 sermons by early American theologians. Dedham, Mass.: July 10, 1706, August, 7, 1707. \$8,500

Oblong 12mo, approx. 224 tightly packed pages, in ink. contemporary full vellum; some dampstaining on the first and last several leaves, margins of these leaves erose in the margins (with minor loss), but in all a good, sound manuscript in a difficult English hand due to the wide variation in spellings and the similarity in many letter forms. Interestingly, the manuscript exhibits some letter forms and abbreviations of English secretary hand, as well as a more modern-looking cursive. The letters often switch between the two forms, which adds a further degree of difficulty. There is also what looks like Tironian shorthand in a few places.



The nature of the manuscript suggests that Metcalf's notes were taken from oral as opposed to written or printed sermons as there is a definite catechetical style to them, with many abbreviations (i c for Jesus Christ, g for God, etc.). There are 3 pages of an index, but not to every sermon, just what we suppose he thought were highlights: for instance, both Increase and Cotton Mather are so cited, even though the Mathers are only present here for one sermon each. The tenor is pretty straight-forward Puritan-Calvinistic theology. Some sermons talk about the way of salvation for the Elect, through Christ's blood as the atoning sacrifice, and the redemption of the natural man ("this body of sin"). Another one talks about the use of prayer; another about the believer being refined in the "furnace of affliction"; another about the importance of having a "comely mind," or rather of setting the mind on comely things (from Philippians 4:8), another on the 4th Chapter of Hebrews.

Among the ministers Metcalf listened to and recorded, we have been able to identify

Increase Mather (a sermon delivered at Dedham August 7, 1706 on 2 Luke 32); and Cotton Mather (a sermon delivered September 4, 1706 on John, chapter 21);

Joseph Belcher who began to preach in Dedham in 1692 (101 sermons in all – he, the presiding local minister – see below);

Henry Flynt who ministered at Dorchester beginning in 1695 (2 sermons);

Peter Thacher who preached at Weymouth starting in 1707 (1 sermon);

Mr. Wilyams (1 sermon, and identified in the index "this is the Wilyams which was taken captive at Derefield and caryed to Canada" - so almost certainly John Williams who became famous for *The Redeemed Captive*, his account of his captivity by the Mohawk after the Deerfield Massacre during Queen Anne's War);

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Joseph Metcalf (4 sermons, in one of which he is identified as "my cousin" - this is likely Joseph Metcalf (1682-1723, the minister from Falmouth, Mass.);

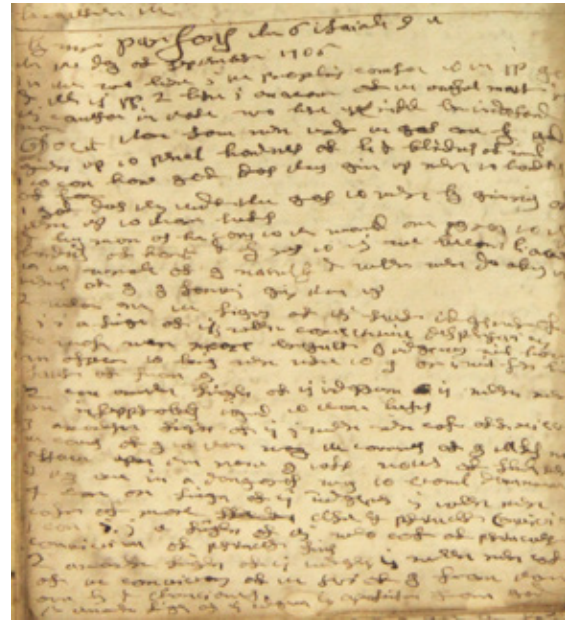
John Woodward, a Dedham native but then residing in Norwich, Connecticut (1 sermon);

Mr. Adams (1 sermon, and identified in the index as "from Boston");

Mr. Parsons (6 sermons, probably the Rev. Joseph Parsons III, 1671-1739, Harvard class of 1697, residing at the time in Lebanon, Conn., and later at Salisbury, Mass.),

and Mr. Barnes (5 sermons).

Typically, Metcalf records the date of the sermon, and the deliverer, the subject (such as Psalm 23, Kings 2, Isaiah 6, Corinthians 2, etc.) and makes anywhere from two to four pages of notes on each sermon. Nearly 90% of the sermons are by Joseph Belcher, resident in Dedham



where Metcalf lived.

Belcher (1669-1724) graduated from Harvard in 1690, was ordained in 1693 and the following year bought 4 acres in Dedham and built a parsonage with 60 pounds

from the town, which was to serve the ministers of the parish for over a century.

"Glimpses of the Belcher family are found in contemporary diaries. Judge Sewell writes under January 29, 1700/01 'Sam. and I went to Dedham Lecture and heard Mr. Belchar preach excellently from Mat. 9. 12. Dined at said Belchars. Gave him and some young men with him my New-years verses: He read them and said Amen. Said twas a good morning's Work' ... Belcher probably belonged to the liberal party, for he supported [John] Leverett for the presidency of [Harvard] College, and Leverett named him a fellow in his draft of the college charter of 1723."

Frank Smith, in his *The History of Dedham, Massachusetts* (1936), notes that only five of Belcher's sermons survive (to which we can add at least one more), making this manuscript especially valuable for understanding the man's theological impulses and motives. Only two of Belcher's sermons are in OCLC.

Michael Metcalf (1674-1736) descends from a long line of Puritan stock, his great-grandfather having come with his family to New England from Norwich, Old England in 1637.

8. [Rhode Island.] Dorr, Thomas Wilson.
Dorr returned!! [Providence?: publisher not
identified, 1843.] \$1,500

Folio broadside (approx. 22" x 16"), text in triple column
under the running head; previous folds with neat pro-
fessional repairs on verso, else near fine. "This would-be
Governor, the public enemy of Rhode Island, author
and arch-leader of treason, sedition, and rebellion, whose
bones were not left at Acote Hill, whose ambition has
cost the state \$100,000 in one year, has returned to our
borders to superintend the election of his secret, legal
advisor and fellow conspirator, Thomas F. Carpenter!!!"

The anonymous author vehemently opposes the election
of the Dorr Democrat Thomas Carpenter for Governor.
AAS, Brown and NY Historical in OCLC, to which we
add RI Historical. Not in *American Imprints*; not in
Sabin; DeSimone & Schofield, *Broadside of the Dorr
Rebellion*, 54.



9. **Smith, John.** *A Hebrew grammar, without points: designed to facilitate the study of the scriptures of the Old Testament, in the original; and particularly adapted to the use of those who may not have instructors.* Boston: printed by David Carlisle for John West, 1803. \$375

First edition, 8vo, pp. 56; modern brown morocco, gilt spine in 6 compartments; ex-Watson Library with their bookplate, no external markings; signature of H J Lombard on flyleaf, dated "Dartmouth College April 7th 1803," with a few ink corrections in the text by him, and a half page "Appendix" in manuscript on final page. Later biographical clipping of Smith on flyleaf, light foxing, very good and sound. Smith was himself a graduate and professor of Dartmouth. H. J. Lombard would spend time as preacher at Oneida County, NY. *American Imprints* 5067; *American Jewish Bibliography* 131. Not in Singerman.

