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1. [Association Copies; Curious Juvenile Repairs]

Various The Entertaining, Moral, and Religious Repository; Containing Upwards of Three Score Separate Performances, All of Which Are Written in a Simple Yet Pleasing Stile, and Are Eminently Calculated for the Amusement and Instruction of the Youth of Both Sexes. Published by a Society in Great Britain, Instituted for the Beneficent Purpose of Aiding the Intention of His Majesty, as Expressed in His Royal Proclamation for the Suppression of Vice and Immorality (In Two Volumes)

\$1,250.00

A married set of these highly-popular juvenile tales, they reflected the cultural, religious, and moral values of the time and were chiefly based on the British "Cheap Repository Tracts" series. Many of them were penned by author, poet, and playwright Hannah Moore (1745 - 1833), writing under the pseudonym 'Z.,' among others. *Both volumes were inscribed and dated by Colonel Henry Rutgers (1745 - 1830) - Revolutionary War hero, philanthropist, and patron of, then, Queen's College - now Rutgers University, after whom the institution was renamed in 1825. The recipients of the books were the daughters of Peter Douw Beekman (1762 - 1835) of the prominent Douw family of New York - himself a Revolutionary War veteran and justice of the peace in Albany.*

- Volume I

New York: Printed by George Forman for Cornelius Davis, 1799.

Early (first [?]) reprint of the 1798 edition; 6 1/2 x 4; pp. [7], 4-396 (includes a contents leaf, only present in some recorded volumes, tipped in after title page on paper that differs from the adjacent text stock - described in "Felcone, J.J. Printing in New Jersey"); full polished roan over boards; red label with gilt title to spine; some wear to leather along spine and corners; last two leaves pinned together with a small steel pin; mild general age-toning; overall in very good condition. *Inscribed in brown ink by Colonel Rutgers to contents leaf verso.*

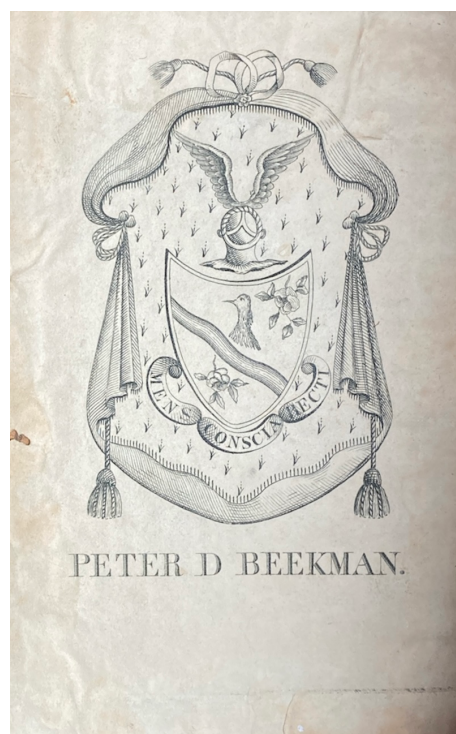
- Volume II

Elizabeth-town: Printed by Shepard Kollock for Cornelius Davis, 1798.

First edition; 6 1/2 x 4; pp. [5], 4-324 (includes a contents leaf, only present in some recorded volumes, tipped in after title page on paper that differs from the adjacent text stock - described in "Felcone, J.J. Printing in New Jersey"); full polished roan over boards; red label with gilt title to spine; lacking back board; front board with a somewhat bizarre amateur repair - probably by Peter Douw Beekman's daughters themselves, as it included Beekman's ornate armorial bookplate to verso; it appeared the front board of another period book from the Beekman family collection had been affixed to the current volume. *Inscribed in brown ink by Colonel Rutgers to contents leaf verso.*



*A present from Col.
Henry Rutgers to the
Daughters of Peter D.
Beekman - April 3^d
1802*



PETER D BEEKMAN.

2. [Association Copies; Native Americans; Chinese Immigration; Etc.]

Vest, George G.; Cox, Samuel S.; et al. A Sammelband of 10 Speeches on Chinese Immigration, US Life-Saving Service, National Debt, Native Americans, Etc. (From the Library of Confederate Congressman and US Senator George Graham Vest)

Washington DC: 1880 - 1882. First editions; bound in marbled paper over boards and 3/4 brown morocco; five raised bands, gilt title, and gilt initials (G. G. Vest) to spine; marbled page edges; occasional, very-minor spots to text; a few of the publications with uniform age-toning; a bit of rubbing to leather on corners and tips of spine; in very good condition.

A collection of speeches on relevant for the time subjects, they were delivered by some of the more skillful and prominent US politicians of the 19th century. The orators included the previous owner of the book, Missouri Congressman and Senator George Graham Vest (1830 - 1904), Ohio and New York Congressman and US Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire Samuel S. Cox (1824 - 1889), Oregon Senator James H. Slater (1826 - 1899), Virginia Congressman John R. Tucker (1823 - 1897), Massachusetts Senator George F. Hoar (1826 - 1904), and Missouri Congressman Aylett H. Buckner (1816 - 1894).

- *Cox, S. S. Speech of Hon. S. S. Cox, of New York City, on the Conference Report for the Reinforcement of the Life-saving Service, by Increased Pay and Stations, Etc., in the House of Representatives, on the 27th of April, 1882*

- *Vest, George G. Speech of Hon. George G. Vest, of Missouri, in the Senate of the United States, Tuesday, May 4, 1880 (On the resolutions reported by the Committee on Privileges and Elections declaring that W. P. Kellogg was not, and that Henry M. Spofford was, duly elected Senator from the State of Louisiana, for the term commencing March 4, 1877)*

- *Vest, G. G. The Indian. His Past, Present, and Future. Speech of Hon. G. G. Vest, of Missouri, Delivered in the Senate of the United States, Friday, April 9, 1880*

- *Slater, J. H. Chinese Immigration. Speech of Hon. J. H. Slater, of Oregon, and Hon. G. G. Vest, of Missouri, Delivered in the Senate of the United States, April 26 and 27, 1882*

- *Vest, G. G. Grant and the Retired List. Speech of Hon. G. G. Vest, of Missouri, Delivered in the Senate of the United States, Monday, February 20, 1882*

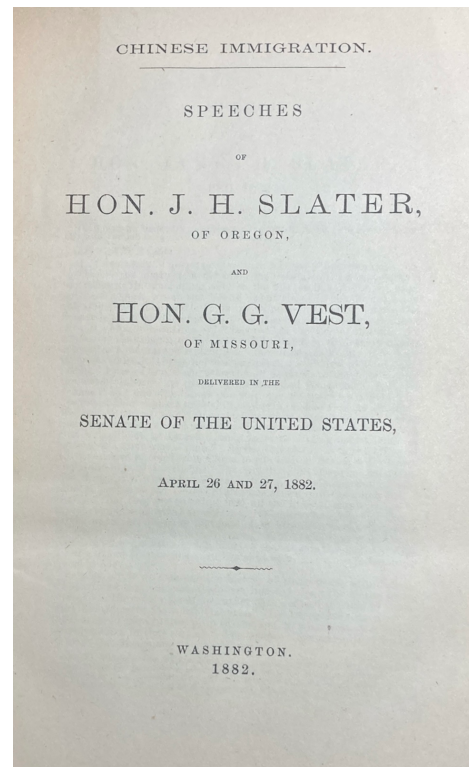
- *Vest, G. G. National Debt and National Banks. Speech of Hon. G. G. Vest, of Missouri, Delivered in the Senate of the United States, Wednesday, January 11, 1882*

- *Vest, G. G. Officers of the Senate. Speech of Hon. G. G. Vest, of Missouri, in the United States Senate, Monday, April 11, 1881*

- *Tucker, J. R. Chinese Immigration. Speech of Hon. John Randolph Tucker, of Virginia, in the House of Representatives, Wednesday, March 22, 1882*

- *Hoar, G. F. Chinese Immigration. Speech of Hon. Geo F. Hoar, of Massachusetts, Delivered in the Senate of the United States, Wednesday, March 1, 1882*

- *Buckner, A. H. Extension of Bank Charters. Speech of Hon. Aylett H. Buckner, of Missouri, in the House of Representatives, Monday, April 17, 1882*



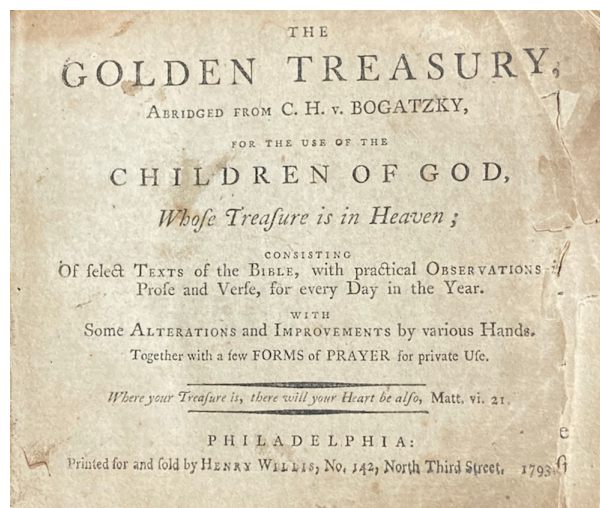
3. [A Daily Devotional]

Bogatzky, C. H. v. The Golden Treasury Abridged from C.H. v. Bogatzky, for the Use of the Children of God, Whose Treasure is in Heaven; Consisting of Select Texts of the Bible, with Practical Observations in Prose and Verse, for Every Day in the Year. With Some Alterations and Improvements by Various Hands. Together with a Few Forms of Prayer for Private Use

\$150.00

Philadelphia: Printed and sold by Henry Willis, 1793. First American edition; oblong 3 3/4 x 5; pp. iii-x, 1-374; full roan over boards; re-backed with brown leatherette; gilt title to spine; small loss to upper corner of front board; wear to leather with some cracking; lacking ffep, else complete; first few leaves with fore-edge brittle (no loss to text); in fair condition.

Originally penned in 1746 by German hymn and sacred song writer Karl Heinrich von Bogatzky (1690 - 1774), the book was a daily devotional - providing the readers with specific spiritual texts for every day of the year.



4. [A Signed/Inscribed Presentation Copy / A Curious Association]

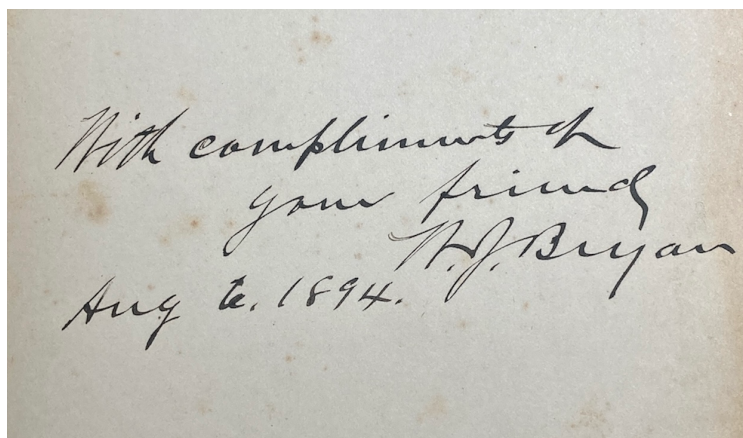
Bryan, William Jennings Speeches of Congressman Bryan, of Nebraska, In the House of Representatives, During the 52d and 53d Congress (Signed / Inscribed by the Author)

\$650.00

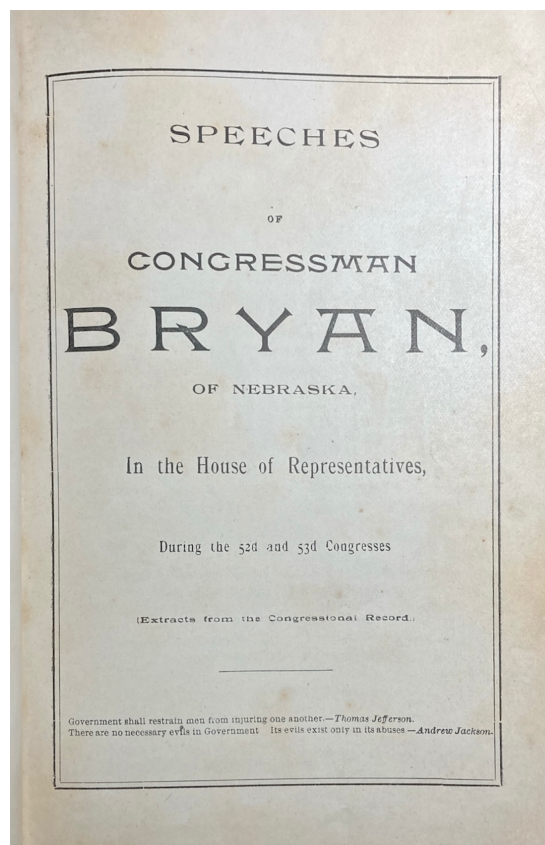
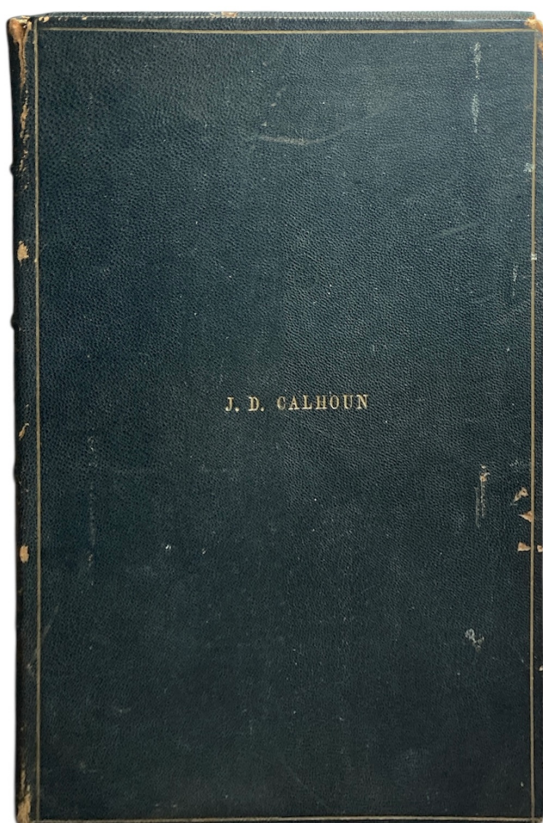
Lincoln, Nebraska: (Privately Printed by F. Schwind), 1894. First edition; 9 x 6; pp. 186 (each speech with a separate pagination); black morocco over boards with four raised bands to spine; title, year of publication, and presentee's name in gilt on front board and spine; illustrated with portrait frontis and tables; a few scratches to boards and small rubbed spots to tips of spine and corners; leather at head of spine a bit brittle; overall in very good condition.

William Jennings Bryan (1860 - 1925) was a politician, an orator, US Secretary of State and three times Democratic Presidential nominee. He was a devoted advocate for the Prohibition, a staunch anti-Evolutionist, and a supporter of the wisdom of the common people, for which he would become known as "The Great Commoner." His current book contained his various congressional speeches, including those on duties, taxes, tariffs, and the Silver Question.

The work was presented to J. D. Calhoun with the inscription: "With compliments of your friend / W. J. Bryan / August 1894." Calhoun was the editor of "The Lincoln Journal" and one, who allegedly played a role, albeit tangential, in the demise of legendary outlaw Jesse James. In early 1882, Calhoun had advertised the sale of 160 acres of prime land outside of Franklin, Nebraska. Jesse, who had family ties in Nebraska and who was, presumably, tired of life on the run and wanted to settle in the countryside and raise his children in peace, contacted the editor, told him he was interested in purchasing the land, and arranged to meet him (although not officially confirmed, the meeting did happen and Jesse committed to buying the property). Meanwhile, his resources had been depleted and he needed to pull one more heist in order to be able to acquire his dream farm. While discussing his plans for that final robbery of the Platte City Bank with brothers Bob and Charley Ford, the last two remaining members of the James-Younger gang, Jesse was shot in the back of the head by Robert Ford.



With compliments to
your friend
W. J. Bryan
Aug 6, 1894.



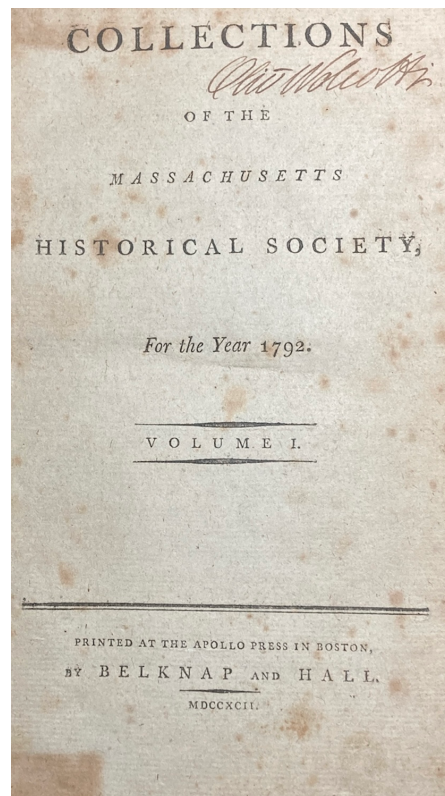
5. [The Very First of the Very First; Native Americans; Etc.]

[*Belknap, Jeremy; et al.*] **Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society for the Year 1792, Volume I**

\$1,200.00

Boston: Printed at the Apollo Press in Boston by Belknap and Hall, 1792. First edition; 8 3/4 x 5 1/4; pp. [4], 3-288; marbled paper over boards; re-backed in brown calf and red morocco label with gilt title; illustrated with a woodcut vignette at the beginning of first chapter; ornate bookplate to front board verso and signatures of previous owners to title page and last page; wear along edges of boards and scattered spots of foxing; first several leaves with small loss to fore-edge, affecting but a few letters; overall in very good condition.

The very first publication of the very first institution in the United States to publish in its field and the oldest organization devoted to preserving materials for the study of American history, it contained valuable historical information on the Native Americans in the region, topographical descriptions, letters, etc. The Massachusetts Historical Society was founded in January of 1791 by Rev. Jeremy Belknap and "nine other like-minded Bostonians."



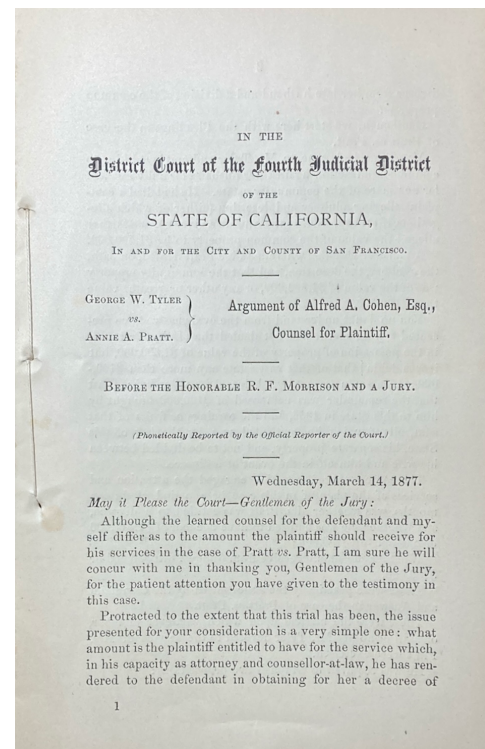
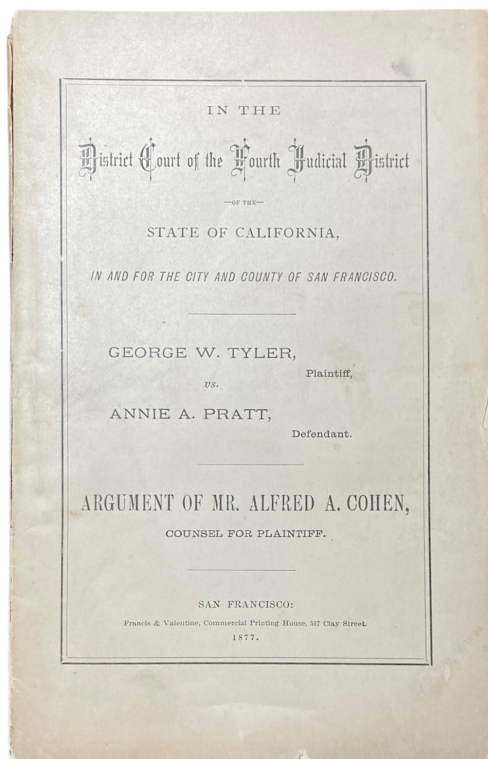
6. [A Sordid Victorian Scandal]

Cohen, Alfred A. In the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District of the State Of California, in and for the City and County of San Francisco. George W. Tyler, Plaintiff, vs. Annie A. Pratt, Defendant. Argument of Mr. Alfred A. Cohen, Counsel for Plaintiff

\$150.00

San Francisco: Francis & Valentine, 1877. First edition; 8 3/4 x 5 1/2; pp. 1-61; beige wraps, printed and ruled in black; a few small chips to edges and tips of spine; inconspicuous repair to front wrap along spine; text clean; in good to very good condition.

A record of a sordid, 19th-century, San Francisco scandal, the publication presented the memorable argument of prominent attorney and President of the San Francisco & Oakland Railroad Alfred Andrew Cohen (1829 - 1887), in defense of his client George W. Tyler. Tyler, another attorney, had represented Annie A. Pratt during her divorce from Orville C. Pratt, a well-known judge, for the latter had been caught gallivanting with another woman. Annie had been awarded over \$700,000 of hush money, but had ultimately refused to pay Tyler his fees, for which, consequently, he was suing her. Using colorful language and delivering an impressive performance, Cohen would call Judge Pratt a "Satyr, capering and whinnying among the fawns" and would, eventually, win for Tyler \$10,000 for his services during the divorce proceedings.



7. [An Interesting Ownership]

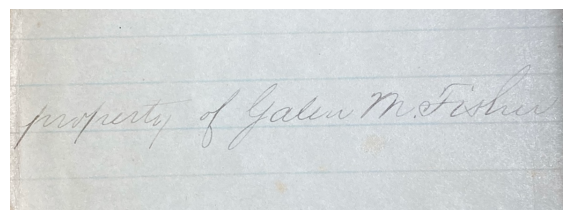
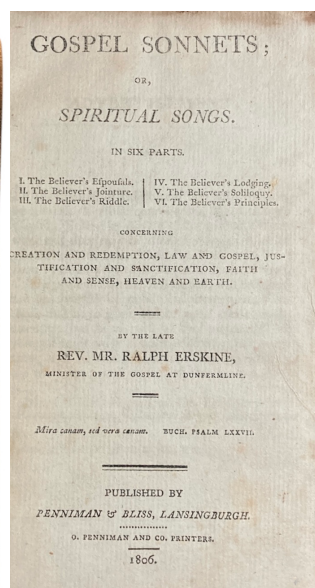
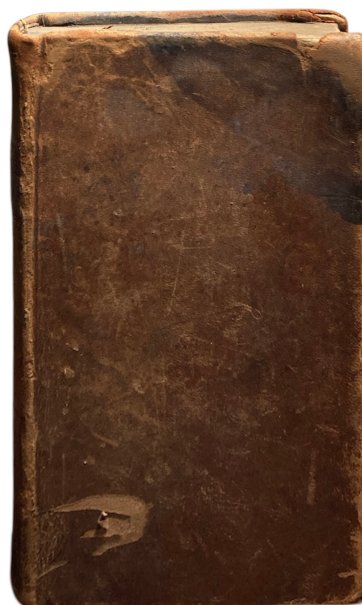
Erskine, Rev. Mr. Ralph Gospel Sonnets; or, Spiritual Songs. In Six Parts. I. The Believer's Espousals. II. The Believer's Jointure. III. The Believer's Riddle. IV. The Believer's Lodging. V. The Believer's Soliloquy. VI. The Believer's Principles. Concerning Creation and Redemption, Law and Gospel, Justification and Sanctification, Faith and Sense, Heaven and Earth

\$120.00

Lansingburgh, NY: Penniman & Bliss, 1806. Early-19th-century edition; 7 x 4; pp. [5], vi, [1], viii-xi, [2], 14-324, [2]; polished calf over boards; red morocco label with gilt title to spine; some wear and spotting to leather along edges and corners; a tiny piece of lined paper with previous owner's name laid on (Galen Merriam Fisher); a second manuscript name to ffep; text block with ; in good to very good condition.

An uncommon edition of Erskine's wildly-popular work, it also included a 2-page piece titled "Smoking Spiritualized, in Two Parts", the second part of which was written by Erskine - "...as a proper subject on Meditation to Smokers of Tobacco."

The previous owner of the book - Galen Merriam Fisher (1873-1955) - was arguably the most significant and consistent white organizer of opposition during World War II to the internment of Japanese Americans. A former missionary in Japan and a prominent figure in academic and religious circles in the San Francisco Bay Area - in 1941, he would be the key founder of the Northern California Committee for Fair Play for Citizens and Aliens of Japanese Ancestry. He would continue his work on behalf of Japanese Americans after the war, as well, campaigning for and assisting their resettlement and compensation for wartime losses.



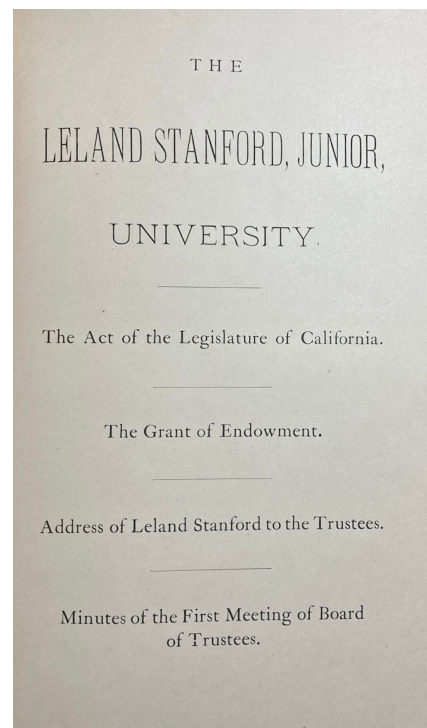
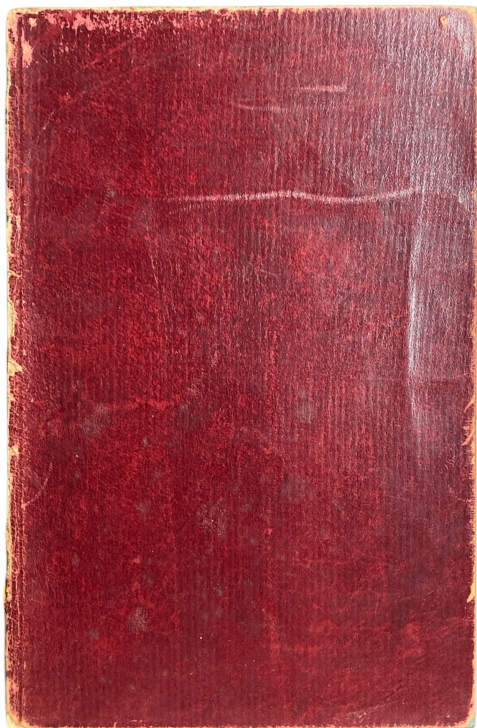
8. [The Founding of an Iconic Institution]

Various The Leland Stanford, Junior, University. The Act of the Legislature of California. The Grant of Endowment. Address of Leland Stanford to the Trustees. Minutes of the First Meeting of the Board of Trustees

\$800.00

S. l. [Palo Alto]: s. n., n. d. (1885). First edition; 8 3/4 x 5 1/2; pp. 38; plain, burgundy leatherette over stiff, card stock wraps; red tint to page edges; loss of paper to spine; front wrap lightly warped; text clean; a tiny puncture through upper right corner; overall in good to very good condition.

A part of California history, the pamphlet presented the Endowment Act of the California Assembly and Senate, the Grant of Endowment from Leland Stanford, and the minutes of the first meeting of the board of trustees, which established the Leland Stanford Junior University. Leland Stanford (1824 - 1893) - industrialist, Governor of California, US Senator, and President of the Southern Pacific - and his wife Jane donated over \$40 million and founded the university as a memorial to their only child, Leland Stanford Jr., who had died of typhoid fever in 1884. The university officially opened its doors in 1891 and its very first student, admitted to Encina Hall, was future president Herbert Hoover.



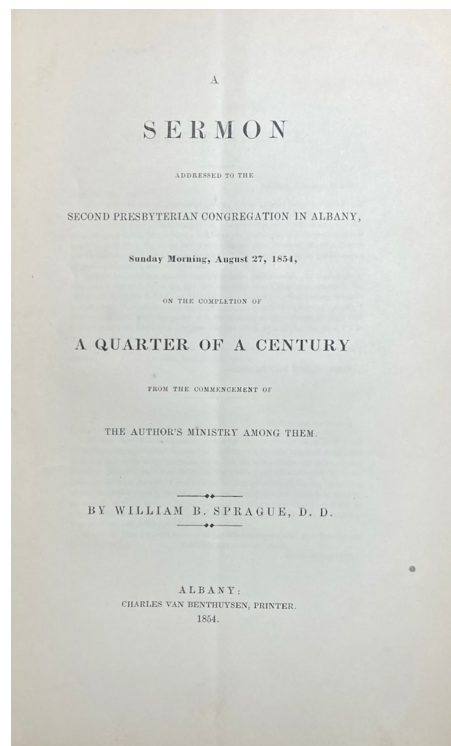
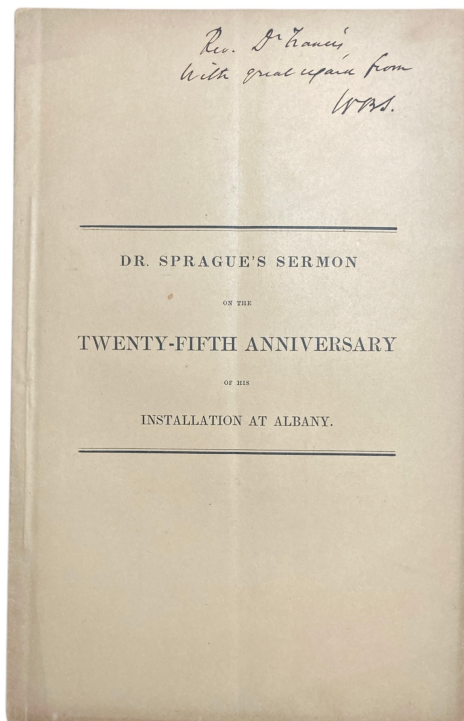
9. [An Association Copy]

Sprague, William B. A Sermon Addressed to the second Presbyterian Congregation in Albany, Sunday Morning, August 27, 1854, on the Completion of a Quarter of a Century from the Commencement of the Author's Ministry Among Them (Signed / Inscribed by the Author)

\$180.00

Albany: Charles Van Benthuyssen, Printer, 1854. First edition; 9 x 5 3/4; pp. [3], 6-40; beige wraps, printed and ruled in black; small chips to paper at ends of spine; faint vertical crease; very good condition. *Signed and inscribed by the author to upper margin of front wrap.*

William Buell Sprague (1795 - 1876) was an American Congregational and Presbyterian clergyman. Author of numerous books, his most famous one would be "Annals of the American Pulpit" - a biographical dictionary of pre-1850, American, Protestant ministers. He was also an avid collector of manuscripts, a member of the American Antiquarian Society, and would become known as the first person to acquire a complete set of the signatures of the signers of the United States Declaration of Independence. He accepted the call to pastor the Second Presbyterian Church in Albany, the one, where he gave his current sermon, in 1829 and ministered there for 40 years.



10. [An Association Copy; A Southern Imprint]

Rives, William C., Esq. **Discourse Before the Young Men's Christian Association of Richmond, on the Ethics of Christianity**

\$350.00

Richmond: Printed by John Nowlan, 1855. First edition; 9 x 5 1/2; pp. [1], 4-28, [2]; gray wraps, printed and ruled in black; tiny chips to tips of spine and lower corner; faint creasing to fore-edge; in very good condition. *Signed and inscribed by the author to Senator Rufus Choate on the title page. Choate's ownership signature and address in his hand to front wrap.*

William Cabell Rives (1793 - 1868) was a Virginia lawyer, diplomat, and politician - initially, as a Jacksonian Democrat and later, as a Whig. He was also a Minister to France and during the Civil War - a Delegate to the Provisional Confederate Congress. Rufus Choate (1799 - 1859) was an orator, lawyer, Attorney General of Massachusetts, and a Senator from the Whig Party.

