



List 28 Recent Acquisitions

We are pleased to offer our latest list of thirty items, all recently acquired and freshly catalogued. It includes a wide variety of material from across the continent -- an early treatise on cattle; a Japanese American directory from the mid-1950s; a rare California history; an unusual Native American language item; rare and unusual imprints from Iowa, Kansas, Nevada, and Idaho; some German Texas fiction; and a souvenir of the "Hello Girls" from the Great War, among others. Enjoy!

Cheers,
Teri & James



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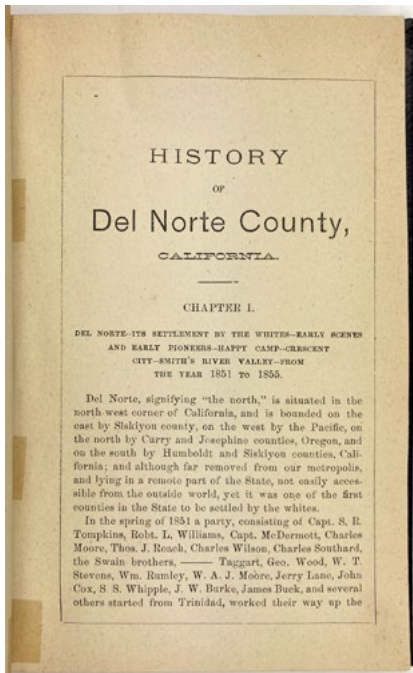


“THE RAREST CALIFORNIA LOCAL HISTORY” – HOWES

1. Bledsoe, A. J. *History of Del Norte County, California, with a Business Directory and Traveler's Guide.* Eureka: Humboldt Times Print, 1881. 175,[30]pp. Modern black buckram, spine gilt lettered. Title page poorly remargined, with several tape repairs. Additional, less obtrusive tape repairs at gutter of following ten leaves. Two later ownership inscriptions in pencil and ink on title page. Light, even tanning and an occasional faint fox mark. Good.

Extremely rare and detailed history of Del Norte County, the northwestern-most county in California. The work, written by A.J. Bledsoe, is an extensive and engaging combination of historiography, reporting, and compilation of local legend. The first four chapters provide a lengthy history of the thirty years since white American settlers arrived in the area in 1851, interspersed with numerous colorful anecdotes. The following four sections give an account of the contemporary circumstances of the county -- its towns, businesses, climate, geography, and population (including some hideously disparaging comments concerning Chinese and Native American inhabitants), as well as detailed

descriptions of its lumber, mineral, and agricultural resources. The last chapter sums up the opportunities available in the county to the prospective “capitalist,” and the final leaves print a “travel guide” that provides distances between area destinations, a two-page business directory for ventures in Crescent City, Smith’s River Valley, and Happy Camp, and twenty-seven pages of advertisements for local businesses in Crescent City, Smith’s River, and Eureka. An impressively thorough history for a county with a population less than 3,000 at the time of publication, small enough that the book had to be printed in Eureka, the seat of neighboring Humboldt County.



Rocq located four copies of the present work -- at Berkeley, UCLA, San Francisco Public Library, and the New-York Historical Society. We locate a smattering of additional institutional copies. This copy is the only one to appear in available sales records since Howell listed a copy for \$1350 in 1961, stating that only six copies were known. Two years prior, a copy brought \$1800 in the Plath Sale. “With the possible exception of Cox, The Annals of Trinity County, the rarest California local history” - Howes.

Cowan II, p.57. Howes B528, “dd.” Rocq 1714. (McBRB1850)

\$4,750

SCARCE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
REAL ESTATE PROMOTIONAL

2. [California]. *The California Home and Farm.* San Francisco, December 1888. Vol. 1. No. 1. San Francisco: Briggs, Fergusson & Co., 1888. 16pp. Quarto newspaper. Horizontal center fold. Outer sheet separating along spine; otherwise, minor wear. Contemporary ink stamp in upper right corner of first leaf recto. Light tanning and dust soiling. Good plus.

First issue of this scarce, newspaper-style promotional for land opportunities in California offered by Briggs, Fergusson & Co. at the end of the 1880s. The main focus is the advertisement of Bakersfield, with several feature articles touting it as an up-and-coming metropolis and an ideal location for fruit farming. With numerous advertisements for land in Kern County and Southern California; the final page is a full-page promotion of a three-day auction of “residence and business property and colony tracts in Bakersfield.” The land firm that published this promotional clearly had an association with the Southern Pacific Railroad, as the text repeatedly notes the imminent arrival of service in Bakersfield and the first leaf bears the interesting contemporary ink stamp of the Southern Pacific’s agent in Liverpool. We locate only single copies of later issues at Berkeley and St. Patrick’s University.

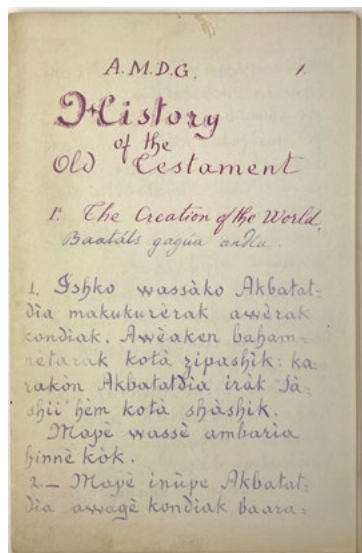
(McBRB1826)

\$400



OLD TESTAMENT SELECTIONS IN CROW LANGUAGE

3. [Crow Language]. Prando, Peter Paul. *A.M.D.G. History of the Old Testament [caption title].* [Pryor Creek, Montana: St. Charles Mission, ca. 1892]. 20pp. Mimeographed from manuscript, printed in purple. Gathered sheets, no wrappers. Minor soiling. Very good.



A translation of selections from the Old Testament into the Crow language by Father Peter Paul Prando (1845-1906), a Jesuit priest who lived among the Indians of the Northwest for many years. The St. Charles Mission in Pryor Creek was established by Father Prando in 1892. Though the mission school was quite poor and had no press, Father Prando produced these booklets with a gelatin-print hectographic process. The result is a charming work which appears to be handwritten with the text printed in a blue-purple and the chapter headings in a red-violet. The title is printed in English,

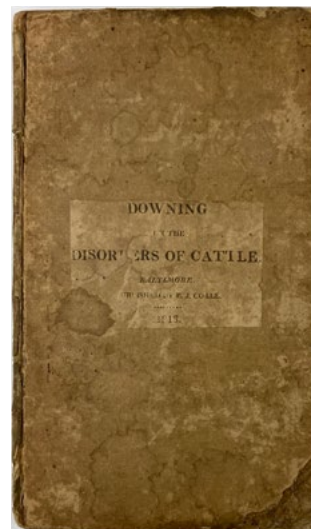
while the chapter headings are in English and Crow, and the text is entirely in Crow. The title is preceded with the acronym "A.M.D.G.," for the Jesuit motto Ad maiorem Dei gloriam ("For the greater glory of God"). A rare and unusual item, we locate six copies in OCLC.

(McBRB1860)

\$1,500

SCARCE MANUAL ON CATTLE

4. Downing, Joseph. *A Treatise on the Disorders Incident to Horned Cattle, Comprising a Description of Their Symptoms, and the Most Rational Methods of Cure, Founded on Long Experience...* [Baltimore]: Published by E.J. Coale, Baltimore, and Anthony Finley, Philadelphia. Merritt, Printer, No. 9, Watkins Alley, 1813. 95,[1]pp. Original drab boards, printed paper label. Spine worn and heavily chipped, corners worn, boards soiled. Contemporary manuscript notations on rear cover



and end leaves. Light to moderate foxing. Untrimmed and in contemporary condition. About very good.

Scarce edition of this work on diseases in cattle and horses, first published in England in 1797. Anthony Finley's imprint appears on three different editions of the work in 1813, at Philadelphia, Albany, and the present Baltimore edition.

Shaw & Shoemaker 28359 (Philadelphia edition only).

(McBRB1933)

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TREATING CHOLERA IN MEXICO DURING THE MID-19th CENTURY

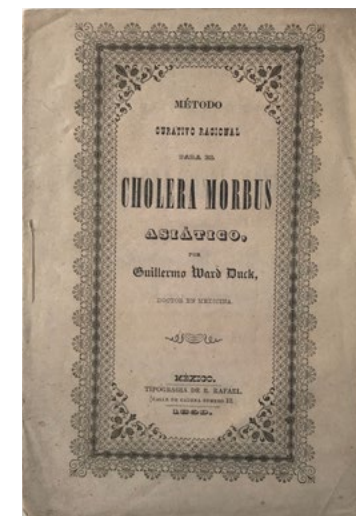
5. Duck, William Ward. *Metodo Curativo Racional para el Cholera Morbus Asiatico.* Mexico City: R. Rafael, 1850. 16pp. Original printed wrappers, stitched as issued. Slight splitting of wrappers at spine ends, light wear and soiling. Very good.

A scarce work on cholera, published in the wake of the Mexican-American War. The author identifies himself as a retired medical doctor, and he proceeds to explain how to diagnose cholera, his "rational" method for curing it, and suggestions for easing a patient's recuperation. At the end of the work he provides recipes for the various medicines and tonics he prescribes, noting that he would not profit on human suffering like some others. Cholera became a serious problem in Mexico City and several other locales following the Mexican-American War. A scarce work, not in Palau. We locate a handful of copies located in OCLC.

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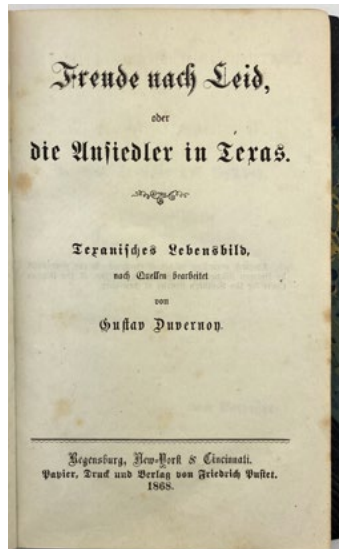
(McBRB1727)

\$850



RARE GERMAN TEXAS FICTION

6. Duvernoy, Gustav. *Freude nach Leid, oder die Ansiedler in Texas. Texanisches Lenbensbild, nach Quellen...* Regensburg, New York, & Cincinnati. 1868. 345,[1]pp. Modern three-quarter calf and marbled boards, spine gilt lettered, contemporary spine label laid down. Minor foxing to contents. Very good.



Rare collection of fictionalized stories about German immigrants in Texas during the mid-19th century. The author, Gustav Duvernoy, came to Texas prior to the Civil War, likely during the early 1850s; he settled in Galveston and served in at least two German Texas Confederate infantry units. In addition to the present volume, Duvernoy published a newspaper, the *Texas Volksblatt*, in Galveston and Houston during the late 1860s and early 1870s. He was apparently an active member of the German Catholic community on the Texas Gulf Coast, and the book is dedicated to the Chancellor of the Diocese of Galveston and

notionally a part of series entitled “Lehrreiche Unterhaltungsschriften von Katolischen Verfassern.” The stories themselves follow episodes in the lives of the immigrant Werner family -- their settlement in Texas, establishment as farmers, hunting and agricultural tales, interactions with Native Americans, anecdotes of German town life in Texas, and the like -- such as to form as loosely connected plot.

Although Howes states that the present work is a reprint of an 1866 edition, we find no copies of such a work in OCLC or available auction records. Notwithstanding the questionable existence of a previous edition, this 1868 issue is very scarce -- we locate just six institutional copies, of which four in the United States (University of Texas, Ave Maria University, Yale, and the Houston Public Library).

Howes D605. Vandale 55.
(McBRB1830)

\$2,250

EARLY IDAHO IMPRINT

7. [Idaho]. Ballard, David W. *Thanksgiving Proclamation! By David W. Ballard, Governor of the Territory of Idaho [caption title].* Boise. 1869. Small broadside, approximately 10 x 7.75 inches. Previously folded. Some spotting and dust soiling. Docketed in manuscript on blank verso. Still very good.

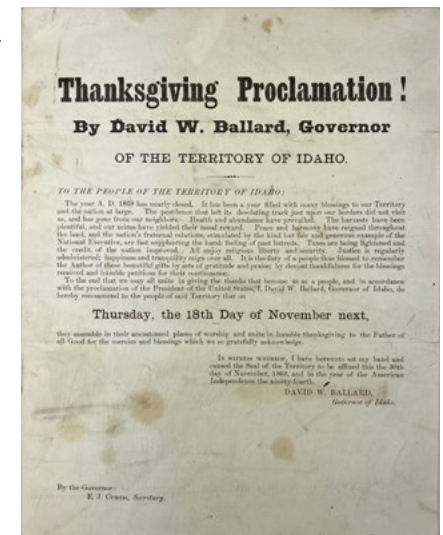
An early and rare Idaho imprint, comprising a declaration of Thanksgiving by territorial governor David W. Ballard in 1869. Ballard, a physician from Lebanon, Oregon, was appointed by Andrew Johnson in 1866 after serving as a state senator in Oregon from its admission to the union. The text reads, in part:

“It has been a year filled with many blessings to our Territory and the nation at large. The pestilence that left its desolating track just upon our borders did not visit us, and has gone from our neighbors. Health and abundance have prevailed. The harvests have been plentiful, and our mines have yielded their usual reward. Peace and harmony have reigned throughout the land, and the nation’s fraternal relations, stimulated by the kind but fair and generous example of the National Executive, are fast supplanting the harsh feeling of past hatreds.... It is the duty of a people thus blessed to remember the Author of these bountiful gifts by acts of gratitude and praise; by devout thankfulness for the blessings received and humble petitions for their continuance.”

Such proclamations were published annually in the Idaho Territory following the conclusion of the Civil War. All are quite scarce; examples from this early date survive at most in one or two recorded copies, and we locate no other copies of the present broadside.

(McBRB1853)

\$1,850



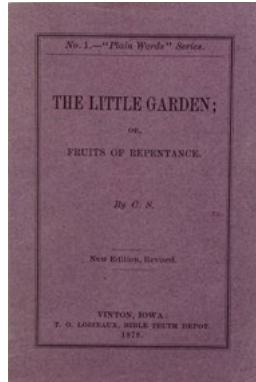
UNRECORDED TRACT BY IOWA SIBLING MINISTERS

8. [Iowa]. [Religion]. *The Little Garden; or, Fruits of Repentance*. By C.S. [cover title]. Vinton, Ia.: T.O. Loizeaux, Bible Truth Depot, 1878. 8pp. 16mo. Original printed wrappers, stitched. Minor wear. Slightly later ink stamp on first leaf recto. Very good plus.

Unrecorded tract on repentance published by the Bible Truth Depot of Vinton, Iowa. The short narratives weaves various extended metaphors comparing the necessity of fruit to grow trees and the need for sorrow to engender repentance. The Depot was founded and operated by the Loizeaux brothers, a pair of sibling Methodist ministers in Iowa, who began the press to avoid the need to import pamphlets from England. They moved their venture to New York in 1890, and the first leaf bears a stamp with the address of their first office there. This title not located in OCLC, nor are many in the list of works printed on the rear wrapper.

(McBRB1798)

\$300



inclusion of an English-language section. The present directory is printed primarily in Japanese, listing names and addresses in both Japanese characters and English. Starting with various cities in California, the directory also covers Oregon, Washington, Utah, Idaho, Colorado, and nearly every other state in the country, along with listings in Cuba, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Canada, and Japan. It is interspersed with ads for Japanese American businesses. These later directories are interested because they record the diaspora of the population following internment during World War II, when so many people's lives were uprooted and relocated.

(McBRB1897)

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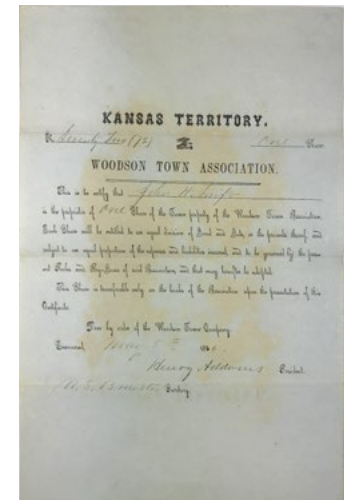
EARLY KANSAS TOWN ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATE

10. [Kansas]. [Printed Broadside, Completed in Manuscript, for the Woodson, Kansas, Town Association]. [Greenwood, Ks. 1856]. Broadside, approximately 12 x 7.75 inches. Previously folded. Minor wear. Slight discoloration at center of sheet. Very good.

A scarce, early Kansas imprint, comprising a certificate of stock ownership in the Woodson Town Association. The group was formed in Greenwood, the seat of Greenwood County, which neighbors Woodson County, the presumable site of Woodson town, though there is no evidence that such a settlement was ever founded. The broadside states that, "Each share will be entitled to an equal division of Land and Oats, or the proceeds thereof, and subject to an equal proportion of the expenses and liabilities incurred, and to be governed by the present Rules and By-Laws of said Association, and that may hereafter be adopted." This example was completed in manuscript for one John H. Swift on May 5, 1856, and signed by Henry Addams and W.S. Brewster, the president and secretary of the organization respectively. We locate only two copies, at Yale and Princeton.

(McBRB1748)

\$500



SCARCE MID-CENTURY JAPANESE AMERICAN DIRECTORY

9. [Japanese Americana]. [Directories]. *Nichibeï Jiji Jusho Roku*. San Francisco: Nichi Bei Times, 1955. [22],611,[1]pp. plus one leaf of plates. Original red printed wrappers. Light wear, upper corner of rear cover torn away. Internally clean, minor wear. Very good.

A scarce Japanese American directory published annually in San Francisco, covering much of the Japanese population across the country. Nichibeï Shinbun -- the Japanese American News -- was founded in 1899, and in 1925 the paper pioneered the

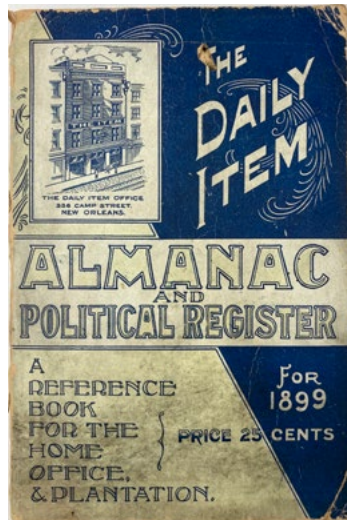


"A GENUINE READY REFERENCE VOLUME..."

11. **[Louisiana]**. *The Daily Item Almanac and Encyclopedia for 1899*. New Orleans: The Daily Item, 1899. 600pp. Original printed pictorial wrappers. Extremities worn, covers rubbed and lightly soiled. Some slight worming, heavier at front of text. Light tanning and wear. About very good.

A rare New Orleans almanac full of facts and figures on a wide array of subjects ranging from Queen Victoria's income to information on the Texas petroleum industry. With numerous advertisements for businesses across the country, including a woodcut depicting the publisher's premises. The publication appears to have been rather short-lived, appearing from 1897 to 1900. An interesting and eclectic volume, designed to be an all-purpose ready reference for the average man. OCLC locates four serial holdings for this title, all in the South.

(McBRB1837)



\$650

"BUFF ABILITY AMBIENT"

12. **[Meat Packing]**. **[Cryptography]**. *The Armour-Cudahy Packing Company, South Omaha, Neb. Telegraphic Cipher Book*. Omaha: Ackermann Bros. & Heintze, [ca. 1888]. [6],112pp. 16mo. Original cloth. Light wear to cloth at edges and corners; boards slightly rubbed. Contemporary ink stamp on front pastedown; slightly later bookplate on front free endpaper. Light tanning and dust soiling internally. Very good.

A fascinating and unrecorded book of ciphers used in telegraphic communications by the Armour-Cudahy Packing Company, "compiled exclusively for use between them and their agents and brokers." The

company was founded in South Omaha, adjacent to the Omaha Stockyards, in 1887 by Michael Cudahy and Philip Armour. It operated for four years and became one of the "big four" packing companies in Omaha before Cudahy bought out Armour in 1891, and it became simply the Cudahy Packing Company. By the mid-20th century, their plant occupied five square blocks between the stockyards and the South Omaha Terminal Railway.

The present book contains thousands of code words for sales phrases, types of meat, weights and measures, prices, and other notes on shipments, payments, and markets. Sections are organized alphabetically -- the most basic and important code words for sales, consignments, and orders all begin with "A," for example. Words for times and numbers start with "B," while codes plain prices begin with "C." Words for all manner of meat products in differing amounts occupy "D" through "P." Perhaps our favorite term here is "Rescue," which translates to, "Meat a little soft, otherwise done." Overall, an excellent document of the evidently serious world of meat packing cryptography in the late 19th century. Not in OCLC.

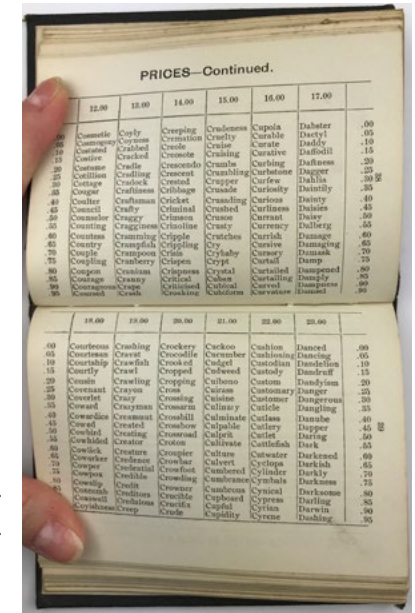
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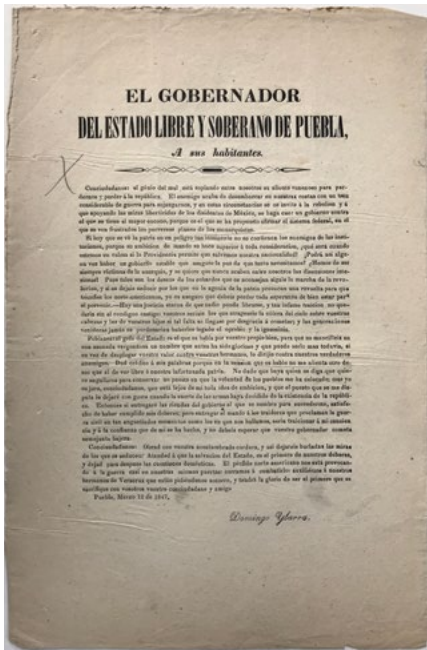
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ADMONISHING PUEBLA FOR THE REVOLT OF THE POLKOS

13. **[Mexican-American War]**. *El Gobernador del Estado Libre y Soberano de Puebla, a Sus Habitantes. Conciudadanos: El Genio del Mal Esta Soplando Entre Nosotros su Aliento Venenoso para Perdernos y Perder a la Republica...* [caption title and first line of text]. Puebla: March 12, 1847. Broadside, 12.75 x 8.5 inches. Minor soiling and wear. Very good.

A rare broadside that prints the thanks and admonitions of the Governor of Puebla, Domingo Ibarra, following an attempted insurrection there in





late February and March 1847 during the Mexican-American War. The uprising was a part of the so-called Revolt of the Polkos that followed popular outrage at a January law that allowed the federal government to seize church property in order to pay for the war effort. In Puebla, the revolt involved elements of the city's military garrison, but was successfully put down by the rest of the guard. In this address, Ibarra seeks to inspire unity amongst the citizenry and to warn them of the imminent danger of the American army having just landed at Veracruz. The broadside begins:

“Conciudadanos: el génio del mal está soplando nosotros su aliento venenoso para perdernos y perder á la república. El enemigo acaba de desembarcar en nuestras costas con un tren considerable de guerra para sojuzgarnos, y en estas circunstancias se os invita á la rebelion y á que apoyando las miras liberticidad de los disidentes de México, se haga caer un gobierno contra el que se tiene el mayor encono, porque es el que se ha propuesto afirmar el sistema federal, en el que se ven frustrados los perversos planes de los monarquistas. Si hoy que se vé la patria en un peligro tan inminente no se contienen los enemigos de las instituciones, porque su ambicion de mando se hace superior á toda consideracion, ¿qué será cuando estemos en calma si la Providencia permite que salvemos nuestra nacionalidad?”

The landing of Scott at Veracruz was probably the primary encouragement for negotiations between rebel factions and the federal government. Ibarra concludes:

“Obrad con vuesta acostumbrada cordura, y así dejareis burladas las miras de los que os seducen. Atendad á que la salvacion del Estado, es el primero de nuestros deberes, y dejad para despues las cuestiones

domésticas. El pérfido norte-americano nos está provocando á las guerra casi en nuestras mismas puertas: corramos á combartirlo: auxiliémos à nuestros hermanos de Veracruz que están pidiéndonos socorro, y tendrá la gloria de ser el primero que sacrifique con vosotros vuetro conciudadano y amigo.”

A stirring address, and rare. We locate only one copy, at Yale. (McBRB1730)

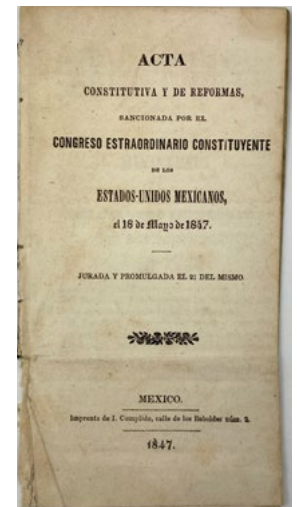
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DESPERATE CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS

14. [Mexico]. *Acta Constitutiva y de Reformas, Sancionada por el Congreso Estraordinario Constituyente de los Estados- Unidos Mexicanos, el 18 de Mayo de 1847.* Mexico City: Imprenta de I. Cumplido, 1847. 12pp. 12mo. Dbd. Trimmed somewhat close at fore-edge. Closed tears from bottom edge of final three leaves near gutter margin. Light tanning. Good plus.

Amidst the Mexican-American War and rising unrest within the country, the Mexican government sought to pacify protests and create a sense of unity and strength amongst its citizens with the passage of this constitutional reform legislation. The present act in essence restored the federal Constitution of 1824, which had been supplanted in 1843 by the “Bases Orgánicas de la República Mexicana,” a much more restrictive form of government that limited freedoms of speech and of the press, reinstated capital punishment, and established preferential protections for the Catholic Church. In addition, the act passed thirty articles of reform that affect matters regarding citizenship, voting, constitutionality of laws, and several other subjects. While the Constitution of 1824 proceeded in effect until 1857, its restoration did nothing to boost the morale of Mexico, and the war was lost for all intents and purposes when Mexico City fell to Winfield Scott’s army several months later. Scarce. (McBRB1803)

\$1,375



PREPARING SPECIMENS FOR THE MEXICAN
NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

15. [Mexico]. [Natural History]. *Instruccion para Colectar y Preparar Objetos de Historia Natural, Formada por Orden del Supremo Gobierno [caption title].* Mexico City: Imprenta del Aguila, Dirigida Jose Ximeno, 1830. 9pp. Folio. Stitched, in plain laid paper wrappers. Two small wormholes through lower margin, not affecting text. Very light tanning and dust soiling. Near fine.



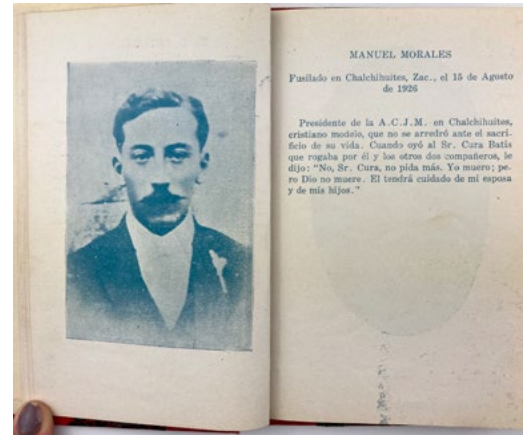
The Museo de Historia Natural in Mexico City is the oldest public natural history museum founded in the New World. It began as a cabinet in 1790, and, after the collection moved several times in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, a permanent museum was established by a decree of President Vicente Guerrero in 1831. The present work provides instructions for the collection and preservation of natural history specimens, with individual sections concerning plants, fruits, birds, quadrupeds, reptiles, insects, minerals, and more, and was printed the year prior to the official foundation of the institution.

The directions for preserving animals are, of course, elaborately gory (“Lo primero que debe hacerse ante de quitar la piel á un pájaro, es vaciar su estómago...”). Very scarce, OCLC locates only one copy, at the Wellcome Library, and no copies appear in public sales records.

(McBRB1799) \$1,750

ILLUSTRATED BIOGRAPHY OF THE CRISTERO WAR,
PRINTED IN SAN ANTONIO

16. [Mexico]. [Religious Martyrs]. *Galeria de Martires Mexicanos 1926-1927.* San Antonio: Imprenta Universal, [1927]. [124]pp. Printed in blue ink. Contemporary red half cloth and marbled boards, printed paper spine label. Light wear and soiling to binding. Front inner hinge cracking. Minor wear and soiling to text. About very good.

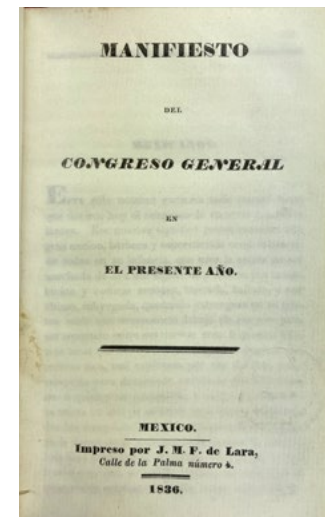


Biographical work documenting those who died in defense of the Catholic Church during the Cristero War which followed the Mexican Revolution and constitution of 1917. During the Cristero War, the secular government sought to crack down on the influence of the Catholic Church, banning local religious festivities. This work comprises more than fifty entries providing date and circumstances of death of those killed in 1926 and 1927, illustrated with a portrait or other image of the victim or victims. Only a handful of copies in OCLC. (McBRB1845) \$650

MEXICAN CONGRESS ADDRESSES THE NATION
AFTER SAN JACINTO

17. [Mexico]. [Texas]. *Manifiesto del Congreso General en el Presente Año.* Mexico City: Impreso por J.M.F. de Lara, 1836. 20pp. Modern red leather, gilt. Bookplate on front pastedown. Small patch of staining in gutter margin of title page and final leaf. Light tanning. Very good.

A substantial address by the president of the Mexican congress to the country’s people in response to their losses in the Texas Revolution. Meaning to calm the country after the loss at San Jacinto and Santa-Anna’s subsequent capture, Congress assures the nation that the army shall lack for nothing and that victory is certain. The Congress further warns against U.S. ambitions, which they say seek to destroy Mexico from within and without by fomenting internal dissent and



extending sovereignty over the entirety of North America. The Texans, meanwhile, are described as nothing more than amoral adventurers -- “Unos hombres sin fé, sin patria, sin mas unidad que de ambicion.”

“Many pages are devoted to extolling the lofty traditions of Mexico and to calls on all Mexicans to unite in quelling the revolt of the Texans. The treaties signed by Santa Anna in Texas are said to have no effect and final victory over Texas is said to be certain” -- Streeter.

Eberstadt 162:619. Palau 148995. Streeter Texas 859.
(McBRB1843)

\$975

EL PASO SPANISH IMPRINT DESCRIBING FREEMASONRY

18. [Navarrete, Juan]. “*La Masoneria Segun los Masones*” *Articulo de la American Enciclopedia*. El Paso. 1933. 100,[3]pp. Original printed wrappers. Some spotting and soiling to wraps; minor wear to extremities. Contents browning, but sturdy. Still very good.

From the early 18th century, Catholics were prohibited from joining Masonic orders, but the popularity of freemasonry in the United States seems to have generated considerable interest among Spanish speakers. At least as early as 1818, publishers in the U.S. issued Spanish-language books explaining, supporting, and critiquing freemasonry. The translation of this extended article, apparently adapted from an encyclopedia, is credited to “el Obispo de Sonora,” probably Juan Navarrete, who occupied that post from 1919 to 1968. The work provides an extensive description of masonry, its organization, and activities, with the goal of dispelling any masonic “propaganda” that attempted to portray their groups simply as social and benevolent societies. The final section details the history of Catholic prohibitions against masonry. We locate only one copy in American institutions, at the University of Texas.

(McBRB1745)

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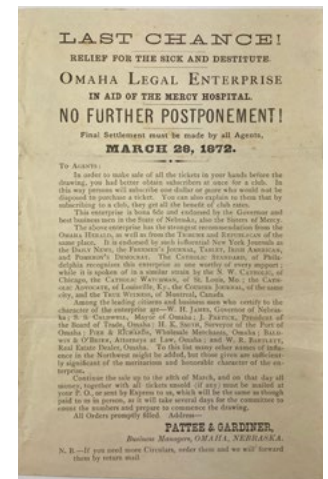
CROOKED NEBRASKA LOTTERY

19. [Nebraska]. *Last Chance! Relief for the Sick and Destitute. Omaha Legal Enterprise in Aid of the Mercy Hospital. No Further Postponement! Final Settlement Must Be Made by All Agents, March 28, 1872* [caption title]. Omaha. 1872. Small broadside, 8.25 x 5.5 inches. Previously folded. A couple of minor nicks at edges. Light tanning. Very good.

The organizers of a Nebraska lottery for the benefit of the Mercy Hospital in Omaha advertise ticket sales in this March 28, 1872, broadside. James Monroe Pattee, known as the “Lottery King,” came to Omaha in 1870, and with a Dr. J.W.B. Gardiner, a staff member and holder of the mortgage for the hospital, set up this raffle to pay the debt. The Grand Prize was the Redick Opera House in Omaha, valued at \$50,000. When the prize was awarded, however, a man with connections to Pattee “won,” and signed the Opera House back to Pattee. The citizens were outraged, and passed a law in Nebraska prohibiting lotteries for nearly 100 years. Pattee took his lottery schemes to Wyoming. Not in OCLC.

(McBRB1858)

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RURAL NEVADA TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

20. [Nevada]. [Directories]. *Golconda Telephone & Power Company* [cover title]. San Francisco: Rincon Publishing Co., 1918. 32pp. Narrow folio. Original blue printed wrappers. A few small stains to front cover, minor wear. Ink stamp on first page, contemporary ink notations throughout. Very good.

Rare directory for the Golconda Telephone & Power Company, possibly the only issue



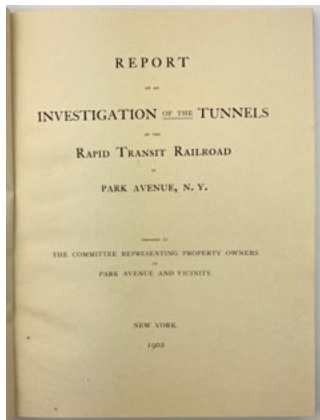
published. This Nevada directory covers exchanges for Winnemucca, Golconda, Battle Mountain, Paradise, Lovelock, and Rochester. A map at the start of the text shows the telephone network across several counties. There are also contemporary ads and directions for using the telephone. A contemporary user has annotated the directory rather extensively, correcting errors and adding names, as well as notations of "RR" scattered throughout. We locate a single copy of this issue at the Bancroft Library and no others elsewhere.

(McBRB1846)

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EARLY 20th-CENTURY SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION INVESTIGATION

21. [New York City Subway]. *Report on an Investigation of the Tunnels of the Rapid Transit Railroad in Park Avenue, N.Y.* New York. 1902. [4], 58pp. plus five plates (three folding). Folio. Original black publisher's cloth, cover gilt. Light wear and soiling to covers. Internally clean. Very good.



"Prepared by the committee representing property owners of Park Avenue and Vicinity." Report stemming from several incidents of detrimental blasting and tunnel collapse in the subway routes along Park Avenue in early 1901, resulting in damage to several properties. The report includes geological information, numerous engineering and technical details, and several large folding plates showing the route of the tunnels along Park Avenue delineating ownership of the various properties along the street. An

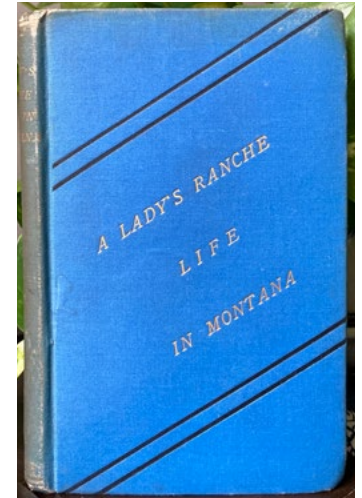
interesting piece of New York City Subway history. We locate five copies in OCLC -- New York Historical Society, New York Public Library, the Huntington, Princeton, and the Canadian Centre for Architecture.

(McBRB1832)

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SCARCE WOMAN'S ACCOUNT OF 1880s MONTANA

22. Randall, Isabelle. *A Lady's Ranche Life in Montana.* London. 1887. viii, 170, [2] pp. 12mo. Original blue publisher's cloth, stamped in black and gilt. Corners bumped, spine ends worn, spine faded. Later ink ownership inscription on front flyleaf and first page; otherwise clean internally. Good plus.



A woman's account of ranch life in Moreland, Montana in the 1880s. "The Letters here were written to friends at home by a young bride who went out with her husband immediately after her marriage.

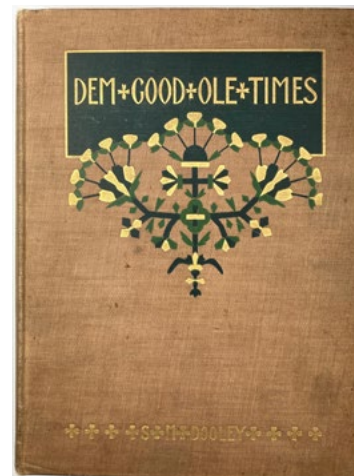
They are a faithful and unvarnished Record of a Settler's Life." The author describes the hardship of life in a new territory, her social life, and the beauty and uniqueness of the scenery and its occupants. Relatively scarce in commerce.

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SALESMAN'S DUMMY FOR POPULAR VOLUME OF SOUTHERN NOSTALGIA



23. [Salesman's Samples]. Dooley, Sallie M. *Dem Good Ole Times.* New York: Doubleday, Page & Company, 1906. One volume, unpaginated. Quarto. Original tan cloth, stamped in gilt and green. Light wear and soiling to cloth, corners lightly bumped. Contemporary blue pencil notation to front pastedown. Light soiling to first few leaves of text. Very good.

A rare printer's dummy for this story of life in the old South. The pencil note on the pastedown reads, "16 illus. in colours. List", which we assume is a notation regarding the publication for sale. The text includes the title page, two colored plates, and scattered section titles, but is primarily comprised of a repeat of the first eight pages of the work. It is nevertheless quite a thick volume, presumably mimicking the actual size of the published work.

(McBRB1841)

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"MOST MEN WHO SEE IT BUY AT ONCE."

24. [Texas]. *The Famous Rhea Pasture Bovina, Texas Just Opened for Settlement. The Last of the Great Prairie Farming Lands.* Chicago: South and West Land Company, [1906]. 15pp. Quarto. Original green printed wrappers, stapled. Wrappers lightly faded, light soiling and wear. Minor internal soiling, some rust from staples, leaves loosening. About very good.



Promotional work for the South and West Land Company with a map of the railroad routes spreading out across Kansas to northern Texas. Statistics are given as to the climate, soil, precipitation, and the wealth of agriculture in the region. The work is illustrated with half tones of scenes in the countryside including cattle, crops, and farming. The work outlines the advantages of homesteading in Texas -- its fine schools, the lost cost of land, the advantages of the location, and the beauty of the countryside. Five

copies located in OCLC, all in Texas institutions.

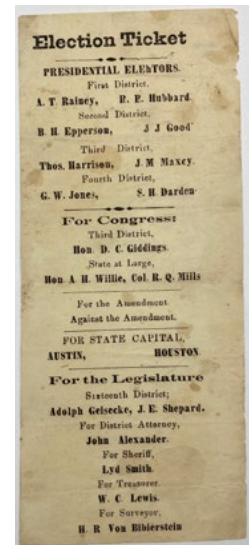
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1872 TEXAS DEMOCRATIC TICKET

25. [Texas]. [Elections]. *[Democratic Ticket for the 1872 Election in the Third Congressional District of Texas].* [Tyler? 1872]. Small handbill, approximately 6.75 x 3 inches. Minor wear. Light soiling and tanning. Very good.

An excellent ephemeral item from the election of 1872 in Texas, comprising the Democratic ticket for the Third Congressional District, then composed of eastern and central portions of the state. The candidate for the Democratic Party was DeWitt Clinton Giddings, a lawyer from Brenham and a veteran of the Confederate Texas Cavalry. Giddings had won his seat in a controversial and violent special election in 1871. Although he carried the initial count by 135 votes over William T. Clark, the Republican Governor E.J. Davis manage to reverse the result citing violence and intimidation against Black voters in a number of counties. Giddings appealed directly to the U.S. House of Representatives who eventually decided in his favor. The present ticket also presents the slate of eight electors for Liberal Republican and Democratic presidential candidate in 1872, Horace Greeley, as well as state candidates for district attorney, sheriff, treasurer, and surveyor. The two candidates for the state legislature, Adolph Geisecke and J.E. Shepard, were nominated to represent the Sixteenth District, which was then composed of Smith and Gregg Counties, so this ticket was likely produced by a job printer or on a newspaper press in Tyler or Longview. (McBRB1827)



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SCARCE REGIMENTAL NEWSPAPER PRINTED AT FORT MEADE

26. [United States Military]. [South Dakota]. *The Regimental Standard. Vol. 2 No. 6 [caption title].* Fort Meade, S.D. 1895. [4]pp. Folio, on a folded sheet. Old folds, some separation and slight loss. A few small chips and tears at edges. Good plus.

“A weekly journal published in the interest of the members of the Eighth Regiment, U.S. Cavalry, every Monday at Headquarters of the Regiment, Fort Meade, S.D. by C.H. Whitehurst, to whom all communications should be addressed.” A rare and ephemeral news sheet published at Fort Meade. The present issue contains a history of the regiment, national and local news items, other military news, and local advertisements. We locate no other issues -- unsurprising, given the limited circulation and rather poor quality of the paper.

(McBRB1855)



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REPORTING HOME AT YEAR'S END FROM 1850 SACRAMENTO

27. Walbridge, Elridge. [*Autograph Letter, Signed, by Elridge Walbridge, Describing Prospects and Developments in Sacramento at the End of 1850*]. Sacramento City. 1850. [3]pp. plus docketing, on a bifolium. Previously folded. Very minor wear and soiling. Light dampstaining and small loss where previously sealed on second leaf, not affecting text. In a neat, legible hand. Very good.

An interesting California Gold Rush letter by prospector Elridge Walbridge, reporting to his father back home in Kalamazoo from Sacramento at the end of 1850. The text of the missive touches on several topics, and it is clear that Walbridge has been in California for a good deal of time already. After the usual greetings, he begins to discuss the situation in and around Sacramento, and writes, in part, as follows:

“Our rainy season has thus far been very severe, much more so than it was last year and if it continues much longer, it will be impossible to get out of the city with freight. The roads are so bad now that double price is offered. The river has also rose to a point equal to the highest of last year

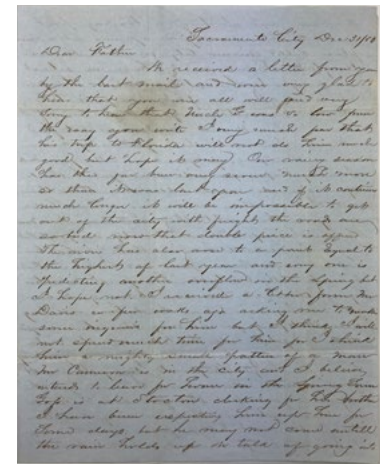
and everyone is predicting another overflow in the Spring but I hope not.”

After relating the activities of several friends and acquaintances, one of whom he rates as “a very small pattern of a man,” Walbridge continues to discuss his own prospects:

“Gus is at Stockton clerking for his brother. I have been expecting him up here for some days but he may not come until the rains hold up. He talks of going to the mines and starting a trading post. He thinks there is a good opening at a small place called Aurum City on a creek near Hangtown [i.e., Placerville]. Frank and I have an interest in a quartz lead there and we hope it is a good. If it does prove to be, it will be worth a good deal and if it is not, it will not cost much to find out.”

The last substantive section reiterates the writer’s desire for his father to join him in California, and gives an optimistic forecast for business there in the near future:

“You write that you may come out in the Spring if you can sell your mill. I really hope you will come for I think you can do much better here than there and I know there was never a more healthy country in the world than this and it is now so much improved and society so good that no man would imagine that it had been settled but three years and I believe that business will be better here for the next two years than it has ever been. Goods are all rising and in a short time will bring enough to pay for sending them here. A good deal of gold has been taken out this winter, more than any season heretofore and you may look for large shipments during the next four months.”



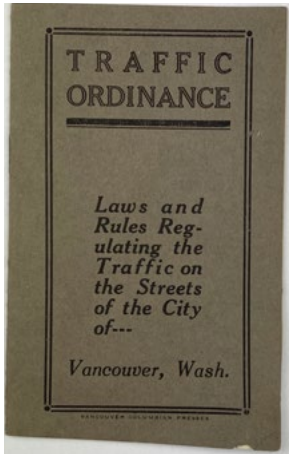
A fine example of a California Gold Rush letter, well written and with much detail.

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SMALL-TOWN WASHINGTON TRAFFIC LAWS

28. [Washington]. [Automobiles]. *Traffic Ordinance. Laws and Rules Regulating the Traffic on the Streets of the City of Vancouver, Wash.* Vancouver: Vancouver Columbian Presses, 1912. [8]pp. 16mo. Original brown printed wrappers, stapled. Slight wear and creasing to lower corner. Very good.



Scarce 1912 pamphlet that lays out the rules of the road for automobiles, bicycles, streetcars, horse-drawn carriages, and other means of conveyance, as well as for pedestrians, in the town of Vancouver, Washington. The small handbook prints the text of a recent local ordinance that set forth the regulations. An interesting reflection of the increase in vehicle traffic in the Pacific Northwest during the early 20th century; not in OCLC.

(McBRB1812)

\$250

“THE TELEPHONE GIRLS WANTED TO GO TO THE FRONT.”

29. [World War I]. [Hello Girls]. *Memento of the Telephone Operating Units. Signal Corps. Christmas, France 1918.* France. 1918. Thirty-four mimeographed leaves, plus five mounted original photographs. Printed on rectos only. Original card covers, string-tied with printed paper label. Corners chipped, some light wear and soiling to covers. Leaves toned, some wear and chipping to edges. Images clear and sharp. About very good.



A rare survival: the Christmas memento and commemorative unit history published by the Signal Corps Female Telephone Operators Unit at the end of World War I. The Female Telephone Operators Unit, also known as the “Hello Girls,” were effectively the first women to serve in the United States Military. This unit of around 400 women operated the critical telephone system for the military in France during the Great War -- they had to be fluent in French and English, wore military uniforms, and earned medals for their service. At the end of the war, however, they were deemed civilians and denied military benefits until 1978 when the surviving members were granted veteran status by Congress.

This memento contains letters of appreciation from commanding officers, notes of commendation for the unit, testimonials of thanks for the unit’s service, and an alphabetical roster of the women who served. A three-page essay in praise of the women’s service is titled “Activities of Women in the War” and patronizingly discusses how they live in hotels, have a brilliant social life in Paris, work diligently and uncomplainingly, and are generally all around good sports: “These operators of ours have heavy duties; and they need their rest and recreation. By the way they look and dress and carry themselves; and by their fine work and by their general spirit of initiative and independence, the mere sight of them is uplift. There is no need to show them off. A city which is set on a hill cannot be hid.”



Three of the photographs are portraits of the commanding officers, placed after their commendatory memos. The remaining two photos show the Hello Girls at work. This copy inscribed on the front cover by Miss Mabel Lapp, who has also underlined her name in the roster. A fragile work and obviously produced in a limited number. Unrecorded in OCLC.

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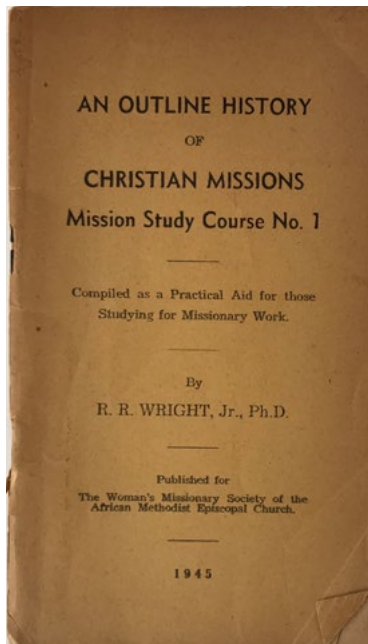
SCARCE EDUCATIONAL GUIDE FOR BLACK MISSIONARIES

30. Wright, R. R. [African Methodist Episcopal Church]. *An Outline History of Christian Missions. Mission Study Course No. 1.* [Nashville?]: Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1945. 100pp. Original printed wrappers, stapled. Light wear and soiling, text lightly toned. Very good.

“Compiled as a practical aid for those studying for missionary work.” The author, Rev. R.R. Wright, Jr., was a bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The work is divided into twelve lessons, covering the history of missionary work from the time of the Gospels to the modern era. It is written in a question and answer format, like a catechism, designed to give the missionary student a firm grounding in historical background and current practices. It also discusses the establishment of the A.M.E. church, both in America and abroad. Slightly fragile and likely heavily used at the time of publication, we locate a single institutional copy in OCLC, at Emory University.

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