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LITCHFIELD:  
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*The*  
PUBLICATIONS  
*of*  
THOMAS COLLIER  
*PRINTER*  
1784-1808

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*LITCHFIELD*  
THE LITCHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
1933

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*In memory of*  
HENRY AUGUSTIN BEERS  
*Who first aroused an interest  
in the achievements of this  
Printer of Litchfield*





## FOREWORD

**T**HOMAS COLLIER was born on the twentieth day of February, 1761, and died on the eleventh day of March, 1842. After serving an apprenticeship with the *Boston News Letter* under the management of his forceful aunt, Margaret Green Draper, he left Boston during the Revolution for Connecticut and for several years was a journeyman printer in Norwich and New Haven. In the former place, when nineteen years old, he married Elizabeth Stockwell, a girl of his own age, and there his first two children were born.

With little capital and much ambition, COLLIER, with a fellow printer, William Copp, in 1784, set up a press in Litchfield, Connecticut. Here until 1808 he conducted his printing establishment and published the *Litchfield Monitor and American Advertiser*, a four-page weekly, which, in spite of many vicissitudes, some lapses, and a number of changes in size, survived for twenty-three years. The title of the paper was often varied. Nearly thirty changes were made and at least eleven different headings appeared at the beginning of the weekly. These ranged all the way from such elaborate forms as *The Weekly Monitor and Litchfield Town and County Recorder* (December 5, 1786), *Weekly Monitor and Litchfield Advertiser* (April 27, 1789) and *Litchfield Monitor; and Agricultural Register* (June 10, 1795) through the more modest titles of *Collier's Litchfield*

*Weekly Monitor* (January 7, 1788) and *The Farmer's Monitor* (March 26, 1800) to such simple ones as *Weekly Monitor* (November 17, 1789) and *The Monitor* (February 28, 1798). The headings were sometimes ornamented with emblems, such as a spread eagle or an allegorical representation of agriculture, with the words "Venerate the Plough." This latter embellishment and the references to farmers in the title called forth the caustic remark of a rival editor that COLLIER'S interest in agriculture was noticeable chiefly during the winter months when wood and other produce were scarce!

Apparently COLLIER reveled in thus varying the titles of the *Monitor* and it must have added a certain zest to its readers on the arrival of the weekly post to find a new caption at the top of the front page.

During his life in Litchfield, COLLIER saw the place grow from one of relative insignificance to one of considerable importance. By 1810 it became the fourth town in the State in population. Politically it was outstanding. In the year 1797 both Oliver Wolcott, Sr., the Governor of the State, and Andrew Adams, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Errors, lived in Litchfield and died there within a few days of each other. Uriah Tracy, at that time one of the two United States Senators from Connecticut, came from the same place, as did John Allen, one of the then seven Connecticut Representatives in Congress (at that time elected at large), while Oliver Wolcott, Jr., was Secretary of the Treasury in the cabinet of President Adams.

Educationally Litchfield became well known. The Law School founded by Tapping Reeve (later a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Connecticut) and

carried on by James Gould, attracted hundreds of students from all parts of the Union and sent forth men trained in its traditions to fill important posts in the national and state governments. The Female Academy conducted by Miss Sarah Pierce had almost as wide a reputation. A prosperous and discriminating public was thus offered to a publisher.

The partnership of COLLIER and Copp lasted but a year and thereafter COLLIER took over the management of the press alone. Until 1787 his books and pamphlets had crude paper covers. More permanent leather or wooden bindings made their appearance when Robert Adam, a bookbinder, settled in Litchfield and especially after he became COLLIER's second partner. But this firm was also short-lived and in June, 1789, much discouraged, COLLIER suspended operations until he could make better financial arrangements. The sale of his house and other assistance ultimately enabled him to resume publishing in November of that year, and again, for a time, he conducted the establishment by himself until he associated with him David Buel, a prosperous local merchant and innkeeper. This co-partnership was more successful and survived for more than four years, during which time a new press was purchased and several improvements were inaugurated.

For nine years, from March 1, 1796, COLLIER was sole proprietor of his establishment and with his limited income he brought up and educated a large family. In 1805 he joined with him as junior partner his eldest son, Thomas Green Collier, then a young man of twenty-one.

The opening years of the nineteenth century, when intense political partisanship was rampant, were hectic

times for the editor of the *Monitor*. He was a vigorous champion of the waning cause of Federalism. Backed by a powerful group of residents of Litchfield, he devoted his energies to a losing fight against the spread of Republican or Democratic principles. He added to the heading of his weekly the significant slogan, "To stem the torrent of a downward age." So vigorous were his strictures on President Jefferson that he was indicted by the grand jury and brought before the United States Circuit Court to answer a charge of libel presented on behalf of the administration at Washington. The case dragged on for a few years and was then dismissed. An interesting, though somewhat prejudiced, account of this litigation is contained in *A Letter to the President of the United States* by "Hampden" published in 1808.

In the midst of all their troubles, the younger Collier emigrated to Georgia and, a year or so later, the father, overwhelmed by legal difficulties and financial embarrassments, left Litchfield, an impoverished and disappointed man. "A gentleman of a very benevolent disposition, of the purest morals and an entire reserve from everything like *intemperance*," some of his local admirers and supporters described him; and they added, "His incorruptible integrity, resolute determination and unabating industry, rendered his paper a most formidable obstacle to the growth of democracy. Perhaps no one thing ever contributed more to promote the cause of truth and federalism in this State than the *Litchfield Monitor*."

While residing in Litchfield, COLLIER undertook two outside ventures. In 1800 he established a printing office in Bennington, Vermont, with William Stockwell (his brother-in-law or nephew) and there pub-



lished for a few months *The Ploughman; or, Republican Federalist*. On February 1, 1802, the enterprise was abandoned and the press removed to Troy, New York. In this latter town, from September 15, 1802, until July 17, 1804, COLLIER published, over his own name, the *Troy Gazette*.

During the quarter of a century of his activities, more than one hundred books and pamphlets were issued from his press. They touched upon many subjects, for the publisher had a catholic taste. Some were books of adventure, such as the curious *Journal of the Adventures of Matthew Bunn* and the story of Lent Munson. Some were schoolbooks, such as the *New England Primer* and *A System of Astronomy*. Some were instructive volumes prepared by masculine theorists for the benefit of the feminine portion of the community; *Fables for the Female Sex* and *The Whole Duty of Woman* are two of these. Other books were translations and reprints of foreign best-sellers of the eighteenth century; for example, Goethe's *Sorrows of Werter* and Gray's *Elegy in a Country Church Yard*. A book or two of travel, a few on agricultural subjects, and at least one of a military nature were included in the list.

Perhaps the outstanding achievement of this printing establishment was the issuance of a collection of *American Poems* which such critics as Henry A. Beers call the earliest American anthology. Another noteworthy volume was the *Reports of Cases adjudged in the Superior Court of Connecticut*, said to be the first collection of law reports printed in this country.

Much, however, of COLLIER's output consisted of the ordination and funeral sermons, and the flamboyant and patriotic orations so popular at the time, and,

last but not least in value, came the familiar and useful annual almanacs.

The columns of the newspaper contained advertisements of many of these publications and hence the dates of their first appearance may be fixed and, in a number of instances, the original prices for which they were offered to the public are ascertainable. The chronological list which follows purposes to include the title-pages of all his known publications, where existing copies of books or pamphlets have been found. Otherwise descriptions are taken from the *Monitor* or other sources of information. References to libraries where copies of publications have been located are added. A few items of doubtful authenticity are included, accompanied by brief explanations.

Many of the items are listed in such bibliographies as the *American Bibliography* of Charles Evans and the *List of Books Printed in Connecticut 1709-1800*, by James Hammond Trumbull, while most of the almanacs are to be found in the *Check List of Connecticut Almanacs 1709-1850*, by Albert Carlos Bates, and the *Preliminary Check List of American Almanacs 1639-1800*, by Hugh Alexander Morrison. In such instances, the number of the citation, or the page on which the item is to be found, is given.

While this description of the output of an obscure Connecticut printer may not add much to the world's stock of knowledge, it must be remembered that he catered to educated readers of some literary taste. Hence the list of his works may help to refill the shelves in the library of a well-to-do man of that time. One can almost feel the glow from the fire on the great hearth and smell the sputtering candle on the stand, as one envisages the master of the house, comfortably

ensconced in his wing-chair, perusing the latest product from the press of THOMAS COLLIER.

Whatever may be its value, this compilation has proved an absorbing excursion into the field of bibliography. The quest for existing copies of the products of COLLIER'S printing establishment has led through the highways and byways of libraries and bookstores where unflinching courtesy and ready co-operation have been the rule. Professor Charles M. Andrews of Yale University, Mr. Albert C. Bates of the Connecticut Historical Society, Mr. Clarence S. Brigham of the American Antiquarian Society, and Dr. Andrew Keogh of the Yale University Library have been generous in advice and encouragement to an amateur. These and the officials of the Library of Congress, the Boston Public Library, the John Carter Brown Library, the Henry E. Huntington Library, and the New York Public Library have materially aided the task of the compiler.

SAMUEL H. FISHER

*Litchfield, February 3, 1933.*

## ABBREVIATIONS

*Libraries in which Imprints are to be found and Bibliographies in which Imprints are cited.*

AAS.	American Antiquarian Society.
Bates.	<i>Check List of American Almanacs</i> 1709-1850, Albert Carlos Bates.
BA.	Library of the Boston Athenæum.
BM.	Boston Museum of Fine Arts.
BPL.	Public Library of the City of Boston.
Brinley.	Catalogue of the American library of the late Mr. George Brinley of Hartford, Connecticut.
BU.	Brown University.
CHS.	Connecticut Historical Society.
Dep. Int.	Department of the Interior, Bureau of Education.
Evans.	<i>American Bibliography</i> , Charles Evans.
HEH.	Henry E. Huntington Library.
HU.	Harvard University.
JCB.	John Carter Brown Library.
LHS.	Litchfield Historical Society.
LOC.	Library of Congress.
MHS.	Massachusetts Historical Society.
Morrison.	<i>Preliminary Check List of American Almanacs</i> 1639-1800, Hugh Alexander Morrison.
NHHS.	New Haven Colony Historical Society.
NYPL.	New York Public Library.
SHF.	Samuel H. Fisher.
Trumbull.	<i>List of Books Printed in Connecticut</i> 1709-1800, James Hammond Trumbull.
UTS.	Union Theological Seminary.
UV.	University of Vermont.
WL.	Watkinson Library.
WU.	Wesleyan University.
YU.	Yale University.



## PARTNERS OF THOMAS COLLIER

WILLIAM COPP

December 21, 1784 to December 12, 1785

ROBERT ADAM

September 15, 1788 to June 8, 1789.

DAVID BUEL

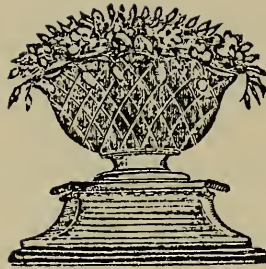
January 11, 1792 to March 1, 1796.

THOMAS GREEN COLLIER

March 1, 1805 to September 3, 1806.

WILLIAM STOCKWELL

At Bennington—1800 to 1802.



*This ornament was used on the title-  
pages of some funeral sermons,  
as in Item No. 95.*

PUBLICATIONS ON  
GENERAL SUBJECTS

“A taste of every sort of knowledge is necessary to form the mind, and is the only way to give the understanding its due improvement to the full extent of its capacity.”

LOCKE

Quotation on the title-page of  
*A Short System of Polite Learning.*



*This ornament was often used on title-pages,  
as in Item No. 83.*





1785

1 Morse, Jedidiah. (1761-1826).

Geography Made Easy: Being a short, but comprehensive System, of that useful and agreeable Science. Calculated particularly for the use and improvement of Schools in the United States. By Jedidiah Morse, A.B.

No copy located.

Advertised March 1, 1785 as "Just Published."

While studying theology with Dr. Jonathan Edwards, the author wrote this treatise which was published by Meigs, Bowen and Dana in New Haven in the latter part of 1784. The advertisement by Collier may relate to this New Haven edition, although it follows the form usually employed by him to advertise his own publications.

Rev. Jedidiah Morse was the pastor of a church in Charlestown, Massachusetts, from 1789 to 1820. He was called the "Father of American Geography" and was also the father of Samuel Finley Breese Morse of electro-magnetic telegraph fame.

2 The Indictment and Trial of Sir Richard Rum, A person of noble birth and extraction, well known both to rich and poor, throughout all America, Who was accused for several misdemeanours against the inhabitants of the United States, viz. Killing some, wounding others, bringing thousands to Poverty, and many good families to utter Ruin.

No copy located.

Advertised March 1, 1785 as "Just Published."  
Price 6d.

Evans lists an edition of this pamphlet published by Meigs, Bowen and Dana of New Haven in 1785, to which this advertisement may refer.

3 Chamberlain, Thomas. (1693-1748).

England's Timely Remembrance; / or, / the  
Minister's Preaching his own / Funeral Sermon: /  
Being a Warning from Heaven, to all vile Sinners  
on / Earth. / With a particular Relation of many  
wonderful / Things seen by the / Rev. Mr. Cham-  
berlain, in a Vision, / Just before his Discease [*sic*];  
the precise Time of which, / was shewn unto him. /  
[seven skulls] / Litchfield: / Printed by Collier and  
Copp. /

. 19½cm., pp. 8.

SHF.

Advertised April 12, 1785 as "Just Published."

Rev. Thomas Chamberlain, whose self-spoken funeral sermon was immediately followed by his tragic death, as recorded in this pamphlet, was for twenty years minister in the town of Covart, near Gloucester, England. The sermon passed through many editions.

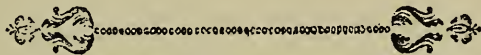
4 Charles Philippe, Count D'Artois. (1757-1836).

An / Account / of / Count D'Artois and his  
Friend's / Passage / to the / Moon, / In a Flying  
Machine, called, / An Air Balloon; / Which was  
constructed in France, and from / which Place  
they ascended. / Giving an Account of the Things,  
or Objects, / they had a View of in the Passage;  
and like- / wise the Circumstances of their landing

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O F  
*Count D'Artois and his Friend's*  
P A S S A G E  
T O T H E  
M O O N,  
In a Flying Machine, called,  
*An Air Balloon;*

Which was constructed in France, and from  
which Place they ascended.

*Giving an Account of the Things, or Objects,  
they had a View of in the Passage; and like-  
wise the Circumstances of their landing in  
that Planet, and conversing with the Inha-  
bitants;—their Language, Manners, Re-  
ligion, &c.—With many other Things very  
entertaining, and well worth the Attention  
of those who read it.*



LITCHFIELD:

PRINTED BY COLLIER AND CORP.

*Item No. 4.*

in / that Planet, and conversing with the Inha- /  
bitants;—their Language, Manners, Re- / ligion,  
&c.—With many other Things very / entertaining,  
and well worth the Attention / of those who read  
it. / [ornament] / Litchfield: / Printed by Collier  
and Corp [*sic*]. /

19cm., pp. 33.

SHF.

Advertised July 5, 1785 as "Just Published." Price  
1s.

Charles Philippe, Count D'Artois, occupied the  
throne of France from 1824 to 1830 as Charles X.

This account is a forerunner of *De la Terre à la Lune*  
(1865) by Jules Verne.

*A reproduction of the title-page of this book appears on  
page 5.*

5 [LeRoy, Pierre Louis.]

A Narrative of the extraordinary Adventures of  
four Russian Sailors, who were cast away, and  
lived Six Years on the Deserted Island of East-  
Spitzbergen. As related by themselves.

No copy located.

8vo., pp. 15.

Advertised July 19, 1785 as "Just Published."

Evans, No. 19058. Brinley, No. 8851.

6 Champion, Judah. (1729-1810).

A / Funeral Sermon, / Preached at Northbury,  
March 4, 1785, / The Day of the Interment of the /  
Reverend Andrew Storrs, / Pastor of the Church of  
Christ there. / Who departed this Life on Wednes-  
day, March 2, 1785, / in the 50th Year of his  
Age, and 20th of his Ministry. / [rule] / By Judah

A

# Funeral Sermon,

*Preached at* NORTHBURY, *March 4, 1785,*

The Day of the Interment of the

*Reverend Andrew Storrs,*  
*Pastor of the Church of CHRIST there.*

Who departed this Life on Wednesday, March 2, 1785,  
in the 50th Year of his Age, and 20th of his Ministry.

BY JUDAH CHAMPION, *A. M.*  
Pastor of the first Church of CHRIST, in LITCHFIELD.

*The sweet Remembrance of the Just,  
Shall flourish when he sleeps in Dust.*

Pf. 112. 6.



LITCHFIELD:

PRINTED BY COLLIER AND COPP.

Champion, A.M. / Pastor of the first Church of Christ, in Litchfield. / [rule] / The sweet Remembrance of the Just, / Shall flourish when he sleeps in Dust. / Ps. 112. 6. / [ornament] / Litchfield: / Printed by Collier and Copp. / [black border].

19cm., pp. 16, including half title-page; 17-19, Appendix containing Letter from Lemuel Hopkins relative to Mr. Storrs' last sickness.

LHS. SHF.

Evans, No. 18950. Trumbull, No. 448.

Rev. Judah Champion, a vigorous opponent to Democracy, was minister at Litchfield from 1753 till 1797. The story is told of his evidencing his antipathy to Jefferson by a prayer that the Lord would bestow a double portion of His grace on Thomas Jefferson, "for Thou knowest he needs it."

The subject of this funeral sermon, Rev. Andrew Storrs (1735-1785) was pastor at Northbury (now Waterbury), Connecticut, from 1765 until his death, and Dr. Lemuel Hopkins, the brilliant though eccentric physician who so graphically described Mr. Storrs' last illness, was one of the so-called Hartford Wits, and collaborated in the composition of the *Anarchaid* and the *Echo*. He wrote the satiric *Epitaph on a Patient Killed by a Cancer Quack*. For many years he practiced medicine in Litchfield until he removed to Hartford in 1784.

*A reproduction of the title-page of this book appears on page 7.*

7 Norton, Elijah. (1741-1797).

Fools in their Folly / the most / Dangerous Companions. / [parallel rule] / By Elijah Norton, of Guilford. / [parallel rule] / "Answer not a Fool according to his Folly, lest thou be like / unto him. / "Answer a Fool according to his Folly, lest

he be wise in / his own Conceit. / "Fools make a  
mock at Sin. Fools despise Wisdom and In- /  
struction." Proverbs. / "Folly is set in great Dig-  
nity. The Heart of the wise is in / the House of  
mourning; but the Heart of Fools is in the House  
of / Mirth." Ecclesiastes. / [ornament] / Litch-  
field: / Printed by Collier and Copp, for the Au-  
thor. / [rule] / M,DCC,LXXXV. /

19cm., pp. 24.

SHF.

Evans, No. 19147. Trumbull, No. 1192.

The design of this sermon is stated on page 5 to be:  
"I. To shew when fools may be said to be *in their  
folly*; and point out the danger of being in their com-  
pany at such times.

"II. Urge and enforce the obligations all are under  
(especially young people) to shun and avoid the com-  
pany of fools, when they are thus in their folly."

## 1787

### 8 [Sherman, Josiah.] (1734-1789).

A / Sermon / to / Swine: / From / Luke xv. 16. /  
"And he fain would have filled his / Belly with the  
Husks that the Swine / did eat." / Containing, / A  
concise, but sufficient Answer, to / General Allen's /  
Oracles of Reason. / [rule] / By Common Sense, A.  
M. / [parallel rule] / Litchfield: / Printed by Thomas  
Collier, near the Court- / House. 1787. /

19cm., pp. 40.

JCB. LOC. UV.

Advertised March 19, 1787 as "To-morrow will be  
published." Price 6d.

Evans, No. 20707. Trumbull, No. 1355.

Rev. Josiah Sherman, who attempted to answer Allen's arguments, was pastor at Goshen, Connecticut, from 1783 to 1789.

*Reason, the only Oracle of Man* by General Ethan Allen, the hero of Ticonderoga, appeared in 1784, published by Haswell and Russell of Bennington, Vermont. It stirred up a heated controversy throughout the country because of its atheistic attitude.

The manuscript of Allen's book was first offered to Hudson and Goodwin, of Hartford, publishers of a number of his earlier political pamphlets, but they hesitated to defy the powerful Congregational Church.

9 Sherman, Josiah. (1734-1789).

Christ the true victim and conqueror. / [dotted rule] / A History of the War, / In which the Son of God engaged with all the powers / of darkness, concerning the righteousness of God as / moral Governor—How it commenced; and how he / decided it, by being made a victim and sacrifice in / the devil's kingdom; by means of which, he conquer- / ed and destroyed God's enemies—made Atonement / for sin—paid the price of our ransom—merited the / kingdom of the universe to himself—and redeemed / multitudes to God out of every nation. / [rule] / By Josiah Sherman, A.M. / [rule] / Published at the desire of the Hearers. / [rule] / 'Which immense debt we owe to God, and have nothing to pay.' / "Christ obtains the benefits men have through Him, by a proper / merit of condignity; and a true purchase by an equivalent." / President Edwards. / [dotted rule] / Litchfield: / Printed by T. Collier, in the South End of the Court-House. /

18½cm., pp. 66.

BA. YU.



Advertised October 8, 1787 as "To-morrow will be published."

Evans, No. 20704. Trumbull, No. 1362.

10 Sherman, Josiah. (1734-1789).

The / History / of / Melchizedek, / King of Salem. / And of / Redemption / by / Jesus Christ, / King of Righteousness and Peace. / [rule] / By Josiah Sherman, A.M. / Pastor of the Church in Goshen. / [rule] / "Melchizedek, that wonderous Priest / That King of high Degree, / That holy Man who Abra'm blest, / Was but a Type of thee." Dr. Watts. / [ornament] / Litchfield: / Printed by T. Collier, a few Rods West of the Court-House. / 18½cm., pp. 28. AAS. JCB. YU.

Advertised October 22, 1787.

Evans, No. 19987. Trumbull, No. 1361.

11 Sherman, Josiah. (1734-1789).

The Nature of Moral Agency. In which is made to appear from scripture and reason, that God is in no sense the maker, creator or author of that mode of exercise called sin, or moral evil, either by his decrees, efficiency, commands or by tempting his creatures with evil.

No copy located.

Advertised October 22, 1787.

Evans, No. 20705.

12 [Sherman, Josiah.] (1734-1789).

Oracles of Reason, / As formed by the Deists, are Husks / for Deistical and Heathen / Swine:

But the Truths of the / Gospel are Bread for God's  
 Chil- / dren. / [rule] / A / Concise, but plain An-  
 swer, / To Gen. Allen's / Oracles of Reason: /  
 shewing the / Unreasonableness of them, and the  
 Principles / of the Deists, Arians, Socinians and  
 Uni- / versalists, and the Excellency of the / Holy  
 Bible; as containing a most refined / System of  
 Morality; and the wisest, easiest and / best Meth-  
 od for the Salvation of Sinners that can be / de-  
 vised or desired. / [rule] / The Great Doctrines of /  
 Substitution, Vicarious Sufferings, / and Atonement,  
 are here explained. / [rule] / By Common  
 Sense. / [rule] / "Cast not your pearls before  
 Swine, / lest they trample them under their / feet  
 and turn again and rend you." / Theanthropos. /  
 [rule] / Litchfield: Printed by T. Collier. /

17½cm., pp. 40.

uv.

Advertised October 22, 1787.

Evans, No. 20706. Brinley, No. 2537.

## 1788

### 13 Hart, Levi. (1738-1808).

The / Important Objects / of the / Evangelical  
 Ministry / considered; / and / Brief Hints sug-  
 gested for the Improvement of the / Christian  
 Preacher, / That his Labour may not be in Vain. /  
 In a / Discourse at the Ordination / of the / Rev.  
 Mr. Amos Chase, / To the gospel Ministry, and  
 pastoral Office, over the second Church / in Litch-  
 field, June 27th, 1787. / [rule] / By Levi Hart,  
 A.M. / Pastor of a Church in Preston. / [rule] /

“Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss,  
for the excel- / lence of the knowledge of Christ  
Jesus my Lord.” / Philip. iii. 8. / [dotted rule] /  
Litchfield: / Printed by Thomas Collier, M.DCC.  
LXXXVIII. /

20cm., pp. 26, including half title-page. JCB. NYPL. SHF.

Advertised March 10, 1788 as “Just Published.”

Evans, No. 21133. Trumbull, No. 802.

Rev. Levi Hart served as pastor in Preston (now Jewett City) Connecticut, from 1762 until his death. He was a Trustee of Dartmouth College and later a Fellow of Yale College. His son-in-law, Rev. Amos Chase, at whose ordination this sermon was delivered, was pastor of the second church in Litchfield until 1814, and conducted a school in South-Farms (now Morris), Connecticut.

## 1789

## 14 Blair, John. (1720-1771).

Essays, / on, / First, the Nature, Uses, and  
Sub- / jects of the Sacraments of the / New Testa-  
ment. / Second, on Regeneration, where- / in the  
Principle of spiritual Life, / thereby implanted, is  
particularly / considered. / Third, on the Nature  
and Use of / the Means of Grace. / By John Blair,  
A.M. / Pastor of the Church of Goodwill, (alias /  
Wallkill) in the State of New-York. / Go ye there-  
fore and teach all Nations, baptizing / them in the  
Name of the Father, and of the Son, and / of the  
Holy Ghost. Mat. 28. 19. / For as often as ye eat  
this Bread, and drink this Cup, / ye do shew the  
Lord's Death till he come. / 1 Cor. 11. 26. / And

you hath he quickened who were dead in Tres- /  
passes and Sins. Ephes. 2. 1. / What Advantage  
then hath the Jews? Or what Pro- / fit is there of  
Circumcision? Much every way: Chiefly / because  
that unto them were committed the Oracles of /  
God. Rom. 3. 1. 2. / Litchfield: / Re-printed by  
Collier and Adam. /

17cm., pp. 103; half binding.

LOC. SHF.

Advertised March 2, 1789 as "Just Published."

Evans, No. 21694.

Rev. John Blair, the author of these *Essays*, in 1767  
became Professor of Divinity at the College of New  
Jersey (Princeton), and acted as head of that institu-  
tion until the arrival from England of the newly-  
elected President, Dr. John Witherspoon.

15 Kirby, Ephraim. (1757-1804).

Reports / of / Cases / adjudged in the / Su-  
perior Court / of the / State of Connecticut. /  
From the Year 1785, to May 1788; / with some /  
Determinations / in the / Supreme Court of Er-  
rors. / [rule] / By Ephraim Kirby, Esquire. /  
[rule] / Litchfield: Printed by Collier & Adam. /  
M,DCC,LXXXIX. /

20cm., pp. (i-viii), 456, also 23 pages containing A Table of the  
Principal Matters, 1 page of Errata and 5 pages of Subscribers'  
Names; full leather binding. AAS. CHS. LHS. NYPL. YU. SHF.

Advertised April 13, 1789 as "Just Published."  
Price \$3.00.

Evans, No. 21914. Trumbull, No. 941.

This first collection of law reports published in  
America was edited by Major Ephraim Kirby, an at-  
torney of Litchfield. Kirby was active in politics and

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M,DCC,LXXXIX.

*Item No. 15.*

was several times the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for the Governorship of the State. Appointed by President Jefferson as Judge of the newly organized territory of New Orleans, he died at Fort Stoddard, Mississippi, on the way to his post.

*A reproduction of the title-page of this book appears on page 15.*

16 Goethe, Johann Wolfgang von. (1749-1832).

The / Sorrows / of / Werter. / A / German Story. / Tæder cæli convexa tueri. /—To each his sufferings.—/ Gray. (Ode to Adversity) / [rule] / Vol. I. / [rule] / Litchfield, (Connecticut) / Printed by Thomas Collier. / M.DCC.XXXIX [*sic*]. / —Vol. II. [. . .] M,DCC,LXXXIX. /

15cm., Vol. I., pp. 94; Vol. II., pp. 97; bound together.

AAS. CHS. JCB. YU.

Advertised December 22, 1789 as "Just Published."

Evans, No. 21859.

James Dodsley, the London printer, in 1780 paid forty pounds to Richard Graves for the copyright of the English translation. It is uncertain whether Graves was the actual translator or acted merely as an agent in this transaction.

17 [Hawkesworth, John.] (1715-1773).

Almorán / and / Hamet. / An / Oriental Tale. / In two volumes. / [rule] / Vol. I. / [rule] / Litchfield: / Re-printed by Thomas Collier. / M.DCC.LXXXIX. / —Vol. II.

15cm., Vol. I., pp. 97, with Dedication to the King signed by John Hawkesworth; Vol. II., pp. 105; bound together. AAS.

Advertised December 22, 1789 as "Just Published."

Evans, No. 21881. Trumbull, No. 264.

This tale by the Kentish school-teacher relates the adventures of the twin sons of Solyman, "the mighty and the wise," ruler of Persia. They both loved Almeida, daughter of Abdallah, the Ambassador of Circassia, and after various tribulations, in the end virtue was triumphant, and the deserving Hamet wedded the fair Almeida.

- 18 D'Arnaud, François Thomas Marie de Baculard. (1718-1805).

Fanny, or the Happy Repentance. From the French of M. D'Arnaud.

No copy located.

Advertised December 22, 1789 as "Just Published."

Evans, No. 23131.

- 19 Sermons / to the / Rich and Studious, / on / Temperance / and / Exercise. / With a / Dedication to Dr. Cadogan. / [rule] / By a Physician. / [rule] / 'Turgidus hic epulis, atque albo ventre lavatur, / 'Guttare sulphureas lente exhalante mephites. / 'Sed tremor inter vina subit, calidumque triental / 'Excudit e manibus, dentes crepuere relecti, / 'Uncta cadunt laxis, tunc pulmentaria labris, / 'Hinc Tuba—Candelae.—/ Persii Satyra III. / 'Vitam sub Dio—agat. / Hor. Lib. III. Ode II. / [rule] / London printed; / Lichfield [*sic*]: Reprinted by T. Collier. /

16cm., pp. 71.

JCB.

Advertised December 22, 1789 as "Just Published."

Evans, No. 23758.

- 20 M'Donald, Alexander. (1752-1792).

The / Youth's Assistant: / Being a plain, easy,  
and comprehensive / Guide to Practical / Arith-  
metic. / Containing, / All the Rules and Exam-  
ples necessary for / such a Work, viz. / Numeration—Simple Ad- / dition, Subtraction, Mul- /  
tiplication and Division—Division of Weights and  
/ Measures—Reduction of / several Denomina-  
tions— / The single and double Rules / of Three—  
Tare and Trett /—Practice—Simple Inte- / rest—  
Assurance—Brokage /—Commission—Discount—  
/ Equation of Payments—/ Barter—Loss and  
Gain —/ Single and double Fellow- / ship—  
Reduction, Additi- / on, Subtraction, Multipli- /  
cation, & Division of Vul- / gar Fractions—Nota-  
ti- / on, Addition, Subtraction, / Multiplication,  
Division, / and Reduction of Decimal / Fractions  
—The Rule of/Three—Simple and Com-/pound In-  
terest in Decimal / Fractions. / The second Edition.  
/ [rule] / By Alexander M'Donald. / [rule] / Litch-  
field: Printed by T. Collier. / M,DCC,LXXXIX.  
/ (With the Priviledge [*sic*] of Copy-Right.) /

16cm., pp. 103, including 2 pages Dedication, 1 page Preface  
and 2 pages Recommendations; half binding.

AAS. HU. JCB. (impf.) NYPL. SHF.

Advertised December 22, 1789 as "Just Published."

Evans, No. 21928. Trumbull, No. 1048.

The author was a teacher in the academy at Nor-  
wich, Connecticut, and the first edition of this book  
was published by John Trumbull of that place in 1785.

- 21 Hazard, Joseph. (1757-1817).

Juvenile / Poems, / on a / Diversity of Subjects.



/ [rule] / By Joseph Hazard. / [rule] / Litchfield,  
(Connecticut) / Printed by Thomas Collier, for the  
Author. / M.DCC.LXXXIX. /

20cm., pp. 46.

LOC.

Evans, No. 21882.

Rev. Joseph Hazard, the author of these poems, was minister at Southold, Long Island, from 1797 to 1806.

## 1790

- 22 Mackenzie, Henry. (1745-1831).

The / Man / of / Feeling. / [rule] / The Third  
American Edition. / [rule] / Litchfield: / Re-  
printed by / Thomas Collier, in the / Court-  
House. /

15cm., pp. 210.

AAS. (impf.) NYPL.

Advertised March 23, 1790 as "Just Published."

Evans, No. 23528.

*The Man of Feeling*, the most popular work of this Scottish novelist, was published anonymously in 1771. Two American editions, previous to this one published by Collier, appeared in Philadelphia. The author was Attorney for the Crown and Comptroller of the Taxes for Scotland.

- 23 Gregory, John. (1724-1773).

A Father's Legacy to his Daughters.

No copy located.

Advertised March 23, 1790 as "Just Published."

This much printed work of a famous Scottish physician went through many editions in this country after its first appearance in Great Britain in 1774.

## 24 André, John. (1751-1780).

The / Cow Chace. / In three / cantos. / Written in the year 1780, / By Major John Andre, / Adjutant-General to the British Army, / in North-America, / A few weeks previous to his capture by / the Americans. / Litchfield: / Re-printed by Thomas Collier. /

16cm., pp. 12.

AAS.

Advertised March 30, 1790 as "This day Published." Price 4d.

*The Cow Chace*, a parody on *Chevy Chase*, and published on the occasion of General Wayne's attack on the Refugees' Block-House on the Hudson, appeared in three successive parts in New York; the last on the day of the capture by the American forces of André during his negotiations with Benedict Arnold.

In his advertisement, Collier quotes the last stanza of Canto III, as follows:

*"And now I've clos'd my epic strain,  
I tremble as I shew it,  
Lest this same warrio-drover, Wayne,  
Should ever catch the poet."*

## 25 Cumstock, Abel.

A / New-Year-Gift; / shewing the / Invalidity / of / Infant Baptism. / [rule] / By Abel Cumstock, of Warren. / [rule] / Litchfield: / Printed by Thomas Collier, in the Court-House. / M,DCC,XC. /

16cm., pp. 47.

NYPL. (impf.)

Evans, No. 22437.

The author was a deacon of the church in Warren, Connecticut, a town adjoining Litchfield.

26 Day, Jeremiah. (1737-1806).

The / Divine Right / of / Infant Baptism, / Concisely proved from the Holy Scriptures; / and Objections answered. / A / Sermon, / delivered / by Jeremiah Day, A.M. / Pastor of the Church of New-Preston. / (Published by Request.) / What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is / there of circumcision? Much every way. / St. Paul. / [rule] / Litchfield: / Printed by Thomas Collier, in the South End of the / Court-House. / 1790. / 20cm., pp. 43, including half title-page.

AAS. CHS. HU. (impf.) UTS. YU. SHF.

Evans, No. 22449. Trumbull, No. 561.

This reply to the arguments advanced in the preceding item was delivered by the minister in the adjoining town of Washington (of which New Preston is a part). Rev. Jeremiah Day was pastor of the church at New Preston, Connecticut, from 1770 until his death. His eldest son, also named Jeremiah, became President of Yale College in 1817.

### 1791

27 Benham, Asahel. (1754-1803).

Federal Harmony: Containing in a familiar Manner, the Rudiments of Psalmody; Together with a Collection of Church Music. (Most of which are entirely new).

No copy located.

Advertised January 24, 1791 as "Just Published."  
Price 3/9.

Abel Morse of New Haven printed an edition of the *Federal Harmony* in 1790, and a second edition in 1792. The advertisement by Collier may relate to this

first New Haven edition although it follows the form usually used for his own publications.

Asahel Benham was a resident of Wallingford, Connecticut.

28 [Dodsley, Robert.] (1703-1764).

The / Chronicle / of the / Kings of England,  
/ from the Reign of / William the Conqueror,  
/ (First King of England) down to his present /  
Majesty / George the Third: / Containing a  
true / History of their Lives, / and the / Charac-  
ter / Which they severally sustained, whether in /  
Church or State, in the Field, or in / Private Life. /  
By the late Dr. Franklin. / The Third American  
Edition. / [rule] / Litchfield: / Re-printed by  
Thomas Collier, 1791. /

16cm., pp. 99; full leather binding.

LHS. SHF.

Advertised August 24, 1791 as "This Day Published." Price 1/6 for subscribers; 1/9 for non-subscribers.

Evans, No. 23331.

This interesting little history originally appeared in 1740 as the work of "Nathan Ben Saadi." Later it was attributed to Dodsley but, because of its literary wit and force, Lord Chesterfield is usually credited with its authorship. An amusing paragraph in the *Chronicle* relating to Queen Elizabeth, stating that "her ministers were just, her counsellors were sage; her captains were bold, and her maids of honor ate beef steaks for breakfast" appears to be the basis for this conclusion.

Evans questions whether Dr. Franklin, who died the previous year, was named by Collier as the author of this book through misinformation or a desire to create a market for its sale.

29 [MacGowan, John.] (1726-1790).

Priestcraft defended. A sermon occasioned by the expulsion of six young gentlemen from the University of Oxford. For praying, reading, and expounding the Scriptures. Humbly dedicated to Mr. V[ice] C[hancellor] and the H[ea]ds of H[ouse]s. By their humble servant, the Shaver. Supposed to be written by the late Dr. Franklin.—The 19th edition.

No copy located.

16mo., pp. 30.

Evans, No. 23526.

Rev. John MacGowan, after working as a weaver and as a baker, became a preacher, first in the Methodist Church and later in the Baptist Church. His sermons were popular and some of his books went through many editions. The above discourse was occasioned by the expulsion of some students from Oxford for singing and expounding the Scriptures in a manner displeasing to the authorities.

Why this satirical sermon is credited to Benjamin Franklin is unknown. Evans points out that this is the second instance in this year in which Collier wrongly made use of the name and fame of Franklin to bolster up the sale of pseudonymous works.

30 A / Discourse / on / Popular Magic: / or /  
Simon Magus /.delineated. / [4 lines of quotation]  
/ Printed at the Asylum, in the Year 1791. /

No copy located.

16mo., pp. 10.

Cards in CHS. and NYPL.

The evidence is quite inconclusive that this is a Collier item.

1792

## 31 Haynes, Lemuel. (1753-1833).

The Character and Work of a Spiritual / Watchman Decrib'd [*sic*]. / [parallel rule] / A / Sermon, / delivered at / Hinesburgh, / February 23, 1791. / At the / Ordination / of the / Rev. Reuben Parmerlee. / [parallel rule] / By Lemuel Haynes, / Pastor of a Church in Rutland. / [parallel rule] / Litchfield, (Connecticut) / Printed by Collier and Buel. /

15½cm., pp. 22.

AAS. JCB.

Evans, No. 23437.

Rev. Lemuel Haynes was a mulatto servant who enlisted in the Continental Army and after the war educated himself for the ministry. He preached for two years in Torrington, Connecticut, and from 1788, for thirty years, was minister in Rutland, Vermont.

The copy of this ordination sermon belonging to the American Antiquarian Society contains manuscript notes by the author.

## 32 Chase, Amos. (1757-1849).

The / Master's Few Hints / to his Pupils, / Whom he would conduct by a short, entertaining / and easy road, to such an acquaintance with / the more useful part of / English Grammar, / As that, after the faithful application of a few weeks, / They may be able to express their thoughts in / Draughts, Letter-Writing, &c. / With ease, and even with propriety, as to / Grammatical Construction. / [ornament] / Collected for the use of his school by Amos / Chase, A.M. Pastor of the

second church in / Litchfield. / "To give to the  
young man knowledge and discretion." / Solomon.  
/ [ornament] / Litchfield: / Printed by Collier and  
Buel. /

16cm., pp. 27.

AAS. (impf.)

Advertised February 15, 1792 as "Just Published."  
Price 6d.

Evans, No. 26761. Trumbull, No. 456.

Rev. Amos Chase, whose ordination sermon is item  
No. 13, was a graduate of Dartmouth College of the  
class of 1780. He conducted a school at South-Farms  
(now Morris), then the southern part of the town of  
Litchfield.

### 33 Chase, Amos. (1757-1849).

On / Female Excellence. / Or, a / Discourse, / in  
which / Good Character in Women / is described;  
/ and the Worth and Importance of such Cha- /  
racter, contemplated, by / Amos Chase, A.M. /  
Pastor of the second Church in Litchfield. / Oc-  
casioned by the Death of his Wife; / And deliv-  
ered at Litchfield, South-Farms, on Lord's Day, /  
March 6th, 1791. / "Give her of the works of her  
hands." / Solomon. / [rule] / Litchfield: / Printed  
by Collier and Buel. / M.DCC.XCII. /

19cm., pp. 24.

AAS. JCB. SHF.

Evans, No. 24187. Trumbull, No. 455.

The young wife whose death inspired this sermon  
was Rebecca, the daughter of Rev. Levi Hart. She  
married November 30, 1788 and died February 25,  
1791, in her twenty-sixth year.

Her husband was apparently popular with the  
women of his congregation, for, several years later, the

*Monitor* of May 16, 1798, records a visit from sixty female friends and parishioners to their minister and their presentation of seventy run of yarn. "In the course of the decent and cordial socialities of the afternoon, the ladies were entertained by their pastor with a sermon adapted to the occasion from these words, Genesis xxxi, 43,—'What can I do, this day, unto these my daughters?'"

34 Backus, Charles. (1749-1803).

The Faithful Ministers of Jesus Christ / Rewarded. / [rule] / A / Sermon, / delivered at the / Ordination / of the / Rev. Azel Backus, / to the / Pastoral Care / of the / Church in Bethlem, / April 6, 1791. / [rule] / By Charles Backus, A.M. / Pastor of the Church in Somers. / [rule] / Litchfield: / Printed by Collier and Buel. /

20cm., pp. 26. AAS. CHS. JCB. LHS. LOC. NYPL. UTS. YU. SHF.  
Evans, No. 23141. Trumbull, No. 293.

Rev. Charles Backus was graduated from Yale College in 1769 and after studying theology under Rev. Levi Hart, became pastor of the church in Somers, Connecticut, from 1774 until his death. He maintained a theological school in his house for a number of years and, as a result, delivered many ordination sermons, several of which were printed. Rev. Azel Backus was his nephew.

35 [Wilkinson, Edward.] (1727-1809).

Wisdom. A Poem.

No copy located.

Advertised March 14, 1792 as "This day Published."  
Price 4½d.

Collier, in his advertisement, pertinently suggests



that "Wisdom was never offered cheaper; and he ought ever to lack of it, who can refuse the head and heart a gem of so much value."

36 Gregory, John. (1724-1773).

A Father's Legacy to his Daughters. By the late Dr. Gregory.

No copy located.

Advertised August 8, 1792 as "This Day Published. Printed on a new type and page proper for the pocket." Price 9d.

An earlier edition was advertised in 1790; see item No. 23.

1793

37 [Smith, Elihu Hubbard.] (1771-1798).

American Poems, / Selected and Original. / [ornament] / Vol. I. / [rule] / Litchfield: / Printed by / Collier and Buel. / [rule] / (The Copy-right secured as the Act directs.) /

18cm., pp. i-viii, including Preface and Contents, 304; also 6 pages of a List of Subscribers and 1 page of Errata; full leather binding.

AAS. LHS. NYPL. YU. SHF.

Advertised July 17, 1793 as "This day Published. Those who subscribe for six books, will be entitled to a seventh—gratis." Price \$1.00.

Evans, No. 25104. Trumbull, No. 270.

This dull collection of verse is largely devoted to the poems of the Hartford Wits; Barlow, Hopkins, Humphreys, Trumbull, Dwight, Alsop and Smith. The publishers in their preface stated, "Should the Volume, now published, meet with that success which the value of the Poems it contains seems to warrant, it is the intention of the Publishers to add another." In spite of

the long list of subscribers, the venture was not remunerative and no second volume appeared.

The editor, Dr. Elihu Smith, was born in Litchfield and after graduation from Yale College in 1786, at the age of fifteen, spent a couple of years with Rev. Timothy Dwight (later President of Yale College) at Greenfield Hill, where he absorbed much of Dr. Dwight's interest in literature. He then studied medicine under his father, and settled at Wethersfield, Connecticut, as a practicing physician, in 1791. Here he became associated with the Hartford Wits. From 1793, he practiced in New York, and died there during a yellow fever epidemic, a victim to his loyalty to a professional friend.

Smith was also the author of an operetta entitled *Edwin and Angelina*, which was produced in New York on December 19, 1796.

*The title-page of this book is reproduced as the frontispiece to the present volume.*

- 38 The Christian Economy, translated from the Original Greek of an old Manuscript, found in the Island of Patmos, where St. John wrote his book of the Revelations.

No copy located.

Advertised October 2, 1793 as "This Day Published."

This popular work went through a number of editions before being published by Collier.

## 1794

- 39 Burroughs, Eden (1738-1813) and Esterbrooks.

A / Faithful / Narrative / of the wonderful /

Dealings of God / towards / Polly Davis, / Of  
 New-Granatham, in the state of New-Hampshire. /  
 Taken from her own mouth, / And confirmed by  
 the testimony of several Witnesses, / of established  
 and approved veracity, who were / present with  
 her through the scenes of distress, / and that sud-  
 den and surprising recovery / contained in the fol-  
 lowing account;—/ taken as above, Sept. 12th,  
 1792. / [rule] / By the Rev. Mr. Burroughs, of  
 Hanover, / and the Rev. Mr. Esterbrooks, of  
 New- / Grantham. / [rule] / Springfield Printed: /  
 Reprinted in Litchfield, and at Benning- / ton. /  
 16cm., pp. 12. LHS.

Advertised April 2, 1794 as "This day Published."  
 Price 4½d.

Evans, No. 24166.

This *Narrative* contains a gruesome and detailed de-  
 scription of two violent illnesses of Polly Davis, as well  
 as an account of her visions and her ultimate conver-  
 sion and recovery. A hymn from Watts, referred to by  
 her, appears at the end:

*"Now let our pains be all forgot  
 Our hearts no more repine;  
 Our sufferings are not worth a thought  
 Lord, when compar'd with thine."*

The first edition of the *Narrative* was published in  
 Springfield in 1792.

Rev. Eden Burroughs became minister in Hanover,  
 New Hampshire in 1771, after a pastorate of eleven  
 years at Killingly, Connecticut. He was a Trustee of  
 Dartmouth College in 1792, and was the father of the  
 notorious adventurer and counterfeiter, Stephen Bur-  
 roughs (1765-1840).

## 40 Winchester, Elhanan. (1751-1797).

The / Universal Restoration, / exhibited in / Four Dialogues / between / a Minister and his Friend; / comprehending / The substance of several real conversations which / the author had with various persons, in / America and Europe, / on that interesting subject; / chiefly designed / Fully to state, and fairly to answer the most common / objections that are brought against it from / the Scriptures. / [rule] / By Elhanan Winchester. / [rule] / London Printed: / Litchfield, / Re-printed by Collier and Buel. /—D,DCC,XCIV [*sic*].—/

15½cm., pp. i-xv, including a Preface and Letters; 220; full leather binding.

AAS. CHS. JCB. NYPL. YU. SHF.

Advertised April 2, 1794, "Proposal for printing. Those who subscribe for six copies will be entitled to a seventh—and gentlemen who procure twelve signers and become responsible for payment, will be presented with a finish'd volume." Price 3/9.

Advertised May 28, 1794 as "For Sale."

Evans, No. 28115.

Rev. Elhanan Winchester founded a Universalist church in Philadelphia in 1781, and from 1787 until 1794 was a successful preacher in England. He died in Hartford, Connecticut.

*The Universal Restoration* first appeared in London in 1788 and was reprinted in several places in America.

## 41 Pratt, Samuel Jackson. (1749-1814).

The Sublime and Beautiful of Scripture: Being twenty-nine Essays on Select Passages of Sacred Composition.

No copy located.

. Advertised April 2, 1794, "Proposal for Printing . . . A list of subscribers' names will be annexed to the work." Price 3/9.

No advertisement of the publication of this item by Collier has been found. Probably the proposed printing was abandoned from lack of support.

42 Blakeslee, Enos.

A / System / of / Astronomy; / wherein the / Copernican System / is refuted, / And the Earth demonstrated to be a Body at Rest, / and the Sun, Moon and Stars to revolve about it. / By Enos Blakeslee. / Psalm xciii. I.—"The World is stablished that / it cannot be moved." / I Esdrass iv. 34.—"Swift is the Sun in his / Course, for he compasseth the whole Heavens round / about, and fetcheth his Course again to his own / Place in one Day." / Ecclesiasticus xliii.—"Great is the Lord that / made it (the Sun) and at his Command it runneth / hastily." / [rule] / Litchfield: / Printed by Collier and Buel. / [Copy-right secured to the Author.] /

16cm., pp. 88 and plates.

JCB. LOC.

Evans, No. 26678.

43 The / New-England / Primer / improved / For the more easy attaining the true / Reading of English. / To which is added, / the / Assembly of Divines Catechism / With other useful and pleasing Matter. / [parallel rule] / Litchfield / Printed by Collier & Buel, 1794.

10cm., pp. (58).

AAS.

Evans, No. 27366.

1795

- 44 Osgood, David. (1747-1822).

The Wonderful Works of God are to be remembered.

No copy located.

12mo., pp. 24.

Advertised February 11, 1795; "☞ The very excellent, and much admired Sermon of Mr. Osgood, delivered at Medford (Massachusetts) on the day of the last annual Thanksgiving [November 20, 1794] will compose a part of the Monitor for perhaps two weeks."

Advertised February 18, 1795 as "This Day Published." Price 6d.

Trumbull, No. 1209.

Rev. David Osgood, a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1771, was for fifty years preacher at Medford, Massachusetts. He was a zealous Federalist and this sermon occasioned by an appeal to the American people by Genêt, the French Minister to the United States, was a strong partisan document which passed through many editions.

- 45 Harriet, or the Vicar's Tale. The short and simple annals of the poor. Gray. ☞ An affecting and well-written Tale,—(the Characters taken from Nature)—calculated to move the Passions, to soften & amend the Heart. Adaptable to the capacities of children; and yet a rich and pleasant pastime for the letter'd and full-grown Rational of six feet high.

No copy located.

Advertised March 25, 1795 as "This Day Published." Price 6d., on white paper, stitch'd and cover'd, or 4½d. on blue.

## 46 Holly, Israel. (1728-1809).

Old Divinity Preferable to / Modern Novelty. / [parallel rule] / The Second Part. / [rule] / Further Demonstrating / the / Folly and Absurdity / of that Doctrine / which asserts that / God Creates Sin. / In a Letter to a Friend. / By Israel Holly, V.D.M / Those who will not be reasoned out of their Errors, / let them be shamed out of them. / [rule] / Litchfield, printed by Collier & Buel, 1795. / 18½cm., pp. 32. loc. xv.

Advertised March 25, 1795 as "This day ready for Sale." Price 9d.

Evans, No. 28849. Trumbull, No. 850.

Rev. Israel Holly was pastor at Suffield, Connecticut. The first part of this essay was published by T. & S. Green of New Haven in 1780.

## 47 Steuben, Baron F. W. A. H. F. von. (1730-1794).

Steuben's Regulations for the Troops of the United States, with plates.

No copy located.

Advertised March 25, 1795 as "For Sale at this Office."

Baron von Steuben, an officer trained under Frederick the Great, assisted the Continental Army as a volunteer from 1777 to 1781. He was Inspector General or drill master, and was also a member of the court-martial which tried Major John André. After the war, he lived at Steubenville, New York, where he died.

There is little evidence that these *Regulations* were printed by Collier as they were advertised for sale only.

A number of *Regulations* were issued by various publishers, such as Hudson and Goodwin of Hartford in 1782. An earlier edition was published in Philadelphia in 1779.

48 Osgood, David. (1747-1822).

A / Discourse / delivered / February 19th, 1795: / the day set apart by the / President, / for a / General Thanksgiving / Through the United-States. / [rule] / By David Osgood, A.M. / Pastor of the Church in Medford. / [rule] / Published at the Request of the Hearers. / [rule] / Litchfield, (Connecticut) / Re-printed by Collier and Buel. /

15cm., pp. 24.

AAS. CHS. JCB. YU. SHF.

Advertised April 1, 1795 as "This Day Published." Price 9d.

Evans, No. 29249.

This Thanksgiving was proclaimed by President Washington because of the prospect of peace in Europe.

49 Manual / Exercise / and / Evolutions / of the / Cavalry [*sic*]. / As practised in the late American Army. / Materially corrected and amended, from / the Hartford and Worcester editions, / by an able and experienced Officer, for the use of Cavalry [*sic*] of / this and other States. / Printed at Litchfield, by Collier & Buel. /

No copy located.

16mo., pp. 39.

Card in CHS.

Advertised June 24, 1795 as "This Day published." Price 1s.

Evans, No. 29777.



- 50 A / Constitution / of the / Consociation / of the  
/ Southern District / in / Litchfield County. /  
[ornamental lines at top and bottom]

16cm., pp. 8.

CHS.

Extract from the Minutes of a meeting held June 2,  
1795 at Roxbury; signed by Amos Chase, Scribe.

- 51 The / Constitution / of the / Associated Churches,  
/ in the / Southern District of the County of  
Litchfield, / in the State of Connecticut. / Adopted  
by the Consociation, at their Sessions at / Litch-  
field, on the 21st Day of Oct. A.D. 1795 /

15cm., pp. 8.

CHS.

Recorded and examined by Amos Chase, Register.

The *Constitution* was reprinted in 1828 at Litchfield  
by S. S. Smith.

## 1796

- 52 Pope, Alexander. (1688-1744).

An Essay on Man: In four epistles. To Henry St.  
John Bolingbroke.

No copy located.

Advertised February 10, 1796 as "For Sale at this  
Office." Price 1s.

Evans, No. 31023.

- 53 Wolcott, Oliver. (1726-1797).

[State Seal] / By the Honourable / Oliver Wol-  
cott Esquire, / Lieutenant Governor and Com-  
mander in Chief of the State of Connecticut. / A  
Proclamation. / . . . appoint Thursday, the Four-  
teenth Day of April next, to be observed as a Day

of / Puplick [*sic*] Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer to Almighty God, throughout this State; . . . Given under my hand in Litchfield this 16th day of March, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and nine- / ty-six, and in the twentieth Year of the Independence of the United States of America. / Oliver Wolcott. / By his Honour's Command, / George Wyllys, Secretary. / Broadside. fol. CHS.

Oliver Wolcott was the son of Governor Roger Wolcott. He was graduated from Yale College in 1747, was sheriff of Litchfield County, and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He became Governor of Connecticut in 1796 and died in office. During the Revolution, the leaden equestrian statue of George the Third in Bowling Green, New York, was pulled down and transported to the Wolcott home in Litchfield where it was melted and the lead cast into bullets to be used by the American forces.

54 Moore, Samuel. (1736–1810).

An Accurate / System / of / Surveying; / in which is contained, / I. Decimal Fractions, in a plain, concise, / and easy Manner. / II. The Extraction of the Square-Root. / III. Plane Trigonometry, rectangular and / oblique. / IV. An Exact Method to cast up the Con- / tents of Lands. / V. Field Surveying. / The Whole being performed without the Use of Scale and / Compasses, or a Table of Logarithms. In which / is given, some Account of the Variation of / the Needle, and the Causes of its / Attraction. / [rule] / By Samuel Moore. / [rule] / Litchfield: / Printed by T. Collier.

—[pointer ornament] Copy-right / secured to the Author. / D,DCC,XCVI [*sic*] . /

23cm., pp. i-x, including title-page, Preface and Introduction, 2 pages of Recommendations, 1 page of Errata, 131, and 1 page of tables; full leather binding. AAS. LHS. LOC. NYPL. SHF.

Advertised September 7, 1796 as "This day Published."

Evans, No. 30810. Trumbull, No. 1117.

Samuel Moore, a resident of Salisbury, Connecticut, was born in Litchfield and is said to have been a distinguished mathematician. His treatise on *Surveying* is claimed to be the first American work on the subject.

55 Griswold, Alexander Viets. (1766-1843).

A / Sermon, / Preached at the Funeral of / Mr. Charles Prindle, / At Harwinton, Sept. 13th, A.D. 1795. / [parallel rule] / By Alexander V. Griswold. / [parallel rule] / 1 Thes. IV. 13. 14. / But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, / concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, / even as others which have no hope. For if we believe / that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which / sleep in Jesus, will God bring with Him. / [ornament] / Printed at Litchfield,—M.DCC. XCVI. /

20cm., pp. 17.

CHS. YU.

Evans, No. 30520. Trumbull, No. 781.

The Right Reverend Alexander Viets Griswold was consecrated at Trinity Church, New York, May 29, 1811, as the first Bishop of the Eastern Diocese comprising the New England States outside of Connecticut. From 1794 until 1804 he served the several parishes of Plymouth, Harwinton and Litchfield, Connecticut.

## 56 Bunn, Matthew.

A / Journal / of the / Adventures / of Matthew Bunn, / A Native of Brookfield, Massachusetts, / Who enlisted with Ensign John Tillinghast, of Provi- / dence, in the year 1791, on an Expedition into the / Western Country; —was taken by the Savages, and / made his escape into Detroit the 30th of April, 1792. / Containing / A very circumstantial Account of the cru- / el Treatment he suffered while in Cap- / tivity, and many of the Customs of / the Savages, which have never / before appeared in print. / [rule] / Published by the particular Request of a Number of / Persons who have seen the Manuscript. / [rule] / Providence printed: / Litchfield, / Re-printed by Thomas Collier. /—D,DCC,XCVI [*sic*].—/

20cm., pp. 24.

JCB. NYPL. YU.

Evans, No. 30136, Trumbull, No. 421. Brinley, No. 470.

An edition was printed in Providence by Bennett Wheeler in 1796.

## 57 Welles, Noah. (1718–1776).

A / Vindication / of the / Validity and Divine Right / of / Presbyterian Ordination, / as set forth in / Dr. Chauncy's Sermon at the / Dudleian Lecture, / and / Mr. Welle's [*sic*] Discourse upon the / Same Subject. / In Answer to the Exceptions / of / Mr. Jeremiah Leaming [*sic*], contained in his late / Defence of the Episcopal Government / of the Church. / By Noah Welles, A.M. / Pastor of the first Church in Stanford [*sic*]. / "But be ye not called Rabbi; for one is your Mas- / ter, even Christ, and all ye are Brethren." / Matt. xxiii. 8. /

“Feed the Flock of God,—neither as being Lords / over God’s Heritage.” I Pet. v. 2. 3. / Re-printed at Litchfield, by T. Collier. /

20cm., pp. 189.

AAS. CHS. YU.

Evans, No. 31609.

Rev. Noah Welles, after graduation from Yale College in 1741, for a few years conducted the Hopkins Grammar School in New Haven. He later became pastor of the church in Stamford, and a Fellow of Yale College. He died from jail fever contracted while acting as chaplain to British prisoners in the Revolution.

Rev. Jeremiah Leaming, one of the leading early figures of the Episcopal church in the United States, shortly after his graduation from Yale College in 1745, was sent to England where he was ordained priest. He became rector of the church in Norwalk, Connecticut, in 1758 but his church was burned by the British in their invasion of the State in 1779. From 1784 to 1790 he had a parish in Stratford, Connecticut.

The controversy between Welles and Leaming consisted principally of a sermon by Welles printed in 1763 to which Leaming took exception in a *Defence of the Episcopal Government of the Church* printed in 1766. The above *Vindication of the Validity and Divine Right of Presbyterian Ordination* is Welles’ answer.

## 1797

58 [Ruddock, Samuel A.]

Valuable Tables, for rendering the value of Federal Money easy and intelligible; and likewise for computing interest in Dollars, Dimes, Cents and Mills.

No copy located.

Advertised January 4, 1797 as "For Sale." Price 4½d.

Evans, No. 31134.

The dollar was adopted as the monetary unit by the United States in July, 1785, although the English system was in practical use for many years later as is shown by the prices quoted in this list.

59 Barbauld, Anna Letitia Aikin. (1743-1825).

Mrs. Baubauld's Admired Hymns & Lessons in Prose for Children.

No copy located.

Advertised February 22, 1797 as "This day Published."

Price 9d., (pp. 40).

Collier spells the name "Baubauld" but the advertisement undoubtedly relates to the work of Mrs. Anna Letitia Aikin Barbauld which went through many editions in the United States and was translated into several European languages. Mrs. Barbauld was an English authoress of considerable learning and some repute, whose first volume of poems was published in 1773. She established a school in Palgrave, Suffolk, where she wrote the *Hymns in Prose for Children*.

60 Watson, Richard. (1737-1816).

An / Apology / for the / Bible, / in a / Series of Letters, / addressed to / Thomas Paine, / Author of a Book entitled, "The Age of / Reason, Part the Second, being an / Investigation of True and / Fabulous Theology. / [parallel rules] / By R. Watson, D.D.F.R.S. / Lord Bishop of Landaff [*sic*], and Regius Professor / of Divinity in the

University of / Cambridge. / [parallel rules] / Re-  
 printed at Lichfield [*sic*], by T. Collier. / 1797. /  
 15cm., pp. 230; full leather binding. AAS. JCB. NYPL. SHF.

Advertised May 17, 1797 as "This day published."  
 Price 3s.

Advertised December 5, 1797, "We hope every head  
 of family and every person of sentiment, will become  
 purchasers;—that Religion, Morals and the Printer,  
 may live."

Evans, No. 33156.

The versatile Bishop of Llandaff, who served Cam-  
 bridge University as Professor of Chemistry and later  
 as Regius Professor of Divinity, wrote *An Apology for  
 the Bible* about 1796. It proved to be the most popular  
 of his writings and was eagerly read in America, where  
 the author was much esteemed. Yale College awarded  
 him an honorary degree in 1797.

*The Age of Reason* by Thomas Paine appeared in  
 1794 and the second part, written during his imprison-  
 ment, was published shortly after his release in 1795.

## 61 [Jaudon, Daniel.]

A Short / System / of / Polite Learning: / being  
 a concise / Introduction / to the / Arts and Sci-  
 ences. / Adapted for Schools. / A taste of every  
 sort of knowledge is ne- / cessary to form the mind,  
 and is the only way / to give the understanding its  
 due improve- / ment to the full extent of its capac-  
 ity. / Locke. / [ornament] / London Printed: /  
 Litchfield Re-printed by Thomas Collier. /  
 M,DCC,XCVII. /

14½cm., pp. 112; half leather binding.

AAS. SHF.

Advertised April 1, 1795, "Proposal for re-printing by Subscription . . . 1s 6d (or 25 cents) single, and a seventh gratis to those who subscribe for six. London copy of this book is mark'd at 3s 9d."

Advertised December 13, 1797 as "Just Published."  
Evans, No. 32316. Trumbull, No. 1369.

This work comprises a brief, comprehensive survey of the arts and sciences, including theology, philosophy, mathematics, geography and mythology, in the form of questions and answers.

62 [Griswold, Alexander Viets.] (1766-1843).

A / Short Sketch, / of the / Life / of / Mr. Lent Munson. / [rule] / "Honor and shame from no condition rise; / Act well your part;—there all the honor lies." / [rule] / Litchfield: / Printed by Thomas Collier. /

20cm., pp. 8.

BPL.

When ten years old, Lent Munson (1768-1796) enlisted in the Continental Army as a musician. He re-enlisted after the war in the newly created American forces and on October 17, 1793, was taken by the Indians in an engagement near Fort Washington. After months of captivity, he escaped, and after tedious wanderings, succeeded in reaching his home. He abandoned his military career and took to the sea but, during a voyage to the West Indies, was captured by the French and died a prisoner on the Island of St. Croix.

63 Griswold, Alexander Viets. (1766-1843).

A / Discourse, / delivered at / Harwinton, on the 5th day of January, 1797, / occasioned by the / Death / of / Mr. Lent Munson. / [double rule] /



By Alexander V. Griswold, / Rector of St. Mark's  
Church, Harwinton. / [double rule] / "The Time  
is Short."—I Cor. vii. 29. / [parallel rule] / Litch-  
field: / Printed by T. Collier. M.DCC.XCVII. /

20cm., pp. 16.

BPL.

Evans, No. 32215.

64 Prindle, Chauncey. (1753-1833).

A / Discourse, / delivered in / Christ's Church  
in Watertown, / On Friday, March 3, 1797, / at  
the / Funeral / of / Mr. Ethel Porter. / [double  
rule] / By Chauncy [*sic*] Prindle, A.M. / Rector of  
said Church. / [double rule] / Litchfield: / Printed  
by Tho. Collier. /

16cm., pp. 30.

JCB.

Evans, No. 32723.

Rev. Chauncey Prindle became Episcopal rector of  
Christ's Church, Watertown, Connecticut, in 1788 at  
a salary of thirty pounds a year. He resigned this  
charge in 1804.

65 Morris, James. (1752-1820).

Mr. Morris's / Farewell Address / To his Pu-  
pils, / Delivered at Litchfield, (South- / Farms,)  
at the Close of his / School, March 9th, 1797. /  
Published by their Request. / 'Tis Virtue, not  
rolling Suns, the Mind / matures." Young. /  
[rule] / Litchfield: / Printed by T. Collier. /

16cm., pp. 18; including list of pupils—25 "gentlemen" and  
12 "ladies."

LHS.

James Morris, shortly after his graduation from  
Yale College in 1775 enlisted in the Continental Army

as an Ensign, and had a varied and distinguished career throughout the war from which he emerged as a Captain. He settled in his native town of Litchfield and about 1790 established a seminary in South-Farms (now Morris), which during its existence prepared about sixty young men for college and had among its pupils John Brown of Osawatomie.

He was the author of *A Statistical Account of Several Towns in the County of Litchfield*, published in New Haven in 1811.

66 Griswold, Alexander Viets. (1766-1843).

A / Discourse / delivered at / Litchfield, in the society of Northfield, / on the / 12th day of March 1797; / occasioned by the / Death / of / Mrs. Lucy Blakslee, / the Wife of / Mr. David Blakslee. / [rule] / By Alexander V. Griswold. / [rule] / Printed at Litchfield, by T. Collier. /

21cm., pp. 18.

CHS. LHS.

67 Rockwell, Samuel. (1759-1836).

An / Oration, / delivered at the / Celebration / of / American Independence, / At Salisbury, / Fourth July, Ninety-Seven. / By Dr. Samuel Rockwell. / Published at the Request of the Committee. / Litchfield: / Printed by T. Collier. /

22cm., pp. 16.

LOC. NYPL. YU.

Evans, No. 32775. Trumbull, No. 1306.

The *Weekly Monitor* of July 12, 1797 reported that "At Salisbury 1500 persons assembled and an Oration, ingenious and happily adapted, by Dr. Rockwell, preceded the military and other exercises, and a sumptuous Feast."

Dr. Samuel Rockwell, after serving in the Continental Army, entered Yale College but soon left that institution to study medicine under Dr. Lemuel Hopkins. He settled in Sharon and resided there the rest of his life except five years spent in Salisbury.

68 Beach, Jesse.

An / Oration, / delivered at / Mason's Hall, in Derby, / Aug. 29, 1797. / At the Request of / Solomon's Chapter of Royal Arch / Masons. / In commemoration of the / Death of a Brother, / the Rev. Edward Blakeslee. / By Jesse Beach. / Printed at Litchfield, by T. Collier. /

16cm., pp. 16.

CHS.

69 [Day, Thomas.] (1777-1855).

The / Suicide. / A / Dialogue / Exhibited on the Stage at the Public / Commencement / of / Yale-College, / Sept. 13th, M.DCC.XCVII. / Litchfield: Printed by T. Collier. /

19cm., pp. 20.

BU. LOC. YU.

Evans, No. 32019. Trumbull, No. 562.

This dialogue in blank verse involves a dramatic discussion of the morality of suicide. There are three scenes. Abraham Bellamy disinherits his son Alphonso because of the boy's worldly ways. A friend, Orville, persuades the father to forgive his son and goes to tell Alphonso of this change in his fortunes. The second scene discloses Alphonso about to kill himself when Orville arrives and argues with him. The discussion becomes somewhat theological but is nevertheless emotional and histrionic. In the last scene, the father, Abraham, is quite overcome by the receipt of a letter from his son telling of his intention to commit suicide, but

he is suddenly relieved by the arrival of Orville bringing Alphonso well in body and mind.

The parts were played by members of the graduating class of 1797; the son, Alphonso, by the author; the father, Abraham, by Bethel Judd, later principal of the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire, Connecticut, and the friend, Orville, by William Benedict. After graduation, two of the performers, Day and Benedict, attended the Litchfield Law School conducted by Judge Reeve. Day, who was a son of Rev. Jeremiah Day, later practiced law in Hartford and was for many years the reporter of the Supreme Court of Errors of Connecticut.

The Commencement exercises at this time occurred in September at the end of the summer term, and were immediately followed by a six weeks' vacation.

- 70 On the Ordination of Deacons. [The substance of certain manuscripts read before the North Association of Litchfield County, 27 September 1797.]

17½cm., pp. 11.

AAS.

Evans, No. 31969. Trumbull, No. 1191.

While Evans credits this to Collier, Trumbull merely lists it without comment. The type and form indicate a later date than 1797. It is probably not a Collier item.

- 71 Wolcott, Oliver. (1726-1797).

By His Excellency / Oliver Wolcott, esq. / Governor and Commander in Chief of the State of Connecticut, / A Proclamation. / . . . appoint Friday, the Fourteenth Day of April next, to be observed as a day of public / Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer, throughout this State. . . . Given at Litchfield, this seventeenth Day of March, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred /

and ninety seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the twenty-first. / Oliver Wolcott. / By his Excellency's Command, / Samuel Wylls, Secretary. /

Broadside. fol.

CHS.

Evans, No. 31975.

Evans, No. 31976, lists another Thanksgiving Day proclamation by Governor Wolcott as a Collier item, but the only copy located was printed in New Haven.

## 1798

- 72 Martinet, Johannes Florentius. (1729-1795).

The / Catechism of Nature. / For the use of / Children. / [double rule] / By Dr. Martinet, / Professor of Philosophy at Zutphen. / [double rule] / Translated from the Dutch. / [double rule] / London printed: / Reprinted at Litchfield, by T. Collier. /

11½cm., pp. 105.

CHS.

Advertised January 24, 1798 as "Just Published." Price 17c.

The translation by John Hall was published in Philadelphia as early as 1791.

- 73 Backus, Azel. (1765-1817).

A / Sermon, / delivered at the / Funeral / of / His Excellency / Oliver Wolcott, / Governor of the State of Connecticut; / who died / 1st December 1797. / [rule] / By Azel Backus, A.M. / Pastor of the Church in Bethlem. / [rule] / Interlectum est quid intersit inter lenitatem conciona- / torum, &

animum vere popularem, saluti / populi consulentem. / Cicero. / [parallel rule] / Printed at Litchfield, by T. Collier. /

18cm., pp. 23.

AAS. JCB. LHS. NYPL. UTS. YU. SHF.

Advertised January 31, 1798 as "For Sale at this Office."

Evans, No. 31761. Trumbull, No. 291.

Rev. Azel Backus, whose ordination sermon is item No. 34, followed the distinguished divine, Dr. Joseph Bellamy, in the pastorate of the church in Bethlehem, Connecticut. He conducted a school for the preparation of young men for college. Because of a sermon denouncing President Jefferson as an atheist, he was prosecuted in the United States Circuit Court for Connecticut. *A Letter to the President of the United States* (see page x of the Foreword) contains an account of the suit. Elected the first President of Hamilton College of Clinton, New York, he was inducted into office in December, 1812.

74 [Wilkinson, Edward.] (1727-1809).

Wisdom / A / Poem / Wisdom sprang from the Supreme Being / and by that Wisdom He overcomes Evil. / By Wisdom, Peace and Plenty flourish / in cities and civil societies; and, / by its means, private men / may be enabled to enjoy / domestic happiness. / By a Quaker, (or Friend) of R. Island. / The second Litchfield edition. / 1798. /

12cm., pp. 24.

CHS.

Advertised March 7, 1798 as "This excellent little work has been twice printed at this office, and is worth its weight in silver." Price 4½d.

The earlier edition is item No. 35.

THE  
WHOLE DUTY  
OF  
W O M A N.

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*A new Edition.*

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With considerable Improvements.

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*London Printed :*  
Reprinted at Litchfield, by T. Collier.

*Item No. 75.*

## 75 [Kenrick, William.] (1725-1779).

The / Whole Duty / of / Woman. / [rule] / A  
new Edition. / [rule] / With considerable Im-  
provements. / [rule] / London Printed: / Re-  
printed at Litchfield, by T. Collier. /

9½cm., pp. 106.

SHF.

Advertised March 7, 1798 as "This day Published."  
Price 1s. bound in red leather or 9d. in half binding.

This booklet, in imitation of *The Economy of Human Life*, contains a series of admonitions under such headings as Affectation, Curiosity, Elegance, Frugality, Modesty, Marriage, and Widowhood, in Biblical verse, like that of the Book of Proverbs; for example, "As the way of a Serpent in the Grass, or a Traveller o'er the Waste, in a dark night, so the ways of Man are dangerous and hard to find out."

*A reproduction of the title-page of this book is shown on page 49.*

## 76 [Dodsley, Robert.] (1703-1764).

The / Economy / of / Human Life. / In two  
parts. / Translated from an Indian Manuscript, /  
written / By a Bramin. / [rule] / Reprinted at  
Litchfield, by T. Collier. /

12cm., pp. 185; board binding.

LHS.

Advertised June 20, 1798 as "This day Published."  
Price 25 cents or 1/6 in plain binding.

The first edition of this work came out in 1750 and was for some time attributed to Dodsley, but has long been considered to have been written by the Earl of Chesterfield.

Part I describes the duties that relate to man, considered as an individual, while Part II relates to man as a social being.



## 77 Buel, Ebenezer. (1713-1801).

Index / to the / Holy Bible; / which the Scrip-  
tures may be found with much greater Facility, /  
and by Means of which (its curious and excellent  
Contents / coming more immediately under the  
Eye) we shall / be excited to examine the Sacred /  
Volume with more Pleasure / and Avidity, not /  
only as / Christians, but as Admirers of Simplicity  
and fine Writing. / Printed at the Desire and Ex-  
pence of Mr. Ebenezer Buel, / aged 86, / For the  
Benefit of his Posterity, and the general Good. /  
Printed at Litchfield, by T. Collier. /

20cm., pp. (28).

LHS.

Advertised August 1, 1798 as "For Sale." Price 9d.

Ebenezer Buel was the son of John Buel, one of the original settlers of Litchfield.

This *Index* is little more than a listing of the chapters of the several books of the Bible with their subject matter.

## 78 Smith, John Cotton. (1765-1845).

An / Oration, / pronounced at Sharon, / on the /  
Anniversary / of / American Independence, / 4th  
of July, 1798. / [double rule] / By John C. Smith. /  
[double rule] / Published at the Request of the  
Committee. / [cut of eagle] / Printed at Litchfield  
by T. Collier. /

20cm., pp. 23.

AAS. NYPL. YU. SHF.

Advertised August 15, 1798 as "For Sale." Price 9d.

Trumbull, No. 1388.

John Cotton Smith in 1783 was graduated from Yale College with honors and later practiced law in Sharon,

Connecticut. At the time of this address he was a member of the General Assembly. He was United States Representative from Connecticut for six years, from 1800, and in 1812 became Governor of the State.

The *Monitor* of July 11, 1798 describes this address as "An Oration by John C. Smith, Esq. in which the disorganizing principles of the French Revolution were traced to their true source, and their horrid tendency painted in striking colours, with an animating exhortation to resist those principles and to support our national sovereignty and Independence," and adds that it "was received by the audience with that engaged attention which was at once an high eulogium on the performance of the Speaker and the patriotic principles of the hearers."

*A reproduction of the title-page of this book appears on page 53.*

79 Gould, James. (1770-1838).

An / Oration, / pronounced at Litchfield, / on the / Anniversary / of the / Independence / of the / United States of America, / in the year M,DCC, XCVIII. / By James Gould. / [monogram T C in circle] / Printed by T. Collier. /

20cm., pp. 32.

AAS. LHS. NYPL. YU. SHF.

Advertised August 15, 1798 as "For Sale." Price 9d. Trumbull, No. 767.

Graduated from Yale College in 1791, James Gould was tutor in that institution from 1793 to 1795. He studied law in the Litchfield Law School and upon the appointment of Tapping Reeve to the bench, Gould became associated with him in the conduct of the school. From 1820, until it was discontinued in 1833, he was its sole proprietor. Gould was for two years,

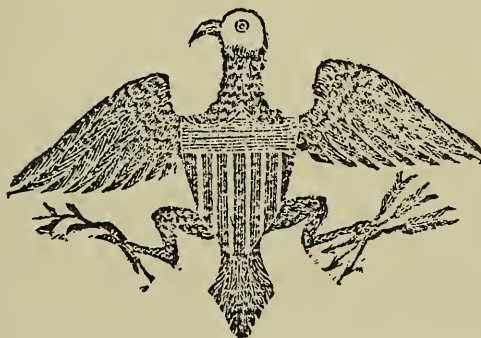
AN  
ORATION,  
PRONOUNCED AT SHARON,  
ON THE  
ANNIVERSARY  
OF  
AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE,  
*4th of JULY, 1798.*

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BY JOHN C. SMITH.

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PUBLISHED AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEE.



PRINTED AT LITCHFIELD BY T. COLLIER.

*Item No. 78.*

from 1816, a Judge of the Supreme Court, and in 1832 published a text-book on pleading. His wife was the eldest daughter of Senator Uriah Tracy.

"A correct and spirited Oration," the *Monitor* of July 11, 1798, characterizes this effort, "strongly enforcing the necessity of uniting in defence of our civil and religious institutions, against the perfidious designs of France, and of restless demagogues among ourselves,—ingeniously descriptive of the miseries attendant upon the despotic governments of Asia, and the atheistic, anarchial government of France." The paper adds: "Perfect harmony and good order prevailed; and while every one partook of the general joy, no one was seen to dishonour himself or the day by intemperance."

80 Day, Thomas. (1777-1855).

An / Oration, / on / Party Spirit, / pronounced before the / Connecticut Society / of / Cincinnati, / convened at Hartford, for the / Celebration / of / American Independence, / on the / 4th of July, 1798. / [double rule] / By Thomas Day. / [double rule] / Printed at Litchfield by T. Collier. /

20cm., pp. 28.

NYPL. YU. SHF.

Advertised August 15, 1798 as "For Sale." Price 9d. Trumbull, No. 563.

81 Pettibone, Augustus. (1766-1847).

An / Oration, / pronounced at Norfolk, / on the Anniversary / of / American Independence, / Fourth of July, / 1798. / [double rule] / By Augustus Pettibone. / [double rule] / Published by Request. / [monogram T C in circle] / Printed at Litchfield, by T. Collier, / 1798. /

21cm., pp. 16.

CHS.

Trumbull, No. 1245.

Augustus Pettibone received his legal training at the Litchfield Law School and practiced in Norfolk. He was Chief Judge of the County Court from 1812 till 1831.

## 82 Woodward, Israel Beard. (1767-1810).

American Liberty and Independence. / [ornament] / A / Discourse, / delivered at / Watertown, / on the / Fourth of July, / 1798. / [rule] / By the Rev. Israel B. Woodward, A.M. / [rule] / [monogram T C in circle] / Printed at Litchfield by T. Collier. /

21cm., pp. 26.

CHS. HEH.

Trumbull, No. 1708.

Rev. Israel B. Woodward was graduated from Yale College in 1789 and from 1792 until his death was minister at Wolcott, Connecticut.

## 83 Moore, Edward. (1712-1757).

Fables / for the / Female Sex. / [rule] / By Mr. Edward Moore. / Author of the World, &c. / [rule] / [cut of compass] / —Reprinted at Litchfield, by T. Collier.—/

11½cm., pp. 120.

AAS. SHF.

Advertised August 15, 1798 as "This day published." Price 17 cents in half binding.

The popular collection of poems by the English author, Edward Moore, went through many editions in this country.

Somewhat in the style of Aesop, the poet offers his

readers advice against woman's frailties in a number of fables. The Nightingale and Glow-worm; The Wolf, the Sheep and the Lamb; The Goose and the Swans; and The Spider and the Bee are a few of his titles.

- 84 The Art of Cheese-Making, taught from Actual Experiments; by which more Butter and Cheese may be made from the same quantity of milk.

No copy located.

16cm., pp. 16.

Advertised September 12, 1798 as "For Sale at this Office."

- 85 Doddridge, Philip. (1702-1751).

A Plain and Serious Address to the Master of a Family on the Important Subject of Family Religion.—By P. Doddridge, D.D.

No copy located.

Advertised November 28, 1798 as "Just Published." Price 9d.

- 86 Leaming, Jeremiah. (1717-1804).

Dissertations / upon / Various Subjects, / which may be well worth the attention of / Every Christian; / and / Of Real Service to the Sincere Inquirer after / True Religion. / [dotted rule] / By Jeremiah Leaming, A.M. / Rector of Christ's Church, in Stratford. / [dotted rule] / Ye know the truth; the truth shall make you free. / [ornament] / Re-printed by T. Collier, in Litchfield. / 1798. /

21cm., pp. 72.

SHF.

Trumbull, No. 963.

- 87 Leaming, Jeremiah. (1717-1804).

An / Essay / on / Conversion. / By Jeremiah  
Leaming. / Late Rector of Christ's Church, in /  
Stratford. / When thou art converted, strengthen  
thy / Brethren. / Jesus Christ. / Reprinted at  
Litchfield, 1798, from the 5th edition. /

14cm., pp. 8.

CHS.

### 1799

- 88 [Peddle, Mrs. ———]

Rudiments of Taste. In a series of Letters from a  
Mother to her Daughters.

No copy located.

Advertised June 26, 1799 as "Just Published." Price  
1s.

- 89 Goldsmith, Oliver. (1728-1774).

The Deserted Village.

No copy located.

Advertised November 6, 1799 as "This day pub-  
lished." Price 4½d.

- 90 Dana, James. (1735-1812).

Christianity the Wisdom of God. / A / Sermon, /  
Preached October 17, 1798, / at the / Ordination /  
of the / Rev. Dan Huntington, / to the / Pastoral  
Care of the first Church and Society in / Litchfield,  
Connecticut. / By James Dana, D.D. / Pastor of  
the first congregational Church in New-Haven. /  
Litchfield: / Printed by Thomas Collier. / 1799. /  
22cm., pp. 30, including half title-page.

AAS. JCB. LHS. LOC. NYPL. UTS. YU. SHF.

Trumbull, No. 554.

Rev. James Dana, a graduate of the class of 1753 of Harvard College, was, in 1758, ordained minister at Wallingford, Connecticut, in opposition to the New Haven Consociation, and became the storm center of the so-called Wallingford controversy. From 1789 until 1805, he was pastor of the First Church of New Haven.

Rev. Dan Huntington, after his graduation from Yale College in 1794, was successively tutor at Williams College for two years and at Yale College for two years. He was minister of the First Church at Litchfield for ten years and later retired to Hadley, Massachusetts, where he had charge of the Hopkins Academy.

Since he was a decided Federalist, he was attacked by the *American Mercury* of Hartford, the leading Republican organ in Connecticut, for some of his utterances, but in retaliation, he recovered a verdict of \$1000 against Major Elisha Babcock, the publisher of the paper.

- 91 A / Small Collection / of / Questions & Answers, / from various authors. / [ornamental rule] / [monogram T C in circle] / [ornamental rule] / Litchfield: / Printed by Thomas Collier, / 1799. / 17cm., pp. 15. WL. SHF.

This little pamphlet is devoted chiefly to matters of pronunciation, grammar and geography. It ends with the patriotic statement that the Revolutionary War was terminated "to the honor and glory of the United States, and the shame and disgrace of the British nation."

- 92 [Ogden, John Cosins.] (1751-1800).

A / Tour, / Through / Upper and Lower Canada. / [rule] / By a Citizen of the United States. /



[rule] / Containing; / A View of the present State of Religion, Learn- / ing, Commerce, Agriculture, Colonization, / Customs and Manners, among the / English, French, and Indian / Settlements. / [ornament] / Printed at Litchfield, (according to Act of Congress) / 1799. /

16cm., pp. 119; full leather binding. AAS. LOC. NYPL. SHF.

Trumbull, No. 1208. Brinley, No. 124.

The latter part of this book (pages 91 to 119), contains an anonymous letter, dated New York, 20th Nov. 1794, "from a Gentleman to his Friend, Descriptive of the Different Settlements, in the Province of Upper Canada" which the author of the *Tour* subjoins because of its valuable information "and the very respectable character of the Author."

Rev. John Cosins Ogden was rector of the Episcopal church in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, after graduation from the College of New Jersey in 1770. He married Mary, the daughter of General David Wooster, of New Haven, where he resided for fifteen years. He was also the brother-in-law of Hon. Pierpont Edwards, one of the leading Democrats in the State.

Ogden had a strong controversial turn of mind and, because of his Episcopalian and Democratic leanings, has been credited with three pamphlets bitterly attacking Yale College, President Timothy Dwight, and the Congregational Church in Connecticut. All were printed anonymously and without the name of the publisher or place of printing. It has been presumed that Collier published one or more of these pamphlets because, at this time, the *Tour* was appearing with the Litchfield imprint.

*An Appeal to the Candid, upon the Present State of Religion and Politics in Connecticut* (17cm., pp. 23), a diatribe against the college, was issued in 1798. In the

following year came *Friendly Remarks to the People of Connecticut, upon their College and Schools* (19cm., pp. 42). Trumbull, No. 737, credits this pamphlet to Litchfield but the booklet contains a thinly-veiled, unfavourable allusion to Benjamin Tallmadge, a leading citizen of Litchfield and one of the little coterie of Federalist backers of Collier.

The third pamphlet, *A View of the Calvinistic Clubs in the United States* (16cm., pp. 23), refers to the controversy of Rev. Stanley Griswold of New Milford with the Litchfield South Association.

## 1800

## 93 Gray, Thomas. (1716-1771).

An / Elegy / written in a / Country Church  
Yard / By Mr. Gray. / The curfew tolls the knell  
of parting day, / The lowing herd winds slowly  
o'er the lea, / The ploughman homeward plods  
his weary way, / And leaves the world to darkness  
and to me. / Re-printed at T. Collier's Office,  
Litchfield. / 1799. /

12½cm., pp. 8.

CHS.

Advertised January 1, 1800. This poem, "the sublimity of which has immortalized the Poet,—is this day published." Price 3d.

## 94 Morris, James. (1752-1820).

An / Oration, / delivered in South-Farms, in  
Litchfield, / February 22, 1800, / Commemora-  
tive of the Death / of / Gen. George Washington, /  
Who died December 14th, 1799, in the 68th Year /  
of his Age. / [heavy rule] / By James Morris, Esq. /  
[heavy rule] / "We all must die, and turn to dust, /

“Though Man is mortal, God is just.” / [heavy rule] / Printed at Litchfield, by T. Collier. /

22cm., pp. 29, including half title-page, and request of committee for printing. AAS. JCB. LOC. NYPL. SHF.

Advertised March 26, 1800 as “On Hand.” Price 9d. Trumbull, No. 1125.

95 Griswold, Stanley. (1763–1815).

A / Funeral Eulogium, / pronounced at / New-Milford, / on the / Twenty-second of February, / 1800; / being the day recommended by Congress for / publicly testifying respect to the / memory of / George Washington. / Being also his Birth-Day. / By Stanley Griswold, Pastor of a Church in / New-Milford. / [cut of basket] / Printed at Litchfield, by T. Collier. /

21cm., pp. 24.

AAS. JCB. LOC. NYPL.

Trumbull, No. 785.

The author of the *Eulogium* had an interesting and varied career as minister, editor, senator and judge. Upon graduation from Yale College in 1786, while teaching school in Norwich, Connecticut, he began the study of theology. In 1790 he became the colleague of Rev. Nathanael Taylor in the pastorate of the church of New Milford, Connecticut. An able speaker, with good voice and fine appearance, he became a popular preacher, but his liberal theological views and his leaning toward Jeffersonian doctrines in politics soon brought him into conflict with his fellow ministers in the Litchfield South Consociation. Having retired from the pulpit in 1802, he became an editor in Walpole, New Hampshire, but in 1805, President Jefferson gave him a political appointment in the newly or-

ganized territory of Michigan. From there he emigrated to Ohio where he was appointed by the Governor to the United States Senate in 1809. A year later he became Judge of the United States Court for the Northwestern Territory.

A correspondence between him and Rev. Dan Huntington in 1801 was later printed as a political document.

96 [Home, Henry.] (1696-1782).

A / Letter / from a / Blacksmith / to the / Ministers and Elders / of the / Church of Scotland. / In which the Manner of Public Worship in / that Church is considered; its Incon- / veniencies [*sic*] and Defects pointed out; / and Methods for removing them / humbly proposed. / Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart / be hasty to utter anything before God: for God / is in Heaven, and thou upon Earth: therefore let / thy words be few. Eccl. v. 2. / I will pray with the Spirit, and I will pray with the / Understanding also. I. Cor. xiv. 15. / London Printed: / Reprinted, (for Subscribers) by T. Collier, / Litchfield, —1800./

16cm., pp. 78. The last page is signed "A. T. Blacksmith."

AAS. CHS.

Advertised September 3, 1800 as "Just Published."

This book was formerly credited to Rev. John Witherspoon but is now deemed to be the work of the Scottish judge known as Lord Kames, a voluminous writer on legal and philosophical subjects.

97 A / Specimen / of the / Confession of Faith, / and / Covenant Engagements, / Upon which, for Substance, the Members of / the several conso-

ciated Churches, in / Connecticut, unite and practice: / and in a form, / Corresponding to those which are in con- / stant Use amongst us, at the Admission of / New Members. / Litchfield, A.D. 1800. /

15cm., pp. 7.

CHS.

This document is signed "Amos Chase, Pastor of the Second Church in Litchfield."

98 Lee, Chauncey. (1763-1842).

The Tree of Knowledge of Polit- / ical Good and Evil. / [rule] / A / Discourse, / delivered at / Colebrook, / on the / Twenty-fourth Anniversary / of / American Independence. / July 4th, 1800. / [parallel rules] / By Chauncey Lee, A.M. / Pastor of a Church in Colebrook. / [parallel rules] / If thou hadst known, even thou, in this thy day, / the things which belong unto thy peace! / Jesus Christ. / [ornamental rule] / Bennington: / Printed by T. Collier, and Company. / 1800. /

21cm., pp. 31.

AAS. SHF.

Although admitted to the Bar, after a year or so of practice, Rev. Chauncey Lee abandoned the law in 1789 and entered the pulpit. He was minister in Sunderland, Vermont, for a few years, and from 1800, for twenty-eight years, pastor at Colebrook, Connecticut.

99 [Daggett, David.] (1764-1851).

Three Letters / to / Abraham Bishop, Esquire, / containing / some strictures on his / Oration, / pronounced in the White Meeting-House, on / the evening preceding the / Public Commencement, /

September M,DCCC, / With some Remarks on his Conduct at the late / Election. / [rule] / By Connecticutensis. / [rule] / "Likewise also these filthy dreamers, despise dominion / and speak evil of dignities, / Raging waves of the sea foaming out their own shame, / And their mouth speaketh great swelling words." / Jude, part of 8th, 13th and 16th verses. / [rule] / Hartford printed: / Bennington,—Re-printed by Collier & Stockwell. /

21cm., pp. 36.

SHP.

David Daggett was an outstanding Federalist. After graduation from Yale College in 1783, he taught in the Hopkins Grammar School in New Haven, and held the office of College Butler while pursuing his legal studies. He was in the General Assembly of the State for many years, and became United States Senator from Connecticut for a six-year term in 1813. He served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Errors in Connecticut from 1832 until he reached the age limit of seventy years.

A brilliant controversialist, he crossed swords with many of the leading Democrats of the State. One of these was Abraham Bishop who, in somewhat spectacular manner, at Commencement time in September, 1800, pronounced an oration in New Haven entitled *Connecticut Republicanism—An Oration on the Extent and Power of Political Delusion*. This was answered by Daggett in the *Three Letters*, printed by Collier, and by Noah Webster, the lexicographer, a classmate of Bishop, in a pamphlet, *A Rod for the Fool's Back*.

Daggett was also one of the counsel in the litigation in the United States Circuit Court for Connecticut in which Collier, Tapping Reeve and Azel Backus were involved. (See the Foreword, page x).

Judge Daggett was the father of nineteen children.

1801

## 100 Griswold, Stanley. (1763-1815).

The good Man's Prospects in the Hour of /  
 Death;—and his Voice from the World / beyond.  
 / [ornamental rule] / Two / Discourses, / deliv-  
 ered at / New-Milford, / Dec. 14th, 1800. /  
 Being the Sabbath next after the decease of /  
 The Rev. Nathanael Taylor, / Late Pastor of the  
 First Church of Christ in said / New-Milford. /  
 [heavy rule] / By Stanley Griswold, / late Col-  
 league-Pastor with the deceased. / [heavy rule] /  
 [rule] / Published at the Request of the Society. /  
 [rule] / Litchfield: Printed by T. Collier.—1801. /  
 21cm., pp. 32. AAS. CHS. YU. SHF.

Rev. Nathanael Taylor (1722-1800) was minister  
 in New Milford, Connecticut, from 1747 until his  
 death. He was a Fellow of Yale College.

## 101 Pettibone, Sereno. (1778-1826).

An / Oration, / Delivered at Norfolk, / at the /  
 Celebration / of / American Independence, / 6th  
 July, 1801. / [rule] / By Sereno Pettibone. / [rule]  
 / Published by Request. / [rule] / Litchfield:  
 Printed by T. Collier. /

22cm., pp. 20.

AAS. NYPL. SHF

Sereno Pettibone, a younger brother of Augustus  
 Pettibone, after graduation from Williams College in  
 1800, studied at the Litchfield Law School, and prac-  
 ticed in his native town of Norfolk, Connecticut.

## 102 Marsh, Truman. (1768-1851).

An / Exhortation to Early Piety; / A / Ser-

mon, / delivered at the Funeral of / Mr. Nathaniel Bosworth, / Who departed this Life, Sept. 18, 1801. / [rule] / By Truman Marsh, / Rector of St. Michael's Church, Litchfield. / [rule] / Litchfield: / Printed by Thomas Collier. / 1801. /

23cm., pp. 32.

AAS. SHF.

Rev. Truman Marsh was born in Litchfield and graduated from Yale College in 1786. After nine years of rectorship in New Milford, Connecticut, he accepted a call in 1799 to St. Michael's Parish in his native town. He resigned in 1830 but continued to live in Litchfield until his death.

Nathaniel Bosworth "By his last Will or Testament, has given One Hundred Pounds for the purpose of procuring a Bell for the New Church lately erected in the town of Litchfield."

## 1803

103 Tracy, Uriah. (1755-1807).

To the / Freemen of Connecticut. [caption title], [signed: Uriah Tracey *sic*], Litchfield, 6th September 1803.]

22cm., pp. 16.

LOC. SHF.

Valedictorian of the class of 1778 at Yale College, student at the Litchfield Law School, and a prominent Federalist politician, Uriah Tracy held various offices in the county and state. He served as United States Representative from Connecticut from 1793 until 1796, when he became United States Senator. He died in office and was the first person to be buried in the Congressional burying ground in Washington. While he was an intense partisan, his political strictures were relieved by a ready wit.



The above address was in answer to an address on behalf of the Democrats, written by his classmate, Alexander Wolcott.

## 1804

104 Minor, Thaddeus. (1747-1832).

The / Experienced / Bee-Keeper; / or, / a short treatise / on the / Management of Bees; / Founded on Facts and long Experience: / Wherein is Described, / Their nature and kind, and how to manage them. / When they swarm, how to place them. / How to take care of them through the winter. / How to feed them. / How to destroy their enemies. / How to unite swarms. / How to manage them when robbers attack them. / How to form a double hive. / How to preserve honey; together with some of its / qualities and uses. / [row of seven crosses] / By Thaddeus Minor, of Woodbury, (Con.) / [row of seven crosses] / Printed at T. Collier's Office, Litchfield, / 1804. / [Copy-right secured.] /

17½cm., pp. 21.

loc.

## 1805

105 Essay / on the / Subject of Education; / together with a few / Propositions, of a Practical Nature, / To be adopted by our respective Churches, / for the purpose of / Promoting Moral and Religious Knowledge among / the rising Generation. / Written at the Request, and published by the Desire of the South Con- /

sociation of Litchfield County. / Litchfield: /  
Printed by T. Collier & Son, two doors West of  
the Court-House. /

22cm., pp. 26.

Dep. Int.

The Committee which made the above report consisted of Rev. Joshua Williams, Rev. Amos Chase, Rev. Ebenezer Porter and James Morris, and the Consociation which accepted the report, June 6, 1805, was presided over by Rev. Jeremiah Day as Moderator.

## 1808

106 Fowler, Abraham. (1745-1815).

A / Sermon, / delivered at / Columbia, December 16, 1807. / On account of / Deacon Gideon Hotchkiss. / Who died September 3, 1807, in the ninety first / year of his age. / [double rule] / By the Rev. Abraham Fowler, A.M. / Pastor of the Church at Milton. / [triple rule] / Litchfield: / Printed by T. Collier. / 1808. /

21 cm., pp. 16.

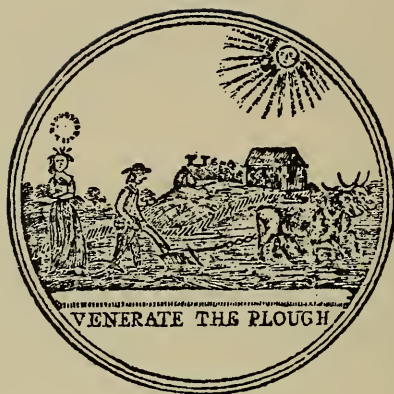
CHS. LHS. SHF.

Rev. Abraham Fowler was pastor of the church at Milton, part of Litchfield, for six years, from 1807. He later occupied the pulpit of the church of Columbia (now Prospect), Connecticut, until his death.

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MOSES COIT TYLER.



*This ornament was sometimes used in the heading of the "Monitor"  
and on the title-page of an almanac,  
as in Item No. A5.*



## 1786

A1 Judd, Eben W. (1761-1837).

An / Astronomical Diary / or / Almanack, /  
For the Year of our Lord Christ, / 1786. / Being  
the second after Bissextile, or Leap-Year. / Cal-  
culated for the Meridian of / Litchfield, / Lati-  
tude 41 Degrees 45 Minutes North; / But will  
serve, without sensible Error, for all the Towns in  
/ Connecticut, and the adjacent Parts. / Con-  
taining what is usually necessary for such a Com-  
position. / [rule] / By Eben W. Judd, / Student  
of Mathematicks under / Dr. Joseph Perry. /  
[rule] / Litchfield: / Printed by Collier and Copp. /  
17½cm., pp. (18). CHS.

Evans, No. 19052. Trumbull, No. 138. Bates, p. 49. Mor-  
rison, p. 18.

Little is known of Eben Warner Judd except that  
he was a surveyor and may have studied medicine.  
He removed to Middlebury, Vermont, about 1800  
and died there.

## 1787

A2 Judd, Eben W. (1761-1837).

An / Almanack, / For the Year of our Lord  
Christ / 1787. / Being the third after Leap Year.  
/ Calculated for the Meridian of / Litchfield /  
Lat. 41 Deg. 45 Min. North: / But will serve for

all the Towns in Connecticut, / and the adjacent parts. / Containing what is usually necessary for such a Composition. / By Eben W. Judd, / Student with / Dr. Joseph Perry. / Litchfield: / Printed by Thomas Collier. /

17cm., pp. (24).

NYPL. (impf.) YU. (impf.)

Evans, No. 19741. Trumbull, No. 139. Bates, p. 51. Morrison, p. 19.

A3 Judd, Eben W. (1761-1837).

Judd's Sheet Almanack, for the Year 1787.

No copy located.

Broadside. fol.

Advertised January 2, 1787 as "This day published, Judd's Sheet Almanack for the Year 1787."

Evans, No. 19742. Bates, p. 51.

1788

A4 Judd, Eben W. (1761-1837).

Judd's Sheet Almanack For the Year 1788.

No copy located.

Advertised January 7, 1788 as "Judd's (very convenient) Sheet Almanack For the Year 1788, May be had (just published) at this Office."

A5 Judd, Eben W. (1761-1837).

Judd's / Connecticut / Almanack, / for the / Year of our Lord / 1788; / Being Bissextile or Leap Year; / and the / Twelfth of American In-

dependence. / Lat. 41. Deg. 45 Min. North. / [cut with legend "Venerate the Plough"] / Litchfield [sic]: Printed by Tho. Collier. /

14cm., pp. (36).

AAS. BPL. (impf.) CHS. SHF.

Evans, No. 20437. Trumbull, No. 140. Bates, p. 53. Morrison, p. 19.

## 1789

## A6 Judd, Eben, W. (1761-1837).

The / Connecticut / Almanack, / for the / Year of our Lord / 1789. / First after Bissextile or Leap-Year. / Calculated for the / Meridian of Litchfield; / Lat. 41 Deg. 45 Min. North. / By Eben W. Judd, Mathemat. / [ornament] / Litchfield: / Printed by Collier and Adam. /

17½cm., pp. (24).

CHS. (impf.)

Evans, No. 21179. Trumbull, No. 141. Bates, p. 54. Morrison, p. 20.

## 1790

## A7 Ames, Philomath N. [Pseudonym.]

American & Litchfield-County Almanack for the Year of our Lord M,DCC,XC.

No copy located.

Evans, No. 21654. Trumbull, No. 143. Bates, p. 55. Morrison, p. 20.

The author could not be the famous Dr. Nathaniel Ames who published almanacs regularly in the middle of the eighteenth century, for he died in 1764. His son, also named Nathaniel, continued the almanacs until 1775 when he formally abandoned the field.

Several spurious issues of almanacs with the name of Ames as the author appeared afterwards. Bates suggests that Judd may have published almanacs both under his own name and under the pseudonym of N. Ames.

A8 Judd, Eben W. (1761-1837).

The / Connecticut, Massachusetts, / New-York and Vermont, / Almanack / For the Year of our Lord / 1790; / Second after Bissextile, or Leap-Year. / Calculated for the Meridian of Litchfield, / Lat. 41 Deg. 45 Min. North / [rule] / Eben W. Judd. / [cut of eagle] / Litchfield: Printed by T. Collier. /

17cm., pp. (24).

BPL. (impf.) CHS. (impf.)

Bates, p. 56.

1791

A9 Ames, Philomath N. [Pseudonym.]

The / American / Almanack, / for the Year of our Lord / M,DCC,XCI. / Being the Third after Leap Year. / Containing, / (Besides the usual Astronomical Calculations,) / The Whistle, a true / story, by Dr. Franklin. / A variety of pleasing / Anecdotes, &c. from / Lord Bacon's works—/ Poetical extracts, grave / and humorous, viz.—/ On God's omnipotence /—Philosophy—Descrip- / tion of Human Life—/ Woman's Tongue com- / pared—Giant angling /—Suicide—Giles Jolt; / (or, the influence of Sir / Richard upon the brain) /—Humphrey Gubin's / Courtship, (adapted to / 'render social all



coy / 'Maidens and dull old / 'Bachelors) &c. &c.  
 —/ 'Likewise, the Weight / 'and Value of Coins—  
 / 'Six and seven per cent. / 'Interest Tables—  
 Courts / 'Freemens Meetings—/ 'General de-  
 scription of / 'America—Also, an ap- / 'proved  
 method to pre- / 'serve the fine flavour of /  
 'Butter, and prevent its / 'growing rancid—Dr. /  
 'Buchan's Ointment of / 'Sulphur for the Itch—/  
 &c. &c. &c. / Philomath N. Ames, Esq. / Pro-  
 fessor of Astronomy and Natural Philosophy in  
 the / College at Berlin. / Calculated for the meri-  
 dian of Lichfield [*sic*], / lat. 41 deg. 45 min.  
 north. / Lichfield [*sic*]: Printed by T. Collier. /

17cm., pp. (24).

AAS. NYPL.

Evans, No. 22313. Trumbull, No. 144. Bates, pp. 57-58.  
 Morrison, p. 20.

This almanac has the following interesting intro-  
 duction:

“To whom it may Concern.

“The multiplicity of very urgent business last year unfortunately prevented a group of materially important Predictions. Many of our good friends and customers were grievously disappointed, that calculations of the Weather were excluded. This year, we have laboured abundantly;—The Stars and Planets are unusually propitious:—so far, indeed, that we venture peremptorily & affirm, rather than deal in *may-be's* and *perhap's*, that it will *rain, snow, thunder, hail*, be *cloudy, clear* etc. as expressed in each calendar page. It *may be*, that *some* of our Predictions, and perhaps *all* will fail. For in the instance of the *Weather*, we find Stars and Planets wonderfully capricious,—However, should the *good woman* meet disaster on washing days,—young maidens on nuptial days or Valentine—and old maids and ma-

trons on Sundays,—having a new fashioned head dress etc. quite ruined:—or sweethearts prevented from fulfilling their appointments,—and all in Consequence of a mischievous *Storm*, when *sunshine* was predicted,—our Readers must attribute the *great evil* entirely to the Planets (certainly the *Author* is not in fault)—But alas for the *Printer*—tho' *Nobody's* to blame!"

A10 Ames, Philomath N. [Pseudonym.]

The American, and Litchfield-County Almanack for the Year 1791. Calculated in the Planet Luna, by that celebrated Astronomer, Philomath N. Ames, Esq.

No copy located.

Advertised November 8, 1790 as "This day Published."

Bates, p. 58.

A11 Solomon, Nathan Ben. [Pseudonym.]

The American Almanack, For the Year 1791. By Nathan Ben Solomon, Professor of Astronomy and Natural Philosophy in the College at Jerusalem. Calculated for the Meridian of Litchfield; . . .

Copy offered in a sale catalogue.

Advertised October 25, 1790 as "Next Wednesday will be Published and ready for Sale."

An almanac published in New Haven in 1786 "by Nathan Ben Salomon, X.Y.Z. educated at Jerusalem" is attributed to Judd by Bates; hence, the pseudonym in this Litchfield almanac may also be that of Judd.

## 1792

A12 Strong, Nehemiah. (1729-1807).

An / Astronomical / Diary, Calendar, / or /  
 Almanac, / For the Year of our Lord / 1792. /  
 And from the Creation of the World 5741: / And,  
 till July 4th, the 16th of American / Independ-  
 ence. / Being Bissextile, or Leap-Year. / Where-  
 in are contained, / All Things requisite to such a  
 Composition. / Adapted to the Horizon and  
 Meridian of / Litchfield; / Lat. 41 Deg. 45 Min.  
 North. / But will serve indifferently for all the  
 Towns / in Connecticut, and the adjacent  
 States. / [parallel rule] / By Nehemiah Strong. /  
 [parallel rule] / Litchfield: Printed by T. Collier. /

17cm., pp. (24).

CHS. LHS. NYPL.

Evans, No. 23807. Trumbull, No. 145. Bates, p. 60. Mor-  
 rison, p. 21.

A graduate of Yale College of the class of 1755 and  
 a tutor at the same college for three years, Nehemiah  
 Strong studied theology and after a somewhat dis-  
 couraging pastorate at Turkey Hills (now the town of  
 East Granby), Connecticut, accepted the Professor-  
 ship of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy at Yale  
 in 1770, which he held until 1781.

He probably began making calculations for al-  
 manacs as early as 1775, but it was not until 1778  
 that the printers of the Connecticut almanac an-  
 nounced Strong as the author of their publication.  
 From that time until his death his name was identi-  
 fied with various almanacs published in Hartford,  
 New Haven and Litchfield.

For several years he kept a private academy for  
 boys in New Milford, Connecticut.

## 1793

AI3 Strong, Nehemiah. (1729-1807).

An Astronomical / Diary, Kalendar, / or / Almanack, / for the Year of our Lord / 1793. / And from the creation of the world 5742. / And, from the 4th of July, the 17th of / American Independence. / Being the first after Bissextile, or Leap-Year. / Adapted to the Horizon and Meridian of Litchfield, 41 deg. 45 min. North. / But will serve for all the adjacent States. / [rule] / By Nehemiah Strong, Esq. / Late Professor of Mathematics and Na- / tural Philosophy in Yale College. / [double rule] / Litchfield: / Printed by Collier and Buel. /

16½cm., pp. (24).

AAS. CHS. (impf.) YU.

Evans, No. 24826. Trumbull, No. 146. Bates, p. 62. Morrison, p. 22.

The American Antiquarian Society has two editions of this almanac with variations in the last page.

## 1794

AI4 Strong, Nehemiah. (1729-1807).

Strong's / Connecticut and New-York / Almanack, / for the Year of our Lord, / 1794; / And from the Creation of the World 5743.—And / after the 4th of July, the 18th of A. Independence. / Being the second after Leap-Year. / In which is Contained, / All Things proper for such a Composition. / Calculated for the Meridian & Horizon of Lichfield [*sic*], / but will serve for all the adjacent States. / By Nehemiah

Strong, Esq. / Late Professor of Mathematics  
and Natural Philoso- / phy in Yale-College. /  
The world's a book, writ by th'eternal art / Of  
the great Author; printed in man's heart; / 'Tis  
falsely printed, tho' divinely penn'd, / And all  
the errata will appear at the end. / Litchfield:  
Printed by Collier and Buel. /

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## 1795

### A15 Strong, Nehemiah. (1729-1807).

The / Connecticut, Massachusetts, New-York,  
and, / Vermont / Almanack, / for the Year of our  
Lord, / 1795; / And from the Creation of the  
World, 5744; / and the 19th Year of Ame. Inde-  
pendence: / Being the third after Bissextile, or  
Leap-Year. / Wherein is contained, / Besides the  
usual Calculations, a pleasing va- / riety of useful  
and interesting Matter. / Nature! great Parent!  
whose unceasing hand / Rolls round the Seasons  
of the changeful year, / How mighty, how majes-  
tic, are thy works! / With what a pleasing dread  
they swell the soul! / Ye too, ye winds! that now  
begin to blow, / In what far distant region of the  
sky, / Hush'd in deep silence, sleep ye, when 'tis  
calm? / By Nehemiah Strong, Esq. / [rule] /  
Litchfield, (Connecticut) / Printed by Collier  
and Buel. /

17cm., pp. (20).

AAS. CHS. LHS. LOC.

Evans, No. 27757. Trumbull, No. 147. Bates, p. 65. Mor-  
rison, p. 23.

In the *Litchfield Monitor* of December 31, 1794, ap-

peared a letter from Strong vigorously repudiating an almanac "printed at Springfield in Boston State, by a certain Mr. Gray," (probably Edward Gray, publisher of the *Hampshire Chronicle* from 1793 to 1796) "under the title of Strong's Almanack." The writer added "If any person, however, by the name of Strong, shall appear and vouchsafe to recognize the authority of said Almanack, I will very readily retract my present censure as to the *Imposture*."

## 1797

A16 Strong, Nehemiah. (1729-1807).

An / Astronomical Diary, Calendar, / or / Almanack, / for the Year of our Lord, / 1797; / And from the Creation of the World 5746; / And, (till the 4th of July) the 21st of / American Independence. / Being the first after Leap-Year. / Adapted to the Horizon and Meridian of Litchfield. / [rule] / By N. Strong, / Late Professor of Natural Philosophy, etc. in Yale-College. / [rule] / "At thirty, man suspects himself a fool; / "Knows it at forty, and reforms his plan; / "At fifty, chides his infamous delay; / "Pushes his prudent purpose to resolve; / "In all the magnanimity of thought / "Resolves and re-solves,— then dies the same." / [parallel rule] / Printed and Sold at Litchfield: by T. Collier / Wholesale and Retail. /

19cm., pp. (24).

LHS. YU.

## 1799

A17 Stafford, John Nathan, Jun.

An / Almanack, / for the Year / 1799. / Being

the third after Leap-Year. / [rule] / By John Nathan Stafford, Jun. / [rule] / Whate'er, O Time, thy ravage can withstand? / All soon must yield to the destructive hand, / The seas will waste, the Heavens in smoke decay, / Rocks fall to dust, and mountains melt away. / To die is Nature's law to all mankind; / The earth will melt, and 'leave no wreck behind!' / [cut of eagle] / Printed at Litchfield by T. Collier, and sold / by the thousand, gross, dozen or single. /

17½cm., pp. (24).

AAS. LHS. NYPL.

Bates, p. 70. Morrison, p. 24.

## 1802

## A18 Sanford, Joel.

An / Astronomical Diary, / or, / Almanack, / for the Year of our Lord, / 1802; / And from the Creation of the World 5751, and till the / 4th of July the 26th of American Independence; being / the second after the Completion of the Eighteenth / Century, or the Sixth after Bissextile, or / Leap-Year. / Calculated for Lat. 41½ North Long. 73½ West; but will / serve for any Part of Vermont, Massachusetts, / New-York, and Connecticut. / [parallel rule] / The Astronomical Calculations by / Joel Sanford, / Pupil of the celebrated Nehemiah Strong, late Professor / of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in Yale-College / [parallel rule] / Bennington, (Vermont) / Printed by Collier & Stockwell, and Sold by the / Dozen, Thousand, or Single. /

18cm., pp. (20).

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1803

A19 Hutchins, John Nathan, Jun.

Hutchins's / New-York, Vermont, Massachu-  
 setts, and Connecticut / Almanack, / for the  
 year / 1803; / Being the seventh after Bissextile,  
 or Leap-Year; / And, 'till 4th July, / the twenty-  
 seventh year of American Independence. / Con-  
 taining, / The true Places and Aspects of the  
 Planets; the ri- / sing and setting of the Sun; the  
 rising, setting, and / southing of the Moon; Lu-  
 nations, Conjunctions, / Eclipses, rising and  
 setting of the Planets, Variation / of Sun and  
 Clock, Tide-Table, Courts, &c. Toge- / ther with  
 a Census of the United States, taken ac- / cording  
 to act of Congress; Tables of Interest, &c, / valu-  
 able Receipts; grave and humourous Remarks; /  
 Anecdotes, Poetry, &c. &c. / The Astronomical  
 Calculations by Isaac Rice. Adapted to / the lat.  
 of 43 degrees North, and a meridian 74 degrees  
 West / of the Observatory at Greenwich. / "The  
 Glorious orbs which Heaven's bright host com-  
 pose; / The imprison'd sea that, restless, ebbs and  
 flows; / The fluctuating field of liquid air, / With  
 all the curious meteors hovering there; / And the  
 wide regions of the land—proclaim / The Power  
 Divine that rais'd the mighty frame." / Troy,  
 (N.Y.) Printed by T. Collier, at the Gazette  
 Office, corner / of River and State Streets. /

17½cm., pp. (24).

AAS.

Hutchins was a prolific publisher of almanacs in the latter part of the eighteenth, and early years of the nineteenth, century.



1804

A20 Beers, Andrew, Philomath.

Beers's / New-York, Vermont, Massachusetts,  
and / Connecticut / Almanack, / for the Year of  
our Lord / 1804: / Being Bissextile, or Leap-  
Year, and the 28th / of American Independence.  
/ Containing / A great variety of Curious, Use-  
ful, and Entertain- / ing Matter. / [row of loz-  
enges] / By Andrew Beers, Philom. / [row of  
lozenges] / Troy, (N.Y.) Printed and sold by  
Thomas Collier, River-Street / [asterism] / Great  
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