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BOOKS PRESENTED TO LINCOLN

The holiday season extending into the New Year may recall how often presentation copies of books have expressed kindly feelings and enriched our lives. A few of the books and pamphlets presented to Abraham Lincoln seem to be of sufficient importance to enumerate. They are usually referred to by Lincoln students as Association Books.

Bacon, Memorial of William Kirkland Bacon—1863

"To his Excellency President Lincoln. This memorial of a young soldier who gave his life for our dear country in the day of her calamity, is presented by his father. William J. Bacon, Utica, N. Y., June 1863."

Bible, The Holy Bible (Oxford Edition).

To Mrs. Lucy G. Speed: "From whose pious hand I accepted the present of an Oxford Bible twenty years ago. A. Lincoln, October 3, 1861."

Bible, The Holy Bible. (Pulpit-size edition).

"To Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, the friend of Universal Freedom. From the loyal colored people of Baltimore as a token of respect and gratitude, Baltimore, July 4, 1862."

Brownlow, Parson Brownlow's Book—1862.

"Presented to his Excellency Abraham Lincoln with the kind regards of, very truly, W. G. Brownlow."

Gardner, The Dictionary of the Army—1860.

"To President Lincoln: This is the work referred to in the note from Lieut. Gen. (Winfield) Scott which Col. Gardner had the honor to submit to the President this morning, with the compliments of the author, C. K. Gardner, Nov. 6, 1861."

Hackett, Notes and Comments on Certain Plays and Actors of Shakespeare, with Criticisms and Comments—1863.

To James H. Hackett, Esq.: "Months ago I should have acknowledged the receipt of your book and accompanying kind note. . . . A. Lincoln, Aug. 17, 1863."

Halleck, Poetical Works.

To James Grant Wilson: "I am greatly obliged for the volume of your friend Fritz Green Halleck's poems. Many a month has passed since I have met with anything more admirable than his beautiful lines on Burns. . . . A. Lincoln, May 2, 1860."

Harris, A Treatise on Some of the Insects Injurious to Vegetation, Edited by Charles L. Flint—1862.

To Charles L. Flint: "Allow me to thank you very cordially for the copy of your work on 'Insects Injurious to Vegetation,' which you have had the kindness to send me and believe me. . . . A. Lincoln, May 13, 1862."

Haycraft, Speech on the Bill to Erect a Monument to Daniel Boone and wife . . . 1860.

To Samuel Haycraft: "Your recent letter without date is received also the copy of your speech on the contemplated Daniel Boone monument which I have not yet had time to read. . . . A. Lincoln, May 28, 1860."

Hitchcock, Religious Truths Illustrated from Science—1857.

The only inscription in the book is "W.H.E. to A. Lincoln."

Jackson, A Manual of Etherization . . . —1861.

"His Excellency, Abraham Lincoln, Pres. U.S.A., with respects of author, Charles T. Jackson, of Boston, March 5, 1863."

Junkin, Political Fallacies, etc., which have brought on this Civil War. "Pres. Lincoln Comp. Geo. Junkin."

Kirkland, A Letter to the Hon. Benjamin R. Curtis. . . . —1862.

To Charles P. Kirkland, Esq.: "I have just received and hastily read your published letter to the Hon. Benjamin R. Curtis. . . . I thank you for it. A. Lincoln, Dec. 7, 1865."

Lanham, Dictionary of Congress—1859.

To Charles Lanham: "Yours of the 4th is duly received and I shall gratefully accept the book when it arrives. . . . A. Lincoln, June 6, 1860."

Paley, The Works of William Paley—1836.

"A. Lincoln presented by his friend, N. W. Edwards."

Livermore, An Historic Research Respecting the Opinions of the Founders of the Republic on Negroes. . . . —1862.

Copy inscribed by author, George Livermore, to President Lincoln.

Masset, Drifting About—1863.

To Stephen C. Massett: "My dear Sir, Allow me to thank you very cordially for your kindness in sending me a copy of your book, 'Drifting About,' Abraham Lincoln, Dec. 4, 1863."

Mayer, Further Communications from the World of Spirits—1862.

Copy presented to Mr. Lincoln by the author John Mayer.

New Testament, The New Testament of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with explanatory notes and practical observations by Sylvanus Cobb, D. D. Published by the Commentator, Boston—1864.

"Hon. A. Lincoln, Pres. U.S.A. With high regards of the Commentator."

New York, Proceedings of the New York Electoral College—1861.

"Hon. A. Lincoln, Compliments James Parker, Sect., Frewsburg, N. Y."

Peterson, Poems by Henry Peterson—1863.

"To Abraham Lincoln. The President and the man, with the sincere respects of the author, Jan. 13, 1864."

Phillips, Propositions Concerning Protection and Free Trade.

"To Abraham Lincoln, President U.S. with the respects of Willard Phillips."

Reports of Exploration and Surveys to Pacific—1856.

"A. Lincoln from Hon. F. E. Spinner."

Robertson, Scrap book on Law and Politics, Men and Times, Springfield, Ill., Aug. 15, 1855—1855.

To Judge George Robertson: "The volume you left for me has been received. I am really grateful for the honor of your kind remembrance as well as for the book. . . . A. Lincoln, Aug. 15, 1855."

Schiller, Schiller's Complete Works—1861.

"Presented to Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, by Ig. Kohler, Philadelphia, 1861."

Sloan, The Model Architect—1860.

A presentation inscription by Mr. Samuel Sloan to Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, dated Nov. 8, 1861.

Trumbull, Remarks of Lyman Trumbull of Illinois on Seizure of Arsenal at Harper's Ferry, etc.—1859.

To Lyman Trumbull: "I have just received your late speech in pamphlet form, sent me by yourself. I had seen it, and read it, before in a newspaper, and I really think it is a capital one. A. Lincoln, January 29, 1859."

Sumner, The Barbarism of Slavery—1860.

To Hon. C. Sumner: "My dear Sir, Your note of the 8th, and the copy of your recent speech, are received: and for both of which, please accept my thanks. A. Lincoln, June 14, 1860."

Sumner, The Republican Party—1860.

"The Honorable Abraham Lincoln from the Author."

Thayer, The Pioneer Boy and How He Became President.

A copy of the work by William M. Thayer was sent to the President by the publishers.