

BOOKS FAMOUS IN ENGLISH LITERATURE

BRONTE, Charlotte. *Jane Eyre*: An autobiography, by Currer Bell. Third edition. 3 vols. London, 1848. Original cloth binding.

Of the works of the three Brontë sisters, *Jane Eyre*, by Charlotte, enjoys the greatest repute, but it is interesting that of recent years, more recognition has been given to Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights*, and also to her poetry. The first edition of *Jane Eyre* appeared in 1847.

CHAUCEER, Geoffrey. The Workes of Geoffrey Chaucer newly printed, wyth dyvers workes which were never in print before . . . London, 1542. Calf binding.

This is the second collected edition of Chaucer's works; the first appeared in 1532, and the earliest edition of *The Canterbury Tales* in 1478. Printed in black letter with a number of woodcuts, this copy came from the famous collection of Henry Huth.

DRYDEN, John. Absalom and Achitophel. A poem . . . London, 1681-2. (In two parts.) Mottled calf bound by Riviere.

Esteemed as one of the greatest satires in English, it was the first of several. Dryden's fame rests equally upon his many successful dramatic works.

FITZGERALD, Edward. Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, reprinted privately from the London edition; with an extract from the *Calcutta Review* . . . a note by M. Garcin de Tassy and a few additional quatrains. Madras, 1862. Blue Morocco bound by Riviere.

This is the second edition, for the London one was published with poor attention in 1859. The *Calcutta Review* article was by Professor E. B. Cowell. In this copy are five extra stanzas in MS., and a number of corrections, presumably in the hand of Dr. Whitley Stokes, the translator of the "additional quatrains."

HOLINSHEAD, Raphaele. The first (second) volume of the Chronicles of England, Scotlande and Irelande. 2 vols. London, 1577. Original calf binding with brass bosses.

One of the first great histories, and famous not only for the great number of authorities cited, but also since it was used extensively for plots by Shakespeare and other Elizabethan dramatists.

JOHNSON, Samuel. A Dictionary of the English Language: in which the words are deduced from their originals. 2 vols., London, 1755. Calf binding.