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The materials selected all shed light on the conduct and curriculum of John Jennings's dissenting academy in Hinckley and Kibworth. They are published here either for the first time or for the first time in a complete form. See the introductions to individual documents for full details of the publication history of each.

With the exception of Senate House Library MS 609, which is here given the short title 'An Account of Mr Jennings's Method', none of the manuscripts published here have titles. For ease of reference, I have given each document a title.

TRANSCRIPTION

The transcriptions are semi-diplomatic. The lineation of the original documents has not been retained, but foliation has been noted. Capitalisations are retained, English contractions remain unexpanded, and tildes above letters are marked with an underline. Interlineations and inserted characters are marked by carats in the form \wedge . Readings of obscured words are placed within angle brackets, as are expanded forms of contracted Latin words. In Doddridge's 'Account of Mr Jennings's Method', obvious errors which interfere with the sense have been corrected and the original reading given in a footnote. Footnotes also provide biographical, bibliographical and contextual information. The other transcriptions reproduce the spelling and wording of the original documents, without footnotes. There are no silent alterations in any of the transcriptions.

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