

5) INTRODUCTION TO JOHN JENNINGS'S ACADEMY TIMETABLE AND READING LISTS

A notebook owned by John Jennings contains information relating to the organisation of his academy. Reproduced here are the timetables written by Jennings for each of the eight classes in the academy, and the lists of books recommended for students to purchase, read and transcribe. These sources will enable readers to compare Doddridge's account of the timetable and reading at the academy with information from Jennings himself. Doddridge owned this notebook, and several items in it are in his hand including a list of 162 books donated to Northampton academy library and the names of their donors. The notebook is bound in suede with a tooled cover, with the dimensions 100 mm x 160 mm (covers); 92 mm x 153 mm (pages). The pages are numbered 1-150, but have only been used up to p. 82. From the flyleaf, it appears that the book was owned by John Jennings, Philip Doddridge, Thomas Belsham (1750-1829; a tutor at Daventry academy and New College Hackney) and Joshua Wilson (1795-1874; a barrister and historian of dissent), whose widow presented it to New College. The notebook is described in McLachlan (p. 140). The timetable and book list are written in Latin, and the English version of the timetable provided in 5.2 is based on David Powell's translation.