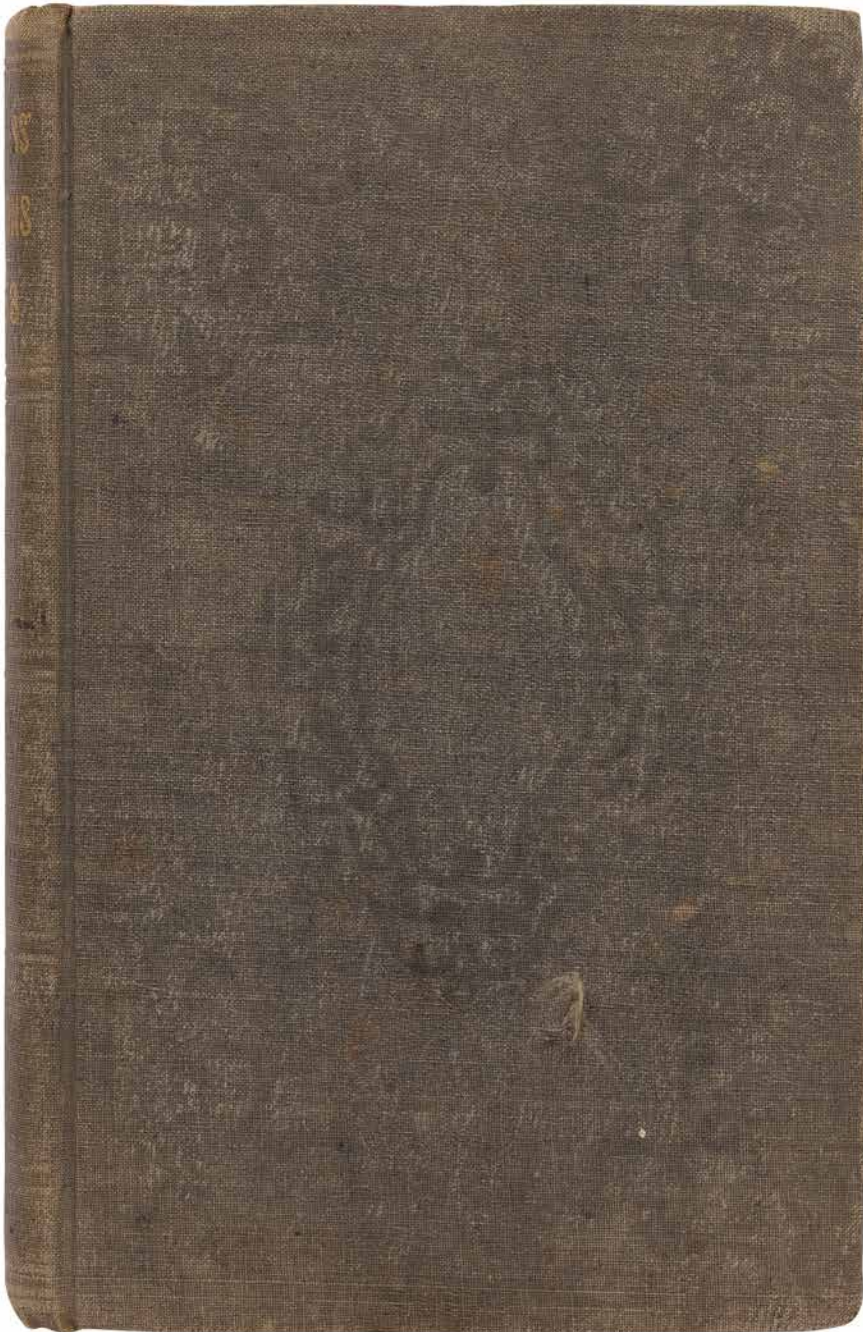


## Wm. Douglass Rector

### *Sermons Preached in the African Protestant Episcopal Church, of St. Thomas, Philadelphia*

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First edition. Small octavo. 251pp. Brown cloth decorated in blind and titled in gilt. A little very light spotting on the boards, a small patch of erosion on rear board, and a very faint dampstain on the bottom margin of a few pages, very good or better. A collection of sermons by the black preacher dedicated to his congregation "...as a small token of gratitude for the many tokens of esteem and love bestowed upon the author during his parochial labors among them for the period of nineteen years."

Douglass was born free in Baltimore, the son of a blacksmith and Elizabeth Grice, the daughter of black abolitionist Hezekiah Grice. He was an itinerant minister to Methodists, but found his way into the Protestant Episcopal Church, and was the first black man ordained to the ministry of the Episcopal Church in the South. He had visited Philadelphia for an abolitionist convention the year before his ordination, and soon thereafter accepted the pastorship at St. Thomas African Church. St. Thomas Church was founded by Richard Allen and

Absalom Jones, the founders of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and Jones served as the first Rector until his death in 1818. The church had a succession of white preachers until Douglass took over as Rector in 1831. (The preceding summarized from *Gazetteer of Maryland* by Henry Gannett, Washington: Government Printing Office, 1904.) A very uncommon title. [\[BTC#429723\]](#)

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