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This book provides a detailed record of the early history of the library at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, from the foundation of the College in 1584 to the completion of the seventh major inventory of the library's contents in 1637. This half-century formed a dynamic period in the religious and political as well as the educational life of the nation. The influence of Emmanuel, a notoriously Puritan college from its founding, was felt especially in the striking prominence of its alumni among New World settlers (among them John Harvard) and, during the English Civil War, in the placement of Emmanuel men in many key positions, including the Masterships of numerous Cambridge colleges. While these men were being educated Emmanuel's library expanded dramatically, and the seven increasingly large inventories of library books recorded there during the period give an indication of their concerns and their scholarship. Now, for the first time, the intellectual resources – by no means narrowly 'Puritan' – of this major institutional library are available for the study of all who are interested in the history of the period.

Professor Bush and Dr Rasmussen here present the largest inventory, that of 1637, using the earlier inventories and other documentary evidence to supply full bibliographical information as well as the acquisition history of each item in the library during these years. The catalogue also provides full information on donations, arrangement of the collection, and present class marks of the many surviving volumes from the early library. By supplementing these details with tables, illustrations, and an historical introduction, the editors give a full picture of the growth and contents of what was in its time a large and modern library at a college of unique historical importance.

This will be a valuable reference work not only for historical bibliographers but for anyone engaged in study of the intellectual, religious, and educational history of the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries.

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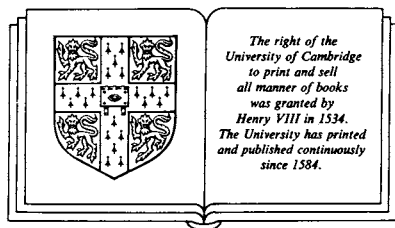
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