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## PREFACE

THIS list, for the most part, relates to books which were printed before 1521, but includes *three* of later date from the presses of Pynson and Wynkyn de Worde. In respect to the grouping and order of the presses, Proctor's lists have, generally, been followed, presses not in his lists being entered under their respective localities after the others; but, on the other hand, no distinction has been made between London and Westminster, Nos. 46, 47, 48 have been entered under Kerver and not under Georg Wolf, and No. 63 should perhaps have been entered later, as this book appears to have been printed by Nic. de Benedictis alone. (*See* Proctor: Lyon—press XXIX.)

Descriptions of some of the older bindings have been given, together with plates representing the binding of No. 4—Koberger's Bible—and also some of the stamps on Nos. 3, 14, 16, 63.

An attempt has been made to throw light on the history of individual books, and at the end of the Catalogue is an *Index* of inscribed names and donors, followed by short notes on some of the persons named. As bearing on this matter, it may be well to state that among the College records are several old catalogues of different dates relating to the books in the Library. The earliest of these, a list of the MSS. presented to the College by its founder, formed the subject of the first paper ever published by the Cambridge Antiquarian Society (1840). There are catalogues of 1633 and 1698 and, subsequent to these, a much more extensive catalogue which was written out probably about 1715 during the Mastership of Thos. Sherlock. In the book containing the latter have also been entered (i) a list of the books given to the Library in 1718 by John Addenbrooke, Fellow of the College and Founder of the Hospital in Cambridge, and (ii) a list of the books presented in 1728 by Thos. Crosse, who

was Master from 1719 to 1736. The 1715 catalogue apparently continued in use till superseded by the printed catalogue of 1771—which, perhaps, may claim the distinction of being the earliest printed *general* catalogue of a library in the University of Cambridge. This printed catalogue includes the books that had come to the College in 1761 by the bequest of Thos. Sherlock, Bishop of London, a separate list of which is also among the records.

I acknowledge with gratitude my obligations to many for the assistance they have rendered me. In particular am I much indebted to Mr F. J. H. Jenkinson for his friendly guidance and readiness to help, to Mr C. E. Sayle for valuable advice and many acts of courtesy, and to Mr Alfred Rogers for his kindly assistance in the decipherment of some of the inscriptions. Mr A. W. Spratt and Mr W. H. S. Jones of S. Catharine's College have helped me in connexion with some of the Greek books, and I tender my thanks to them and also to the Provost of King's College, Dr W. W. Greg of Trinity College, Rev. G. A. S. Schneider of Gonville and Caius College and Mr S. Gaselee of Magdalene College for their courtesy in providing me with facilities for the examination of books in the libraries of their several colleges. In the biographical notes at the end of the *Indexes* I have embodied information courteously supplied, the source of which has in every case been indicated, but I must express my gratitude more particularly to Dr J. Venn, F.R.S., for his readiness to help and the opportunities he gave me of consulting him, to his son Mr J. A. Venn for kindly permitting me to make use of information contained in the University Matriculation lists for 1544–1658 which he has now in preparation, and to Rev. W. Greenwood for allowing me on different occasions to examine the early Registers of S. Benet's, Cambridge.

J. B. BILDERBECK.

March, 1911.

## ABBREVIATIONS

## (A) BOOKS REFERRED TO: (B) WORDS AND PHRASES

## (A)

<i>Alum. Oxon.</i>	Joseph Foster: Alumni Oxonienses 1500-1714.
<i>Blades.</i>	W. Blades: The biography and typography of Wm Caxton. 2nd edn. 8°. Lond. 1882.
<i>Brunet.</i>	J. C. Brunet: Manuel du libraire et de l'amateur de livres. 6 tom. Paris, 1860-65. With Supplément (P. Deschamps). 2 tom. Paris, 1878-80.
<i>Campbell.</i>	M. F. A. G. Campbell: Annales de la typographie néerlandaise au xv <sup>e</sup> siècle. 1874.
<i>Coll. rec.</i>	S. Catharine's College records.
<i>Coop.</i>	C. H. and Thompson Cooper: Athenæ Cantabrigienses. 2 vols. Camb. 1856, 1861.
<i>C. or Cop.</i>	W. A. Copinger: Supplement to Hain's Repertorium bibliographicum. 2 pts in 3 vols. Lond. 1895-
<i>D.N.B.</i>	Dictionary of National Biography.
<i>Duff.</i>	E. Gordon Duff: Printers, stationers and bookbinders of Westminster and London 1476-1535.
<i>Grad. Cant.</i>	Graduati Cantabrigienses sive catalogus 1659-1823.
<i>Gray.</i>	G. J. Gray: The earlier Cambridge stationers and bookbinders and the first Cambridge printer. Oxford, 1904.
<i>H.</i>	L. Hain: Repertorium bibliographicum. 4 vols. 1826-1838.
<i>Heitz.</i>	Heitz and Bernoulli: Basler Büchermarken bis zum Anfang des 17. Jahrhunderts. Strassburg, 1895.
<i>Holtrop.</i>	J. W. Holtrop: Monuments typographiques des Pays Bas au quinzième siècle. 1868.
<i>King's.</i>	List of the incunabula in the library of King's College, Cambridge. 1908.
<i>Krist.</i>	Paul Kristeller: Die italienischen Buchdrucker- und Verlegerzeichen bis 1525. Strassburg, 1893.
<i>Le Neve.</i>	John Le Neve: Fasti Ecclesiae Anglicanae...corrected by T. Duffus Hardy. 3 vols. Oxford, 1854.
<i>Monast. Anglic.</i>	W. Dugdale: Monasticon Anglicanum. 8 vols. (vol. VI. in 3 parts). Lond. 1846.
<i>Morg.</i>	Catalogue of manuscripts and early printed books...in the library of Pierpont Morgan. 3 vols. Lond. 1907.

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<i>Neale.</i>	C. M. Neale: The early Honors Lists of the University of Cambridge. 1909.
<i>Panz.</i>	G. W. Panzer: <i>Annales typographici</i> . 11 tom. 1793–1803.
<i>Pell.</i>	Marie Pellechet: <i>Catalogue général des incunables des bibliothèques publiques de France</i> . 2 tom. A–Commandements. 1897–
<i>Proct.</i>	(i) R. Proctor: Index to the early printed books in the British Museum from the invention of printing to the year M.D. 2 vols. 1898. (ii) ...Part II. M.DI–M.DXXX, Sect. i. 1903.
<i>Ren. or Renouard.</i>	Philippe Renouard: <i>Bibliographie des impressions et des œuvres de Josse Badius Ascensius</i> . 3 vols. 1908.
<i>Sayle.</i>	C. E. Sayle: Early English printed books in the University Library, Cambridge. 4 vols. 1900–
<i>Silv.</i>	L. C. Silvestre: <i>Marques typographiques</i> . 1853–67.
<i>Sinker.</i>	R. Sinker: A catalogue of the fifteenth-century printed books in the library of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1876.
<i>Venn.</i>	J. A. Venn: Cambridge University Matriculation lists 1544–1658 ( <i>in preparation</i> ).
<i>Weale.</i>	W. H. J. Weale: Bookbindings and rubbings of bindings in the National Art Library, South Kensington Museum. 1898.

## (B)

Goth.	Gothic letter.	ref.	reference.
Rom.	Roman letter.	sur.	surrounding.
col.	columns.	c. sig.	with signatures.
f., ff.	leaf, leaves.	s. sig.	without signatures.
li.	lines.	c. ff. n.	leaves numbered.
comment.	commentary.	s. ff. n.	leaves not numbered.
marg.	marginal matter.	n. d.	without date.

Plates I. A, I. B.....Binding of No. 4.

Plate II. ....Stamps on bindings of Nos. 3, 14, 16, 63.