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P R E F A C E.

NEARLY seventy years have elapsed since a Catalogue of the Books contained in the Library of Ely Cathedral left the printer's hands. During this interval many additions have been registered, necessitating a thorough revision of the work. It has been thought advisable to deviate from the line laid down in the Catalogue of 1815, and aiming at brevity, to pursue the Alphabetical method instead of classifying the works under the various subjects which they represent. It remains to be proved which of the two may appear the more satisfactory. Such a revision is now the object of this preface.

Of the contents of the Library little need be said, except as supplementary to Mr. Botfield's remarks contained in his "Notes on the Cathedral Libraries of England" (1849.)

The "Liber Eliensis" or Manuscript containing accounts of the Translation of the Saints Etheldreda and her sisters, the Miracles and Charters, seems to have escaped his notice. This book appears to have been penned by Thomas, a monk of Ely, circa 1153, who also borrowed from the writings of Richard, a former monk. A printed copy of this MS. was issued in 1848, edited by the Rev. D. J. Stewart, a Minor Canon of this Cathedral, but the first volume only appeared.

A missal, thus described, stands at the head of the Liturgical works. "Ad usum insignis Ecclesie Saru' missale—Anno d'nioc gr'e. mcccc. ii kl' Octobris," &c., folio, printed in Paris by Jehan Duprè. This volume is supposed to be unique.

A scarce little edition of the *Breviarum Romanum* of Cardinal Quignon, (12mo, Lugd. 1554) follows at a distance.

The bequest of the late Rev. H. H. Baber, formerly one of the Librarians of the British Museum, and afterwards Rector of Stret- ham in the Isle of Ely, has greatly enriched the Theological portion of the Library. Special notice must be taken of a splendid copy of the *Codex Alexandrinus*, on vellum, in 6 vols., eminently worthy of the carved oak case which contains it. Theological works of varied views and opinions, and treatises of every description of the later German Commentators are now to be found on the shelves. Large additions, too, from the same source, have been made to the *History of Dæmonology*, and the *Practice of Magic and Witchcraft*. The following books in this collection may be accounted as uncommon :

History of the Acts of the Apostles (Boyle Lectures) by R. Biscoe, 2 vols. 8vo., London, 1742.

Commentary on S. Paul's 1st Epistle to the Thessalonians, by J. Phillips, 4to., London, 1751.

Life of Erasmus, by S. Knight, 8vo., Cambridge, 1726.

Mention must be made of the sad treatment which has overtaken a valuable copy of Caxton's "*Fructus Temporum*" with the "*Chronicles of Englonde*," (imprynted at London by Wynkyn de Worde 1520,) as well as the above mentioned Sarum Missal, at the hands of a modern binder. Closely cropped leaves and coloured edges can expect but scant sympathy from any bibliophile.

Since the days of Bishop Patrick (1691—1707), a former beneficent donor to the Cathedral Library, there has been a volume of the works of Dion Chrysostom (folio, Lutetiae, 1604) containing, unnoticed until the beginning of last year, the rare and valuable Autograph of the Author of "*Paradise Lost*." The writing has

stood the test of the experts of the British Museum, and is pronounced genuine. The name "J. Milton" is accompanied by the date 1636 below, and the price "Pre 18s." above, in accordance with the Post's usual custom.

Later liberality has added the quaint Book of Syr Tristram, or "The booke of hauking / huntynge, and fysshynge, wyth all the / properties and medecynes that / are necessary to be / kepte." This little rarity is from the library of the well known Joseph Hazlewood, and bears his "ex libris."

The following have also been presented to the Library within the last few years :

Edmundi de Pontigniac "Speculum Ecclesiæ," 12mo. Paris, 1519. Very scarce.

Ludolfi de Saxonia, Vita Christi (summary), folio, a fine specimen of early printing.

S. Thomas Aquinas, Tractatus Predicandi, sm. 4to. 1483.

S. Thomas Aquinas, { Catena Aurea in Evangelium Lucæ.
 ————— in Evangelium Johannis.
 sm. 4to, Lugduni, 1520.

Lascaris Greek Grammar, sm. 4to., Vincentiæ, 1491.

Whilst regretting the absence of any "editiones principes" or other glories of the book-lover, the Dean and Chapter have, at least, cause to be thankful that, after many additions from various sources, a show of books (numbering nearly ten thousand) of considerable utility and value is presented by shelves which are rapidly becoming over crowded.

At the end of the Catalogue is appended a resumé of a larger work published in 1861, containing a list of the "Ancient Choral Services and Anthems preserved among the MS. scores and part-books in the Cathedral."

The task of editing this portion of the work has fallen upon the Rev. W. E. Dickson, M.A., the Precentor and Sacrist, to whom sincere thanks are due for readily offering his services and advice in so interesting a subject.

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*College,
Ely, 1884.*

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- P. 1. 1. Abbreviationes Inquisitionum Specialium, 4 v. fol.^o—
D. 1. 7. Abdiæ (Episcopi Babylonæ) De Historia Certaminis
Apostolici Lib. X. 8vo. *Paris.* 1566
F. 1. 7. Abrabanielis (Is.) Comment. in Essaiam Prophetam,
Heb. et Lat. a Const. L'Empereur, 12mo. *Lug. Bat.* 1631
R. 2. 3. Abul Pharajii (Greg.) Specimen Historiæ Arabum sive
de Origine et Moribus Arabum, Arab. et Lat. cum
notis Ed. Pocockii, 4to. *Oxon.* 1650
D. 2. 5. ————— Historia Compendiosa Dynastia-
rum (Orientalium) Arab. et Lat. ab Ed. Pocockio,
4to. *Oxon.* 1663
R. 2. 2. Acosta (Jos.) Commentarius de Rebus Indiciis et Japo-
niciis, 12mo. *Colon.* 1574 ✓
A. 2. 6. Acta Apostolorum, Gr. et Lat. litteris majusculis e Co-
dice Laudiano, ed. T. Hearne, 8vo. *Oxon.* 1715
U. 2. 1. Actiones et Monumenta Martyrum, &c., 4to. *Gen.* 1560
A. 1. 7. Adami (Melo.) Vitæ Germanorum Theologorum, 8vo.
Heidelb. 1620
F. 1. 8. Adams (J.) Essay concerning Self-murder, 8vo.
Lond. 1700
G. 1. 10. Addison (Jos.) Evidences of the Christian Religion,
12mo. *Lond.* 1730
U. 3. 3. ————— Miscellaneus Works, 6 v. 8vo.
Lond. 1811
K. 1. 7. Adventurer, 4 v. 12mo. *Lond.* 1756