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PREFATORY NOTE



A SMALL CABOT BIBLIOGRAPHY prepared at the suggestion of Mr. W. E. Foster, of the Providence Public Library, for use during the celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of John Cabot's visit to North America, was the origin of the present volume. In the hope of making that bibliography more widely and more permanently useful, the scope of the work has been greatly extended, and an effort has been made to include in it a description of every publication which has influenced noticeably the popular or the scholarly conceptions of John and Sebastian Cabot, or which is likely to prove useful to those who wish to study the careers of the Cabots and their contemporaries.

A list of those to whom the compiler is indebted for suggestions and for assistance, would include the names of nearly every writer who took a part in the anniversary discussions of the Cabots' achievements. With every other student of the period of discovery, his greatest obligations are to Henry Harrisse, whose researches have made it possible to arrive at approximately definitive opinions in regard to the men who revealed to England and to Europe the westward way to America. The Introductory Essay tries to set forth fully, fairly and without prejudice, the facts upon which some of these opinions are established.

The printer and the compiler of these pages have been separated by the Atlantic Ocean during the composition of the volume. The care and attention of the proof-room at

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the Chiswick Press, and the diligent oversight with which Mr. Henry N. Stevens has watched every detail throughout the preparation of the volume, have saved those who will use this work from many annoying errors. Nevertheless, in a work of this description, containing numerous references to specific passages in a large number of widely different books, it is reasonable to suppose that many mistakes may not have been detected. The compiler, and the publishers, ask for the indulgence of the reader, in respect to these Errata, in the words of two ancient authors quoted below.

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TO THE READER

"Who faulteth not, liueth not; who mendeth faults is commended: The Printer hath faulted a little: it may be the author oversighted more. Thy paine (Reader) is the least; then erre not thou most by misconstruing or sharpe censuring; least thou be more vncharitable, then either of them hath been heedlesse: God amend and guide vs all."—FOULKE ROBARTES, *The Reuennue of the Gospel is tythes*.—Cambridge, 1613. 4to.

"Reader, *Carthagera* was of the mind, that unto those *Three Things* which the Ancients held Impossible, there should be added this *Fourth*, to find a Book Printed without *Errata's*. It seems, the Hands of *Briareus*, and the Eyes of *Argus*, will not prevent them."—DR. COTTON MATHER, *Magnalia Christi Americana*. London, 1702. Fol.





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