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PREFACE.

The title of this volume is perhaps sufficiently descriptive of its contents. An effort has been made to give in these pages a complete list of all books and articles on the history of the United States, which appeared during 1003, and to list fully but not exhaustively the materials on British-American history; no attempt has been made to prepare a full and exhaustive list for Latin America. In this respect, as in many others, the example is followed that was set by Richardson and Morse in their Writings on American History, 1902. All the periodicals mentioned on pages x-xiv have been carefully examined, but it has not seemed wise to give here the titles of articles that have only the slightest historical importance or to list articles which, in connection with a full treatment of subjects of present economical or social interest, contain a little historical information. Still, it has been impossible to draw a rigid line, and if error has been made it is probably on the side of inclusion rather than exclusion. No endeavor has been made to state the value of books or articles. A note has been inserted when the title seemed to need explanation or when some fact regarding the scope of the work or its authorship deserved special attention. References are, however, freely given to appraisals in critical journals. A classified system has been adopted because the purpose is to gather a permanent list of titles for the use of workers in American history, to do for them what many without adequate opportunities are trying to do for themselves; and it is hoped that any worker in a particular field will readily find the materials in the field that appeared during the year 1903. In adopting the classified system the example of the Richardson and Morse volume has not been followed, but rather that of the Répertoire méthodique de l'histoire moderne et contemporaine de la France.

Plainly, however, the plan has its difficulties and its dangers, because it is impossible to make a classification perfectly simple or to avoid the possibility of misleading the user of the book by the dispositions determined on. Some of this trouble will, I hope, be obviated by the index. As a rule the books and articles in any division are arranged alphabetically by the authors' names. In a few cases another arrangement appeared to be more helpful; in the case of biography and genealogy the subject of the book or article determines the alphabetical arrangement. The great majority of the books were personally examined, but much assistance was gained from the Library of Congress cards, the use of which was freely and courteously granted by the librarian. The descriptive portions of most of the book entries were taken from these cards, as were also some helpful notes. Where the descriptive part of an entry is defective or the size of the book is not noted, as usual, in centimeters, the entry is, as a rule, based on some notice of the volume and not on the library cards or on personal inspec-

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tion. Of course throughout, when not otherwise stated, the date of publication is 1903.

Doubtless, as in all undertakings involving so much detailed work, error has crept in. But a great deal of patient toil has been given to the task and, I hope, not without satisfactory results. The writings on American history are now so numerous, so many valuable articles appear in unexpected places, so many papers are published in the proceedings of historical societies under such circumstances that they may not normally attract the attention of even the watchful specialist, so many in fact are the difficulties in the way of keeping abreast of American historical bibliography, that a list of this kind would seem to have its evident usefulness. Only by some such means as this can we avoid, as the years go by, the most baffling confusion or prevent the practical disappearance of even some important contributions.

Thanks are due to several persons on the staff of the Library of Congress, who with unfailing courtesy gave occasional assistance to those actively engaged in collecting material for this volume. Dr. E. C. Richardson gave encouragement, advice and assistance at the beginning. A portion of the work of making the list was done by Miss Laura E. Thompson, but most of it, under my general direction, by Mr. William Adams Slade of the Library of Congress and Mr. Ernest D. Lewis of this Bureau.

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