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PREFACE.

FOR the centenary year of the British and Foreign Bible Society, 1904, the Committee of the Cardiff Public Libraries decided to bring It the Committee of the Cardiff Public Libraries decided to bring together for exhibition in the Reference Library as many editions as could be procured of the Scriptures in Welsh, or in other languages if printed in Wales. The proposal was enthusiastically approved, and loans from public and private collections were liberally offered, with the result that almost every edition of the Scriptures coming within the scope of the exhibition was obtained. The exhibition was open from March 1st to September 30th, 1904, and was visited by a large number of records. number of people.

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A desire to permanently record the knowledge thus acquired led to the preparation of this volume. It was found that while the editions up to 1800 had been frequently described (not always accurately), yet no account had been given of the issues of the nine-teenth century. The work of collecting and verifying the information proved a lengthier task than was anticipated, and delayed the completion of the work.

It should be noted that the Bibliography was printed first, although it appears last in the volume. In a few cases fuller information has led to the modification or the discarding of some of the notes in the Bibliography. When, therefore, there is a divergence between the facts as stated in the historical essay and in the Bibliography, the former representation that we like the register of the second of represents the revised position.

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So many willing helpers have contributed to the production of this work that it is impossible to enumerate all. I am grateful, and assure them that I am fully sensible of the fact that without their help this book could not have existed. To Sir John Williams, Bart; Mr. J. H. Davies, M.A., of Cwrtmawr; Mr. Henry Blackwell, of New York; Mr. H. F. Moule, M.A., Librarian of the British and Foreign Bible Society's Library; and the Rev. Thomas Shankland, Welsh Librarian of Bangor University College, my thanks are especially due for valuable help continuously given, and to the Cardiff Libraries Committee for the generous way in which they have encouraged every step. The materials for the Bibliography were collated and arranged by Mr. James Ifano Jones, Chief Assistant in the Reference Library. I am responsible for the historical survey.

I am fully aware that in this attempt to bring into order the Bibliography of the Welsh Bible there are omissions and possibly errors. A note of any additions or corrections will at all times be welcome.

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With the exception of the respective versions of William Myddelton, Edward Kyfin and Edmund Prys, metrical versions of the Psalms have not been recorded as editions of the Scripture. But the following pages show how often Prys's version occurs bound up with copies of the Bible or New Testament.

The number that closes an entry is that assigned to the edition in the Bibliography for purposes of reference.