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PREFACE

A Bibliography of South Australia! A colony which, fifty years ago, was a *lerra incognita*—a land previously trodden only by the uncivilised and wandering savage, and consequently without a vestige of a prior history, save what may be found in geological researches, the impressions of nature on its rocks and stones—a land not obtained by exciting wars or conquests by battles, but a history of conquests of wild and uncultivated regions by indomitable British pluck—a simple, peaceful history of the steady progress of British settlement.

Notwithstanding what has been published, the history of South Australia, as well as each of the sister colonies, has yet to be written, and, keeping this object in view, I have catalogued the various works and publications under the several headings which would probably be specially enlarged upon in an extended history of the colony. Two divisions of scientific interest, viz., "Aboriginal Inhabitants" and "Natural History," are included herein. The necessity for a detailed reference to printed matter on Ethnology and the sub-divisions of Natural History was forcibly suggested to me when perusing the learned and able address of Professor Tate, President of the Philosophical Society of Adelaide * for the year 1877-8. The difficulties to be met with in compiling such classified catalogues can be understood only by those whose pursuits have necessitated their performing a similar task. Our Public Library, although rapidly extending, is still very deficient in works of natural history relating to the colony, and the Adelaide University library is also greatly in need of natural history publications.

To Professor Tate I am specially indebted for his valuable assistance and advice in the compilation of the divisions of Natural History; and I have availed myself of the exhaustive catalogue of Messrs. Etheridge & Jack, published in Sydney, when compiling the sub-division Geology—Natural History.

When I accepted the task of compiling, from my own collection of Australian literature, a catalogue of all works relating to this colony, I had no idea of the dimensions the work would assume, or of the labor involved in its compilation. The demand for works confined exclusively to South Australia would have been so limited, that travellers and others have generally embraced the whole or several of the

^{*} Since named the Royal Society of South Australia.

colonies under the heading "Australia," and all those works having reference to the early history and settlement of this colony which have

come within the compiler's notice are referred to herein.

Many omissions will no doubt be found in this work, but, bearing in mind the fact that no compilation of a similar kind has before been attempted, and that this has been prepared during leisure hours only, I venture to hope that my efforts will not be too severely criticised. I am satisfied if I have succeeded in establishing a basis upon which some future bibliographer may build a more complete and improved

Excepting under the division "Natural History," the works have been arranged in chronological order, and, to facilitate reference, an

alphabetical index of authors is also included herein-

In the Appendix an attempt has been made to furnish a list of all colonial newspapers which have appeared at various times, but it is found impossible to complete the list in detail. As will be observed by a perusal of that division, many newspapers had but an ephemeral existence, and consequently no files of some are known to exist. To Messrs. G. Gerrard Shaw, H. Hampson, and S. E. Roberts I am indebted for much information on this subject.

It is to be regretted that some legislation was not passed in the early days of the colony, enforcing the lodgment in the South Australian Institute of a copy of every colonial publication-work, pamphlet, or newspaper. Owing to the absence of a compulsory law on this subject, we have now to deplore the loss of most valuable information concerning the early detailed history of the colony, and no effort appears to have been made until recent years, by the governing powers of the South Australian Institute to collect or preserve colonial publications. But much omitted herein may still exist in private bookshelves, hoarded up, either through curiosity or on account of old associations. Colonists and others possessing such documents will confer a favor upon the compiler by acquainting him of such fact. The Public Library and the Library of the South Australian Geographical Society would be greatly benefited by donations of any documents antecedent to 1870.

To Sir Henry Ayers, K.C.M.G., Messrs. R. S. Benham (Librarian, Public Library), T. Worsnop, J.P. (Town Clerk), and the proprietors of the South Australian Register and South Australian Advertiser I have

to express my thanks for assistance rendered.

I have also to acknowledge the courtesy of the Government Printer and his staff. The tax upon their patience has been considerable, owing to the many months that have elapsed since the first portion of the work was put into type.

THOMAS GILL,

Glen Osmond, April 21st, 1886,

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PART I.—DISCOVERY: EARLY VOYAGES.

(CHRONOLOGICALLY ARRANGED.)

- Harris—Navigantium atque Itinerantium Bibliotheca: or, a compleat collection of Voyages and Travels: consisting of above 400 of the most authentick writers, beginning with Hackluit, Purchass, &c., &c. By John Harris, A.M. Illustrated by engravings, charts, and curious cuts. London, 1705. 2 vols., crown. (Contains a chart of the south coast of New Holland, terminating with the Isles of St. Francis and St. Peter.)
- DeBrosses—Histoire des Navigations aux Terres Australes (Par le President, Charles De Brosses). With maps Paris: 1756. 2 vols., 4to.
- Callander—Terra Australis Cognita: or Voyages to the Terra Australis, or Southern Hemisphere, during the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries. Containing an account of the manners of the people, and the productions of the countries hitherto found in the southern latitudes; the advantages that may result from further discoveries on this great continent, and the method of establishing colonies there to the advantage of Great Britain, &c. With charts. (Contains a chart of south coast of New Holland.) Rdinburgh: A. Donald son, 1766 and 1763. 3 vols., demy 8vo.
- Labillardiere Relation du Voyage a la Recherche, De la Pérouse, fait par ordre dell'Assemblée Constituante, pendant les années 1791-1792, et pendant la 1^{em} et la 2^{em} année de la Republique Françoise. Par le C^{em} Labillardière. A Paris: Chex H. J. Jansen, an VIII. de la Republique François. 2 vols., 4to.
 - An account of a voyage in search of La Pérouse, undertaken by order of the Constituent Assembly of France, and performed in the years 1791, 1792, and 1793, in the Recherche and Espérance, ships of war, under the command of Rear-Admiral B. D'Entrecasteaux. Translated from the French of M. Labillardière. Illustrated by engravings, and a chart, exhibiting the track of the ships. London: J. Debrett, 1800. 2 vols., demy 8vo., and 1 atlas, royal 4to.
- Grant—The Narrativo of a Voyage of Discovery performed in His Majesty's vessel The Lady Nolson, of sixty tons burthen, with sliding keels, in the years 1800, 1801, and 1802, to New South Wales, by James Grant, Lieutenant in the Royal Navy, including remarks on the Cape de Verd Islands, Cape of Good Hope,

the hitherto unknown parts of New Holland discovered by him in his passage (the first ever attempted from Europe) through the streight separating that island from the land discovered by Van Dieman; together with various details of his interviews with the natives of New South Wales; observations on the soil, natural productions, &c., not known, or very slightly treated of, by former navigators, &c., &c., to which is prefixed an account of the origin of sliding keels, &c. The whole illustrated with elegant engravings and charts. London: C. Roworth, 1803. 1 vol., demy 4to.

Flinders-A Voyage to Terra Australia, undertaken for the purpose of completing the discovery of that vast country, and prosecuted in the years 1801, 1802, and 1803, in H.M. ship The Investigator, and subsequently in the armed vessel Porpoise and Cumberland schooner, with an account of the shipwreck of the Porpoise, arrival of the Cumberland at Mauritius, and imprisonment of the commander during six years and a half in that island. By Matthew Flinders, commander of The Investigator.

London: G. & W. Nicol, 1814. 2 vols., royal 4to., and 1 atlas.

Peron-Voyage de Découvertes aux Terres Australes exécuté par ordre De La Majesté L'Empereur et Roi, sur les corvettes Le Geographe, Le Naturaliste, et la goêlette Le Casuarina. Pendant les années 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, et 1804; public par Décret Imperial Sous le Ministere De M. de Champagny. Et redigé par M. F. Péron, naturalist de l'expedition. Paris:

1807 to 1816. 3 vols. letter press, and 3 vols. charts, &c. Voyage de Découvertes aux Terres Australes par ordre du Gouvernaux, rédigé par Péron et Freyeinet. Paris: 1824.

4 vols., 8vo. Barker - Examination of the South Australian Coast, from Cape Jervis

to near the Scmaphore, in April, 1831. By Captain Collet Barker. (See Sturt's Expeditions, vol. 11., pp. 231-48.)

Major-Early Voyages to Terra Australis, now called Australia. A collection of documents and extracts from early manuscript maps, illustrative of the history of discovery on the coasts of that vast island, from the beginning of the sixteenth century to the time of Captain Cook. Edited, with an introduction, by R. H. Major, Esq., F.S.A., with charts. London: printed for the Hakluyt Society, 1859. Vol. xxv., demy 8vo.

Woods-A History of the Discovery, &c., of Australia, &c. London: 1865. See PART II., p. 11.

Howitt-The History of Discovery in Australia, &c. London: 1865.

See Part II., p. 11.

Bennett—The History of Australian Discovery, &c. Sydney: 1867. See PART V., p. 66.