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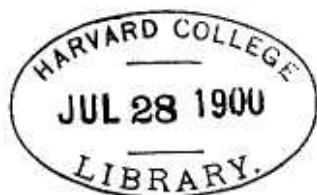
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THE hall marks and makers' marks impressed on gold and silver ware have recently received a large amount of attention from antiquaries, and many books have been published on the subject in this country during the last few years. These books, however, deal almost exclusively with English or French marks, leaving out of consideration the many interesting marks used abroad. It has therefore been thought that a hand book dealing with Continental marks would be both interesting and useful to those who possess old foreign silver, or who take pleasure in comparing the English with the foreign methods of controlling the working of the precious metals.

The materials for such a hand book are not abundant, scarcely anything having been written in English on the subject. I have therefore personally, as far as possible, investigated the foreign plate available. To those whose names appear in this work, and who have most kindly exhibited their plate, and especially to Messrs. Lambert of London, and to the Master and Fellows of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, for permission to reproduce their Athletic Cup as the frontispiece to this book, I desire to give my sincere thanks. The valuable work on goldsmiths' marks by Dr. Rosenberg has also been most helpful.

This little book has been written as a companion to Chaffers' "Hand Book to Hall Marks on Gold and Silver Plate," which embraces only those of the United Kingdom and Ireland. It is proposed to issue shortly a third hand book descriptive of the French hall marks.

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STANDING CUP (Circa 1605).

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