

P R E F A T O R Y N O T E.

THIS section of C contains 2738 Main words, 578 Subordinate words, 450 Special combinations explained under the Main words: total 3766. Of the 2738 Main words, 562 ($20\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.) are marked obsolete, and 210 ($7\frac{2}{3}$ per cent.) as alien or imperfectly naturalized.

The section contains the important articles CALL, CAN, CANON, CAP, CARD, CARRIAGE, CARRY, CART, CARVE, CASE, CASH; and among others, the interesting words *cabal*, *cabinet*, *calibre*, *calm*, *caltrop*, *campaign*, *canal*, *candle*, *cane*, *cannel*, *cannibal*, *cannon*, *canoe*, *cant*, *canvass*, *carfax*, *carnival*, *carol*, *carpet*, *cassock*. CA- strikingly illustrates the composite character of the English vocabulary. Unlike B, it claims a small proportion of Old English or Teutonic words: it contains many from Latin (directly and through French) and from Greek. The words of Celtic origin are proportionably numerous, e. g. *caber*, *cain*, *cairn*, (?) *cambrel*, (?) *cammock*, *cantref*, *capercailye*, *caple*, *car*, *carrageen*, *carrow*, (?) *caschielawis*, *caschrom*; and those directly or ultimately from Oriental and non-European languages are very numerous, including *cabal*, *cacao*, *caïque*, (?) *calibre*, *calico*, *caliph*, *camel*, *camlet*, *camphor*, *candy*, *cane*, *cannibal*, *canoe*, *caoutchouc*, *capybara*, *carafe*, *carat*, *caravan*, *carboy*, *carmine*, *carob*, *carthamus*, *cash*², *cassava*, *cassia*, *cassimere*, *cassowary*.

With other parts of C, this was sub-edited by Mr. Henry Hucks Gibbs several years ago, in accordance with the original scheme of the Philological Society. Much additional material has been since collected: this has been incorporated with the previously sub-edited work, in the section from *Ca* to *Can*, by Miss J. E. A. Brown, Further Barton, near Cirencester. Mr. W. Noel Woods, B.A., Westcombe Park, S.E., has sub-edited anew the sections from *Canaan* to *Canni-*, and *Carc-* to *Carex*; Mr. T. Henderson, M.A., Bedford County School, the word *Cannon* and derivatives; and the Rev. C. B. Mount, M.A., the section from *Carf-* to *Carty*. The important help afforded by these voluntary workers, in facilitating the labours of the Editor and his assistants in the Scriptorium, is gratefully acknowledged.

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