

## PREFACE TO VOLUME VI.

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THIS volume, of which a large part of the cost of production has been defrayed by the munificence of the Goldsmiths' Company, contains L and M, edited by Henry Bradley, and N, edited by W. A. Craigie. It may be remarked that in several recent Dictionaries the space occupied by the part of the English vocabulary here treated amounts almost exactly to one-tenth of the whole.

For observations on the etymological and other characteristics of the words included in the three divisions of this volume, and for detailed statistics relating to the number of words of various classes, and the number of quotations, the reader is referred to the separate prefaces to L, M, and N. The following recapitulation of some of the figures there given may be found convenient:—

	Main words.	Subordinate words.	Special combinations.	Obvious combinations.	Total of words.	No. of quotations.
L (528 pages)	7,049	2,669	2,342	2,929	14,989	65,440
M (820 " )	12,988	6,422	2,986	3,636	26,032	99,255
N (277 " )	3,484	2,298	440	1,570	7,792	36,859
	23,521	11,389	5,768	8,135	48,813	201,554

The aggregate numbers for the first six volumes of the Dictionary are as follows:—

Main words.	Subordinate words.	Special combinations.	Obvious combinations.	Total number of words.
130,219	34,047	25,165	21,349	210,780