

PREFACE TO VOLUME X.

THIS volume, which, on account of its great size, is issued in two parts, contains, in Part I, the words beginning with T₁-T_z, edited by the late Sir James Murray, and U by Professor W. A. Craigie; in Part II, V by Professor Craigie, W-WEZZON by the late Dr. Henry Bradley and Professor Craigie, WH-WORLING by Mr. C. T. Onions, WORM-WYZEN by Professor Craigie, and X-ZYXT by Mr. Onions.

The statistics for the whole volume are :—

	Main words.	Sabordinate words.	Special Combinations.	Obvious Combinations.	Total No. of Words.	No. of Quotations.
T ₁ -T _z (565 pages)	8,407	2,062	2,851	3,330	16,650	63,026
U (493 „)	13,165	1,126	309	766	15,366	69,712
V (332 „)	4,219	1,671	393	1,492	7,775	40,346
W (734 „)	6,087	3,820	2,845	3,766	16,518	94,097
X-Z (105 „)	1,722	2,312	216	496	4,746	12,580
T ₁ -Z (2,229 „)	33,600	10,991	6,614	9,850	61,055	279,761

The 33,600 Main words are distributed approximately as follows :—

	Current.	Obsolete.	Alien.	Total.
T ₁ -T _z	6,483	1,504	420	8,407
U	11,029	2,063	73	13,165
V	2,888	1,074	257	4,219
W	4,265	1,780	42	6,087
X-Z	1,311	270	141	1,722
	25,976	6,691	933	33,600

The comparative scale of this work and of certain other Dictionaries is shown as follows :—

	Johnson.	Cassell's 'Encyclopædic'.	'Century' Dict.	Here.
Words recorded, T ₁ -Z	4,888	21,661	28,457	61,055
Words illustrated by quotations	4,548	10,209	10,739	50,463
Number of illustrative quotations	13,367	15,050	24,249	279,761

In the corresponding portion of Richardson's Dictionary the number of quotations is 15,773.

The aggregate numbers for the whole ten volumes of the Dictionary are :—

Main words.	Subordinate words.	Special Combinations.	Obvious Combinations.	Total No. of Words.	Illustrative quotations.
240,165	67,105	47,800	59,755	414,825	1,827,306

Of the 240,165 Main words 177,970 are current, 52,464 are obsolete, 9,731 alien.

For observations on the etymological and other characteristics of the words included in these volumes, and for detailed statistics of the numbers of words of various classes, and of the numbers of quotations, the reader is referred to the separate prefaces to the various sections, parts, letters, or volumes.