

infinitely more beneficial to mankind than the former." P. iii.

Our (Roman Catholic) authority proceeds:

"The importance of the discovery of John Cabot, and its continuation by his son, Sebastian, can hardly be overestimated. It is nothing derogatory to the glory of Christopher Columbus, who must ever be honored as the greatest of discoverers, to say that John Cabot preceded him in the attempt at trans-Atlantic discovery, and although San Salvador was discovered nearly two years before the English possessions were, Cabot would have succeeded had Columbus never lived."

"Nor does it amount to anything to say that the discovery to the north would have been the inevitable result of European acquaintance with the West Indies; for it is equally true that the discovery of these and all south would have followed the discovery of 'Newfoundland.' Cabot had been for years looking for land to the West, led by a course of reasoning similar to that which influenced Columbus, and had Columbus never lived would have been Columbus."

This, it will be remembered, is the language of a Roman Catholic authority.

"Columbus and Cabot looked for a land of gold and spices. Columbus found the lands rich in precious metals, and the result there has been four centuries of cruelty, slavery, and oppression, of despotism and anarchy. Cabot found a land whose only wealth was in the codfish that swarmed on its coasts; but that land became the cradle of liberty and justice, of resistance to tyranny and oppression, the refuge of the enslaved and down-trodden of every clime. The world, humanity, is better, nobler, happier, for the discovery made by Cabot; but has any benefit to mankind resulted from the lands south of us?" P. iv.

"It is further claimed for Sebastian Cabot that to him is due the commercial greatness of England, and if so, of course, also that of the United States." Pp. v, vi.

"It was under the impulse of these examples† and appeals that in 1480 the citizens of Bristol [England]

† The Norsemen.