

P R E F A C E .

This work forms the third of a series of bibliographies which the Bureau of Ethnology is publishing, each relating to one of the more prominent groups of native North American languages. Its predecessors relate to the Eskimo and Siouan stocks, its successor, now nearly ready for the printer, to the Muskogean; and next in order is to be the Athabaskan or the Algonquian, as circumstances may dictate.

When first prepared for the printer this bibliography did not include the material pertaining to the Cherokee language, it being considered an open question whether that language belonged to the Iroquoian stock. At the request of the Director special attention was given to the subject by a number of the members of the Bureau, and a comparative vocabulary was prepared. The examination of this led the Director to adopt the conclusion that the language does belong to the Iroquoian stock, and its literature has accordingly been incorporated herein.

The aim has been to include in this catalogue everything, printed or in manuscript, relating to the subject—books, pamphlets, articles in magazines, tracts, serials, etc., and such reviews and announcements of publications as seemed worthy of notice.

The dictionary plan has been followed to its extreme limit, the subject and tribal indexes, references to libraries, etc., being included in one alphabetic series. The primary arrangement is alphabetic by authors, translators of works into the native languages being treated as authors. Under each author the arrangement is, first, by printed works, and second, by manuscripts, each group being given chronologically, and in the case of printed books each work is followed through its various editions before the next in chronologic order is taken up.

Anonymous printed works are entered under the name of the author when known and under the first word of the title, not an article or preposition, when not known. Anonymous works printed in Cherokee characters, on the title-pages of which no English appears, are entered under the word Cherokee. A cross-reference is given from the first words of anonymous titles when entered under an author, and from the first words of all titles in the Indian languages whether anonymous or not. Manu-