

REPLY TO QUERY.

Col. D. Mills, of the Royal Engineers, Jamaica, W. I., sends the following note in reply to the Query of Hon. A. W. Savary which appeared in our last issue:

I presume you know about Waldseemuller and his cosmography, written in Latin, beginning of sixteenth century? The large map of the world made by him in 1507 has the word "America" on it, and Waldseemuller explains that he has so called it after Americus Vesputius, who discovered it. Waldseemuller at that time did not know of Columbus. In a later world map (the Carta Marina), published 1516, the word "America" has disappeared and "Cuba, part of Asia," has been inserted, after the idea of Columbus.

Waldseemuller's maps were lost and were not re-discovered until 1701, when facsimilies were struck off and published 1704. The above is from memory, but it will be found in the Geographical Journal, February, 1902, also in American Historical, etc."

QUERIES.

It is proposed to make more of a feature of this portion of the work hereafter, owing to the increasing number of inquiries received, many of which the editor is unable to answer. The assistance of subscribers in answering these queries is earnestly requested. By mutual aid along these lines much valuable work may be accomplished.

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