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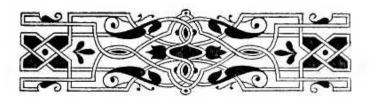
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## PREFACE.

OT often has a little book with a great reputation been so neglected by publishers as has the Philobiblon of Richard de Bury. Though generally cited as the first book

written in praise of books, as it is admitted to be the most earnest plea in defense of book-collecting, it is singularly unknown even to book-lovers and has at times been out of print and even scarce.

First printed in Latin at Cologne in 1473 and reprinted from time to time during three hundred and fifty years, it was not translated into English until 1832. At that time John Bellingham Inglis