

P R E F A C E T O V O L U M E V I I I .

THIS volume contains the words beginning with Q R edited by W. A. Craigie, and S down to the end of SH edited by Henry Bradley. For observations on the etymological and other characteristics of the words included, 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 Q R and S-SH. The following summary of the figures there given may be found convenient :

	Main words.	Subordinate words.	Special Combinations.	Obvious Combinations.	Total No. of Words.	No. of Quotations.
Q (80 pages)	1633	423	265	408	2729	9480
R (936 ")	10,434	3579	1273	2546	17,832	110,269
S-Sh (800 ")	9431	4192	3470	3551	20,644	94,497
Total	21,498	8194	5008	6505	41,205	214,246

The 21,498 Main words are distinguished approximately as follows :

	Current.	Obsolete.	Alien.	Total.
Q	1188	389	56	1633
R	7701	2475	258	10,434
S-Sh	7283	1671	477	9431
	16,172	4535	791	21,498

For the letters Q-SH the comparative scale of this work and of certain other Dictionaries is shown as follows :

	Johnson.	Cassell's 'Encyclopædic'.	'Century' Dict.	Funk's 'Standard'.	Here.
Words recorded	3715	18,308	21,044	19,880	41,205
Words illustrated by quotations	2959	6427	7476	1899	35,726
Number of illustrative quotations	10,523	10,123	21,921	2646	214,246

The quotations in Richardson's Dictionary in Q-SH are 10,228.

The aggregate numbers for the first eight volumes of the Dictionary (A-SH) are :

Main words.	Subordinate words.	Special Combinations.	Obvious Combinations.	Total words.	Illustrative quotations.
182,017	48,634	35,147	40,324	306,122	1,298,136

Of the 182,017 Main words 162,306 are current, 15,732 obsolete, 3,979 alien.