

## BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

One hitherto unidentified product of Franklin's pen is printed at the end of the catalogue, the brief account of the Library Company on the last page. According to the Minute Book, on July 13, 1741 "B. Franklin read a Paper containing a Brief Account of the Library, which he said he wrote to fill up a Blank that happens to be at the End of the Catalogue he is printing; of which he desired the Opinion of the other Directors present, & they approved of his Design." This certainly will in the future be included in the canon of Franklin's writings.

It has seemed worth while to include descriptions and a census of the extant, pre-Revolutionary catalogues of the Library Company, since this information is not easily available.

1. A / CATALOGUE / OF / BOOKS / BELONGING TO THE / LIBRARY COMPANY / OF / PHILADELPHIA. / [line] / *Com-muniter bona profunderere Deum est.* / [double-line] / PHILADELPHIA: Printed by B. Franklin, 1741.

*Collation:* A-G<sup>4</sup>; title-page, verso blank; Catalogue, pp. [3]-55; Account of the Library, p. [56].

*Copies:* MWA, PHI, PPL.

2. THE / CHARTER / OF THE / LIBRARY COMPANY / OF / PHILADELPHIA. / [double-line—two ornaments—double line] / PHILADELPHIA: / Printed by B. FRANKLIN, M,DCC, XLVI.

