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INTRODUCTION

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his rounding out by the addition of new information what has long been known of those striking individuals, William and Mary Katherine Goddard.

In my *History of Printing in Colonial Maryland*, I tried to make plain my belief that a compilation of the books which issued from the press of any community was one of its most valuable cultural records. Since I wrote to that effect in 1922 I have seen and used a great many bibliographies of local imprints and I have become more convinced than ever of their importance to the historian of colonial society.

One hopes that one day Mr. Wheeler will carry on the record of the Maryland press to a later period, displaying the same comprehension of men and events, the same power to recognize the relationship between the life of a community and its printed remains that he has shown here in his annotations to the titles of the years 1777-1790.

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