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The *Bibliographer's Manual of Gloucestershire Literature*, which was compiled by Mr. (now *Sir*) F. A. Hyett and Canon Bazeley and published in 1895-97 has proved invaluable to everyone interested in the printed matter relating to the County, and to collectors is indispensable. Its thoroughness and accuracy have been, and are, widely recognized, and with the biographical supplement issued in 1915-16 the five volumes present a bibliography which is not equalled by any other county. Thirty years will soon have passed since the first volume was published and it has been felt for some time that a supplement recording the topographical books, pamphlets, &c., printed during this period would be of service. It is true that the literature of these recent years cannot vie in interest with the early books and historical works described in the *Manual*, but none the less it deserves attention. There is also a not inconsiderable amount of material collected relating to works which were not seen by the compilers of the *Manual*. Some years ago Sir Francis Hyett had in mind the issue of a supplementary volume and (with the co-operation of Mr. Roland Austin) collated and described a large number of publications, but eventually this was abandoned and the biographical portion alone proceeded with. At a recent meeting of the Council of the Society the suggestion was made that the preparation of the supplement should be seriously considered and a report will be presented in due course.

Though Sir Francis Hyett does not feel able to give much (if any) active assistance in the preparation of the supplement he has very readily assented to the use of the

material which he prepared some years since. Mr. Roland Austin has more or less continued noting all new publications and also any works which are not in the *Manual*, and so far as he is able to devote the time, he will begin a systematic preparation of the supplement. The Council are favourable to the suggestion that the Society might assume responsibility for the publication, which, as in the case of the *Manual*, would be issued by private subscription. Members of the Society can render assistance by drawing attention to new publications relating to their district which may come under their notice.

Since the issue of the *Manual* the Gloucester Public Library has been established and the very complete collection of Gloucestershire literature there will be of great use. None the less it is quite impossible in a county the size of Gloucestershire to hear of everything printed, more especially publications such as reports of societies and institutions, periodicals, pamphlets, &c., and it is in this direction that Members of the Society, who collectively represent the whole of Gloucestershire, can help. The Bristol Reference Library has also kept up its collection of literature relating to the City and the printed catalogue issued a few years ago will be helpful in noting publications since 1897. So far very little has been done as regards this portion of the work and if any Bristol member can give assistance it will be welcomed.

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