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[Verzeichnis evtl. Handbuch der bisher in deutscher Sprache erschienenen Philatelistischen Literatur (Handbücher, Monographien, Brochuren, usw. ausschliesslich Zeitschriften)]
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AN APPEAL

The "Gesellschaft der philatelistischen Literaturfreunde" [Society for the Friends of Philatelic Literature] intends in the course of time to compile and publish a series of philatelic - bibliographic works. One of the works envisaged is an index to the German language philatelic literature. If we look at the bibliographic literature of philately, we find there are a number of bibliographic works which deal in more or less detail with the German-language philatelic literature. However, we never get complete data, either because the work is cut off some years ago, or the later ones do not cover the whole of the literature. In recent years no detailed survey has been published at all. However, quite apart from this anyone who looks at a philatelic library, either private or belonging to a society, will not find all the bibliographic works published hitherto all collected together. One or other of them will be missing, and the lack of completeness often makes itself felt. It also happens, and is very unpleasant, that a dozen books have to be consulted, to find what is wanted, even if the facts are there and not in the missing books. The work described above is intended to correct this deficiency and take a further step in the encouragement of philatelic literature, work has now begun on the handbook described above. It is not however designed solely for lovers of philatelic literature, but every philatelist, especially specialists, will need it. A specialist who turns to the literature for aid in building up and completing his collection will often have felt the need for a comprehensive bibliographical record. The present appeal thus calls on everyone for their friendly co-operation. The plan of the work has not been finally settled, so that suitable suggestions may be put forward and may be taken into account in our planning. As the basis for the work we still need any writings not included in the following list, and those in it marked with a star.

It is requested that anyone possessing this bibliographic literature - especially library catalogues - get in contact with us. This request is addressed in the first place to all lovers of philatelic literature and to librarians.

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