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Publishing Section.

The first annual subscription of $ 10 to the Publishing Section falls due on Jan. 1. 1887, and should be forwarded by all intending members, with the enclosed blank properly filled, to the Treasurer, Mr. W. C. Lane, at Harvard College Library.

The publications of the Section will be sold at fixed prices, the advantage of membership being that for each membership fee of $ 10, publications will be furnished to the amount of $ 12.50 at the list prices, which will not otherwise be deviated from.

The first publication contemplated is a manual for library users, somewhat on the plan of the "Readers' Handbook" of the Boston Public Library, called perhaps "How to use the library," and intended as a guide in the use of the more common reference and bibliographical works, and also in the selection of books for reading. It is intended to furnish this when desired in editions with local matter added, enabling libraries to supply it to their readers, and by charging a small price for it, if they see fit, to receive back a part or all of their subscription to the Publishing Section.

At the desire of many librarians, an attempt is to be made in the direction of furnishing printed catalog cards of the standard size. The purpose has been to begin with a limited number of the new publications, the cards being furnished as soon as possible after the books are issued. Preferences having been expressed for other plans, subscribers are requested to state their own choice between these three:

1. The one outlined above.
2. Making a beginning with the cards for some of the leading standard books found in all libraries.
3. Furnishing cards of bibliographical reference under leading topics. (See under "A. L. A. Catalog," Milwaukee Proceedings, 1886, p. 147, or Lib. J. 11: 345.)

One of these three plans will be tried when it is found which meets with most favor. It is thought that the cards can be furnished at about two cents each, including mailing expenses, but the cost will depend very much on the number of subscribers obtained.

Mr. W. C. Lane, our Treasurer, has prepared, and Harvard College Library printed, in its "Bibliographical Contributions, No. 20," an "Index to Recent Reference Lists." Mr. Lane has material for considerable additions to this Index, and will welcome assistance from others in preparing a new edition or a supplementary index, for issue by the Publishing Section.

(Fortsetzung auf der 3. Seite des Umschlags.)