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This Devon Bibliography 1980, which replaces the normal issue of the *Devon Historian*, has inevitably delayed the publication of articles, reports and reviews. The Editor wishes to thank all those who have sent in contributions and hopes to include as many as possible in the next issue which will appear in October 1981.

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DEVON HISTORY SOCIETY: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next AGM will be held on 9 May 1981 in the University of Exeter in Streatham Court Lecture Room A beginning at 11 am (coffee from 10.30 am). The address at the morning session will be given by Dr Roger Sellman on 'The splendours and miseries of Devon schooling'.

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PREFACE

Soon after I came to Exeter in 1964 it occurred to me that a published bibliography of writings relating to Devon would be of considerable use. My idea led first to the inclusion of a list of books on Devon subjects published between 1969 and 1971 in the *Devon Historian* 4 (April 1972) and then to the compilation by Allan Brockett of the University of Exeter Library and a team of helpers of the *Devon Union List: a collection of written material relating to the county of Devon* (Exeter: University Library, 1977) which listed the holdings of local books and pamphlets in six Devon libraries. It was hoped that *DUL*, as the *Devon Union List* came to be known, would be kept up-to-date by the publication of an annual bibliography to be compiled by Devon Library Services, as a supplement to the *Devon Historian*. Unhappily problems in the Devon Library Services prevented this taking place immediately. But I did not let the hope die and last autumn events took a more favourable turn. A small committee was set up, consisting of John Stirling and Wyn Evans of the University Library, Alison Shute and Ian Maxted of Devon Library Services, Sheila Stirling and Geoffrey Paley of the Devon and Exeter Institution, with myself as chairman. It seemed to us that the problem needed to be tackled in two stages: we should start at once with the preparation of a bibliography of Devon material for 1980 and we should also seek means to fill the gap between *DUL* and the 1980 Bibliography. With an initial grant from the University of Exeter Research fund, the compilation of the successor to *DUL* (which will also include omissions from, and corrections to *DUL*) has already started. And work was begun immediately on the compilation of this 1980 bibliography by Geoffrey Paley, with the help of Sheila Stirling, Sigrid Drodge and particularly of Ian Maxted (Devon Local History and Special Collections Librarian).

This Bibliography differs from *DUL* in several respects. First, because of its relative brevity, there are no reference numbers and no index but publications should be easily found as they are listed alphabetically by author or issuing authority. Then, no locations are given, though the majority of items are available for consultation in the Westcountry Studies Library in Exeter and place of publication is only given when it is not London. Further, this bibliography differs from *DUL* in that the number of pages in a book or pamphlet is given.

The appearance of this 1980 Bibliography which contains about 250 items is a local recognition of the importance of making information available about books and pamphlets produced both locally and nationally. But, if the experience of the British Library investigation of local publications applies to Devon, it may well be that a considerable number of small and ephemeral publications have been missed. We would therefore urge authors, printers, publishers, booksellers and readers to draw any omissions to our attention. Please let Geoffrey Paley know at the Devon & Exeter Institution, 7, The Close, Exeter and, if possible, not only for 1980 but for the years to come please deposit copies in the Westcountry Studies Library, Exeter City Library. That publications can remain unknown or even vanish without trace is a sad waste of effort and resources. Then let us all urge Devon County

Council, through Devon Library Services, to devote sufficient money and manpower to the maintenance of a comprehensive and properly-organised collection of local material since this has importance for commerce and industry, for local and central government, for lawyers and solicitors as well as for planners and social workers. Such a library can provide the basis not only for historical research but more immediately for economic, social and environmental studies and so enable a worthwhile allocation of resources to be achieved.

This special number of the *Devon Historian* has required special resources. The Devon History Society is greatly indebted to Geoffrey Paley, Ian Maxted and their co-workers for the swift compilation of this bibliography, to James Gould of the Teaching Services Centre, University of Exeter for help with the design: and to the Bristol & West Building Society and the Iwerdean Trust for timely grants which has made its appearance possible.

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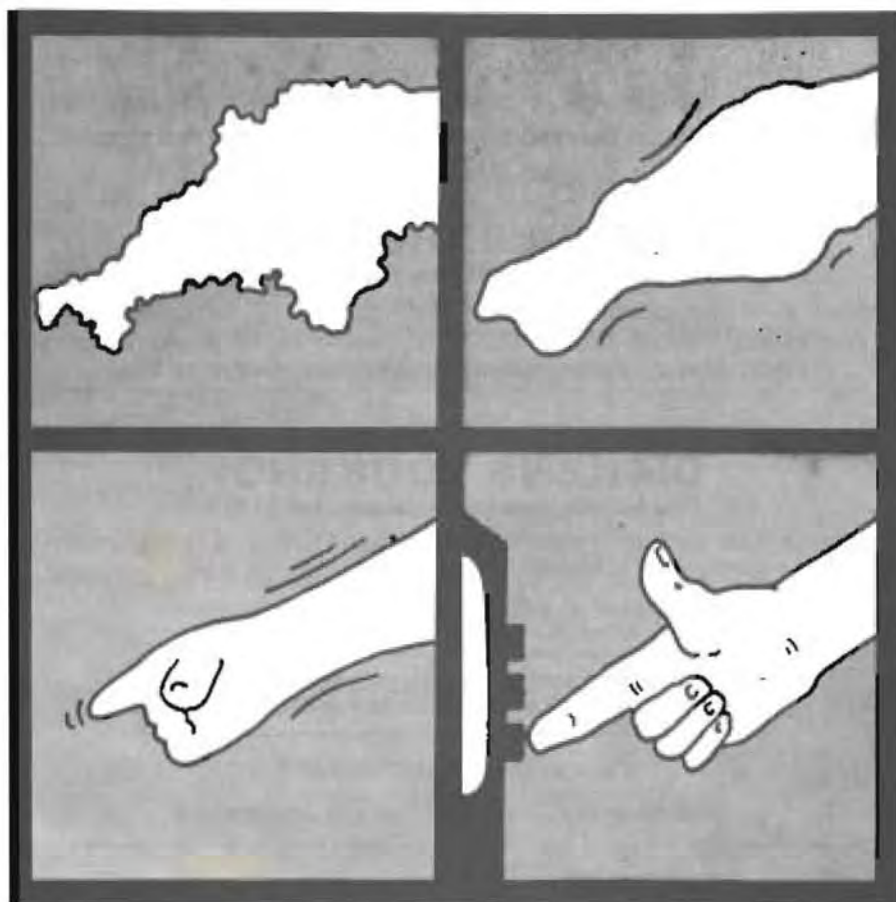
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