

have been impracticable, however, not only because there had to be a limit to the size of Section C and of the book as a whole, but also because addresses may change. It is to be hoped that the reference works in Section D will provide readers with all the information they need.

The arrangement of the book in three sections, followed by the new Section D, has been retained. Sections A and B have been greatly expanded. In the main, *Section A* lists, as in previous editions, books of general bibliographical interest and important works on palaeography and codicology, but not works describing one or more manuscripts. *Section B* contains literature, especially catalogues, covering more than one country or place, or more than one library. Full cross-references to these works will be found in the appropriate places in Section C. Sections A, B and D are arranged alphabetically by the names of authors or editors, or — in the case of anonymous works — by titles; where there are several works by the same author these have been arranged chronologically.

*Section C* is the one which has been most radically reworked and expanded. Apart from numerous books and articles mainly published in the last few decades and now included in this section, a number of new place-names and libraries will be found; my knowledge of these often derives from Professor Kristeller's *Iter Italicum*. I have sought as far as possible to identify and list separately the different libraries in a place. Thus it will be seen that in the entry for AACHEN, still undivided in the third edition, four individual libraries have now been recorded. The place-names have been given as far as possible in the language of the country concerned, with alternative forms in some other languages, especially English, following in brackets. As a consequence of the end of the old order in Eastern Europe from 1989 onwards, it has not always been possible to take account of the developments there, especially for the former states of Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, or the former USSR; this must be reserved for a later edition.

The entries in Section C are now arranged as follows:

The name of the place (in bold capitals), where appropriate, is followed by a general section beginning with 'See', which introduces cross-references to Section B, and occasionally to Sections A and D, in alphabetical order. As in the former editions, all cross-references refer to Section B unless specifically stated otherwise.

Again where appropriate, these cross-references in the general section are followed by the titles of publications and guides dealing with more than one library in the place concerned.

The subsections for the individual libraries follow. Their names (always distinguished by bold type and a preceding dash) have been given as far as possible in the native language. Where there is more than one library in