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I have the honor to submit this bibliography for publication by the State Mining Bureau, with the following brief remarks:

The literature relating to the natural resources of California is widely scattered, and, to a great extent, inaccessible to any one but the specialist.

The few descriptions of fossils printed in the State Geological Reports were issued nearly thirty years ago. Since that date a large number of papers on geology, palæontology, and descriptions of local mining regions have appeared, either in the transactions of learned societies or in special publications with but a limited distribution. In many cases these descriptions have been brief, and those of fossils without illustrations.

Besides these, there are many articles incorporated in the official publications of the United States, and in volumes whose very existence is almost unknown to the general reader.

I have labored to bring this mass of literature together and make it accessible to the student and general reader. Some may ask, What is the advantage of such a catalogue? But let them take up any special line of investigation, and the first thing wanted will be a list of books of reference to know what has been published on the subject.

To the compiler such compilations are dry and laborious, and many think afterward I could do better; but let all those who think so, labor to improve this catalogue.

The palæontologist has to deal with the different species under each genus. I have, therefore, included a full list of fossils under each reference, which will save the student many a weary