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THE second edition of Hooker and Baker's *Synopsis Filicum* (now out of print) brings the enumeration of genera and species up to the year 1874. Since that date a large number of novelties have been discovered and described and so much fresh light has been thrown by morphological investigation on the taxonomic relations of the different groups of plants included under FILICES that it is time for a new handbook. As there is not any chance of this being produced at present, I propose in this paper to attempt a general summary of what has been added to our knowledge in respect to species during the last sixteen years. I do not intend to describe again the plants that have been described already; but merely to indicate their position in the sequence followed in the *Synopsis*, in the same way as in the supplement published in the second edition. Most of the larger collections that have been received at Kew have been already published in Britten's *Journal of Botany* and in the *Transactions and Journal of the Linnean Society*, but a considerable number of new species which have been received from time to time are still unnoticed. Of many of the plants which have been described by other authors we possess authentic specimens. Some of these I can only place as synonyms, and others, measured by the standard