

Literature on Personal Names in English, 1955

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IT WILL BE APPRECIATED if members will call my attention to items I have missed, and also to items in 1956 for the next annual installment of this bibliography.

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ANS Notes

The December 1956 Meeting. The next annual meeting of the *ANS* will be held between December 27th and 29th in Washington D. C. The chairman of the local committee is Dr. Meredith F. Burrill, Board on Geographic Names, U. S. Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C. The chairman of the program committee is Professor Margaret M. Bryant, 1 Montague Terrace, Brooklyn 2, N. Y. Since it is desirable that the entire program be published in the next issue the chairman of the program committee would appreciate receiving the titles of papers to be read, together with a short synopsis, by August 15, 1956.

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- Missouri State Library, State Office Bldg., Jefferson City, Mo.
- Peabody Museum, Salem, Mass.
- Rev. Benedict Pfaller, OSB, Sacred Heart Convent, 225-14th Ave., S. E., Minot, North Dakota.
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