

Preface to Index to *Names*

This is an index of the first fifteen volumes of NAMES. The entries include names of authors of all signed articles, reviews, reports, and notes, titles of articles and other contributions, the subjects, the authors and titles of works reviewed, and the names cited to the extent that seems practicable.

The hardest problem of making the index is the selection of names that occur in the text. Our principles are simple: we enter a name if it is discussed; we omit lists of names that are simply examples of matters indexed as subject entries. Such considerations leave much to the indexer's judgment but we have tried to offset such subjective unevenness by comparing and combining the work of different members of the staff.

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