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The following bibliography is a revision and amplification of the one which appeared in Appalachia, Vol. XV, No. 3, December, 1922. A number of unavoidable errors in the original have been corrected and much additional historical matter placed therein. We wish to express our thanks to the many Ktaadn enthusiasts who have contributed valuable material, and especially should we mention the assistance of Miss Evelyn Gilmore and Miss Hall of the Maine Historical Society; Rev. Henry E. Dunnack, Librarian of the Maine State Library; George M. Houghton of the Bangor & Aroostook R. R.; M. R. Harrigan of "The Bangor Daily Commercial"; Arthur L. Norton, Portland Society of Natural History, and Mrs. Fannie H. Eckstorm.

Prof. Lucius H. Merrill, of the University of Maine, gathered together a few items about Mt. Ktaadn in 1906 and the list was published in the "Daily Commercial" at Bangor. To this list we are indebted for several references which are marked with his initials. Likewise certain references kindly furnished by Mrs. Eckstorm bear her initials.

It is hoped that this bibliography will meet the same cordial reception as did the earlier one.


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