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Perhaps every literary society sooner or later arrives at a place where it pauses, and then either goes on with renewed commitment or fades quietly away. 1988 may be the critical year for the Powys Society. The recent deaths of Kenneth Hopkins and Rosemary Manning, two founding members, started me thinking of two other dead friends, Gilbert Turner and Wilson Knight, who were equally important in the establishment of the Society. These four, and many others, worked hard for a Society whose avowed aim in the founding year of 1967 was "to establish the true literary status of the Powys family." It may be necessary to pause in 1988 and ask ourselves if this is still the purpose of the Society and if so, how effectively we are fulfilling its aim.

Re-assessments are often painful but, as often, life-enhancing. With sadness let us go forward into joy.

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