

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

The Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, Wilmington, Delaware, announces an expansion of its previous policy for Grants-in-Aid to scholars. For the last six years the program has provided funds to cover the expenses of post-graduate scholars who plan a minimum of a month's research in the Library collections. The new Grant-in-Aid policy permits a limited number of graduate students to receive financial support while doing research at the Library.

The bulk of the Library holdings relate to American economic history with special reference to the middle Atlantic states region. The collections contain records of business firms and related institutions from the greater Philadelphia-Wilmington area and also include papers of businessmen, inventors, and lawyers. The staff is compiling a list of business and industrial manuscript collections that are held in institutions within an eighty-mile radius of the Library. Thus far, 1,700 collections in forty-five institutions have been analyzed and listed.

In French history, most of the holdings focus on the Revolution and the activities of Pierre Samuel du Pont de Nemours and family. About 12,000 manuscripts concern, in general, French political and economic affairs and Franco-American commercial relations, 1763-1820. The Library has most major French bibliographical works, several eighteenth-century serials, and approximately 5,100 books and pamphlets published between 1750 and 1820, supplemented by modern monographs.

The grants are issued throughout the year upon approval of the Research Committee of the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, of which the Library is a part. For further information on the collections and the Grants-in-Aid write to the Director, Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, Greenville, Wilmington, Delaware 19807.

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We are pleased to note the establishment of a new scholarly journal in the field of business history, the *Revue Internationale D'Histoire de La Banque* (*International Review of the History of Banking*), edited by Professor Domenico Demarco of the Archivio Storico del Banco di Napoli. The first number of the *Revue*, which appeared in 1968, featured articles on the history of banking, monetary problems, and public finance. Inquiries concerning subscriptions should be addressed to the editor, via dei Tribunali, 213, Naples, Italy 80139.

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Among the books in business history recently received are: *Walter Dill Scott: Pioneer in Personnel Management*, by Edmund C. Lynch (Austin, Bureau of Business Research, University of Texas, 1968. Pp. 51. \$1.50, paperback), an expanded version of the article which appeared in the Summer 1968 issue of the *Business History Review*; and *This Was*

Early Oil: Contemporary Accounts of the Growing Petroleum Industry, 1848–1885, compiled and edited by Ernest C. Miller (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 1968. Pp. 211. \$4.50).

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Correction: We regretfully note that the last name of one of our book reviewers, Walter M. Pintner, professor of history at Cornell University, was inadvertently misspelled in the Autumn 1968 issue of the *Review*.

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Readers are reminded that the *Business History Review Five-Year Index: Volume XXXVI (1962) through Volume XL (1966)* is now available from our editorial office at \$3.00, postpaid. The fifty-nine-page guide provides detailed author, title, proper name, and subject entry to our articles, notes, and reviews over its period of coverage.

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The Sixteenth Annual Business History Conference was held at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln on February 21–22, 1969. Program and local arrangements chairman was Professor Charles J. Kennedy. The subjects and papers discussed were as follows:

Concerning Sources and Methodology: “What Can Be Done With Photocopy Projects,” Robert B. Eckles, Purdue University, President American Microfilm Academy; “Problems in British Business History, 1870–1914,” Eric Sigsworth, University of York (England).

Reports on Recent Ph.D. Theses: “History of the Business Men’s Assurance Company of Kansas City, Missouri,” Stephen Butcher, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia; “American Guitar Manufacturing: Oligopoly and the Economics of a Craft Industry,” Robert J. Waller, Indiana University; “Ben Hibbs, *The Saturday Evening Post* and the Curtis Publishing Company, 1942–1962,” Fr. Basilo Manago, S.J., Northwestern University; “Metropolitan Newspaper Ownership, 1950–1967,” Elizabeth E. Swayne, Northwestern University; “Agricultural Income in Illinois, 1840–1860,” Robert Ankli, University of Illinois.

Dinner Address: Lloyd K. Marquis, President of the American Institute of Management.

Cases on Business History in the West: “Business Elite of New Orleans Before 1815,” John G. Clark, University of Kansas; “The Business Career of the Sanger Brothers,” Leon J. Rosenberg, University of Arkansas; “The Westward Movement and the Transit of American Machine Technology: The Case of Wool Manufacturing,” Norman L. Crockett, University of Missouri, Rolla.

Luncheon Address: “A Commentary on J.-J. Servan-Schreiber’s book, *The American Challenge*,” Carlo de Cugis, L. Bocconi University, Milan, Italy, and Visiting Professor, Wichita State University.

The Development of Business in the U. K., the U. S. A., and Germany during the Period of Early Industrialization: Inducements and Obstacles: “The United Kingdom,” R. M. Hartwell, Nuffield College, Oxford; “The United States,” Alice Teichova, Charles University of Prague; “Germany,” K. Peter Harder, Wichita State University.

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