

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

This issue of the *Business History Review* marks the completion of the service of four members of our Editorial Advisory Board. They are:

Leslie Hannah, London School of Economics and Political Science

Morton Keller, Brandeis University

Harold C. Livesay, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Akio Okochi, University of Tokyo

We would like to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for the help these four individuals have provided in the operation of this journal.

We are, at the same time, very pleased to welcome onto our Editorial Advisory Board six new members. They are:

Robert D. Cuff, York University

Lillian Li, Swarthmore College

H. V. Nelles, York University

Glenn Porter, Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation

Carl E. Solberg, University of Washington

Mira Wilkins, Florida International University

We look forward with pleasure to the prospect of working with these distinguished scholars.

Those who serve as referees for this journal are the unsung heroes and heroines of the field of business history. They invest considerable time and effort in reading manuscripts sent to them and in writing their critiques. Their critiques are (on an anonymous basis, of course) returned to the authors who submitted the manuscripts. Oftentimes, these critiques form the basis for revisions which can improve a submission dramatically.

Thus the referees make a major contribution not only to the *Review*, but to the scholars whose pieces they evaluate and to the advancement of knowledge in general. They receive no remuneration for this service nor even acknowledgment due to the necessity of anonymity. They serve because they believe in quality scholarship and perhaps as well because they themselves may have benefitted from the comments of reviewers in the past. On behalf of our field, we would like to express our gratitude for their generosity and willingness to contribute.

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The Thomas Newcomen Award in Business History, which is given every three years to the best book on the history of business published in the United States, was presented at the Business History Conference at Peoria, Illinois, on March 11, 1983, to Professor William H. Becker of George Washington University for *The Dynamics of Business-Government Relations: Industry and Exports, 1893-1921* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1982). The award, consisting of a prize of \$1,000 and a scroll, was presented by Alfred D. Chandler, Jr., Straus Professor of Business History at the Harvard Business School.

The next Thomas Newcomen Award will be given to the best book published in the years 1982 through 1984. No formal entry is necessary, but prospective

authors who feel their books are eligible for consideration should suggest to their publishers that they send a review copy to:

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The Bentley Historical Library of the University of Michigan has announced the award of three fellowships to support research on appraisal problems of modern historical documentation. The fellowship program is funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The recipients are Paul Chestnut, assistant state archivist, Virginia State Library; Leonard Rapport, archivist, Civil Archives Division, National Archives and Records Service; and JoAnne Yates, assistant professor of business communication, Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The three Fellows will be in residence in Ann Arbor from May 1 through August 31, 1983.

Fellowships will be awarded for a similar seminar on modern historical documentation for the summer of 1984. For further information, contact the project directors:

Bentley Historical Library
University of Michigan
1150 Beal Avenue
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109
(313)764-3482

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The Eleutherian Mills Historical Library has recently opened the following collections to research: (1) The Papers of Archibald Johnston, First Vice President of Bethlehem Steel Company, 1908–23 (24 manuscript boxes), and (2) The Papers of Willis Harrington, Vice President of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, 1928–45 (10 cubic feet). As a member of the Du Pont Company's Board of Directors, Willis Harrington was primarily responsible for production and labor relations. For further information contact: The Research and Reference Department, Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, P.O. Box 3630, Wilmington, Delaware 19807, (302)658-1400, x. 226.

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Plans are going forward in regard to the Lexington Group's regional meeting scheduled for Sacramento, California, on Friday and Saturday, September 23–24, 1983. The itinerary includes, among other events, a session for formal papers, a tour of the California State Railroad Museum, and dinner on Friday evening (SP's president, R. D. Krebs, will be the speaker). The headquarters hotel will be the Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn, 300 "J" Street, Sacramento 95814 (916-446-0100); it is within easy walking distance of the Amtrak station and the rail museum.

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One of the world's most extensive private collections of North American railroad history has been donated to the Mercantile Library at Saint Louis, Missouri, by the family of John W. Barringer III, it was announced by Nicholas V. V. Franchot III, president of the Board of Directors of the Library. The collection includes more than 10,000 volumes, hundreds of railroad track charts, profiles, traffic density reports and timetables, memorabilia and 250,000 railroad photographs, all mounted and titled.

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The journal *Labor History* invites authors of recently completed dissertations (1981–83) in American and European labor history to submit brief summaries (150–200 words) for a new section in the annual fall bibliography issue. Send summaries by July 15, 1983, to the dissertation section's editors, Lizabeth Cohen (American) and Herrick Chapman (European), *Labor History*, Tamiment Institute, 70 Washington Square South, New York, New York 10012.

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