

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

On behalf of the *Business History Review* and the Newcomen Society in North America, we are pleased to announce the winners of the 1970 Newcomen Awards in Business History. The awards are given annually for articles published in the *Business History Review*; recipients are selected by vote of the Editorial Advisory Board. Criteria for selection include: originality, value, breadth, and interest of contribution; quality of research materials and method; and quality of presentation.

Winner of the \$250 First Prize is Koji Taira, Professor of Economics at the University of Illinois for his article, "Factory Legislation and Management Modernization during Japan's Industrialization, 1886-1916," which appeared in our Spring, 1970 issue.

Winner of the \$100 Special Award is Yen p'ing Hao, Associate Professor of History at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville for his article, "A 'New Class' in China's Treaty Ports: The Rise of the Comprador-Merchants," which appeared in our Winter, 1970 issue.

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Baker Library of the Graduate School of Business Administration, Harvard University, announces pre-doctoral and post-doctoral fellowships in business and economic history. The grants are for maintenance during December, 1971, through February, 1972, and it is expected that most of the fellows will be working on doctoral dissertations. However, applications are welcome from others who are free at some point during this period. Fellows will be provided with a room and \$10 per day for up to a month's time.

Although fellows will be expected to use Baker Library as their base, access to other Harvard libraries will be provided. In awarding the grants, major consideration will be given to the importance of the Library's resources to the candidate's work. Besides the extensive historical materials in the stacks of Baker Library, there are two special collections, the Manuscripts Division and the Kress Library. The holdings of both are recorded in published catalogs. The Manuscripts Division is strong in the records of American firms. The Kress Library contains 25,000 titles printed before 1850 in nearly all the languages of western Europe. They cover the progress of economic thought and the evolution of economic institutions and business life, the history of commerce, money, banking, public finance, and the economic aspects of agriculture, manufacturing, and transportation.

Application forms and additional information may be obtained from Mr. Laurence J. Kipp, Librarian, Baker Library, Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, Soldiers Field, Boston, Mass. 02163. Applications must be submitted by November 1, 1971. The awards will be announced no later than November 15, 1971.

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The first Columbia University Prize in American Economic History has been presented to Albro Martin, assistant professor of history at American University, for his manuscript, *Enterprise Denied: Origins of the Decline of American Railroads, 1897-1917*. The book will be published by Columbia University Press in the fall of 1971.

The Award of \$1000 and publication is to be presented annually to the author of a book-length manuscript dealing with American economic history broadly conceived. June 1, 1971 is the deadline for receipt of entries for the second award. Manuscripts and inquiries should be addressed to History Editor, Columbia University Press, 562 West 113th Street, New York, New York 10025.

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The *Author-Title and Subject Catalogs of the Baker Library*, Graduate School of Business Administration, Harvard University, will be published in thirty-two volumes by G. K. Hall & Co. of Boston.

A decision was made at the Harvard Business School in the early 1920's to build a major research library for materials in business and economics. Baker Library now contains 450,000 volumes. Its collections serve Harvard and attract considerable use beyond Harvard.

Heavy retrospective collecting in the 1920's assured collections very strong in nineteenth and early twentieth century materials. Since the 1920's the library has thoroughly covered American publications, extensively collected Canadian, British and German materials and selectively covered materials in other countries, with emphasis on France, Italy, the Scandinavian countries, Latin America, Turkey, India, and the Philippines. All holdings are in languages of the Roman alphabet.

The Kress Library of Business and Economics, based on the Foxwell collection acquired in 1937, consists largely of titles published between 1471 and 1850. It is very strong on economic data and theory and on business practices, and its books are useful for research in many other areas, such as social history or the history of technology. The catalog contains main entries for all Kress Library titles.

Descriptive material on these publications is available on request. Inquiries and orders may be sent to the publisher, G. K. Hall & Co., 70 Lincoln Street, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. 02111.

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Several classic historical studies have recently been reprinted. The Augustus M. Kelley Company's excellent series, "Reprints of Economic Classics," has reissued three important volumes: Henry Varnum Poor's *History of Railroads and Canals of the United States of America*; Henry S. Tanner's *Canals and Railroads of the United States*; and Arthur C. Bining's *Pennsylvania Iron Manufacture in the Eighteenth Century*. Scribner's has made available a reissue of Robert G. Albion's *The Rise of New York Port*.

Other recent books include Professor M. M. Postan's collection of fourteen previously published essays gathered under the title *Fact and Relevance: Essays on Historical Method* (Cambridge University Press). Also, Holt, Rinehart and Winston's series of pamphlets on "American Problem

Studies" now includes a volume edited by Thomas B. Brewer, *The Robber Barons: Saints or Sinners?*

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Two recent bibliographical aids should be of interest to readers. The Eleutherian Mills Historical Library of Greenville, Delaware, has published *A Guide to the Manuscripts in the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library: Accessions through the Year 1965*, compiled by John B. Riggs. This is a thorough and detailed listing of many collections in one of the country's leading libraries for research in economic and business history. The vast majority of the volume covers the various papers of the duPont family and firm, many of which pertain to late eighteenth and early nineteenth century France. Most of the manuscripts not included in duPont collections are business records from the greater Philadelphia-Wilmington area. The many new accessions since 1965 will be described in future supplements to this *Guide*.

Joyce M. Bellamy has compiled a most thorough volume entitled *Yorkshire Business Histories: A Bibliography* (Bradford University Press, London). This is a collection of more than 450 pages listing materials on the business history of that important English county.

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The attention of readers is called to an interesting article by Professor Fritz Redlich, "An Eighteenth-Century Business Encyclopedia as a Carrier of Ideas." The paper appears in the January, 1971 number of the *Harvard Library Bulletin*, pages 73-98.