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### THE BULLETIN OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF LABOUR HISTORY

A newcomer in recent years to the ranks of periodicals devoted to social history is the *Bulletin of the Society for the Study of Labour History*, which is published from Sheffield, England, under the editorship of two teachers at the University of Sheffield, Professor Sidney Pollard and Dr Royden Harrison. It appears twice a year (Spring and Autumn issues: the Spring 1965 issue is No. 10) as the organ of the Society for the Study of Labour History, which was founded in 1960 by a group of British historians of labour. The Society's President is Professor Asa Briggs, and Professor Sidney Pollard and Dr Eric Hobsbawm are Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

The *Bulletin* contains bibliographies, book reviews and hitherto unpublished documents of interest to historians working in the labour history field, as well as abstracts of papers read at the two meetings held each year, usually in May and November, at Birkbeck College, London. Recent issues of the *Bulletin* have included a selection from archives relating to British labour history now in Japan, edited by Professor C. Tsuzuki; a survey, by W. L. Guttsman, of sources for the history of the British labour movement held by the British Library of Political and Economic Science; a discussion of histories of British trade unions, by Eric Hobsbawm; and a bibliographical review of "Birth Control and the British Working Class Movement", contributed by John Peel.

Though the contents of the *Bulletin* relate mainly to British labour history, some meetings, reported in the *Bulletin*, have had such international themes as Rosa Luxemburg (Peter J. Netti) and the foundation of the First International (C. Abramsky and H. Collins).

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