

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

The Merrimack Valley Textile Museum announces a recent deposit of approximately 60 shelf feet of materials from the New York office of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, including records of membership, directors, and meetings, both annual and special, from 1889–1971. There is also considerable factual background information, as well as records of the association's involvement on behalf of manufacturers in various aspects of the wool textile industry, such as questions of tariffs and foreign trade (1866–1971); government control and regulation (NRA and World War II Quartermaster departments); labor and wage negotiations since 1919, including the Walsh-Healey Act; testing and industry statistics on fibers, cloth, and production efficiency; plus a very complete news clipping file (1933–1971) kept by the association on all aspects of the above-mentioned subject areas in which it was involved.

These records are supplemented by photographic and printed materials from the association's offices. The manuscripts augment a previous gift of early directors' records.

For further information, please contact Helena Wright, Keeper of Prints and Manuscripts, Merrimack Valley Textile Museum, North Andover, Mass. 01845.

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We regret that information on two topics of possible interest to readers was received too late to be included in earlier issues of the *Business History Review*. We mention them now in the hope that the general information may prove useful in the future.

First, the 1972 meeting of the Business and Industrial History Association was scheduled for March 24–25 at Loyola University in Chicago. This organization is the new form of the Business History Conference. Anyone interested in joining the association, getting on the mailing list, or making early plans to be on next year's program should write to the association's secretary-treasurer, Fred Bateman, Indiana University Graduate School of Business Administration, Bloomington, Indiana 47401.

Second, this year the Lincoln Educational Foundation will again award four \$2,500 fellowships in business and economic history to Ph.D. candidates in the United States or Canada. The deadline for applications for this year's fellowships was February 1, 1972. Readers interested in future information on these grants should contact the chairman of the selection committee, C. Clyde Jones, College of Business Administration, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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Professor Alois Brusatti of the Hochschule für Welthandel in Vienna has announced that an association for research in the fields of entrepreneurial biography and business history (Verein der wissenschaftlichen Forschung auf dem Gebiete der Unternehmerbiographie und Firmenge-

schichte) was founded under his chairmanship in Vienna in March 1971. The association intends to provide assistance to firms which wish to have their history written; to develop a scholarly typology of entrepreneurs beginning with the work of Dr. Fritz Redlich; and to produce histories of single business enterprises as tools in the teaching of business administration.

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Three recent publications of possible interest to readers have come to our attention; they are all especially handsome volumes designed primarily for aficionados of trains and cable cars. The books are: Henry B. Comstock's *The Iron Horse: America's Steam Locomotives, A Pictorial History* (New York, Thomas Y. Crowell, 1971); George W. Hilton's *The Cable Car in America* (Berkeley, Cal., Howell-North Books, 1971); and Edwin P. Alexander's *On the Main Line: The Pennsylvania Railroad in the 19th Century* (New York, Clarkson N. Potter, Inc., 1971).

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In recent years the *Business History Review* benefited from the assistance of an Executive Committee composed of scholars in the Harvard community, and it was the policy of the *Review* to publish authors' summaries rather than reviews of books published by members of that committee. Fritz Redlich's comments on his *Steeped in Two Cultures* (in the book review section of this issue) is an example of such summaries. In the future, since the Executive Committee is no longer active, it will be the policy of the *Review* to print authors' summaries only in the case of books published by persons on the editorial staff. The Editor will place other books (including those published by members of the Advisory Board) for review in the normal manner.

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On May 19, 1972 the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library will sponsor a conference entitled "Sources of Measurement of Productivity Change in the Nineteenth Century." Papers will be delivered by William Parker, Yale University, and Polly J. Scafidi of the University of Delaware. Following the presentations there will be a panel discussion of the papers. Participants in the panel will include: Paul J. Uselding, Johns Hopkins University, Eugene S. Ferguson, Hagley Museum, William G. Whitney, University of Pennsylvania, Nathan Rosenberg, University of Wisconsin, and Robert E. Gallman, University of North Carolina. Anyone desiring further information or an invitation should contact Richard L. Ehrlich, Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, Greenville, Wilmington, Delaware.

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