

Editors' Notes

COLE PRIZE

The Arthur H. Cole Prize for the best article appearing in the *JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC HISTORY* from September 1977 to June 1978 was awarded by the editorial board to George W. Grantham (McGill University) for his article in the June issue entitled, "The Diffusion of the New Husbandry in Northern France, 1815-1840."

NEVINS PRIZE

The Columbia University Prize in honor of Allan Nevins for the best dissertation in American economic history presented at the annual meeting of the Economic History Association was shared by Elyce Rotella for her dissertation, "Women's Labor Force Participation and Growth of Clerical Employment in the United States, 1870-1930" (University of Pennsylvania), and Joan U. Hannon, for her dissertation, "The Immigrant Worker in the Promised Land: Human Capital and Ethnic Discrimination in the Michigan Labor Market, 1888-1891" (University of Wisconsin, Madison).

COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH IN ECONOMIC HISTORY

Applications for grants-in-aid from the Committee on Research in Economic History are due April 1, 1979. For further information, write to the Secretary, Economic History Association, P. O. Box 3630, Wilmington, Delaware 19807.

MANUSCRIPT FLOW

During the calendar year 1978 the editors received 113 article manuscripts. At the end of the year, 17 had been accepted for publication, 72 had been rejected, and 27 were still being processed. (The discrepancy in the totals arises from the fact that revised versions of some rejected manuscripts were resubmitted.) Volume XXXVIII (1978), exclusive of the *Tasks* (March) issue, carried 17 regular articles, 9 notes and discussions, and 3 review articles. It will be evident from these figures that the editors are frequently obliged to reject potentially publishable articles, as we consciously strive not to accumulate a large backlog of unpublished articles. Fortunately, many of those that are not published in this *JOURNAL* eventually find other publication outlets.

On the bright side, we have succeeded in reducing the time lag between receipt of manuscripts and final decisions. In 1978 we reached a decision on well over 50 percent of the manuscripts within two months from date of receipt; lags longer than five months were extremely rare. For this achievement we are grateful to members of the editorial board and to the following outside referees.

OUTSIDE REFEREES

Jerome Blum, Princeton University
Lance E. Davis, California Institute of Technology

Stephen J. DeCanio, University of California-Santa Barbara
 Robert M. Fearn, North Carolina State University
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 Thomas Weiss, University of Kansas
 Jeffrey G. Williamson, University of Wisconsin
 Kozo Yamamura, University of Washington

EHA ANNUAL MEETING

The 1979 annual meeting will be held on 13–15 September in Wilmington, Delaware. Richard A. Easterlin, President-elect of the Economic History Association, is Program Chairman. Information regarding participation in the program was published in the October 1978 issue of the *EHA Newsletter*. Convenors of the dissertation session are Peter Lindert and Alan Olmstead, Department of Economics, University of California, Davis, CA 95616. Individuals wishing to be considered for participation should send two copies of a 2000-word abstract of their dissertation to the address above by 15 June 1979.

CONFERENCE ON MANUSCRIPT STUDIES

The Sixth Saint Louis Conference on Manuscript Studies will be held at St. Louis University on October 11–12, 1979. An invitation has been extended for papers dealing with one of the four following aspects of the manuscript: codicology, illumination, paleography, and texts. Those wishing to participate should request additional information from the Conference Committee, Vatican Film Library, Pius XII Memorial Library, 3655 West Pine, St. Louis, MO 63108.

DUQUESNE HISTORY FORUM

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Duquesne History Forum will be held October 17–19, 1979, in Pittsburgh, PA. Paper and session proposals in all areas of history are welcome. The deadline for proposals is April 1. For further information write to Dr. Bernard J. Weiss, Department of History, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

CONFERENCE ON INDUSTRIAL CITIES

The University of Connecticut Department of History and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will hold an international conference on "The Dynamics of Modern Industrial Cities: Comparative Perspectives on Order and Disorder" on September 28–29, 1979. Further information is available from Professor Bruce M. Stave, Department of History, The University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06268.

EDISON CENTENNIAL

The New Jersey Historical Commission and the National Park Service will sponsor a symposium on October 19–20, 1979, commemorating the centennial of Thomas Alva Edison's development of a practical incandescent light. The meeting will take place at the Hilton Gateway Hotel, Newark, N.J. For further information contact Mr. Richard Waldron, New Jersey Historical Commission, 113 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625.

EDISON PAPERS

Rutgers University, in joint sponsorship with the National Park Service, the New Jersey Historical Commission, and the Smithsonian Institution, has undertaken to edit and publish the papers of Thomas A. Edison. Reese V. Jenkins is director and editor of the project. A substantial part of the documents are located at the Edison National Historic Site in West Orange, New Jersey. These include more than 2700 laboratory notebooks, patent and legal files, and a sizable body of incoming and outgoing correspondence. In addition, there are thousands of Edison artifacts and photographs. The director envisions publication of a comprehensive microfilm edition and a 15- or 20-volume highly select letterpress edition of the papers. It is anticipated that the project will take at least 20 years to complete and will cost about \$5 million.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ACCOUNTING HISTORIANS

The Third International Congress of Accounting Historians will be held 16–18 August 1980 at the London Business School, Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London. 1980 will also be the centenary year of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. Anyone who would like to offer a paper, or wishes further information, should write Professor R. H. Parker, Department of Economics, University of Exeter, Amory Building, Rennes Drive, Exeter EX4 4RJ, England.

URBAN HISTORY CONFERENCE

An Urban History Conference, emphasizing interdisciplinary approaches to urban studies, will be held at Dickinson College, November 1979. This conference is sponsored by

the Central Pennsylvania Consortium. All interested in participating should submit proposals for papers or sessions to Jo Ann E. Argersinger, Department of History, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA 17013. The proposals are due no later than May 21, 1979, and must include a double-spaced two-page abstract.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES SUMMER SEMINAR

The National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar program for 1979 will include a seminar entitled "Applications of Economic Analysis." This 8-week seminar, designed for college teachers, will examine the nature of economic tools and methods and their application to the study of historical problems. Problems studied will not be limited to economic history, but will be selected to show the usefulness of economic tools in the study of issues in political, social, and cultural history.

A \$2500 stipend and travel allowance is offered to each of the 12 seminar participants. College teachers in history or related disciplines interested in applying for admission should write to the seminar director: Prof. Stanley L. Engerman, Departments of Economics and History, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY 14627. The application deadline is 1 April 1979.