THE EDITOR’S CORNER

The Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration and The Newcomen Society in North America announce a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Business History of $9,000, to be awarded for twelve-months’ residence, study, and research at the Harvard Business School during 1970–1971.

The Newcomen Fellowship in Business History of $5,000 will be awarded for half of this period. The remainder of the Fellowship and its associated expenses will be covered by a grant from the Harvard Business School.

The purpose of this award is to assist a Ph.D. graduate in history under the age of 35 to improve his professional acquaintance with business and economic history, increase his skills as they relate to this field, and to engage in research that will benefit from the resources of the Harvard Business School and the Boston scholarly community. The successful applicant will be asked to participate in the School’s business history course and seminar and to take at least one other formal course of instruction based on his particular needs or interests. He will also be expected to take part during the academic year in some aspect of the Business History Group’s activity, such as developing the ingredients for a historical case-study or assisting in the publication of the Business History Review. At least half the total time, however, will be available for research of the Fellow’s own choosing in the field of business history.

Applications should be addressed to Professor Ralph W. Hidy, Morgan Hall 326, Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration, Boston, Massachusetts 02163.

Applicants should state their purpose in applying for the Fellowship, the specific area in which they would like to do course work, and the topic, objectives, and design for the research to be undertaken. Applications should be accompanied by graduate school records, thesis abstract, names and addresses of three persons who will support the application, and such other evidence as the applicant wishes to submit.

The selection committee, which will be composed of Faculty members of the Harvard Business School, will interview candidates where possible and will make its award to the applicant whose background and plans seem most likely to benefit from the resources offered. The successful applicant may begin his twelve-months’ residence on either July 1 or September 1, 1970.

Applications for the Postdoctoral Fellowship in Business History must be submitted before April 1, 1970. The Fellowship will be awarded and all applicants notified by April 15, 1970. Material submitted with applications will be returned only if accompanied by postage and self-addressed return envelope.

Once again, we face the distressingly common problem of delinquent
book reviewers. With considerable regret, we publish the following list of books which we thought merited a thorough review in our pages. All were obtained by us prior to publication and all were accepted for review by scholars of established reputation and unquestionable authority in their various fields. In every case, however, the reviewer's professional reputation and sense of responsibility to the authors and publishers of the books apparently did not extend as far as completing the evaluation which he had agreed to prepare. Also in every case, repeated promptings of the delinquent reviewers by the editor produced excuses, explanations, promises, and pleadings — but never the review. With our sincere apologies to the authors and publishers concerned, we can do nothing more than list these books as worthy of our readers' attention:


The editor and the authors have donated all their royalties to the Review.

The Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, Wilmington, Delaware, offers Grants-in-Aid to a limited number of graduate students who would like to do research at the Library.

The bulk of the Library holdings relate to American economic and business history, with special reference to the middle Atlantic States region, but they also include a great deal of material on French history. In addition, the staff is compiling a list of business and industrial manuscript collections that are held in institutions within an eighty-mile radius of the Library.

The grants are issued throughout the year upon approval of the Research Committee of the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, of which the Library is a part. For further information on the collections and the Grants-in-Aid write to the Director, Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, Greenville, Wilmington, Delaware 19807.

The Business History Review Five-Year Index: Volume XXXVI (1962) through Volume XL (1966) can be obtained from our editorial office at $3.00, postpaid. The fifty-nine page guide provides detailed author, title, proper name, and subject entry to our articles, notes, and reviews over its period of coverage.

The Spring 1970 issue of the Business History Review will be devoted to the business history of Japan.