Selected Reference Books of 1953-1954

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Introduction

Like the preceding articles in this semi-annual series this survey is based on notes written by members of the Reference Staff of the Columbia University Libraries. An innovation in this issue is the inclusion of a few titles in the sciences, annotations for which were written by assistants in the Columbia science libraries. Notes written by assistants and used unchanged are signed with initials.

As the purpose of the list is to present a selection of recent scholarly and foreign works of interest to reference workers in university libraries, it does not pretend to be either well-balanced or comprehensive. Code numbers (such as G13 and 1A38) have been used to refer to titles in the Guide and its first Supplement.

Bibliography


A new national bibliography from Indonesia. It lists new books alphabetically by author, giving full bibliographical information, including a one-word indication of the type of book (e.g. novel, economics, politics, etc.). The issue for Sept./Oct. 1953 includes a list of serials currently appearing, and another of periodicals, with addresses, of which no current issues were available and for which no further information could be obtained, and which may therefore have ceased publication.

The bibliography is issued by the newly-established Office of National Bibliography under the direction of G. Ockeloen, and includes only Indonesian-language publications.

—O.J.


V. 1 covers October 1951-December 1952. The entries, numbered continuously throughout the year, cover literature in the social sciences, sciences and technology and give author’s name, title, place of publication, publisher, date, pages, price and language of original. Titles are transliterated from Cyrillic characters where necessary and a German translation of the title is always included. Some of the entries have annotations in German. Three supplementary lists covering (1) Czech, (2) Polish and (3) Albanian, Bulgarian, Chinese, Roumanian and Hungarian periodical literature are issued irregularly. To date there are no indexes.

Encyclopedias


An encyclopedia covering many fields, with emphasis on the interests and point of view of the woman. Particularly important are the numerous bio-bibliographical sketches of famous women of all times and nationalities. Articles vary in length, but information ap-
pears to be uniformly up to date and is generally well documented; bibliographical notes are almost always included. The accompanying plates are excellent, and consist of a reproduction of a work of art on one side and nine small portraits on the other.—O.J.

**Dissertations**


Together with the list for 1945-1949 (see Guide Suppl. 1G4), this fills the gap between the Vienna University's *Verzeichnis...* (Guide G13) and the first inclusion of doctoral dissertations in the *Österreichische Bibliographie* (Guide Suppl. 1A38) in 1950.—O.J.

**Index to Theses Accepted for Higher Degrees in the Universities of Great Britain and Ireland.** v. 1, 1950/51-- ed. by P. D. Record. Lond., Aslib, 1953-- annual. 25s.

The first record of its kind, this is a union list of the theses for both masters' and doctors' degrees accepted by universities in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Titles are listed under general class with indexes by author and subject.

**Philosophy**


A joint project of the Istituto di Studi Filosofici and the Centro Nazionali di Informazioni Bibliografiche in collaboration with the Centro di Studi Filosofici Cristiani di Gallarte. Presumably to be complete in four volumes, it is limited to works published or reprinted from 1900 through 1949 and includes writings of Italian authors (including articles in periodicals and publications of academies and congresses), and works of classical, medieval and foreign authors published in or translated into Italian during the period. Arrangement is alphabetical by author, with “works about” following “works by.” Also lists works of philosophical interest in psychology, education, social science, law and theology.—E.S.

**Psychology**


Primarily a guide to the literature of psychology, this is in part a revision and expansion of Louttit's *Handbook of psychological literature* (1932) (Guide J1). Also covers library research, manuscript preparation, all forms of written and oral scientific reporting, and outlets for publication; sections on “professionalization” trace the growth of psychology as a profession, fields of training, job opportunities, professional organizations, etc. references at chapter ends; appendices give bibliographies of 306 reference books (annotated) and 331 journals, sources of books and supplies, and a glossary of abbreviations.—J.D.

**Religion**


This list of religious houses in medieval England and Wales is based on Knowles' *Religious Houses of Medieval England* (London, 1940), the material of the earlier work being “redistributed and very considerably augmented.” Houses are grouped according to religious order, with information as to dates of origin and final disappearance, rank, wealth and numerical strength, as well as indication of architectural remains. Documented notes on the information given make up a large part of the volume. An index, maps, and tables showing increase and decrease in the various religious orders, add to the value of the work.—E.S.

Osterloh, Edo and Engelland, Hans. *Biblisch-theologisches Handwörterbuch zur Lutherbibel und neueren Übersetzungen*. Göttlingen, Vandenhoeck and
More than thirty persons from all branches of the evangelical church in Germany have collaborated in the compilation of this new dictionary based on the terminology used in the Luther Bible. Many cross-references are given from terms used in other German Bibles and there is also in the second part a cross-index of words from Das Neue Testament Deutsch, the Menge-Bibel and the Zürcher-Bibel. Articles vary in length from a few lines to several pages. Exact references are given for Biblical citations but there is little bibliography.


Limited to articles relating particularly to the religion and law of Islam, this volume brings together all such articles from the first edition of the Encyclopaedia of Islam (4v. and suppl., 1911-1938) (Guide K255), with the addition of a few new entries. Much of the material has been taken over directly from the earlier work, though a number of articles have been shortened or revised. A table of "Origin of the Articles" indicates the authors of the articles as they appeared in the longer work. An effort has been made to bring the bibliographies up to date through the addition of new titles. A useful feature is the "Register of Subjects" which provides an index to the entries through English-language subject headings.—E.S.

SOCIAL SCIENCES


Indexes the articles on economic history in more than 500 Festschriften. The arrangement is by period—ancient, medieval and modern—and under the modern period by geographical division subdivided by subject. These groupings are followed by sections on the history of economic thought and business economics, and economic historiography and methodology. There is an index by authors and one by proper names appearing in the titles.


Arranged by continents and then alphabetically by country. For each entry, gives publishing body, title, dates of first and most recent issues, or in cases of irregular publication, of all issues. The annotations give brief histories of the publications, frequency, types of statistics covered, LC call no., etc.

SCIENCE


For main work, first Supplement and annotations, see Guide N10.

This Supplement lists 2844 items, selected and described in the same manner as in the main work.

GEOLGY


This directory fills the gap left by the cessa-
tion of the *Internationaler Geologen- und Mineralogen-Kalender* in 1937. In the *Liste* of some 25,000 names, the main complete entry is under country and this is followed by an alphabetical name index. Necessitated by the method of compilation which bypassed individuals to deal with national societies, agencies and institutions, the *Liste* is somewhat unbalanced, e.g. the United States occupies 156 pages, France 15 pages and the U.S.S.R. 2 pages. The addresses, mainly institutional, do not show the official connection of the individual and his organization. Nevertheless, it is a useful list.—F.O'L.

**ANTHROPOLOGY**


The analytical survey (p. 1-94) is divided by broad periods and discusses the trends in research and outstanding publications of each. The bibliography (p. 104-242) is chronological by year from 1865 with a very brief list of selected titles from 1820-1864. Both books and periodical articles are included. Unfortunately there is no index.


A handbook on world-wide resources for the anthropologist in the research or academic field. Each section is edited by a specialist in the particular geographic area and has a brief introduction about facilities in the region or country. This is followed by descriptions of the organizations (which are arranged by category—educational, research institutions and museums, professional organizations) giving brief data on personnel, founding date, governing body, organization, principal activities and publications. There is an index of institutions, and an index of cities and towns. As data on personnel was considered to be of secondary importance there is no name index.—F.G.

**BIOLOGY**


Revised and enlarged over the 1937 edition, Hauduroy has preserved a dictionary arrangement by pathogenic bacterium-name. Entries contain synonyms, morphology, cultures, biochemical properties, biological properties, and reference to the discovery of each organism. Synonyms are included in the main alphabet as cross-references. The symbols “C” and “NC” indicate whether or not the bacterium is preserved in a collection. Appended is an alphabetical list of microscopic organisms preserved in type-culture collections, giving world locations, followed by lists of rickettsiae and viruses. Unfortunately, bacterial classification is far from uniform. The table of A. R. Prévet, a joint author, was used as the authority for this work, with Bergey's *Manual* and Topley and Wilson's *Principles* used as supplements.—H.B.


This 2-volume work attempts a comprehensive listing of references of the research in tissue culture for the indicated years. 15,000 articles from 1035 journals were used to prepare the work, expanded by generous cross-indexing to some 86,000 entries. Complete bibliographic citations are given under all subject entries for an item, abbreviated periodical titles being listed in the first volume with their full titles. Author and subject entries are arranged in one alphabet. If the same article appeared in more than one journal, all journal references are given; when an article has been abstracted, references to the abstracting journals are given.
This bibliography will be the primary source for references on the subject for the 60-odd years covered. An "incomplete and unverified" supplementary author list brings the Bibliography up to 1953.—H.B.

HOME ECONOMICS


Lists about 740 titles, 250 of which are new in this edition. Arrangement is chronological, and full bibliographical information is given. Locates copies in 24 libraries. Indexes by author and title.

SPORTS
Henderson, Robert W. *Early American Sport; A Check-list of Books by American and Foreign Authors Published in America Prior to 1860, Including Sporting Songs*. 2d ed. rev. and enl. N.Y., Barnes, 1953. 234p. il. $10.

The first edition of this work was published in 1937 in a limited edition by the Grolier Club. This second edition lists 1217 editions of 628 titles arranged alphabetically by author (or title, if anonymous) with a subject index. The check-list is based on the collection in the Racquet and Tennis Club of New York City and indication is given by symbol of the location of a title there, or, if not there, in some other American library.

FURNITURE

Subtitle: A record of 2500 cabinet-makers, upholsterers, carvers and gilders with their addresses and working dates illustrated by 165 reproductions of makers’ trade-cards, with a chapter by R. W. Symonds, F. S. A. on the problem of identification of the furniture they produced, illustrated by some hitherto unpublished examples of authenticated pieces.

The entries are arranged alphabetically by name of the furniture maker with designation of speciality, e.g. Cabinet-maker, Upholsterer, etc., address, and dates when he flourished. In some cases annotations give further historical or descriptive information. The black and white plates of unusual and frequently very decorative trade-cards often give other details.

LITERATURE

A joint effort of 217 contributors, this comprehensive encyclopedia of world literature is similar in its general intention to Frauwallner (Guide Suppl. 1R4).

The articles are arranged in three alphabetical parts: Part I, histories of the literatures of the world and topics of general importance; Part II, biographies of writers who died before 1 August 1914; Part III, biographies of those living at that time or born after it. This partition was made to simplify revision when new editions are being prepared.

In Part I, headings have been selected mainly on linguistic grounds, with others chosen because of regional, political, social or historic bases. Minor or little-known literatures are represented. The general literary articles include treatment of various movements, styles, forms, and genres. Most of the 555 articles in Part I include bibliographies, which, while selective, are standard and retrospective. The bio-bibliographies in Parts II and III are concise and represent only the most pertinent facets of an author’s career and work.—K.L.


"Includes more than 1200 plays available in English which have been successful, and which
are of continuing interest to those who present plays, go to plays, and read plays." Major listing, alphabetical by author, gives the play's first date and several later editions and collections in which it appeared, brief annotation, and production data, i.e., number of acts, number and types of sets, performers, and costumes. There are separate title and subject indexes.—K.L.


Since the 1941 edition (Guide R69), some 1300 quotations have been added and about 250 dropped as seeming no longer familiar. Arrangement has been considerably modified, foreign quotations and those formerly found in separate sections (e.g. Holy Bible, Nursery Rhymes) being incorporated in one general alphabetical scheme. Similarly, there is a single general index for all but Greek quotations. The latter are indexed separately. The index has been enlarged, there being more than 100 additional pages of index in the new edition as against some 12 added pages of text. Items are numbered on each page, and index references are to page number: quotation number.—E.S.

**Biography**


Although ostensibly a biographical dictionary, this work actually includes much additional material—geographical, statistical, social—arranged in a single alphabet. While there are full-page articles on Venezuelans of historical importance, the main interest is on contemporary biography. Photographs accompany many of the entries, and there is an index by profession.

The monographs on the Venezuelan states include maps, charts, and information on the states' population, geography, communications, economics, and culture. Other articles are devoted to associations, ministries, museums, periodicals, universities, etc. The single alphabet of such diverse material may be confusing at first, but the volume does contain much that is both current and heretofore unobtainable. A classed list of business and industrial firms is also included at the end of the volume.—K.L.


Although the first volume of this new German historical biographical dictionary includes many of the same names as appear in the Allgemeine deutsche Biographie, it is not intended to supersede the older work. Persons who have died since the publication of the ABD, and additional names from earlier periods, are also included here; the closing date for volume 1 was December 31, 1952. Articles are signed, and bibliographies, including materials by and about biographees, are given at the end of each article. References to portraits are also included in many cases. This will be a valuable biographical dictionary when complete.—O.J.


This first biographical dictionary of the French colony of New Caledonia includes sketches of persons no longer living, who have contributed to the growth and prosperity of the colony: administrators, scientists, engineers, travellers, doctors, missionaries, colonists, etc., and also the principal Caledonian chiefs. Articles vary in length from a few lines to several columns and give titles of works by authors but not reference to sources. A name index includes names mentioned in the sketches as well as the main listings.

Perleberg, Max. Who's Who in Modern China (from the beginning of the Chinese Republic to the end of 1953). • • • Hong Kong, Ye Olde Printerie, 1954. 528p. il. $9.

Subtitle: Over two thousand detailed biog-
raphies of the most important men who took part in the great struggle for China, including detailed histories of the political parties, government organisations, a glossary of new terms used in contemporary Chinese together with a double index in Chinese and English and two charts.

Entries are of the usual who's who type. Names are given in transliteration and in Chinese characters. The text is in English. The biographical sections include sketches of men and women from both nationalist and communist China and there are additional chapters on the organization and personnel of nationalist and communist China. The indexes cover only the biographical material.


The first three volumes of a six-volume biographical dictionary of living Swiss personalities in all fields. Each volume is arranged alphabetically from A to Z, distribution of biographies among the volumes being arbitrary. Sketches, of the usual who's who type, are in that one of the four national official languages which is used by the biographee, and there are excellent photographs (in a separate section of plates at the end of each volume) to accompany most of the sketches. The index gives page references to both text and illustration. Volumes 1-5 are to be individually indexed, and volume 6 will include a cumulated index to the set.—O.J.


This first issue of a new French who's who is restricted to persons living in Paris, but according to announcements in the volume the second edition, to be published in 1955, will cover the whole of France, including Paris, with about 8,000 notices. This volume is in two parts, the first includes some 5,000 biographical sketches of the usual who's who type, the second gives information about 74 large business firms.

This is one of a series of European who's whos which is being published by the Central European Times Publishing Company, including *Who's Who in Central and East Europe* and *Who's Who in Switzerland. Who's Who in Germany* and *Who's Who in Austria* are announced and others are to follow.


Including biographees from all professions, this new Flemish-Belgian who's who follows the conventional pattern for similar works in English. In addition to biographical data, current addresses and concise bibliographies of writings and other works are given. Some entries are duplicated in *Le Livre bleu* (1950) (Guide Suppl. 1815), but the information is, of course, more recent.—K.L.

**Y bywgraffiadur cymreig hyd 1940; paramawyd dan nawodd Anrhydedd Gymdeithas y Gymmrodorion.** Llondain, 1953. 113op. 42s.

A new Welsh biographical dictionary, compiled on the lines of the *Dictionary of National Biography*. Articles are signed, and sources are given; only biographees who died before 1940 are included. There is a bibliography and three indexes: A, pseudonyms; B, cross-references from variant forms of names; C, persons not entered under their own names but mentioned in other entries. An English edition is planned to appear in two or three years; subsequently there are to be supplements in both languages.—O.J.

**History**

Ghani, A. R. *Pakistan; A Select Bibliography.* Lahore, Pakistan Assoc. for the Advancement of Science, Univ. Institute of Chemistry, 1951. 339p. Rs. 12; $10.

Lists 9,000 selected references (books, pamphlets, articles, unpublished dissertations and
theses) in English relating to Pakistan. Some official publications are included. The period covered is from about 1800 to 1951.

In both the main section and an appendix, the material is arranged first under eight main subjects with many sub-divisions, then alphabetically by author, or by title if anonymous. Bibliographical details are often sparse. Dissertations and theses lack dates. There is a table of contents but no index.—M.C.


The first edition of this valuable guide was published in 1929 (Guide V96). In this second edition, in a few instances, corrections and revisions have been made in the text but for the most part the additional material is included in a supplement, p. 329-367, which follows the same general arrangement as the original work. Items in the supplement have been incorporated into the general index.


This long-awaited successor to and revision of Channing, (Edward) Hart and Turner's Guide to the Study and Teaching of American History (Guide V95) reached us the day that the manuscript of this article was to be submitted. Edited by Oscar Handlin, Arthur Meier Schlesinger, Samuel Eliot Morison, Frederick Merk, Arthur Meier Schlesinger, Jr., Paul Herman Buck, it is a work of first importance but unfortunately there has not been time for adequate examination. In general it follows the main outlines of Channing, Hart and Turner—"Chapters 1-5 consist of sixty-six essays dealing with the methods, resources, and materials of American history . . . Chapters 6-20 consist of detailed reading lists arranged with reference to historical periods . . ." (Pref.).

The listing is a highly selective guide to books and articles published up to December 31, 1950 which was selected as the terminal date for publications. A must for all reference departments.


The catalog of a valuable collection of Portuguese and Brazilian materials, covering holdings up to November 1, 1952. Books held by other sections of the Newberry Library are included, as well as those which constitute the William B. Greenlee collection. Arrangement is by subject, with an index by author and title, which includes many cross-references from variant spellings of names. Of the 5,833 entries, 150 are for periodical files. Full bibliographical information is given, though titles have in some cases been abbreviated to save space. This is a very welcome addition to the meager ranks of Portuguese literary and historical bibliography.—O.J.

Corrections

Pioneering Leaders in Librarianship, first series, edited by Emily Danton (ALA, 1953, 202p.) was incorrectly priced at $4.45 in the April issue of College and Research Libraries. The correct price is $4.25.

In the article "The Preservation of Wood Pulp Publications," by Alvin W. Kremer, which appeared in the April, 1954 issue of C&RL, the following correction should be made: On page 207, Column 1, paragraph 3, the sentence beginning "An evaluation of existing spray materials . . ." should read: "An evaluation of existing spray materials which deposit only a very thin film would indicate that they afford no appreciable increase in tear resistance and contribute nothing to folding endurance."