

# Review Articles

## Virginia Almanacs

*A Checklist of Virginia Almanacs, 1732-1850.*

By James A. Bear, Jr., and Mary Caperton Bear. Charlottesville: Bibliographical Society of the University of Virginia, 1962. xlv, [208]p. \$7.50.

Because the almanac played a significant role in the reading habits and in the history of printing of the United States, studies such as that of the Bears are welcome. However, coming as it does, just prior to the publication of Milton Drake's comprehensive bibliography of American almanacs, 1639-1875, some may wonder if it is essential.

Checking the Bears's work against the collection of Virginia almanacs at the American Antiquarian Society, this reviewer found only one almanac not listed, the 1808 issue of *The Good Old Virginia Almanack* (Richmond, Thomas Nicolson). We also have several issues of *The Farmer's Calendar*, by Charles Egelmann, which, although printed in Baltimore, nevertheless bear a Virginia

imprint. The Bears, no doubt, excluded this on the basis of its origin, a decision certainly defensible.

Proofreading slips in numbers 165 and 290 resulted in the exclusion of the location symbols, although Massachusetts Worcester Antiquarian Society has both. In addition, MWA is not credited with owning the following items: 33, 36, 37, 38, 103, 147, 209, 240, 253, 256, 284, 294, 329, 339, 348. This library also possesses variants of 245, 336, 340, and 354. Except for 245, they are minor. The first, however, is worthy of mention as the variation is to be found in the imprint, "John Warrock for Frederick A. Mayo."

Generally, the compilers have produced a useful work of limited scope. The biographical notices of the philomaths are a happy addition.

In truth, half a loaf is better than none, but it is sad that the publications of so distinguished a society appear in such shabby raiment.—*M. A. McCorison, American Antiquarian Society.*

## Books Briefly Noted

*Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1961.* Washington: Library of Congress, 1962. 153p. \$2.00.

*Calendar of Meetings of National and Regional Educational Associations, 1962.* Washington: The National Catholic Educational Association, [1962]. 44p. \$1.00.

*The Catholic Bookman's Guide, a Critical Evaluation of Catholic Literature*, edited by Sister M. Regis. New York: Hawthorn Books, Inc., [1962]. 638p. \$12.95.

*The Communities of New York and the Civil War, the Recruiting Areas of the New York Civil War Regiments*, compiled by C. E. Dornbusch. . . . New York: The New York Public Library, 1962. 31p. \$1.50.

*The Contemporary Arts*, by Bartlett H.

Hayes, Jr. [Chicago]: ALA in Cooperation with the Public Affairs Committee, Inc., [1962]. 20p. (Reading for an Age of Change, No. 2) \$.60.

*Directory of Finnish Research Libraries*, abridged English ed. of the Guide to the Research Libraries of Finland, compiled by Eino Nivanka; translated by Leena Salminen. Helsinki: The Council of Research Libraries in Finland, 1962. 52p. 300 FMK.

*Garrick and Stratford*, by Martha Winburn England. New York: The New York Public Library, 1962. 72p. \$2.50.

*The Guide to Catholic Literature, 1961. . . .* Joseph A. Placek, editor, Josephine Riss Fang, assistant editor. Villanova, Penna.: The Catholic Library Association, 1962. 355p. \$9.00.

- Handbook and Directory*. [Washington]: Special Libraries Association, Washington, D. C., Chapter, [1962]. 61p. \$1.00.
- The Impact of the Library Services Act: Progress and Potential*, papers presented at an institute conducted jointly by the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science and the Library Services Branch, U. S. Office of Education, November 5-8, 1961; edited with a foreword by Donald E. Strout. Champaign, Ill.: The Illini Union Bookstore, [1962]. 120p. \$2.00.
- Indexing Books, a Manual of Basic Principles*, by Robert Collison. New York: John de Graff, Inc., [1962]. 96p. \$1.95.
- Information Handling and Science Information: a Selected Bibliography, 1957-1961*, prepared by the American Institute of Biological Sciences, Biological Sciences Communication Project in cooperation with the American University Center of Technology & Administration, School of Government & Public Administration; Paul C. Janaske, editor. Washington: American Institute of Biological Sciences, B. S. C. P., 1962. n.p. \$2.00.
- Irving Langmuir, a Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress*. Washington: Manuscript Division Reference Department, Library of Congress, 1962. 9p. \$.30. (Distributed through the Card Division, Library of Congress).
- The Landon Carter Papers in the University of Virginia Library, a Calendar and Biographical Sketch*, by Walter Ray Wine- man. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Pr., 1962. 99p. \$7.50.
- The Language of the Foreign Book Trade: Abbreviations, Terms, Phrases*, 2d ed., [by] Jerrold Orne. Chicago: ALA, 1962. 213p. \$5.50.
- Libraries in the Netherlands*. The Hague: Netherlands Librarians Association, 1962. 60p. Apply.
- Lincoln Herald Analytical Index, 1950-1960*, compiled by Wayne C. Temple and Glenna A. Rice. Harrogate, Tenn.: Lincoln Memorial University Pr. 1962. 39p. \$5.00.
- Magisteri Terrarum, a Selection of Old and Rare Books, 1497-1798, from the Library of the University of California, Davis, California*, edited by Hilton Landry. Davis, Calif.: The Library, University of California, 1962. 55p. Apply.
- Minnie Maddern Fiske, a Register of Her Papers in the Library of Congress*. Wash- ington: Manuscript Division Reference Department, Library of Congress, 1962. 16p. \$.30. (Distributed through the Card Division, Library of Congress).
- Plato Manuscripts: A Catalogue of Micro- films in the Plato Microfilm Project, Yale University Library . . .*, edited by Robert S. Brumbaugh and Rulon Wells with the assistance of Mrs. Donna Scott and Harry V. Botsis. New Haven: Yale University Library, 1962. 2 parts \$3.50.
- Proceedings of the Conference on Training Science Information Specialists, October 12-13, 1961, April 12-13, 1962, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia*, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, Dorothy M. Crosland, General Chairman. [Atlanta: Georgia Institute of Technology, 1962]. 139p. Apply.
- Ready Reference Collection: A Basic List Developed for the Ready Reference Center of Library 21, Seattle World's Fair 1962*. [Chicago]: Reference Services Di- vision, ALA, [1962]. 41p. \$.75.
- Reference Books, a Brief Guide for Students and Other Users of the Library*, compiled by Mary Neill Barton, assisted by Marion V. Bell, 5th ed. Baltimore, Md.: Enoch Pratt Free Library, 1962. 135p. \$1.25.
- Robert Burns, an Exhibition in the Noble H. Getchell Library of the University of Nevada, June 1—July 15, 1962*, catalog by G. Ross Roy. [Reno]: University of Nevada Press, 1962. 27p. (Bibliographical Series No. 1). Apply.
- Space Science*, by Ralph E. Lapp. [Chicago]: ALA in cooperation with the Public Af- fairs Committee, Inc., [1962]. 52p. (Read- ing for an Age of Change, No. 1). \$.60.
- William Dampier, Seaman-Scientist*, [by] Joseph C. Shipman. Lawrence, Kans.: The University of Kansas Libraries, 1962. 63p. \$1.50.

## Paper Deterioration . . .

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that 73.05 per cent of the titles (7,665,800) and 57.34 per cent of the pages (1,720,570,000) were printed since 1869. Foreign imprints accounted for 65.72 per cent of the titles and 56.2 per cent of the total pages. A breakdown by decade of publication was made, as well as one by country of publication, but the number of items in each category is too small to provide estimates deserving of much confidence.

From the standpoint of preservation, the magnitude of one phase of the problem has been indicated more clearly than before by the estimate that books (*not serials*) printed since 1870 and represented in the National Union Catalog contain approximately one and three-quarter billion pages.—*Edwin E. Williams.*

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