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The output of new periodicals which seem to possess reference value and a chance of being continued gradually grows smaller when based on Library of Congress acquisitions. This is as true for American publications as for foreign. Corporations, chambers of commerce, labor and political organizations, and of course governments, continue to launch new organs. But this does not seem to be true for the large commercial publishers, research institutions and societies. The result is quantity but not quality.

Documentation

To be of assistance in the ever present problem of cataloging, preserving and servicing of library materials is the aim of the following new publications in the field of documentation. The “processes involved in the assembling of collections of written records and providing guides to their use” is the subject of American Documentation, a quarterly publication of the American Documentation Institute. Vernon D. Tate, the editor, in the introduction to the new journal, states that its aim will be to serve as an impartial clearing house and channel of communication for information from any source about documentation; for the publication of original research in the field; for reporting investigations of new techniques, mechanisms and devices for documentation and their applications both in the United States and abroad; to assist in the development and adoption of basic standards; to provide bibliographic and other control of the literature; to serve as an effective medium for national and international cooperation and exchange in documentation; to stimulate and discuss new ideas and approaches to existing or future problems; and for the publication of material originated by the American Documentation Institute.


Abstracting of periodical literature is being conducted for the first time by the International African Institute in African Abstracts. Published with assistance from Unesco, this quarterly will provide informative abstracts of books and periodicals in the fields of African ethnology, sociology and linguistics. Thirty journals which appeared during the period 1948-49 are represented by abstracts in the first issue of the new journal.

A national bibliography and cataloging service was inaugurated by the Council of the British National Bibliography, Ltd., located at the British Museum, in its publication The British National Bibliography. There is given the catalog entry for books deposited in the Copyright Office of the British Museum. Excluded from the lists are cheap novelettes, periodicals (except that the first issue of a new periodical and the first issue of a periodical under a new title will be included), publications of the government of Eire, music and maps. Of British official publications all Parliamentary publications, except Public General
Acts and some Command Papers and all circulars and similar material among the non-Parliamentary publications will also be excluded. Entries are arranged by Dewey classification numbers and there are given author, title, imprint, collation, price and brief bibliographical notes.

Films

A new journal on some phase of moving pictures usually appears about every six months. In February this year the National Board of Motion Pictures, Inc., issued the first number of Films in Review. Here films are discussed from the point of view of entertainment, education and art. Volume one, number one, contains articles on “Wyler, Wellman and Huston: Three Directors,” “The Negro in Films Today,” “World’s Second Biggest Film Maker: A Report from India” and reviews of the board’s selection of the 10 best pictures of 1949.

Education

The Journal of Teacher Education, published by the National Commission on Teacher Educational and Professional Standards, is “intended to reflect and to stimulate the best practices in the education of teachers in the United States.” Because the answers to our world problems can come only through effective education of people, and effective education can come only from thoroughly qualified teachers, the preparation of such teachers therefore comes to be the most important element in the establishing of peace and justice. Articles on professional accreditation, in-service education, selection of prospective teachers for training, book notes and announcements of events and developments in teacher education are included in the first issue.

Finance

The International Monetary Fund is making available the work of members of its staff in its Staff Papers. Such papers as its “Latent Inflation,” “The Measurement of Inflation,” and “Role of the ECA Program” will be helpful to economists and others concerned with monetary and financial problems.

Political Affairs

Middle Eastern Affairs, published monthly in New York by the Council for Middle Eastern Affairs, summarizes the important political events of the Middle East. Articles, very brief book reviews and a chronology of events are included in the first issue.

Religion

The American Benedictine Review was established to stimulate and promote the interests and activities of American Benedictines and to cultivate and transmit the best traditions of Benedictine life and scholarship. Contributions are scholarly, ranging in scope from the historical account of “O Roma Nobilis” the official hymn of the present Holy Year, and “The Regula Magistre: the Primitive Rule of St. Benedict,” to an account by a visiting English clergyman entitled “American Memories.” A section of book reviews is included.

Literature

Dialog, Dansk Tidsskrift for Kultur from Copenhagen and Rivista di Critica from Rome are two new scholarly literary journals. Dialog is edited by the critic Sven Moller Kristensen. Volume one, number one, contains articles on literary and philosophical subjects, poems and brief notes on the contents of a few literary journals. Rivista di Critica similarly includes articles on literature, along with those on art, socialism and critical notes on the cinema, new music and new books. Much broader in scope is Measure, a Critical Journal pub-
lished in Chicago with Robert M. Hutchins as chairman of the board of editors. Among the contributions of the first issue were “T. S. Eliot on Education,” by Mr. Hutchins, “Social Science among the Humanities,” by Robert Redfield and “The State of India” by Jawaharlal Nehru. *Number* is a new poetry journal from San Francisco. It will publish the work of new poets, the contributors of the first issue having been members of the 1949 Workshop in Poetry Writing of the University of California Extension Division. *Pen Money* is a little magazine published in Upland, Ind., which is to serve as a market guide for “fillers” and other brief written material. It will include articles on how and what to write and offer suggestions on where to get ideas. Included in the first issue are lists of publishers for “Boners and Typographical Errors,” “Facts and Oddities,” “Games and Puzzles,” “Household Hints,” etc., etc. The Shakespeare Association of America began the publication of *The Shakespeare Quarterly* at Lehigh University. An article on “The Oregon Shakespeare Festival,” another on “What a Theatre for Shakespeare Should Be,” a few book reviews and notes and comment on Shakespearean events are among the contents of the first issue. *The Stylus, a Magazine for Young Writers* “is to contain short pieces and poetry by various authors who can be classed as ‘young,’ ‘inexperienced,’ ‘beginning,’ or, more particularly, ‘non-selling.’ ”

**Graphic Arts**

*Portfolio Magazine, a Magazine of the Graphic Arts* is published in Cincinnati by the Zebra Press. Included are profusely illustrated articles on typefaces, poster design, trademarks, photography and other subjects.

**Television**

“To serve the new, surging industry of television” comes *Television Engineering* which supersedes *Communications*. This journal is planned to be of interest to manufacturers as well as engineers. New products and services will be discussed as well as the advancements in the science of television broadcasting and reception.

**Physics**

*British Journal of Applied Physics* published by the Institute of Physics continues the “Physics in Industry” section of the *Journal of Scientific Instruments*. It will announce new applications of physics, will accept papers of merit and a selection from the lectures, discussions and symposia arranged by the institute. Book reviews, correspondence and technical notes and news are to be included. Among the contents of the first number are “A Scientific Education” by the vice-chancellor of the University of Bristol, “Some Chemical and Physical Properties of Rubber,” and “The Measurement of Opacity and Reflectivity for Printing Papers.”

**Medicine**

A greater number of valuable new journals appeared in the medical field than in any other. *Angiology, the Journal of Vascular Diseases* is published under the auspices of the Angiology Research Foundation with Dr. S. S. Samuels as editor, assisted by an international board of associate editors. Articles are illustrated and accompanied by bibliographies. *Archives of Industrial Hygiene and Occupational Medicine* is published by the American Medical Association. “Significance of Nonoccupational Disability,” “Can Management, Labor and Medicine Work Together for Health?” “Carbon Tetrachloride Poisoning,” titles of articles in the initial issue, are indicative of the contents. *BMQ, the Boston Medical Quarterly* is being issued by the Boston University School of Medi-
ine and Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals. The purpose of the new journal is to provide information of professional interest by publishing original articles, review articles, clinics, abstracts of articles by staff members, and news of important developments in the school and the hospitals. Circulation, the Journal of the American Heart Association is addressed to the research scientist, the specialist and the practicing physician. “Its intention is to include articles in the basic sciences relating to this field and papers representing the finest type of clinical research, as well as those which are mainly ‘practical’ in their application.” Articles are illustrated and accompanied by “References.” Also there is included a section “Abstracts” of articles from medical journals. Another journal issued by a professional society is Fertility and Sterility. The Fertility and Sterility, Official Journal of the American Society for the Study of Sterility. Since this society is composed of anatomists, embryologists, endocrinologists, geneticists, gynecologists, pathologists and other specialists, it seems necessary to assemble for them in one publication papers on subjects which are pertinent to their interests. Acta Physiologica et Pharmacologica Neerlandica sponsored by the Holland Society of Sciences supersedes Archives Neerlandaises de Physiologie and Acta Brevia Neerlandica. It will publish original contributions on physiological, pharmacological and biochemical subjects and contain proceedings of meetings of the Dutch Society of Physiology and Pharmacology. Articles may be in English, French or German, with summaries in all three languages.

Gardening

Popular Gardening will be equally interesting to amateurs or experts. Emphasis is on growing flowers, although the first issue included one article on vegetables and one on fruits.

Periodicals


American Documentation. 1719 N. St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C. v.1, no.1, January 1950. Quarterly. $3.


BMQ, the Boston Medical Quarterly. Boston University, School of Medicine, 80 E. Concord St., Boston 18. v.1, no.1, March 1950. $2.


International Monetary Fund. Staff Papers. International Monetary Fund, 1718 H St., N.W., Washington 6. v.1, no.1, February 1950. Quarterly. $3.


Number, a Magazine of Modern Poetry. 155 Manor Drive, San Francisco 27. v.1, no.1, Spring 1950. Quarterly. $1.75.

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