

EDITORS' NOTES

Economia e Storia. Rivista Italiana di Storia Economica e Sociale. The editors take pleasure in welcoming the appearance of this new economic history review, the first number of which is dated June–September, 1954. The editor of *Economia e Storia*, Amintore Fanfani, Professor of Economic History at the Catholic University of Milan and currently Secretary of the Christian Democratic Party, informs his readers that he hopes to continue the great tradition established by President Luigi Einaudi with the *Rivista di Storia Economica*. Among the early contributors are many of the established economic historians of the Continent. Foreign subscriptions to *Economia e Storia* are 3000 lire per year, and should be addressed to *Economia e Storia*, Fratelli Bocca Editori, Via Visconti di Modrone 27, Milan. The review will be published quarterly and is to have about 110 pages each issue.

Early English Tracts on Commerce. Edited by J. R. McCulloch. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1954. Pp. xv, 663. \$6.50. In 1856 McCulloch printed these essays for his Political Economy Club. Only 100 copies were published at that time. We are most fortunate to have a reprint of this useful volume, which includes such famous tracts as "Discourse of Trade from England unto the East Indies" and "England's Treasure by Forraign Trade," by Mun; "The Treasure of Traffike," by Roberts; "England's Interest and Improvement," by Fortrey; "Britannia Languens," by Petty; "Discourses on Trade," by North; "Considerations on the East India Trade," by Martin; and the (truly) anonymous "England's Great Happiness, or a Dialogue between Content and Complaint."

Medieval Institutions: Selected Essays. By Carl Stephenson. Edited by Bryce D. Lyon. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1954. Pp. xiv, 289. \$5.00. Of these ten reprinted articles, those particularly significant for students of economic history are: "The Aids of the French Towns in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Centuries"; "The Origin and Nature of the Taille"; "Taxation and Representation in the Middle Ages"; "The *Firma Noctis* and the Customs of the Hundred"; and "Notes on the Composition and Interpretation of the Domesday Book." Appended is a chronological list of Stephenson's writings.

The System or Theory of the Trade of the World. By Isaac Gervaise. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1954. Pp. xiv, 24. Jacob Viner discovered this tract in 1935. It was written in 1720, and contains some highly enlightened anti-mercantilist arguments. In this reprint Mr. Viner contributes a Foreword, and there is also an Introduction by J. M. Letiche.

Select List of Documents in the Records of the National Recovery Administration. (Record Group 9) Compiled by Homer C. Calkin and Meyer H. Fishbein. Washington: The National Archives, 1954. Pp. 190.