

## List of Manuscript Material Now Available

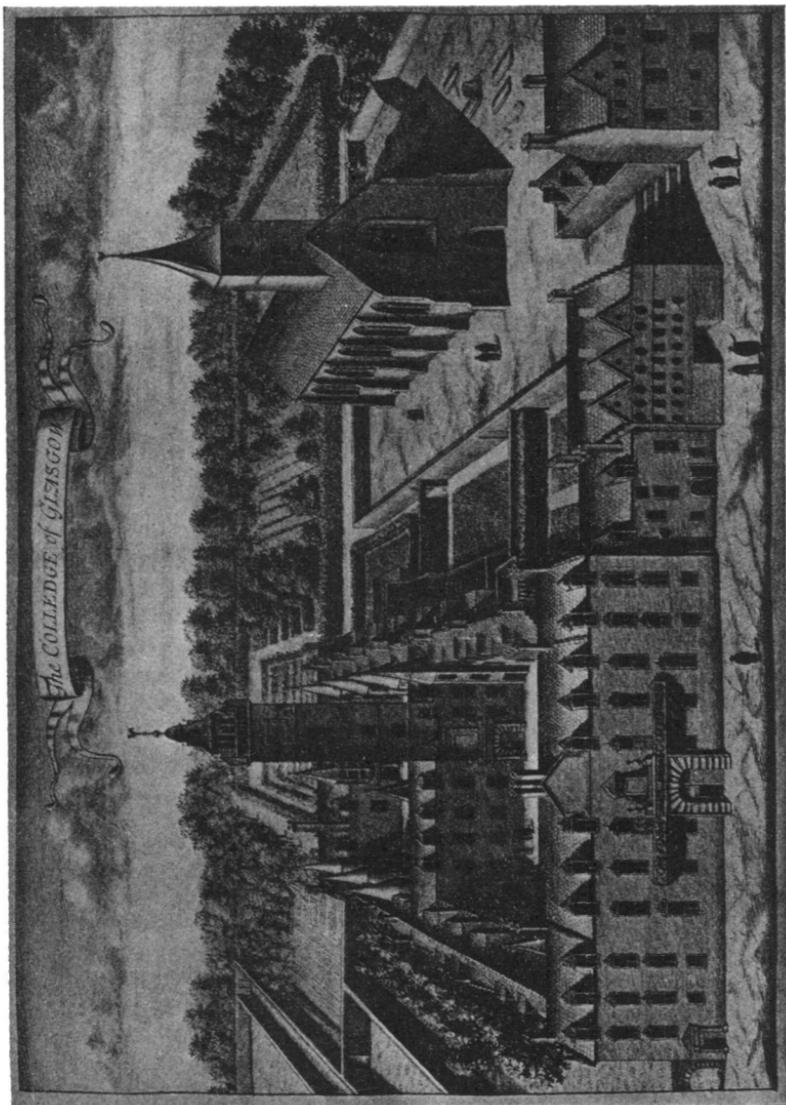
THE *List of Business Manuscripts in Baker Library*, referred to more fully in the May Bulletin, is now available at fifty cents a copy on application to Baker Library, Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, Soldiers Field, Boston, Massachusetts. The list (112 pages), published by the Library, includes descriptions of both the material collected by the Business Historical Society and the Library itself — 508 collections in all.

### “The Glasgow University Press 1638–1931”

AMONG the more recent volumes received by the Business Historical Society is *The Glasgow University Press 1638–1931* by James Maclehose. The author, himself a member of the family that now runs the press, enters into his task with uncommon enthusiasm.

The University Press of Glasgow, unlike those of Oxford and Cambridge, has always been privately owned. This rather complicates the work of writing its history. The administration of the press, over this period of nearly three hundred years, was undertaken by no less than fourteen different families, not to mention the various members of some of those families. For this reason, it is impossible to find any real development of policy.

For the first hundred years the history of the press seems to be woven around a struggle which involved a series of privileges, Royal grants, monopolies, exemptions, drawbacks, family quarrels, etc., but with the entrance of Robert Foulis into the account there comes a new tone. Here we have the press adopting methods which brought fame not only to the press but to the University itself. The type which he developed and the care with which the work of printing was conducted produced some of the most beautiful books ever printed. He demanded not only beauty of the printed page, but the greatest accuracy. He required five proof readings in an effort to eliminate all error, concerning which our author says, “This is the way in which really great work is done;



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it is not the way in which dividends are earned." Nevertheless Robert Foulis found printing and publishing in Scotland at a low ebb. Through his efforts the Glasgow University Press became renowned throughout Europe. Interest in the history of the press necessarily drops off after the death of Robert Foulis. The rest is humdrum in contrast.

## Important Notice

ATTENTION is called to the sixth annual meeting of the Business Historical Society, Inc., which will be held in Room 232 of Baker Library at eleven o'clock on Thursday, December 8, 1932.

The program of the meeting includes administrative reports for the preceding year and the election of officers for the ensuing year and members of the Council for the following three years. There will also be addresses on subjects of interest, the details of which will be announced later. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

The usual complimentary luncheon will be served at the Business School Faculty Club immediately after the meeting.

## Secretary's Column

### ACQUISITIONS

Since the publication of the last Bulletin the Society has received and gratefully acknowledges the following acquisitions:

From The Bank of Toronto, Toronto, Canada: *Seventy Second Annual Report of The Bank of Toronto, 1927; 75 Years of Service, The Bank of Toronto.*

From C. A. Bogert, Vice-President and General Manager, Dominion Bank of Canada, Toronto: sixteen *Annual Reports of the Dominion Bank*, covering various periods from 1911 to 1931.

From Superintendent of Branches, Imperial Bank of Canada, Toronto: *Annual Reports* for the year 1907 and various years from 1916 to 1927.

From Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, Cleveland, Ohio: *The Clevelander*, for the periods from August, 1931 to December, 1931, February, March, May, July, and August, 1932 — historical sketches of Cleveland business organizations.