

events on which it was based. The horror that was Chicago's Packing-town was brought home to the average citizen far more fully in the pages of *The Jungle* than in the report of the official investigation. Thus muckraking fiction augmented the muckraking articles and added to the wave of literature of exposure which helped bring on the reforms of the Progressive Era.

The reviewer might criticize Groman for his selection of certain pieces to the exclusion of others. Several of the stories are a bit repetitious and the chief figures are mere stereotypes. In a few cases the accounts are brief and seem incomplete. But these are minor quibbles. In general the selections are judiciously made and the impact of the volume is distinctly favorable. This collection of muckraking fiction is a welcome and useful addition to the growing shelf of Progressive literature.

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Dissertations in History: An Index to Dissertations Completed in History Departments of United States and Canadian Universities, 1873-1960. By Warren F. Kuehl. ([Lexington]: University of Kentucky Press, 1965. Pp. xi, 249. Index. \$15.00.)

This index includes only doctoral dissertations completed in history departments in the United States. Any person seriously interested in historical research who will spend many hours examining and using this index, as this reviewer has done, will find it most valuable.

As the introduction notes, related indices are needed. Gathering data and editing this compilation, however, was obviously a herculean task even without attempting to select and include dissertations of an historical nature from other subjects and areas. The subject index to this volume is most helpful, but there is no satisfactory substitute for examining the text page by page. Since the index proper lists theses alphabetically by author, no author index was needed.

Dissertations in History is not without its errors, both of omission and commission. This situation results largely because "historians, who are so concerned with the records of others, have been so shoddy in keeping their own or in seeing that their institutions maintain complete files (p. ix)." Compiler Kuehl reports that he did not find even a single instance of a university whose records concerning its own dissertations were "found to be fully accurate or complete (p. x)."

An analysis of this index reveals various gaps in historical dissertations. For instance, authors of doctoral theses have generally neglected topics in local and state history and they have also neglected topics regarding the Middle West. Librarians, teachers, researchers, administrators, and interested citizens alike should combine their efforts and take significant steps to remedy this unfortunate situation. (Similar observations were offered by editor Kuehl himself in his discussion of *Dissertations in History* which appeared in the *American Historical Association Newsletter*, June, 1965, pp. 19-26.)

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