Lastly there are those which differ in the form of items, e.g. where numerals occur as well as words; or different alphabetical characters, e.g., Greek or Russian, though the Chairman has said he thinks those of the former language can be interspersed with English.

As a device to separate different kinds of items the author of the article mentioned “different typography”, and this is invaluable. It can, however, be used to distinguish not only individual items in one index but even the whole of the items of a separate index (like those of artists referred to), as that fact makes the special category clear at a glance.

H. V. MOLESWORTH ROBERTS.

Dear Sir,

In your Autumn issue E. M. Hatt asks, “Who can imagine an index entry doing justice to (or indeed failing to bruise and batter), Professor Galbraith’s remark that ‘Wealth is not without its advantages, and the case to the contrary, although it has frequently been made, has never proved widely persuasive.’”

Would not “Wealth, ? advantages . . .” be better than nothing?

E. S. TEW.

OBITUARIES

H. ROBINSON SHIPPERD

It is with great regret that we have to record the death on the 26th July, 1961, of H. Robinson Shipperd, of Long Island, N.Y. Mr. Shipperd, who joined the Society in 1958, was a free-lance editor and was so fond of indexing that he used to compile indexes for works that lacked them and present the result to libraries.

He was a direct descendant of the famous English divine, the Rev. John Robinson, who formed the idea of a Puritan colony in America and was responsible for the sailing of the Pilgrim Fathers in 1620. He married a direct descendant of the Rev. John Yonges who, settling in America in 1640, founded the township of Southwold on Long Island, naming it (as well as its county of Suffolk) after the parts of England whence he had sailed.

Mr. Shipperd contributed to The Indexer, Vol. II, No. 2, an article on “The Best Indexing”.

LT.-COL. IAN STUART CHARLES ROSE

We record with deep regret the death, on the 11th December, 1962, of Lt.-Col. I. S. C. Rose, of Edinburgh, who joined the Society in May, 1961.

Col. Rose attended the Society’s Course of Training at the North Western Polytechnic last year. He had already compiled the index for Portrait of a patriot (John Wilkes) by C. P. Chenevix-Trench (Blackwoods, 1962) and at the time of his passing was engaged in assisting in the production of the Library Association’s British technology index.
REGINALD JONATHAN HOY

The premature death of another Founder Member, R. J. Hoy, B.Sc., F.L.A., on 23rd February, 1963, is also recorded with great regret. He had been employed in the libraries of the University of London, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and at the time of his death was Deputy Librarian of the School of Oriental and African Studies. Mr. Hoy contributed several items to our "Tools of our Trade" feature, one of these being included in this issue, and his keen interest in our Society will be missed.

BOOK REVIEWS

Bibliographies, subject and national. A guide to their contents, arrangement and use.

This second, revised edition of Mr. Collison's useful guide to bibliographies will be welcomed by all students of the subject. It provides a general survey of subject and national bibliographies, and incorporates a useful list of bibliographies of individual literary figures. This book is obviously intended as an introduction to the subject, and the section headed "Further reading" might well have been extended to advantage, or references provided within sections to sources of additional material.

Bibliography is a constantly growing subject, and rapid developments make it virtually impossible for guides to keep pace with them. This one unwisely anticipates the date of publication of the supplement to Walford's Guide, but otherwise presents an accurate conspectus of the subject, and will remain an invaluable source of information for students.

J.L.T.


Over 200 pages are devoted to the results of a study of Federal and Non-Federal science information processing and retrieval programs in the book Documentation, indexing, and retrieval of scientific information compiled by the Committee on Government Operations of the United States Senate.

This book is highly recommended as a "must" reading for any indexer, scientist, researcher, writer, or editor. GERALD A. WILLEY.


Dr. S. R. Ranganathan's numerous publications have done much towards establishing librarianship as a profession in India, and have been read with profit by librarians throughout the world. This is not one that can readily be appreciated outside India, and must be classified as one of his less successful efforts. The first