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Preface

The 33rd annual meeting of the Business History Conference was hosted at the Hagley Museum and Library in Wilmington, Delaware from March 12-14, 1987 by our President, Glenn Porter, Director of the Museum and Library. Glenn and his staff at the Library made the local arrangements and we are grateful to them for their hospitality and dedicated labor on our behalf.

The program for these meetings was put together by Mira Wilkins, our President-Elect. It featured a large number of overseas visitors who added great vitality and novelty to our meetings. It is to be hoped that these international contacts will continue and strengthen. Mira also prevailed upon Edwin Perkins to organize and chair the dissertation session. Ed was put in the unenviable position of having to select four dissertations from among the large number submitted. All those chosen this year are in the area of Business History and testify to the continued--even increasing--vitality of the field.

At the Presidential Banquet the biennial Herman E. Krooss prize for the best dissertation in economic and business history presented at the annual BHC meetings was awarded. The winner was Paul J. Miranti for his dissertation "From Conflict to Concensus: The American Institute of Accountants and the Professionalization of Public Accountancy, 1886-1940" which appears in *Business and Economic History*, 15(1986):93-100.

This is the thirteenth and final volume of *Business and Economic History* to be published through the Bureau of Economic and Business Research of the College of Commerce and Business Administration. We are grateful to Dean John Hogan and Director Robert W. Resek for their long-standing support of our organization. Unfortunately, scheduling problems this year deprived us of the careful eye and skillful copy editing of Janet Fitch.

Effective 1 August 1987, I resigned as Secretary-Treasurer of the BHC and as editor of *Business and Economic History*. The organization and editorship of our papers and proceedings are now in the capable hands of Will Hausman at William and Mary. The College of William and Mary will be assuming full responsibility for the continued publication of *Business and Economic History* beginning with Volume 17 (1988) including servicing our institutional subscribers. In the interim, Will has arranged for the printing of this volume at William and Mary, but I share responsibility with the authors for what errors and style inconsistencies remain in this volume.

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