

REVIEWS OF BOOKS

Public Documents, edited by Jerome K. Wilcox, chairman A.L.A. Committee On Public Documents, with *Archives and Libraries*, edited by A. F. Kuhlman, chairman A.L.A. Committee on Archives and Libraries. Papers presented at the 1938 conference of the American Library Association. (Chicago. American Library Association, 1938. \$5.00.)

This volume, a planograph production, is full of interesting information for archivist and librarian alike. Included are papers on the local archives program of the Historical Records Survey by Luther H. Evans, the manuscript program of the Historical Records Survey by Miss Margaret S. Eliot, the place of microphotography in the collection and preservation of local archives and historical manuscripts by Miss Margaret C. Norton. On the subject of principles for the selection of materials for preservation there are three excellent studies: In public archives by Dorsey W. Hyde, Jr., in historical manuscript collections by Miss Grace Lee Nute, in collections of business records by Arthur H. Cole. The organization and preservation of manuscript collections are treated in addresses by Herbert A. Kellar, Miss Gertrude W. Ackermann, Robert B. Downs, Arthur H. Cole, and Thomas P. Martin. Arthur E. Kimberly has a paper on the repair and preservation of public, archival, and private manuscript material.

Guide for the Description and Evaluation of Research Materials, edited by Robert B. Downs, Director of Libraries, New York University. (Chicago. American Library Association, 1939.)

This guide was originally compiled as a practical help to surveyors of library materials in the southern states, since no comparable work could be found. It indicates all the various books to be searched for, from encyclopaedias and dictionaries on into the detailed sciences or arts. Pages 7-9 contain certain brief suggestions as to dealing with American historical manuscripts and other manuscripts.