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this the beginning of fruitful inquiries into the means to promote cooperative efforts among agrarian elements, whose need for help in this respect is equal to if not much more than that of their counterparts in industry.

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AN EXCELLENT CATALOG

CLASSIFIED LIST OF FILIPINIANA BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS IN THE MAIN LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS OF DECEMBER 1958. Prepared by the Cataloguing Section under the editorial supervision of Pacifico M. Austria, Gloria S. Quiros and Consolacion B. Rebadavia. Quezon City; University of the Philippines, 1959, vi, 358p. mimeographed.

This is a competent piece of work and will serve as a useful tool for intra-library business and a basis for inter-library loans. Although not a complete listing of the Filipiniana holdings of the University of the Philippines (departmental library collections and serials are not included), the enterprise has gotten off the ground. An extensive index considerably increases the value of the listing.

The catalog was undertaken in compliance with a "Proposed Program of Action" for the development of bibliographical services in the Philippines drawn up by the Philippine Library Association in 1950. The long-term objective is to establish a national union catalog and a union list of serials. For this, the cooperation of other libraries and educational institutions was enlisted in a joint meeting of the Philippine Library Association and the Bibliographical Society of the Philippines in 1951.

In 1952 the Philippine Mission (now Province) of the Society of Jesus issued a mimeographed union list of the Filipiniana holdings of its various libraries consisting of 1,355 entries. The same year the University of Manila Library and the Santo Tomas University Library followed suit with mimeographed lists of 249 and 861 entries, respectively. Subsequently the Institute of Science and Technology, the Philippine Normal College, the Philippine Women's University and the Philippine College of Commerce compiled typewritten lists of their Filipiniana holdings. These institutional catalogs bring us appreciably closer to the much needed and ardently desired union catalog, but a great deal of work remains to be done. Now that the enterprise is air-borne, we hope that the forthcoming seminar of the Bibliographical Society of the Philippines, scheduled for this month, will give it another powerful boost towards its distant landing field.

There are a few minor blemishes in the *Classified List* under review. They do not affect its value as a bibliography but it would be well to remove them if a printed edition is planned. In the first place a clear working definition of "Filipiniana" is desirable. The compilers seem to regard as Filipiniana any work about the Philippines, or by a Filipino, or published in the Philippines. This seems too broad a definition for practicality. On the other hand, it does not seem to cover some of the items listed, e. g., n. 926, n. 270.

A table of abbreviations regularly used would also be helpful. There are a number of typographical errors: see for instance nn. 6, 7, 15, 33. There are some incomplete entries, although they are doubtless difficult to complete; thus, n. 15 (publisher), n. 16 (date), n. 39 (date and publisher), n. 143 (prefatory pagination). An explanatory note might make clear certain enigmatic entries, e.g., nn. 201, 2634, 2616.

The entries are arranged by subject under *general* headings but they occur under several alphabets because they are broken down and listed in specific subject order. Moreover specific subject headings are used in the index rather than true subject words. There seem to be no cross references.

But, as said above, these are minor defects in a fine piece of work.

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ROMULUS AND HIS CITY

FOUNDING FATHERS. By Alfred Duggan. London: Faber and Faber, 1959. 283p.

Rome was not built in a day, as everybody knows. But no one is quite sure when or by whom its first stone was laid. Since the facts were not available even in ancient times, fiction, conjecture, and mythology have had to mingle to fill in the details of the founding of the Eternal City.

Alfred Duggan, no stranger in the art of producing historical novels on ancient Rome (*Winter Quarters, The Little Emperors, Three's Company*), tells anew the story of Rome's birth in his *Founding Fathers*. The kernel of this story is the same as that of Livy's and especially Plutarch's, but the book does more than merely rehash their twice told tale. Rome was originally intended to be a base from which Romulus and his followers could prey on the rich Etruscans across the Tiber River. The little settlement, however, grew by leaps and bounds by opening its stockade to the neighboring Sabines and all the riff-raff and outcasts of the Italian Peninsula. In the