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Preface

On 6, 7, and 8 March 1980 the 26th annual meeting of the Business History Conference was held at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Local arrangements were provided by Dean Richard Barsness and Professor Bruce Dalgaard. The Bethlehem Steel Corporation hosted a luncheon; and the College of Business and Economics and the Center for Economic Education at Lehigh University sponsored a reception for the membership of the BHC. We are grateful to these individuals and institutions for their support.

Harold Woodman, our president-elect, served as chairman of the program committee. As this volume attests he assembled an unusually interesting and varied group of papers. As this decade opens, it is especially pleasing to see so many young scholars pursuing business history. Their vitality and effort catches the cycle of academic interest as increasing attention is focused on historical scholarship applied to business. As the spirit of this year's meetings indicated, it is difficult to avoid concluding that business history is experiencing a renaissance.

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