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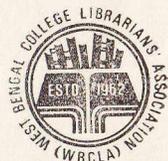
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FOREWORD

The Ready-Reference source is a special form of reference work designed for the specific purpose of supplying answers to ready-reference, quick fact questions. In one sense, all reference works may be classified in this category, but there is one group specially suited for such questions. Directories belong to this group.

The idea of directory has a respectable antiquity. Since the beginning of the recorded time man has been feeling the need to prepare an orderly list of people, organisations and things. The earliest known printed English Directory, one for London Business Houses, and the other for the city of Philadelphia, in U. K. and U. S. A., respectively, was brought out in 1595. Directory in the conventional form however, might be traced back to 1732, when, Brown's 'Directory of Principal Traders in London' was first published. In successive years and down the centuries quite a large number of similar works have appeared and vanished, leaving indelible impression of sustained efforts to record information about persons, institutions, trade and industry for our use.

A directory is, in fact, any work which enables the searcher to locate, identify or obtain further information about a person or organisation, or which provides the searcher with a list of persons or organisations in a particular industry, trade or group, or in a particular place. It follows therefore, that much such material may be concealed in works other than directories. For example, a directory of publishers and their addresses are found in the last few pages of a volume such as *BOOKS IN PRINT* 1948—. However, the art of compilation of directories has developed considerably in our age and they are now available to serve diverse interests.

There is no lack of listings of libraries with details of their stock, staff and specifications. On a global scale there is 'World Guide to Libraries'

edited by H. Lengenfelder, 6th ed., Munich, K. G. Saur, 1983. It covers national libraries, university and college libraries, general research libraries and public libraries with holdings of 30,000 volumes or more and special libraries with 3000 volumes or more. Entries are arranged according to category of library (such as national, university, special or public) by country within continent. Addresses and telephone numbers are supplemented by some or all of the following : year of foundation, name of librarian, size of stock, a note on the participation in the inter-library loan system, and membership of local national and international library associations. A subject index is provided.

On a national scale there is the 'American Library Directory' compiled and edited by Jaques Cattell Press. New York, Bowker, annually. It lists over 30,000 public, academic, special, government and armed forces library in the US, its holdings and Canada. The arrangement is geographical (by town within State for USA) with entries which include, in addition to addresses and telephone numbers, the following : names of key personnel, size and nature of stock, subject coverage, special collections and/or services available, and publications produced. An index of organisation is provided.

For India, ILA brought out the fourth edition of the Indian 'Library Directory' in 1985, in the same year the second edition of the 'Directory of Special and Research Libraries in India' was published by IASLIC and a 'Directory of Indian Public Libraries : A selected list of libraries assisted by the Foundation' edited by B. P. Barua appeared in 1986. Many of the states of India including West Bengal have directories, some of which are now out of print, and revisions are in the process. And the present one is a helpful addition to this family of directories. This directory cannot hope to catch up with its predecessors in range, breadth and sweep but as the product of an individual effort it can boast of blazing a trail.

Authority—Purpose—Physical format — Arrangement — Recency / Revision—
Accuracy—Treatment—Use—Scope—are the criteria to evaluate any reference
tool. In other words the mnemonic APPARATUS may be applied to evaluate
librarians' apparatus for handling reference questions. It may also be noted
in passing that many of the criteria used in the mnemonic APPARATUS
overlap. Scope may not always be separated from purpose, treatment or use.
When evaluating an given reference tool, not all criteria may apply equally.
One must ask "which criteria are relevant?" In othe words establishing priority
is necessary. Different criteria will assume priority for different categories.
Nevertheless the acronym has come to stay as a general guide to librarians for
evaluating reference sources.

Authority—Purpose—Arrangement—Recency—Accuracy—Scope—these
are essential to the making of a directory. Without these one may possibly
achieve, through sheer concentrated intensity, a long list of libraries, but not
directory as librarian's apparatus. Accordingly, the compiling a directory call
for a professional mind above everything — a mind able to rise to the scope and
demand of the profession. Mr. Kar's mindful attempt has come to strike us
more and more as demanding and rewarding attention. There is no use picking
up small holes from his compilation. It is better to look where it is pointing.
In fact, all publications have their limitations, all are the production of fallible
men and women.

There are more reasons than one why I am pleased to be associated with
this directory compiled by my professional colleague—Mr. Rabindranath Kar.

even if it is only by way of a Foreword, normally unread. For one thing Mr. Kar is one of among our brighter young librarians thinking about developments in our field and this directory will stand us as a landmark in his professional pursuit. There was the urgent need of this directory and Mr. Kar is to be sincerely congratulated on producing a useful and practical tool for College Librarians.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Ag—Agriculture
Arch—Archeology
BA/B A—Bachelor of Arts.
BSc/B Sc—Bachelor of Science
BCom/B Com—Bachelor of Commerce
B Lib Sc—Bachelor of Library Science
BLIS—Bachelor of Library & Information Science
BEd/B Ed—Bachelor of Education
B T—Bachelor of Teachers Training
Beng—Bengali
Com—Commerce
C U—Calcutta University
Cert Lib Sc—Certificate in Library Science
Dip Lib Sc—Diploma in Library Science
Elcet—Electrical
Engg—Eegineering
Eng—English
Econ—Economics
Hist—History
Hin—Hindi
H S—Higher Secondary
LLB—Bachelor of Law
M A/MA—Master of Arts

M Sc/MSc—Master of Science
M Com/MCom—Master of Commerce
M Lib Sc—Master of Library Science
MLIS—Master of Library & Information Science
Mech—Mechanical
Muso—Museology
Math—Mathematics
Pub Adm—Public Administration
PS—Political Science
P U—Pre-University
Ph D—Doctor of Philosophy
Physio—Physiology
Phil—Philosophy
S F—School Final
Sans—Sanskrit
Sc—Science
U E—University Entrance

(L+AL+LA+BL)

L+—Librarian

AL+—Asstt Librarian

LA+—Library Assistant

BA+—Bearer Literate

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 - (3) **24 PARGANAS (North)**
 - (4) **24 PARGANAS (South)**
 - (5) **HOOGHLY (South)**
 - (6) **HOWRAH**
 - (7) **MURSHIDABAD**
 - (8) **NADIA**