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A meeting of the Japan Accounting Association held at Waseda University on September 12, 1978, included the following papers on accounting history:

- "On the Stages of Development of the Bookkeeping Method Proper to Japan," by Eiichiro Ogura, Shiga University
- "A Problem on the History of Bookkeeping in Tuscany in the 14th Century," by Katsumi Izutani, Osaka Keizai University
- "The Development of Bookkeeping in the Sixteenth Century," by Satoshi Shirai, Osaka City University
- "Some Methodological Problems in Management Accounting History," by Sadao Takatera, Kyoto University
- "Study in the Bibliography of the Accounting History of Railway Enterprises," by Manji Nakamura, Nippon Daigaku University
- "The Fundamental Problems of Management Accounting History: A Critical Review on the Article by M. Jay Epstein," by Atsuo Tsuji, Osaka City University
- "Early Accounting Textbooks in Scotland," by Osamu Kojima, Kwansai Gakuin University

CANADA

Turgut Var has been named Regional Chairman for Canada. It is hoped that an accounting history session can be arranged for annual meeting of the Canadian Academic Accounting Association next May in Saskatoon. Professor Var can be contacted at Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C., Canada V5A 1S6.

History of Accounting Thought (Commerce 493) is being offered for the first time this Fall at Simon Fraser University.

HELP

The Editor asks your assistance in providing information on accounting history meetings or other noteworthy items. Please send them along to: Notebook, Box 6999, University, AL 35486.

The following quotations on "miscellaneous and unclassified rules of etiquette" were taken from *A Guide to Success, with Forms for Business and Society* (being a most complete and universal hand-book for business, legal and social guidance) by J. A. Dacus, Ph.D. and published by Scammell & Company in 1884.

Conceit is the vice or folly of the shallow-minded; so if you would not be thought so, avoid boasting or affectations of any kind.

Beware of a constant desire to "get even" with people you fancy have injured you. It is unchristian.

To answer a civil question rudely, or even impatiently, is a gross breach of etiquette.

In private, watch your thoughts; in your family, watch your temper; in society, watch your tongue.

It is better to live alone than in low company. If you cannot keep good company, keep none.

If you try to make yourself appear more important than you really are, you run the risk of being considered less so.

It is a breach of good manners, and a violation of common sense, to laugh at your own wit. The greatest wits always keep a sober face, and let others do the laughing.

Never recline backwards, while seated, so as to push your chair upon two legs. This appears to be almost exclusively an American habit, and is decidedly an evidence of bad-breeding.

It should be remembered that no provocation whatsoever can justify any man in not being civil to every woman; and the greatest man would justly be reckoned a brute if he were not civil to the meanest woman.

Pulling out your watch in company unasked is a mark of ill-breeding. It looks as though you were tired of the company, and that time dragged heavily.

A lady should never call upon a gentleman, excepting upon business, at his place of business. Even relatives, unless in the immediate family, cannot receive calls from ladies at home.

NOTICE

Academy members interested in taking on the responsibility of serving as a Regional Chairperson are asked to contact: Hanns-Martin Schoenfeld, 215 Commerce West, U. of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801.