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PREFATORY NOTE

In 1906 the Library of Congress published a "Select list of works relating to employers' liability," and in 1908 a "Select list of references on workmen's insurance." In the time which has elapsed since the earlier date, the literature of employers' liability and workmen's compensation has grown to very large proportions. The present list is based on this recent literature, but such titles as are still pertinent have been drawn from the 1906 list, and a few which dealt with workmen's insurance against accidents have been taken from the 1908 list.

The recent agitation in the United States has been confined practically to the compensation of workmen for injuries received in industrial accidents and the liability of employers for the same. The list so far as it covers the United States, therefore, has been restricted within the same limits. These restrictions could not be observed in dealing with the literature relating to foreign countries. There the subject was frequently found to be so interwoven with other forms of social insurance—such as insurance against unemployment, sickness, and old age—that the scope of the sections devoted to foreign countries had to be sensibly widened. Advantage has been taken of this fact, to bring out in the subject index such other forms of social insurance as were perforce included in the list.

The list makes no pretensions to completeness, even for the United States. A very large number of pamphlets were received at the Library, but only a small part could be included in the list; the remainder have been kept together in the Division of Documents. A special collection of manuscript decisions, rules and orders of liability and compensation boards, blank forms for filing claims and making reports of accidents, is also on deposit in the Division of Documents and may be consulted on application.

The laws relating to compensation for industrial accidents in foreign countries will be found in the two volumes of the Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Commissioner of Labor, which have just been published. For the text of the most recent laws see the "Bulletin of the United States Bureau of Labor" and "Annuaire du legislation du travail."

The list has profited by many valuable suggestions made by Dr. H. J. Harris, formerly of the United States Bureau of Labor, and now

Chief of the Division of Documents in the Library of Congress. Dr. Harris's recent investigations at the Bureau of Labor were largely within the field covered by the list, and his expert knowledge was placed at our disposal without reservation. The list has also had the advantage of the hearty cooperation of Miss M. A. Matthews, Librarian of the United States Bureau of Labor, who rendered most valuable assistance in suggesting sources of information, which at the time were not in the Library of Congress.

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Montana. *Supreme court.* Cunningham, State auditor, v. Northwestern improvement co. (Supreme court of Montana. Nov. 21, 1911.)

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(In its Reports of cases decided. Albany, 1911. 8°. p. 201-320.)
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Washington: Govt. print. off., 1912. (2), 1115-1560. p. 8°.

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co., plaintiff in error, *vs.* Mary Agnes Walsh, administra-
trix; and Mary Agnes Walsh, administratrix, plaintiff in
error, *vs.* New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad co.
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