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A unique *Microfilm Index and Bibliography* on American Lutheran historical sources has just been issued by the Concordia Historical Institute, St. Louis, Mo. The *Index and Bibliography* will aid all researchers working in this field throughout the world. The project, which is sponsored by the Lutheran Laymen's League, the lay organization of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, represents a pioneer venture in American church archival work and involved the indexing of the largest single Lutheran microfilm collection in America.

The *Microfilm Index and Bibliography* provides specific access to the Institute's microfilm collection of almost 100,000 feet of film. The *Index* serves as a bibliographical tool. The many microfilm resources available on interlibrary loan are indicated. For ease of reference, all entries have been cross-indexed.

The production of this *Index and Bibliography* has been in process for over five years and covers all microfilm acquisitions for the 10-year period 1954—1963. Present

plans call for an annual or biannual supplement to keep abreast of all new additions.

The purpose of the Institute's photoduplication program is to supplement its historical references and research library of 39,000 volumes of books, periodicals, pamphlets, and tracts, its manuscript and archives collection representing more than two million documents and papers, and its museum and photograph collection containing thousands of items.

The *Index* was edited by the Institute director, August R. Suelflow, with the assistance of the Institute staff. Produced in offset, the 5½×8½ booklet consists of almost 200 pages of text with 2,485 entries. Each entry lists the title or name of an individual, the date of publication or source, and also the type — correspondence, manuscript, record, thesis, periodical, etc. The internal arrangement of the entries is designed for the individual who does not have immediate access to the collections. The *Microfilm Index and Bibliography* is available from the Institute at \$3.00 a copy plus postage.