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Promotion of Co-operation in Classification Research.

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Reviews the Indian Standard *Glossary of classification terms* (1964) and Parkhi's *Decimal classification and colon classification in perspective*. Examines and establishes the value of a glossary of terms to facilitate communication among those interested in library classification. The development of the Indian *Glossary* is traced briefly. Attention is drawn to the structure of the *Glossary* and the advantages of the classified arrangement of the terms is stressed upon. Points for consideration in the revision of the *Glossary* are mentioned. Parkhi's method of comparison of DC and CC on the basis of postulates and principles is commented upon and commended. Highlights the value of the books to classificationists, classifiers, and teachers and students of library science.

0 Introduction

The *Indian standard glossary of classification terms** and Mr Parkhi's study of the DC and CC** could not have been published at a more opportune time in the development of the discipline of classification. Each in its own way meets certain long-felt needs of classificationists, classifiers, and teachers and students of classification.

1 Why of a Glossary

11 VERBAL PLANE

An idea, whether it is intuitively grasped or intellectually developed, is of little social use until it is made communicable through expression in a language. The development of a discipline depends largely on its cultivation by the intellectuals through mutual communication. The most widely used medium for their communication is the verbal plane. Even in thinking, that is in communicating with oneself, one has to take the help of the verbal plane as the medium. Thus for "absorbing" as well as for "cultivating" the universe of knowledge, the verbal plane is an essential medium.

12 INTERNATIONAL INTERCOURSE

The intellectual cannot help burrowing deeper and deeper into the discipline he is concerned with. Contact with specialists in other disciplines is also essential for mutual enrichment. The few specialists in a subject are not all concentrated in one country. They are scattered among different nations with different languages, cultural background, educational development, and points of view.

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