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Timothy Thoresen, Assistant Professor of American Studies and Anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin, is preparing a book-length intellectual biography of A.L. Kroeber, based on his dissertation in American Civilization at the University of Iowa.

In our next number, we would like to print as full a list as possible of Doctoral Dissertations in Progress, and would appreciate receiving information from authors or supervisors, including specifically: author's full name, department, institution, supervisor, and tentative title.

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(Without duplicating information elsewhere readily available, we hope to provide bibliographic leads to items that might otherwise escape your attention: recent doctoral dissertations, articles in out-of-the-way places, or perhaps short bibliographies of specific topics. As a start, we offer the following:)

RECENT DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS:

- Bieder, Robert (University of Minnesota, 1972),
"The American Indian and the Development of Anthropological Thought in the United States, 1780-1851."
Darnell, Regna (University of Pennsylvania, 1969),
"The Development of American Anthropology 1879-1920: From the Bureau of American Ethnology to Franz Boas."
Tax, Thomas (University of Chicago, 1973),
"The Development of American Archaeology 1800-1879."

(See also those referred to elsewhere in this issue.)

WAYWARD ARTICLES:

International Social Science Journal, 25 (1973) contains autobiographical articles by a number of social scientists, including two anthropologists: A.P. Elkin (pp. 13-27) and M.N. Srinivas (pp. 129-148).

Pandey, T.N. "Anthropologists at Zuni," Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, 116 (1972):321-337 (From Cushing to Bunzel in the memories of informants alive today.)

SHORT BIOGRAPHY: Autobiographical pieces by Sir. E.E. Evans-Pritchard (1920-1973).

"Social Anthropology at Oxford," Man 5 (1970):704

"Sources, with particular Reference to the Southern Sudan," Cahiers d'etudes Africaines 11 (1971):129-179 (a critique of E-P's teacher, C.G. Seligman.)

"Genesis of a Social Anthropologist: An Autobiographical Note," The New Diffusionist 3 (Jan., 1973):17-23.

"Fragment of an Autobiography," New Blackfriars (Jan. 1973):35-38.

"Some Reminiscences and Reflections on Fieldwork," Journal of the Anthropological Society of Oxford 4(1973):1-12.

"Operations on the Akobo and Gila Rivers, 1940-41," Army Quarterly and Defense Journal (forthcoming).

"Some Reminiscences on Fieldwork in the '20s," Anthropological Quarterly (forthcoming).

CLIO'S FANCY -- DOCUMENTS TO PIQUE THE HISTORICAL IMAGINATION

DID THE ARCH-EVOLUTIONIST MAKE A DEATHBED RECANTATION?

The following unsigned item presumably by Frederick Ward Putnam, Curator of the Peabody Museum and Professor of American Archaeology and Ethnology from 1886 to 1909, was found in the Putnam Papers, and is reproduced here in its entirety with the permission of Miss Adelaide Putnam and the Harvard University Archives. The spacing of the original typescript would suggest that the last two paragraphs were a later addition.

At twelve o'clock, March 6, 1895, Dr. Fewkes came into the Laboratory of the Peabody Museum. He first had a little conversation with Mr. Willoughby about a specimen upon which Mr. Willoughby was working.

He then went to Dr. Dorsey's table, where Dr. Dorsey was preparing for a lecture, and took up Mr. Morgan's work on Ancient Society. About six feet from Dr. Dorsey's table, Mr. Knoblauch, a student in Archaeology I, was engaged in his regular hour of laboratory work. Dr. Fewkes took up Morgan's work on Ancient Society and opened a discussion with Dr. Dorsey upon Mr. Morgan's theories. Dr. Dorsey made the statement that Morgan himself after he had written the book changed and modified his views very much and said that if he had had it to do over again he would not have written the book, or would have written it very differently. Dr. Fewkes asked his reason for so thinking, and Dr. Dorsey told him that Mr. Morgan had told Professor Putnam so; and that Professor Putnam thought as he did, that Morgan was too hasty in his conclusions.

Dr. Fewkes then said that he (meaning Professor Putnam) had a reason for saying this. Dr. Fewkes then walked around the other side of the table where he was certainly as near Knoblauch as Dr. Dorsey, and perhaps nearer, and made the