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#### **NOTICES**

Paid up members of the AAH are entitled to a \$12.80 (20% discount) subscription rate to the *American Journal of Ancient History*. Write: Editor, *AJAH*, Havard University, Robinson Hall, Cambridge, MA 02138.

1987 dues are due January 1, 1987. Member whose dues are in arrears will find noted on their mailing label the last year they paid dues.

The first pamphlet in the association's new pamphlet series, C.G. Starr, *Past and Future in Ancient History*, will go to the printer this spring. Those who are members as of April 1, 1987 will receive copies automatically. Members enrolled subsequent to that date will receive future pamphlets as they appear.

# MINUTES OF THE 1986 BUSINESS MEETING OF THE AAH HELD AT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY, LUBBOCK, TEXAS AT 4:30 P.M. ON MAY 2, 1986.

ecretary-Treasurer Stanley Burstein presided in the absence of President Borza.

- 1. Approval of minutes of 1985 business meeting. MSP.
- 2. Approval of President's Report. MSP.
- 3. Secretary-Treasurer's Report.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported the receipt of a gift of \$100 from the widow of Professor B. Aratowsky in memory of her husband.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that he was removing from the membership list persons whose dues were four years or more in arrears.

Approval of Secretary-Treasurer's Report. MSP.

#### 4. New Business

A letter was read from Professor P. Stadter inviting the AAH to hold its 1991 meeting at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Professor G. Szemler invited the AAH to hold its 1992 meeting at Loyola University in Chicago. MSP.

Professor R. Drews moved that meetings not be scheduled more than six years in advance. MSP.

Professor D. Geagan renewed a call for papers for the 1987 meeting at McMaster University.

Discussion of meeting dates. Professor A. Ward urged retention of present Thursday-Saturday pattern as beneficial for both air fares and teaching purposes. Professor W. L. Adams urged that the matter be left to the discretion of rganizing committees and his views were seconded by Professor B. Twyman. It was the meeting's consenus that the latter course be followed.

Professor R. MacMullen moved that Professor Twyman and the administration of Texas Tech University be thanked

for inviting the AAH to its beautiful campus and for helping make the meeting both successful and enjoyable. MSP.

Motion to adjourn. MSP.

#### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Income:	
Dues	\$2,438.36
Interest	410.15
Advertising	112.50
Mailing List	190.59
Subtotal:	\$3,153.16
Balance Carried Forward:	\$6,601.74
Total:	\$9,753.34
Expenditures:	
Airfare	\$1,503.00
Postage	439.23
Typesetting	682.25
Printing	325.70
Labels	57.45
Typing (Pamphlet)	92.00
Publishing Costs for	
Pamphlet:	
650 copies	1,170.00
Mailing	746.25
Misc.	124.36
Total:	5,140.24
Balance:	\$9,753.35
21 and 12	-5,140.24
Total:	\$4,613.11
Canadian Dollar Account:	\$373.16

#### PRIZES

The James H. Breasted Prize for 1986 was awarded to Professor Benjamin I. Schwartz of Harvard University for The World of Thought in Ancient China (Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass., 1985).

The Croom Helm Ancient History Prize for 1986 was awarded to Paul McKechnic for *Outsiders in the Greek Cities of the Fourth Century B.C.* The book will be published by Croom Helm in 1988.

#### PERSONALIA

Professor Roger Blockley (Carleton University) delivered the 1985 Davidson Dunton Research Lecture on the subject Rome and Persia: International Relations in Late Antiquity at Carleton University. Persons interested in obtaining a copy should contact the office of the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Professor T.R.S. Broughton (Univ. of N.C., Chapel Hill) was honored on the occasion of the publication of the third edition of *The Magistrates of the Roman Republic* at a reception jointly hosted by the American Philological Association and Scholars Press at the 1986 meeting of the APA in San

Antonio, Texas.

Professor William Greenwalt has been appointed Assistant Professor of History at Santa Clara University.

Professor Erich Gruen (U.C. Berkeley) was elected Division Vice-President of the APA for Program.

Professor Deborah Hobson (York University) was elected Division Vice-President of the APA for Research.

Professor Joan Todd (California State University, San Jose) was guest editor of a special issue of the *Journal of Baltic Studies* (16,3 [Fall, 1985]) entitled *Studies in Baltic Amber*. Copies are available for \$11.50 from: Executive office AABS, 231 Miller Road, Mahwah, New Jersey 10430.

#### MISCELLANEA

The APA has established a new Committee on Ancient History. Its members are: John H. D'Arms, Chair pro temp., J.A.S. Evans, George W. Houston, Richard P. Saller, Susan Treggiari.

The Villa Virgiliana, home base of the Vergilian Society's summer programs on the Bay of Naples is in need of major structural repairs to continue operating. Those wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution should write to: Executive Secretary, The Vergilian Society, Inc., Dept. of Classics, Univ. of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

The 1987 Overview of NEH programs is now available. Interested parties should write to: NEH Overview, Room 409, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20506.

#### **BOOKS**

T.R. Broughton, The Magistrates of the Roman Republic. Volume 1: 509 B.C., 3rd. Edition (Scholars Press, 1986).

William M. Calder III and David Trail, eds., Myth, Scandal and History: The Heinrich Schliemann Controversy & A First Edition of the Mycenaean Diary (Wayne State Univ. Press, 1986).

John M. Camp, The Athenian Agora: Excavations in the Heart of Classical Athens (Thames and Hudson, 1986).

Janice J. Gabbert, A Classics Compendium: Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Classical Antiquity But Were Afraid You Didn't Have Time to Find Out (Kendall Hunt, 1986).

A.J. Heisserer, Classical Antiquities: The Collection of the Stovall Museum of Science and History, The University of Oklahoma (University of Oklahoma Press, 1986).

Raphael Sealey, The Athenian Republic: Democracy or the Rule of Law? (Pennsylvania State University, 1986).

Constantine N. Tsirpanlis, Greek Patristic Theology: Basic Doctrines in Eastern Church Fathers (New York, 1987).

# THE CROOM HELM ANCIENT HISTORY PRIZE

The prize will be awarded again in November 1987 for the best contribution in English to the understanding of the history of the classical world submitted to the judges by August 31st in the year of the award. Typescripts should be between 70,000 and 120,000 words. Editions and commentaries will not be eligible nor should submitted works be such as to require extensive photographic illustration or typesetting in foreign alphabets.

The judging of the award will be conducted by a panel of three judges consisting of Professors Averil Cameron (King's College London), Michael Crawford (University College London) and John Davies (University of Liverpool).

The award is funded by Croom Helm Ltd. and will be to the value of 500 pounds. Croom Helm will also publish the winning title. The prize is outright payment and not an advance against royalties, which shall be negotiated separately. Croom Helm shall have the exclusive option over all manuscripts submitted for the prize from the moment of submission until the announcement of the award. Croom Helm reserves the right to offer publication of other man scripts. Books under contact to Croom Helm are also eligible upon request by the author. There is no restriction on nationality or status of candidates, but they should be aged under 40 at the time of submission. Manuscripts for consideration (two copies) should be sent to Richard Stoneman at Croom Helm Ltd., Provident House, Burrell Row, Beckenham, Kent BR 1AT, England.

#### REVIEW

Rosalie David, The Pyramid Builders of Ancient Egypt: A Modern Investigation of Pharaoh's Workforce, Routledge & Kegan Paul, London, 1986. \$37.50.

Ancient Egyptian monuments dealing with the world of the dead are familiar and are the subject of innumerable books. Less well-known are the extensive remains of the villages of the workmen who built those monuments, veritable miniature Pompeiis that offer unusual opportunities for reconstructing the world of the living in second millenium BC Egypt. John Romer and Morris Bierbrier have recently written interesting books based on the materials found in the excavation of the Theban workmen's villages of the New Kingdom. It was a good idea to devote a similar book to the similar Middle Kingdom village at Kahun in the Fayoum that Petrie excavated between 1888 and 1890. A good idea but, unfortunately, a disappointing book.

The book is divided into three unequal segments: introductory section dealing with the historical and geographical background, the Lahun pyramid of Sesostris II and the workmen's towns in general; an account of Petrie's excavations and finds at Kahun; and three semi-technical chapters summarizing the results of the scientific analysis of the pottery, metal objects and textiles discovered at Kahun. The problems with the book are threefold. First, the audience for which it is intended is unclear. Any reader capable of understanding the significance of the concluding three technical chapters is unlikely to require the very general introductory material that occupies almost the first hundred pages of the book. The second is the feeling of padding that one experiences in reading the work, a feeling that results from the fact that of its more than two hundred fifty pages less than one hundred deal with its purported subject, the excavation of the village of Kahun and the light cast by it on the lives of the royal workmen. Third and most disappointing, however, is the superficial character of the five chapters that do deal with Kahun and the life of its inhabitants. Instead of social history these chapters offer essentially a descriptive catalogue of the finds with little or no serious analysis of their significance. Space permits only one small example. Among the finds at Kahun was a bronze ploughshare. Bronze is normally considered an expensive metal so that its use for such a untilitarian purpose is surprising and has interesting implic tions for the problem of the extent to which Middle Kingdo Egypt was a metal-using society, but of this sort of question there is no trace in the work. As a result, while the author is to be thanked for making available to the general reader a clear summary of the important discoveries Petrie made at Kahun, there still remains a place for a study of the life of the workers who once lived in that long-vanished village. SMB.

#### BRIEF NOTICES

Diodorus Siculus, *Diodorus On Egypt*, translated by Edwin Murphy (McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers, Jeffern, North Carolina, 1985). A translation with brief introduction and notes of the first book of Diodorus' *Library of History*.

George Hart, A Dictionary of Egyptian Gods and Goddesses (Routledge & Kegan, London, 1986). A very useful paperback reference work containing articles ranging from a paragraph to several pages in length summarizing the known facts concerning the history, myths, cults and attributes of the major and many of the minor gods of the Egyptian pantheon.

Léopold Migeote, L'Emprunt Public dans les Cités Grecques (Les Éditions du Sphinx, Quebec, 1984). A corpus with French translation and commentary of the known Greek inscriptions dealing with the subject of public borrowing by Greek cities between the fifth and first centuries B.C. The texts, which are arranged geographically, have been reprinted from previous editions.

#### **JOURNALS**

The Secretary-Treasurer has received a copy of a new journal entitled *Laetaberis: The Journal of the California Classical Association*. Subscriptions are \$10.00 and should be sent to: Professor Mary Kay Gammel, Cowell College, University of California, Santa Cruz, California 95064.

A special double issue of *The Ancient World* (14 [1986] 1-2) entitled *Greece, 4th c. B.C., II* was dedicated of to the memory of Professor Fordyce W. Mitchel. Persons wishing to obtain a copy of this issue, which contains articles by A.S. Bradford, Figueira, S. Burstein, V. French and P. Dixon, I. Merker, A. Oikonomedes and D. Whitehead, should contact: Ares Publishers, Inc., 7020 North Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60645.

#### FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY: SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES announces fellowships for research in the history, thought and culture of the western world, The Ph.D. (or equivalent) and publications are required. Qualified candidates of any nationality may apply for one or two terms. Some travel funds are available. Applications for 1988-89 are due before October 15, 1987. For further details, write the Administrative Officer, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Olden Lane, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

#### THESAURUS LINGUAE GRAECAE

The data bank of the TLG now contains the corpus of Greek literature from Homer to A.D. 600. Beginning January 1, 1987 individual searches of this resource will cost \$10.00 (Basic Search Fee) plus .10 per page for printing and .10 per page for documentation. Interested persons should write to: Thesaurus Linguae Graecae, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA 92717.

Association of Ancient Historians IcMaster University – May 1-3, 1987 Final Programme

Friday, May 1

3:00 p.m.: Registration opens 7:00-9:00 p.m.: Wine and cheese Saturday May 2 9:00-12:00: The Hellenophone Historians of Rome

Arthur M. Eckstein: Philip's Calculations, The Barcids' Wrath: Two Polybian Models of the Causation of War

Kenneth S. Sacks: Diodoros and Rome

Mark Toher: Nicolaus of Damascus and the Augustan

Comment: George M. Paul

12:00: Lunch

1:00-2:00: Introduction to McMaster's Facilities for Archaeological Dating

2:30-4:30: Christians and Jews in the Roman Empire

Shaye J.D. Cohen: Tolerance, Adherence and Conversion: Respect for Judaism by Gentiles According to Josephus

Paul C. Finney: Christian Anti-Jewish Strategies in the

Pre-Constantinian Period

Comment: Pending

4:30-6:30: Special announcement, followed by the annual business meeting

7:00: Banquet Sunday, May 3

9:00-12:00: Value and Exchange

Edward E. Cohen: Finance of Trade by Athenian Banks in the Fourth Century B.C.

Bruce J. Malvina: Value and Exchange as Communication Devices: The Case of Pseudo-Aristotle

Alan E. Samuel: Exchange and the Reality of Economic Activity

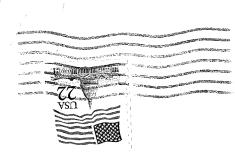
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