THE ASSOCIATION OF ANCIENT HISTORIANS

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NEWSLETTER 7

1. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF 1976

i. Source A:

One interested bystander summed up our meetings at Stanford/Berkeley, May 7-8:

Owls in conference
Exchange surmises and part
To digest their mice.

Less poetically it may be observed that almost one hundred persons attended the sessions, coming from as far as Massachusetts/New York/Pennsylvania on the east, Ontario and British Columbia on the north, and Hawaii on the west. Naturally the contingents from the Pacific Coast were prominent; the meetings provided interesting opportunities for scholars from many parts of the United States and Canada to meet for the first time. The papers were diversified in subject and excellent in quality; undoubtedly several of them will be published in the future. The dinners and cocktail parties were also pleasant; and at least the younger attendants still had energy to stay up past midnight at the beer garden (Coors!) near the motel in which members were housed.

ii. Source B:

There were seven planets, seven sages, and there have also been Seven Meetings of the AAH. The child comes of age: after taking delight in proscriptions, wars and mass murders which required only mild parental guidance, the Seventh Meeting plunged into strictly non-gentlemanly exploration of Oedipal and other forbidden drives, neuroses and complexes of the Greatest Roman, the Noblest, the Last, and the Most Cunning of Them All.

If Alexandrian medicine seemed to be an abstruse topic, the impression was evidently false. The message from the speaker's platform was unequivocal in its practicality: money is a good thing, but too much of patronage is not good at all.

The Loch Ness monster of ancient history, the Themistocles decree keeps popping out. The Dragon has been valiantly slain, but never mind, we'll meet him before long.

The slaves (to borrow a memorable phrase from Sir Ronald) may or may not have participated in the Catilinarian conspiracy, but on the other hand there is firm evidence for the existence of women in Antiquity. Some of them used to work, and some, surprisingly enough, did some thinking as well. If so, the question still remains if it was the right thing to do.
2. THE BUSINESS MEETING OF MAY 8, 1976

The minutes will be circulated at the next business meeting. The highlights were as follows:

Erich Gruen described plans for the Summer Institute. A report is attached to this Newsletter. Members are asked to help the Institute to contact people who might be interested in taking the courses, by xeroxing this sheet and sending it off to small colleges in their areas and to any individuals who might participate.

The Association has accepted the invitation of the University of Colorado to meet at Boulder in 1978.

The current Secretary-Treasurer will continue to serve until 1979, except that while she is absent on sabbatical in 1976/77 Dr. C. M. Wells (at the same address) will be Acting Secretary-Treasurer. It will be a great help if members will address letters to C. M. Wells after July 1, 1976 and mark the envelope "A.A.H." Urgent communications in July and August should please be marked as such.

3. THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF ANCIENT HISTORY

The Journal is well launched with excellent articles. The Association voted unanimously to send its congratulations to Ernst Badian and his editorial colleagues. The second issue is expected to be published soon. Any members who have subscribed and have not yet received the first issue should notify the Editor's secretary, Ms L. Fillmore, AJAH, Robinson Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., 02138. A form for any full members who wish to subscribe through the AAH is attached to this Newsletter.

4. DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICAL RESEARCH

From the Directory of Guggenheim Fellows 1925-74 one may count (with some minor inaccuracies) the following totals by decades and subjects:

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The bulge after World War II is noticeable. The numbers for 1971-74 seem small; but in the recent 1976 list of awards there were nine on classical subjects of all types.
5. RESEARCH INTERESTS

It has been suggested that the Newsletter contain from time to time a list of research interests of members of the Association. A recent example of two scholars working on almost exactly the same material, but unaware of each other's activity, may make such publication useful. The last page, accordingly, has a space to this end; if enough scholars send it to the Secretary-Treasurer the list will be published -- but only if it is extensive enough to be of utility.

We are also asking members to let us know about Ph.D. students in ancient history in their departments or universities. Please encourage your students to join the Association.

6. NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

Under the above heading the Wall Street Journal recently reported an observation by Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Governor of California: "I never took an economics course at college, but I did take eight years of Latin and two years of Greek, which I consider equally relevant to the problems of America." Would Gladstone have considered the sentiment remarkable?

7. RECENT APPOINTMENTS

Alberta: J. G. Schovanek, M.A. (Ottawa), Ph.D. (Liverpool).


Victoria: John P. Oleson, B.A., M.A., Ph.D. (Harvard); archaeology with a special interest in Etruscan studies; member of Department of Classics, Florida State U., 1975/76.

8. RECENT AND FORTHCOMING PAPERS

a) Fifth Conference on Baltic Studies, Columbia, May 20-22:
Joseph Cono & Joan Todd: Ancient Baltic amber as gift and cult in prehistoric society.

b) Classical Association of Canada, Laval, June 1-3

James C. FitzGibbon: The poison of Rome.

A. A. Barrett: The Vergilian Inscription from Lullingstone Villa, Kent.

A. Trevor Hodge: Marathon: "You can't flash a shield."

S. Van de Maele: Demosthène et Cléon à Pylos (425 av. J.C.).
W. Heckel: Perdikkas, Hephaestion's Chiliarchy and the succession of 323 B.C.


E. Tiffou: Salluste et la Fortuna.

M. C. Alexander: Legal Immunity resulting from condemnation or acquittal in the *Quaestiones Perpetuae*.

M. James Moscovitch: *Obsidibus Imperatis*: hostages in Caesar's De Bello Gallico.


David Buck: Eunapius, Zosimus and Constantine the Great.

Alan Booth: The careers of teachers and the ambitions of Ausonius.


Maurice Lebel: La pollution dans la Grèce antique.

A. Potiou: A new fragment of Cato the Elder.

Stephen Casey: Lactantius and the Second Sophistic.

Sheila K. Dickison: Myth and history: the emperor Claudius, his wives and freedmen.


J. Therasse: Vitruve 8.6,8: Tubuli crasso corio ne minus duorum digitorum flant."

Gordon Shrimpton: "Polybius' Criticism of Theopompus: a discussion of Pol. 8.8 (10) 2-11 (13).8."

B. Shimron: "Miltiades in the Chersonnesos."


C. J. Simpson: The date of dedication of the temple of Mars Ultor.

M. Fortin: Phaneromeni: site et cimetière de l'Âge de Bronze.


Joint Meeting with the Canadian Historical Association: Les Italiens et la Citoyenneté Romaine

E. T. Salmon: The earliest municipia.

c) Third Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Bryn Mawr, June 9-11

Marjorie Lightman: For women there is no middle age.

Elaine Fantham: Women's morality in republican Rome: attitudes and sanctions.

Robert Boughner: Is Tertulllian a misogynist?

Kenneth Holm: From Artemis to Mary: women and religious change in late antiquity.

Ann Huron: Christianization in the fourth century: the example of Roman women.

Froma I. Zeitlin: Myth and society: women in Aeschylean drama.

Charles Segal: The menace of Dionysus: sex roles and reversals in Euripides' Bacchae.

Maryanne Horowitz: Aristotle on the deliberative faculty in women.

d) The Women's Classical Caucus panel at the 1976 APA/AIA meeting is on "The family in Greek and Roman antiquity". Papers in more or less finished form, suitable for oral presentation in not more than 20 minutes, should be sent to Prof. Jane Philips, Classics, U. of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky 40506. No name should appear on the paper, but the author should identify him/herself in an accompanying letter. Please send four copies of the paper, by October 1.

9. DE BELLO GALlico

One of our members, Mrs. Mary Machado, has just published a novel based on B.C. 5 24-58, In Caesar's Shadow (Philadelphia: Dorrance, 1975, pb. $3.95). Conversations between Caesar and Mamurra form prologue and epilogue, framing the two episodes, the disaster of Sabinus and Cotta and the success of Q. Cicero, in which the motivation of the attested characters and the background and fates of imagined subordinates are vividly described. The book is recommended to students of Caesar and to others.

10. THE 1977 ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting at Ottawa, which will take place on May 13 and 14, 1977, is now being planned. A block of rooms has been reserved in one of the university residences for May 12, 13 and 14. Ottawa is easily accessible by air: members will fly to either Montreal or Toronto and then take the short hop to Ottawa with Air Canada. By road, Ottawa is an hour or so away from the U.S. border at Thousand Islands or Ogdensburg or Rooseveltown.
Provisionally, the following sessions are envisaged:

a) The Age of Tyranny.

b) The Hellenistic Period (Greek and Roman).

c) Roman Social History.

Other possibilities include sessions on the Dorian and the Greek Dark Ages and on Near-Eastern history.

Anyone interested in offering papers, of 30 to 40 minutes' length, should communicate with C. M. Wells not later than September 30th.

11. DUES

Subscriptions for 1977 are due between September and December 1976. Because of the Canadian mail strike of 1975, the collection of 1976 dues has been impeded and many members are uncertain whether they have paid. No 1975 member has been dropped from our list for non-payment of 1976 dues. The appended list of members in good standing will enable members to check whether they should now send in two years' dues instead of one. Please enclose the form with your cheque; subscriptions to the Journal may be paid at the same time, but by a separate cheque, made out to the Association.

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