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NOTICES

1988 dues were due on January 1, 1988.

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

NEW SECRETARY/TREASURER, NEW BUSINESS ADDRESS

Stanley M. Burstein completed his second three-year term as Secretary-Treasurer of the AAH at the May, 1988, annual meeting in Salt Lake City. As his successor in the office and in the editorship of this Newsletter, I will try to emulate some of Stan's carefulness and competence. For the next three years, members should send their questions, dues-checks, complaints, and Newsletter items to me, at the return address on the back page. Especially for categories such as Personalia and Books recently published by members, President Borza and I are largely dependent on your submissions; we do not make systematic searches on our own. If you have done something newsworthy, let us know!

Jack Cargill, Rutgers University

COMPUTERIZED MAILING LIST

The AAH mailing list is now, for the first time, recorded in computerized database form. Addresses and current dues status should henceforth be kept constantly up-to-date, and no one should either "get lost in the shuffle" of incompletely alphabetized records or receive correspondence under more than one name or address. The mailing label on this Newsletter is printed out directly from the database, and each label now automatically includes an indication of the member's most recent year of paid-up dues (based on the records passed on to me in May, 1988, and updated by any payments received since then).

Persons listed as last having paid dues for 1984 or earlier were sent a notice that their names would be dropped from the mailing list. Several (very gratifyingly) responded by paying their arrears. Members whose last dues payment was for 1985 may expect a similar note within the next few months. For the present, I will treat anyone who has paid through 1985 or later as being "in good standing," and keep all such persons on the mailing list for the Newsletter. But tardy dues-payers should be aware that the mailing lists sent to the editor of *AJAH* and to the organizers of subsequent annual meetings include the same last-year-paid notation that appears on our own mailing labels. These colleagues may choose to be less lenient in their definitions of "paid-up" status.

Inevitably, some problems arise in reorganizing a mailing list of more than 600 names. If you find a mistake in your address or the spelling of your name in the mailing label on this Newsletter, please send me a correction, using the AAH Member Information form that appears on the back page. Please realize, however, that I must work within the limits of my computer program, which (among other things) allows me a maximum of four lines in the address and limits the length of individual lines; do not "correct" an adequate address merely because it is abbreviated.

Similarly, if you have checked your records and are certain that the label indicates an incorrect most-recent year of dues paid, I will be inclined to accept a fellow scholar's word and make appropriate changes in my records. But, again, I urge restraint: nearly half of the members who sent me dues checks over the summer indicated that they were paying for a year (or years) different from that indicated by the records — overpaying just as frequently as underpaying, by the way. In the absence of explicit arguments, I trusted the records rather than colleagues' memories (knowing the vagueness of my own memory about such matters). Thus some of you who recently sent in your "1988" dues will find "1987" on your mailing label, while others may be surprised to find "1989." The most common misapprehension seems to be the idea that dues cover academic years (several sent \$5 for "1988-89"). This is incorrect: AAH dues apply to calendar years. The dues-year 1988 is almost over, and payment should ideally have been made in January, 1988.

I ask members' assistance in connection with the following names, for whom my records show dues paid in 1985 or later, but no accurate current address. If you know any of these colleagues, please contact them and ask them to write to me (last year paid in parentheses): Barbara Clemenson (1987), Ingrid Cleveland (1985), Claude Eilers (1987), Paul Corby Finney (1986), Craig Hanson (1986), Ann Marshall (1988), Steven Mayhugh (1985), Kathleen McCarthy (1985), Michael Reiter (1986), Linda M. Ricketts (1986), K. Rodriguez (1985), Ira Spar (1986).

PROBLEMS WITH EXTRA-U.S. CHECKS

I do not know why the banks I have contacted in New Jersey and New York (including the one where AAH now has its account) are much less co-operative than Stan Burstein's California bank was, but the unpleasant fact is that I have not been able to find any bank that will process checks for Canadian dollars, or checks for U.S. dollars drawn on a Canadian bank, or Canadian money orders — without charging collection fees that generally exceed the value of the checks or money orders themselves. Canadian *Postal* Money Orders can be cashed at U.S. Post Offices — if the "payee" line includes my name (or Gene Borza's) in addition to "AAH" — but we would be grateful to be saved this extra errand, and also the special trip to the bank that is involved when handling cash. Overseas payments are even more impossible, of course.

Therefore, much against our will, we have to ask that all payments to the AAH (dues and otherwise) be made, if possible, by checks drawn on U.S. banks (banks whose checks show an "A.B.A. number" on their faces). The bank that has our account *will* accept U.S.-dollar money orders issued by the Bank of Montreal, in New York City; these do have an A.B.A. number on them, and can therefore be handled just like a domestic U.S. check. Canadian members can seek further information by calling the Bank of Montreal, New York, at (212) 702-1223 (I do not believe there is an "800" number).

We are very sorry for this inconvenience. The provincialism is that of the banks, not of the AAH. Gene and I find it just as infuriating as you do. We will also accept dues payments in cash (U.S. dollars), and give receipts for them, if you encounter either of us at the various scholarly meetings.

COMMITTEE ON ANCIENT HISTORY RECEPTION

The Committee on Ancient History of the American Philological Association is planning to hold a cash bar reception at the APA/AIA meeting in Baltimore. The reception is currently scheduled for late Saturday afternoon, January 7th. The purpose of the reception is to provide an informal setting in which colleagues can communicate to the members of the Committee their concerns about the current status of ancient history as a discipline, about the appropriate place for ancient history in the programs of the APA, and about the role of the Committee in helping to address their concerns. The members of the Committee, who would be happy to hear from any interested colleagues at any time, are J.A.S. Evans (University of British Columbia), George Houston (Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), Thomas Martin, chair (Pomona College), Richard Saller (University of Chicago), and Susan Treggiari (Stanford University).

1989 AAH MEETING

The meeting at Brown University on May 5 and 6 (Fri. and Sat.) will be followed by an international conference on "Athens and Rome — Florence and Venice: City-States in Classical Antiquity and Medieval Italy" on May 7-9 (Sun.-Tues.). A Round Table for Friday is being organized by Sarah Pomeroy. Saturday panels will deal with "The Roman Revolution" and "Religion and Politics." For information, contact: Prof. Kurt A. Raaflaub, Dept. of Classics, Brown University, Box 1935, Providence, RI 02912. A late plea: Submissions have been slow; papers are urgently requested.

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS/SUGGESTIONS

Phyllis Culham would like to show the WCC board/business meetings in Baltimore in January a proposal for a WCC panel relating to Gerda Lerner's Patriarchy, to be held in the next available WCC time-slot at the APA (an idea that originated in correspondence among members of the Task Force for Ancient History). Preference would go to those papers which engaged seriously with Lerner's book or with its implications, including those which challenged her analysis or offered correctives. Prospective participants should expect that viewpoints opposing their own will be included. Efforts will be made to secure the participation either of Lerner or an alternate she suggests. If none of the proposals submitted challenges Lerner's book, participants who will take the other side will actively be sought. A response to this notice does not constitute a commitment to write a paper or to participate. If, however, you are interested in such a project, please describe how you might participate: What kind of paper might you present? Can you offer advice/contacts? Would you comment? Send all correspondence to: Prof. Phyllis Culham, Dept. of History, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402.

PERSONALIA

Robert A. Bauslaugh (Emory University) has received an NEH Grant to work on "The Concept of Neutrality and the Position of Non-Belligerent States in Ancient Greece."

Stanley M. Burstein will be visiting Professor of History at U.C.L.A. in Fall and Winter, 1988-89.

Charles W. Fornara (Brown University) has received a Guggenheim Fellowhsip to work on "A Study of Ammianus Marcellinus and His Historical Work."

Ralph W. Mathisen (Univ. of South Carolina) has received a 1988-89 Howard Foundation Fellowship for his project, "Reconstructing the Society of Late Antiquity."

Paula J. Perlman (Univ. of Texas, Austin) has received an NEH Grant.

Her topic is "The Social and Political History of Crete, 700-150 B.C."

Sir Ronald Syme was awarded a Doctorate of Humane Letters at the Spring, 1988, Commencement of the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Richard J.A. Talbert (McMaster University) received the Goodwin Award of Merit at the December, 1987, APA Meeting, for his book, *The Senate of Imperial Rome*; he has also been appointed (from July 1, 1988) William Rand Kenan, Jr., Professor of History at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

BOOKS

Frank L. Holt, Alexander the Great and Bactria: The Formation of a Greek Frontier in Central Asia (Brill 1988 Mnemosyne Supplement 104)

Meyer Reinhold, From Republic to Principate: An Historical Commentary on Cassius Dio's Roman History Books 49-52 (36-29 B.C.) (Scholars Press 1987 APA Monograph no. 34)

Richard J.A. Talbert, Plutarch on Sparta (Penguin 1988)

Carol Thomas, Paths from Ancient Greece (Brill 1988)

Everett L. Wheeler, Stratagem and the Vocabulary of Military Trickery (Brill 1988 Mnemosyne Supplement 108)

ANCIENT ROMAN HISTORY POSITION

Indiana University seeks outstanding candidates with a strong commitment to scholarship and research for a position in Roman history, Republic or Empire. Rank: open, tenure-track or tenured, beginning September 1989 (pending budget approval). Submit letter of application, curriculum vitae, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation by November 1, 1988, to Prof. Nancy Demand, Chair, Search Committee, Dept. of History, Indiana University, Ballantine Hall 742, Bloomington, IN 47405. Indiana University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

The Travel to Collections program of the National Endowment for the Humanities provides grants of \$750 to assist American scholars to meet the costs of long-distance travel to the research collections of libraries, museums, or other repositories throughout the United States and the world. Awards are made to help defray such research expenses as transportation, lodging, food, and photo-duplication and other reproduction costs. The application deadlines are January 15 for research travel between June 1 and November 30, and July 15 for research travel between December 1 and May 31. Information and application materials are available by contacting the Travel to Collections Program, Division of Fellowships and Seminars, Room 316, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506; telephone (202) 786-0463.

The NEH Overview of Endowment Programs is of help to all who want to know about NEH grant programs, are submitting applications to NEH, need to know how to get through to the right NEH office, and want information about NEH application deadlines. Revised and published twice a year, the next Overview edition will be available in January, 1989, and will cover information through mid-1990. Obtain a free copy by writing or calling: NEH Overview, Room 406, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506; telephone (202) 786-0438.

1989 NATIONAL LATIN EXAM

The American Classical League and the National Junior Classical League announce the 1989 National Latin Exam. For application/information write: ACL/NJCL NLE, P.O. Box 95, Mt. Vernon, VA 22121. Deadline for applications is January 10, 1989.

EDWARD TOGO SALMON (1905-1988)

B.A. (Sydney), M.A., Ph.D. (Cambridge), D. Litt. (Acadia, Wilfred Laurier, McMaster, Sydney), LL.D. (Windsor, Alberta), F.R.S.C., F.R.Hist.S., F.B.A. (Corr.).

Canada's celebrated Roman historian died in Hamilton, Ontario, on 11 May 1988 after recuperation from spinal surgery. Stubborn and courageous to the end, as indomitable and valiant as his favorite Samnites, Dr. Salmon strove to complete his final paper for the annual meeting of the Classical Association of Canada in Windsor. Its title embodied the tireless curiosity and perennial energy of his scholarly career and creative strengths: *Ex Italia Semper Aliquod Novi*. The paper was read by a colleague in a context which Togo himself had helped to establish many years before.

Togo owed his name to the Japanese naval commander who won a victory against the Russian fleet on 29 May 1905; he owed his reputation as a scholar and admirable teacher to his studies of Roman colonization and the Samnites. McMaster remembers his devotion and service in many areas: Professor of Classics (1930-44), Professor of History (1944-54), Messecar Professor of History (1954-61), department head, senator, governor, Principal of University College, Arts (1961-66), and Vice-President, Arts (1967-68). During his years as Principal he directed the planning and development of the Arts complex of buildings. One of them (housing the Department of Classics, Humanities departments, and University Art Gallery) was later named Togo Salmon Hall.

He attended faculty, academic, and professional meetings to make meaningful and amiable contributions; his remarks, like his book reviews, were always responsible and judicious — never callous, imperious or brutish. His Australian accent was a familiar and welcome note at the gatherings he frequented. Organizations profited by his leadership: the Ontario Classical Association, the Classical Association of Canada, the Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences of the Royal Society of Canada, the American Philological Association (whose Merit Award he treasured), and many others. Stanford named him Professor-in-Charge of the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome (1969-72); Canada honored him with a Fellowship in the Canadian Institute in Rome (1973).

Sojourns in Italy were an annual event for Togo, with repeated forays into the strongholds of the Montagna del Matese, the daunting realms of the Samnites, untrodden territory where he earned his laurels. Boiano (Bovanium), Pentrian capital of yore, granted him honorary citizenship in 1985, the culmination of sixty years of involvement with Samnium and the Samnites, a veritable "ragione de vita" in his own words.

Reviewers hailed his final book, *The Making of Roman Italy* (1982), with enthusiasm and appreciation. His chapter on "The Iron Age: The Peoples of Italy" for *CAH* IV, was completed and proofread before his demise. It will abide as final token of a lifetime of contributions to the history of the fiercest opponents of Republican Rome, the last champions of local liberties in Italy.

The Association of Ancient Historians takes pride in having conferred its Certificate of Merit on Dr. Salmon at its Pittsburgh meeting in May, 1985, and extends heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Marina Salmon, in a bereavement regretted by so many friends and colleagues throughout the world.

Alexander G. McKay, McMaster University

REVIEW

H.D. Rankin, *Celts and the Classical World*. London, Sydney, and Portland, Oregon. Croom Helm/Areopagitica Press, 1987. Pp. 319.

This is *not* the "comprehensive treatment" which it claims to be. Chapter 1, "Origins, Languages and Association," never even comes to grips with the fundamental question of what "Celtic" in the ancient writers means, nor with the distinction between Celt and German (cf. C.M. Wells, *The German*

Policy of Augustus, Oxford, 1972, ch. 2), and if "it is not easy to assume the monolingual uniformity of any inhabited area in ancient times" (page 9), the same is true of North Wales or South Texas today.

Chapter 2 is entitled "Massilia, an Early Contact." Peter S. Wells, Culture Contact and Culture Change (Cambridge, 1980) would be relevant, and his bibliographies there and in Farms, Villages, and Cities (Ithaca and London, 1984) show how much recent scholarship there is. Rankin might have consulted them. Chapter 3 discusses but does not greatly illuminate "Notices in Some Fourth Century B.C. Authors"; Chapter 4 mixes classical texts with Irish saga, adds one reference to Lévi-Strauss, and hopes to pass itself off as anthropology. It shows an extraordinary reluctance to jettison any shred of literary "evidence," but ignores Entremont and Roquepertuse in a discussion of Celtic head-hunting. It even resurrects the theory that Caligula's troops filling their helmets with sea-shells were in the same Celtic tradition as Cu Chulain, "taking arms against the sea": "the legion contained a proportion of Gallic soldiers who could understand and approve the manoeuvre" (page 57).

Chapters 5 and 6 discuss the Celts' conflicts with Greece and Rome. Livy is taken as gospel (cf. page 104, on the Fabii, of all people!), and Toynbee as the last word on the demographic effects of the Hannibalic war (page 120). Rankin still believes that Rome's frontier policy in the early principate was basically defensive (page 103), and that the equites can adequately be described as "middle classes largely engaged in business" (page 121). He devotes two full pages to the Celtic involvement in Catiline's conspiracy without questioning a single word Cicero says, and discusses the Gaulish response to Caesar's campaigns with no mention of the murus Gallicus. On page 140, it is suggested hopefully that Tacitus' "compressed epigrammatic style...might remind us of the terse, riddling proverbialism attributed (by Diodorus) to Celtic conversation." "Sir," as the Duke reputedly said, "if you can believe that, you can believe anything." As for Rankin's own style, we read, "Strabo is substantially not entirely dependent on Posidonius in his account..." (page 133), and the idea of Gaulish independence "may presume to have been atmospherically present among the ruling class" (page 146), while to call the senators of Cicero's day "effete" (page 154) is about as appropriate as calling the younger Pliny, consul AD 100, "scarcely as distinguished" as his equestrian uncle (page 165).

Chapter 7, "Cisalpine Literary Talent", drags in everything which can possibly be "Celtic", and much that cannot be. Catullus is a Celt, and Volusius "his fellow Celt"; his attacks on his enemies may be related to "druidic and post-druidic customs of composing curses and spells" (page 162). Virgil however was merely subject to "Celtic influences", and "the *Eclogues* deal with some identifiably local problems of land expropriation (a curse which has pursued the Celts through the ages)" (page 164). Later chapters deal with Celts and Iberians, Galatians, Celts in Greco-Roman art (less than 5 pages, in what claims to be "a comprehensive treatment"), Britain, Ausonius and later Roman Gaul, Celtic women (mostly Irish), religion and the Druids, and finally "Concluding Speculations". The bibliography is subjective and the French titles full of misprints. Rankin's own earlier books were on Plato (1964) and Petronius (1971).

C.M. Wells, Trinity University, San Antonio

NEW JOURNAL

Keeping Ancient Rome Alive, a bimonthly, non-academic journal devoted to ancient Rome and its influence. Subscriptions: \$5 per annum before June 30 of each year, \$3 thereafter, from: Publication Office, 27824 Hummingbird Court, Hayward, CA 94545-4042. Sample copy \$1.

HOWARD FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS

The Board of Administration of the George A. and Eliza Gardner Howard Foundation, at Brown University, has announced that seven fellowships of \$18,000 each will be awarded for the 1989-90 academic year, in the fields of Classical and Archaeological Studies, History of Science, Philosophy, and Religious Studies. For information, write to: Dean Phillip J. Stiles, Secretary of the Foundation, Box 1867, 42 Charlesfield Street, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912; telephone (401) 863-2640.

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To order in the U.S. or Canada, send \$8 per copy to: Smithsonian Institution, Office of Museum Programs, Box 37481-OMP, Washington, D.C. 20013; make check or money order payable to the Smithsonian Institution.

To order outside the U.S. and Canada, send £7 per copy to: Patrick Boylan, Leicester Museums, 96 New Walk, Leicester LE1 6TD, England; make check payable to: ICOM Committee for the Training of Personnel.

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