

## Books Received

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- ZUR FRAGE DER NORDWESTDEUTSCHEN SIEDLUNGS- UND KULTURGRUNDLAGEN IM FRÜHMITTELALTER, by FRITZ TISCHLER. Offprint from *Westfälische Forschungen*, 8, pp. 16-24. Münster. 1955.
- THE NATURE AND FUNCTION OF PRIESTHOOD, by E. O. JAMES. Thames and Hudson, London, 1956. 25s. (A well documented study of priesthood from an historical and anthropological point of view. It is not as the title might suggest a work on theology, but deals in some detail with priesthood in ancient Near Eastern civilizations and amongst modern primitive peoples as well as with the more developed religions).
- THE THIRD BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE OF SOUTHAMPTON, 1514-1602. Volume II, edited by A. L. MERSON. Southampton University, 1955.
- BRIDGEND: THE STORY OF A MARKET TOWN, by HENRY JOHN RANDALL. R. H. Johns, Newport, Mon., 1955. 21s.
- ESSAYS IN ROMAN COINAGE PRESENTED TO HAROLD MATTINGLY, edited by R. A. G. CARSON and C. H. V. SUTHERLAND. Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1956. 60s.
- THE MADABA MOSAIC MAP, by MICHAEL AVI-YONAH. Israel Exploration Society, Jerusalem, 1954. (This 6th century A.D. map of Palestine and adjacent countries is in the church at Madaba. It is well described and illustrated here but we are not told where Madaba is).
- SIGIRI GRAFFITI, by S. PARANAVITANA, 2 volumes. Oxford U.P. for the Government of Ceylon, 1956. £10 10s. (A collection and translation of the 8th to 10th century A.D. verses inscribed on the gallery walls at Sigiri in Ceylon. These graffiti though of small literary and historical importance are of value for the study of Sinhalese orthography and language. Volume 1 contains a long and learned introduction and the plates, volume 2 contains the printed texts, transliterations, and translations).
- THE ROANOKE VOYAGES, 1584-1590: Documents to illustrate the English Voyages to North America under the patent granted to Walter Raleigh in 1584, edited by DAVID BEERS QUINN. 2 volumes. Hakluyt Society, London, 1955. £6.
- DIE NICHTLITERARISCHEN LATEINISCHEN POPYRI ITALIENS AUS DER ZEIT, 445-700, by JAN-OLOF TjÄDER. Acta Instituti Romani Regni Sueciae, Series in 4, XIX, 1, 2 volumes, Gleerup, Lund, 1955. Swedish crowns 150. (A work of immense erudition. It is a pity that so much labour and learning should produce, in a most elaborate and well published form, material that adds very little to our knowledge).
- DARK AGE BRITAIN: STUDIES PRESENTED TO E. T. LEEDS, edited by D. B. HARDEN. Methuen, London, 1956. £3 3s. (This Festschrift for one of the leaders and founders of the study of Anglo-Saxon archaeology to our great regret appeared after his death. It remains a fine memorial. It contains papers by many of our most distinguished scholars of the Dark Ages. Here attention can only be drawn to two of special importance, one of 'Glass Vessels in Britain, A.D. 400-1000' by the editor, and the other on 'Romano-Saxon Pottery' by J. N. L. Myres).

## SOME RECENT BOOKS AND ARTICLES

- AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF WEST AFRICA, by J. D. FAGG. Cambridge U.P., 1955. 12s 6d.
- THE TWELVE OLYMPIANS AND THEIR GUESTS, by CHARLES SELTMAN. Parrish, London, 1956. 17s. 6d.
- HISTORY AND ANTIQUITIES OF DARFUR. Museum Pamphlet No. 3. Sudan Antiquities Service, Khartoum, 1955. 1s. (We hope that the excellent series of pamphlets to which this is the latest addition will continue under the new dispensation in the Sudan).
- WATER INTO WINE: A Study of Ritual Idiom in the Middle East, by E. S. DROWER. Murray, London, 1956. 25s.

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- LE RAZZE E I POPOLI DELLA TERRA III: AFRICA, by R. BIASUTTI. *Unione Tipografico, Turin*, 1955. 7300 lire.
- RIO DE ONOR: comunitarisme agro-pastoral, by J. DIAS. *Instituto de Alta Cultura, Oporto, Portugal*, 1955. [A monograph on a living community on the Spanish-Portuguese frontier; likely to be of considerable use to prehistorians interested in survivals.]
- VIE ET MIRACLES DE S. PETROC, by P. GROSJEAN. *Analecta Bollandiana*, LXXIV, 1956, 131-88.
- SCIENCE AND CIVILIZATION IN CHINA, by J. NEEDHAM. Vol. 2. *Cambridge Univ. Press*, 1956. £4. [The second volume of this magnificent undertaking, of which the first was reviewed in ANTIQUITY, XXIX, 49.]
- A TRANS-SAHARAN CARAVAN ROUTE IN HERODOTUS, by RHYS CARPENTER. *American Journal of Archaeology*, LX, July, 1956, 231-42. [A convincing demonstration of a route from Thebes in Egypt *via* Khargeh and the oases to Siwa, Aujila and the Fezzan, and thence across the Sahara to (as he submits) Bodele which was then a lake fed by the Bahr el Ghazal from the overflow of Lake Chad.]
- RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS IN BRITAIN, ed. by R. L. S. BRUCE-MITFORD. Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1956. £2 2s. [A very fine book, with succinct and readable accounts, excellently illustrated, of such important things as Sutton Hoo, Stanwick, the Mithraeum, Star Carr and Dr St Joseph's air-discoveries.]