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LECTORIBUS EDITOR

Once again we are grateful to the President and Fellows of the British Academy who have made us a generous grant towards the cost of this issue from their Publications Fund.

We are grateful, too, to our extra-metrum contributors and remind readers

that articles or notes on points in Virgil scholarship are always welcome.

We look forward once more to meeting and hearing our President, Sir James Mountford, in February when he will deliver a paper from the chair entitled "Tempo and Texture in the Aeneid".

From the other side of the Atlantic comes this note: "Vergilius, published by the Vergilian Society of America, solicits contributions by scholars working in Virgilian and related subjects. Manuscripts should be sent to the editor, Prof. J.A.S. Evans, McMaster University, Hamilton Ontario, Canada. Queries about subscriptions should be sent to the Treasurer, Vergilian Society of America. Mr. Charles Twichell, The Choate School, Wallingford, Conn., 06492, U.S.A."

A memorial fund for W.F. Jackson Knight has been opened by the Classics Department at Exeter University with the intention of endowing an annual lecture on one of the subjects in which he was interested and financing its subsequent publication. Contributions are invited and should be sent to Prof. F.W. Clayton, The University, Exeter, who will be pleased to receive them.

The Society proposes to arrange a one-day conference on Virgil at the Institute of Classical Studies, 31-34 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1, on Saturday, 3rd May, 1969. It will be of special interest to teachers and sixth-formers. Further details will be sent out to members later this year.

After long and excellent service, Prof. W.S. Maguinness has resigned from the Council. He still remains, however, one of our Vice-Presidents and we shall continue to have the benefit of his support and wise advice. He is succeeded on the Council by Dr. Leslie Watkiss, a member of the Society for many years.

The year has seen a number of valuable publications in the field of classical epic. Amongst these we mention the general survey by Mr. R.D. Williams of the nature and importance of Virgil's poetry "based on a broad and selective consideration of recent work of a critical kind". This is no. 1 of "New Surveys in the Classics" published by Greece and Rome (1967). The House of Methuen and Yale University Press are to be warmly congratulated on the four volumes of Pope's Homer which they have brought out, with introductions and notes, under the general editorship of Maynard Mack. Another publishing event of great importance (especially to Virgilians) is the appearance of K.D. White's "Agricultural Implements of the Roman World" (C.U.P., £4-10-0), a most impressive performance.

From Prof. T.J. Haarhoff, an old and loyal member, comes an offprint of a lecture he delivered last year to the Classical Association of Central Africa under the title: "The multi-racial Context of the Aeneid and the Survival of national Individuality: Vergilian Values". The fall of the Roman empire caused the disappearance of a unity of culture and sentiment which we are still trying to re-discover - a culture and sentiment greatly influenced by the Virgilian humanitas.

A reprint of Proceedings 2 (1962-63) has been made and copies are available from the Hon. Secretary at 12/6 each (plus 9d postage).

We conclude with our usual greetings to all friends at home and abroad, thanking them warmly on behalf of the Council and officers of the Society for their continued support and interest.

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