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LECTORIBUS EDITOR

In succession to Professor Sandbach, *qui optime de nobis meritis est*, we welcome to the Presidential Chair Professor R.D. Williams of Reading University, a Virgilian of immense distinction for whose constant support over many years the Society is very grateful. His Presidential Address entitled 'Virgil Today' will be delivered at 3 p.m. on February 24th, 1973, at the Institute of Classical Studies, Gordon Square, W.C.1.

After a very long stint of running the affairs of the Society in one capacity or another, Dr. A.J. Gossage has asked to be relieved of the chairmanship of the Council. He will, we are glad to report, remain on the Council, but it will now be chaired by Dr. J.G. Landels, another very loyal friend and servant of the Society. Dr. Gossage's contribution to the growth and success of the Virgil Society has been outstanding and we are most grateful to him for all he has done over the years.

A new member of Council, elected at the last A.G.M., is Mrs. Carlotta Griffiths of King's College, London, and we are happy to welcome her. Readers will remember her learned and able paper to the Society published in *Proceedings* 9 (1969–70).

Professor Francis Berry's 1971 Jackson Knight Memorial Lecture, 'Thoughts on Poetic Time' (The Abbey Press, Abingdon-on-Thames, Berkshire; 30p; 6p extra for postage and packing in the U.K.) looks interestingly at some of the ways time is handled in dramatic or narrative contexts by Milton, Shakespeare, T.S. Eliot, and, of course, Virgil. Some reference to the chapter 'Virgil and the Subject of Secondary Epic' in C.S. Lewis's 'A Preface to Paradise Lost' (1942) would have been useful; Lewis's remarks on the sense of time in the *Aeneid* are perceptive and illuminating.

We close with greetings – and the request that members will not forget to send their subscriptions (60p, due on the 1st of January each year, 38p for full-time students) to the Treasurer as soon as they fall due or beforehand, if possible! We work on a very tight budget!

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