

## Editorial

**G**REEK, ROMAN, AND BYZANTINE STUDIES has been founded to demonstrate the continuity of the Greek tradition from the rise of Mycenae to the fall of Constantinople — and beyond as far as the tradition can be followed into the contemporary world. In the pursuit of this objective, literature and art, archaeology and history, religion and philosophy will find place. Our primary area of concern is the Greek East, both pagan and Christian. ROMAN in the title means to convey our equal emphasis upon the Greek world in Roman times; and our recognition that the Byzantine period is intelligible only in the light of its legacy through Rome.

We deplore the growing mutual estrangement among classicists, Byzantinists, and patristic scholars. We shall try to combat the fragmentation of the field into isolated parties of specialists — whether Mycenists or liturgiologists — by opening these pages to scholarly articles significant in scope and intelligible in style to every reader interested in any of the special fields or periods of the long and broad current of Hellenism.

Two kinds of articles are contemplated: those which deal directly with some aspect of the Hellenic tradition over long periods; and those which deal rather with particular manifestations of Hellenism occurring in short periods. We think that the tradition lives today, charged with vitality as powerful as ever. In these pages we should like to draw upon, and to transmit, something of the Hellenic *δύναμις*.

Though the Hellenic tradition will be conceived broadly, there must be limits to what can be accepted. Specialist articles highly technical and narrowly defined belong rather to journals devoted to their respective areas of specialization. For the large textual publication of documents we must count upon our esteemed elders among American journals; similarly for excavation reports, for numismatic corpora, for special studies of artistic types: normally we shall be able to print only shorter pieces of general interest. Ephemeral matter, such as news and routine reviews, we must eschew; but we shall hope to present an occasional review-article as an essay on the subject of a significant book.

Some of the articles in each issue will appear by invitation of the editors. To our contributors we offer criticism by responsible referees (to whom we record our great indebtedness), prompt decision, and early publication. Articles will bear the date of their submission. Plates essential to the text are welcomed; four or eight may be published in each number. Volumes will be indexed at frequent intervals. Contributors are requested to observe the style described in the *American Journal of Archaeology* 62 (1958) 1-8. To our contributors we take pleasure in paying a modest honorarium.

Two series supplementing this journal are established: GREEK, ROMAN, AND BYZANTINE MONOGRAPHS and GREEK, ROMAN, AND BYZANTINE SCHOLARLY AIDS. The former has been inaugurated by the recently published Monograph 1: G. L. Huxley, *Anthemius of Tralles, a Study in Later Greek Geometry*. The monographs may be technical and special: apart from scholarly quality there will be no restriction on the character of their content. Long articles (longer than most journals can accept) as well as book-length studies will be published. No special invitation will be issued, and no honorarium can be paid.

The series GREEK, ROMAN, AND BYZANTINE SCHOLARLY AIDS will begin shortly with an *Index* to the passages quoted in H. W. Smyth's *Greek Grammar*. The purpose of the series will be to place in the hands of scholars at low cost tools which will prove indispensable. Requests and suggestions are invited.

A new scholarly journal is not established without travail. GREEK, ROMAN, AND BYZANTINE STUDIES was founded by the imagination and published for two years by the industry of one man, John J. Bilitz. It is now being carried forward by a board of editors and an advisory board. Its first two volumes, sent to initial subscribers, contained two issues each. Four issues are planned in 1960 for Volume 3. The journal will be issued hereafter on a regular quarterly basis; the two supplementary series irregularly, as opportunity permits. Addresses for communications to the Editor and to the Circulation Manager are given on the inside front cover.

And so the new journal may be allowed to make its bow. Defined as we have tried to, it has, we believe, a scope and intent not precisely the same as that of any other existing journal.