

## ANTIQUITY

Byzantine art. Notable church treasures (from St Mark's at Venice, Nonantola, Capua, and elsewhere in Italy), textiles (from Belgium, Holland and France) and ivories (from Berlin, Florence, Milan and numerous museums in Germany, Italy and elsewhere) will form the bulk of the exhibition; but many of the finer Byzantine objects from the British Museum, the Victoria and Albert, and other museums and private collections in Britain are also being made available. There will also be a representative collection of Byzantine coins.

This is the first exhibition of its kind to be held on British soil and it is to be numbered amongst the very few similar enterprises that have taken place in Europe. The only other Byzantine exhibitions have indeed been that, on a fairly small scale, held at Grottaferrata in Italy in 1905, and that, on a larger scale, but including also a large number of related material from Coptic Egypt and elsewhere, which was held in Paris in 1931.

### INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF CLASSICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

The Eighth International Congress of Classical Archaeology will open in Rome on 6 September, 1958, and will then continue in Naples from 9 to 13 September. The Secretary of the Congress, from whom all details may be obtained is Professor Pietro Romanelli, 49, Piazza San Marco, Rome. There are four post-Congress tours beginning on 14 September. Five principal subjects will be discussed at the Congress: (1) new methods in archaeological research including aerial photography and under-water archaeology; (2) new discoveries in the archaeology of Greece and the Hellenic East; (3) the archaeology of pre-Roman Italy; (4) new problems in Roman archaeology; and (5) the spread of classical civilization outside the classical world to Iberia, Britain, Central Europe, the Black Sea and the Middle and Far East.

### COWA

The Council for Old World Archaeology was formed to advance the study in America of the archaeology of Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania. It is a non-profit making corporation, control of which is vested in representatives from nine American learned societies. Itself it is not a learned society but an 'agency for service' and its aim is to publish biennially for every part of the old world a survey of current archaeological activities and a current selected and annotated bibliography. The Council has especially in mind four classes of readers: archaeologists specializing in one area or field who want to know about other areas, scholars in other related disciplines who want to know about archaeology and ancient history, ethnologists and sociologists, and intelligent laymen. Lauriston Ward is President and Editor in Chief of COWA. The expenses of the Council during its organization period have been met by gifts from individuals and by a special grant from the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research. The Old World has been divided into twenty-two areas, and the COWA survey and the COWA Bibliography will be issued in groups by areas, five or six areas being covered every six months. At its meeting in Madrid in 1954 the International Congress of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences passed a resolution endorsing the aims of the Council for Old World Archaeology and invited the members of the Congress to co-operate with it. The first group of COWA publications is now in print and being distributed. It consists of the Survey and the Bibliography for the areas of Central Europe, Eastern Mediterranean, North-West Africa, Northern Asia, Western Asia and Indonesia. The second group (Survey and Bibliography for British Isles, European Russia, West Africa, Southern Asia and Pacific Islands) will be issued in April or May, 1958. The Council emphasizes that its available funds are not sufficient to permit any free subscriptions anywhere, or any subscriptions on the basis of the exchange of