

Important New Books and Articles

The inclusion of a book in this list does not preclude its subsequent review

- NEOLITHIC CULTURES OF THE BRITISH ISLES, by STUART PIGGOTT. Cambridge University Press. £3 10s. [To be reviewed.]
- ARCHAEOLOGY FROM THE EARTH, by SIR MORTIMER WHEELER. Oxford University Press. £1 5s. [To be reviewed].
- LANGUAGE AND HISTORY IN EARLY BRITAIN: a chronological survey of the Brittonic Languages, First to Twelfth Century A.D., by KENNETH JACKSON, Professor of Celtic Languages, Literature, History of Antiquities, University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh Univ. Press, 1953. £4. [To be reviewed].
- PREHISTORIC SETTLEMENTS ON DARTMOOR AND THE CORNISH MOORS, by C. A. RALEGH RADFORD. *Proc. Preh. Soc.*, 1952, 55-84.
- SWANSCOMBE MAN, by KENNETH P. OAKLEY. *Proc. Geol. Assoc.*, LXIII, Part 4, 1952, 271-300.
- ESSAI SUR LES CHASSES ROMAINES, des origines à la fin du siècle des Antonins. Paris: E. Boccard, 1951: 610 pages, 40 plates. (Vol. CLXI de la Bibliothèque des Écoles Françaises d'Athènes et de Rome).
- THE CAT, by F. E. ZEUNER. *Oryx*, Vol. 1, No. 2, 1951, 65-71.
- NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF ARCHAEOLOGISTS in regard to expert evidence. Published by the Council for British Archaeology, Institute of Archaeology, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1. Price 3d., postage 1d extra.
- HANDBUCH DER ALTESTEN VORGESCHICHTLICHEN METALLURGIE IN MITTELEUROPA, by HELMUT OTTO and WILHELM WITTER. Johann Ambrosius Barth Verlag, Leipzig.
- DIE WIKINGERZEIT AUF DEN NORDFRIESISCHEN INSELN, by DR PETER LA BAUME of Schleswig. *Jahrbuch des Nordfriesischen Vereins für Heimatkunde und Heimatliebe*, Jahrgang 1952-3, 5-185. [A very useful and complete summary of Viking finds, with 15 distribution-maps (Britain included on some) and several plates; but no address or place of publication is given anywhere, thus making it unnecessarily difficult to obtain].
- MORS EN BOIS DE CERF SUR LE TERRITOIRE DU BASSIN DES CARPATHES, by A. MOZSOLICS. *Acta Archaeologica Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae*, Magyar Tudományos Akademia, Budapest, Vol. III, 1953, fasc. 1-4, 69-109. [A useful little corpus of information (in French) about horse-bits, illustrated by 39 pictures of them].
- THE SOLUTREAN IN HUNGARY, by M. GÁBORI. *Ibid.* (in Russian), 1-56: French summary, 56-68.
- DIE BRONZEZEITLICHEN VOLLGRIFFSCHWERTER BAYERNS, by FRIEDRICH HOLSTE. C. H. Beck'sche Verlagsbuchhandlung, München, 1953: 56 pages, 18 plates. DM. 14.50.
- VASES ORNÉS DE LA MOSELLE, by E. DELORT. To be obtained from the author, 3 Place du Roi George, Metz. Price 1000 francs, postage 72 francs. [232 pages, 94 line-blocks of figured *Terra sigillata*, of which it is a useful corpus for excavators and museum curators].

BOOKS RECEIVED

- TAUNUS-ÜBERGÄNGE UND WETTERAU-STRASSEN IM VORLAND VON FRANKFURT, by WILLI GÖRICH. *Mitt. des Verein für Geschichte und Landeskunde zu Bad Homburg vor der Höhe*, Heft 23, 1954. [A study of ancient, mostly medieval, roads in the Taunus, based upon extensive field-work and observation of numerous deep traffic-ruts and hollow ways, and well presented with large-scale maps: an excellent model for others to follow].
- HAGUE-DIKE: les fouilles en 1951 et 1952, by HOLGER ARBMAN. *Meddelanden från Lunds Universitets Historiska Museum* (Gleerup, Lund), 1953, 191-222 (in French). [A further account of the excavation of this linear earthwork cutting off the northern end of the Côtentin peninsula. Though there were no datable finds, it is presumed to be of Viking origin. There were two periods of construction. The earthwork is first mentioned in 1253. Charcoal was found and is to be submitted for a C 14 dating].
- GEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE in Western Victoria relative to the antiquity of the Australian Aborigines, by EDMUND D. GILL. *Memoirs of the National Museum of Victoria*, No. 18 (18 May 1953), pp. 25-92, 4 plates. [An important and useful statement of the facts: see also Mr Gill's note on p. 110 below].
- CURRAN POINT, LARNE, COUNTY ANTRIM: the type-site of the Irish Mesolithic, by HALLAM L. MOVIUS, JR. *Proc. R. Irish Acad.*, Vol. 56 CI, pp. 1-195. 25 shillings.
- FORMENGRUPPEN UND KULTURKREISE IM EUROPÄISCHEN PALÄOLITHICUM, by KARL J. NARR (Göttingen). 34 Bericht der Röm.-Germ. Komm., 1951-3, 1-40. [A very useful critique fully illustrated by distribution-maps and tables].
- AN INSCRIBED TABLET FROM PYLOS, by CARL W. BLEGEN: printed in the *Oikonomos Festschrift* (1953) pp. 59-62. [This is the famous Tablet 64I, read by the finder (C.W.B.) with the aid of the 'phonetic values . . . experimentally assigned to the Linear B characters by Michael G. Ventris before the tablet was known'. The results are very satisfactory, confirming Ventris's views].
- THE MYCENAE TABLETS: a transcription by EMMETT L. BENNETT, JR., with an introduction by A. J. B. WACE. *Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society*, vol. 97. [A limited number of Copies of this article may be obtained from: Messrs W. Heffer and Sons, 3/4 Petty Curry, Cambridge, at a price of 7s 6d].
- FORTIFICATION IN ISLAM BEFORE A.D. 1250, by K. A. C. CRESWELL: a lecture delivered before the British Academy on 18 June 1952, published in their *Proceedings* for 1952, pp. 89-125, and also sold separately by G. Cumberlege. [A short masterly survey, fully illustrated, by the leading authority].
- EARLY ROME: I. Stratigraphical researches in the Forum Romanum and along the Sacra Via, by EINAR GJERSTAD. Gleerup, Lund.