

deep, some 90% of its volume is sterile. This should mean that ships sunk in those depths have been marvellously well preserved, only the metal being consumed, while their timbers and the bodies of their crews survive. Advances in marine archaeology might thus lead (at great expense) to some sensational discoveries. Herodotus' superlative takes on a new lease of life.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The editors would like to express their sincere gratitude to Hans van Wees, whose other commitments are bringing to an end a long and greatly valued role as Greek History reviewer for this journal. In almost a decade of service, Hans has reviewed a vast array of almost 150 books with learning and wit. At the same time as thanking Hans for his contributions, we are delighted to announce that Tom Harrison of the University of St Andrews will be his successor as Greek History reviewer.