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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Critical Book Reviews. Some time ago the *Quarterly* announced a policy of publishing long, critical reviews of important works in its "Book reviews" section. The aim of this policy was to honor with an adequate review by a competent specialist books of substantial scholarship, whether research monographs, interpretative works, or textbooks, which made outstanding contributions to the field of Far Eastern scholarship, or perchance to expose if necessary some pretentious work sailing under false colors. It was hoped that these reviews would give, in the spirit of co-operative scholarship and not in the form of carping or cutting criticism, a useful summary of the main ideas of the book, would point out its principal contributions and its weaknesses, would discuss controversial points, and would correct minor as well as major errors. To date this policy has been only a partial success because the book reviews editor has found great difficulty in locating reviewers who are willing to take the time and effort required to write such reviews. It seems to the editor that this is a challenge to American Far Eastern scholars, and he hopes that those who are willing to help in this matter will supply Dr. Meribeth E. Cameron, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., with their names and addresses and their special field of competence.

Reviews and Abstracts of Works in Far Eastern Languages. Through the kindness of the Humanities Division of the Rockefeller Foundation \$600 has been made available for use during the next three years in the purchase of books in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Southeast Asiatic languages for review or abstract in the *Quarterly*. Associate Editor Edwin G. Beal, Jr., 2851 Denver Street, S.E., Washington 20, D.C. will be responsible for handling all works in Far Eastern languages for review or abstract. He will be glad to receive suggestions on the following points: (1) titles of works for review or abstract, (2) the names of persons willing to do reviews or abstracts and their special fields of competence. The reviewer will, of course, retain the work reviewed. It is desired that the review or abstract do the following things: (1) give some information about the author if he is not well known, (2) give a specific summary of the content or main ideas of the book, being especially careful to bring out new information, (3) evaluate the book.

News of the Profession. From this issue forward the Secretary, Mrs. Wilma Fairbank, 41 Winthrop Street, Cambridge 38, Mass., will prepare the "News of the profession" section of the *Quarterly*, formerly handled by Dr. Woodbridge Bingham. She urges members to keep her regularly informed of their professional activities — research, teaching, travel, promotions, change of position, honors, etc. — and of the work relating to the Far East being conducted or planned by their institution or organization. She will also welcome information about the professional activities of other Far Easterners and especially about *prospective members*.

Annual Meeting. Don't forget the annual meeting at Yale University, New Haven, Conn., April 5-7.

The Editor. Since the editor's planned trip to China has been canceled because of the civil war, he will continue on the job as editor at the University of Chicago.

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