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1948 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting held at The Pierpont Morgan Library in New York on 30 April and 1 May was one of the best attended in the history of the Academy. Proceedings of this meeting, with various reports giving information regarding the Academy's affairs, are published in the July issue of *SPECULUM*.

1949 Annual Meeting

The next annual meeting of the Academy will be held in Toronto on 8-9 April 1949, under the auspices of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies there. Dr. A. C. Pegis, President of the Institute, is chairman of the committee arranging the program, to include a Friday afternoon session for presentation of papers, a subscription dinner followed by a short talk, and a business session followed by two or three brief addresses Saturday morning. This Canadian meeting will be the Academy's first outside the United States. It is hoped that a large number of members living in the Middle West, who have found it difficult to attend previous meetings in the East, will be able to come to Toronto.

Washington Dinner

On 30 December 1948 a Mediaeval Academy dinner will be held in Washington in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Historical Association. The distinguished Belgian historian François L. Ganshof, of the University of Ghent, will be the principal speaker.

New York Luncheon

A Mediaeval Academy luncheon will be held in New York on 28 December in connection with the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association of America.

Members

The number of Members of the Academy in good standing on 1 September 1948 was 1,054. Thirty-six other members had not yet paid their dues for the current year on that date.

Membership in the Academy is open to all persons seriously interested in mediaeval studies. Members are invited to use the enclosed form to nominate persons for membership.

Subscribers To "Speculum"

The number of subscribers to *SPECULUM* has steadily risen from 331 on 1 January 1945 to 632 on 1 September 1948.

New Academy Books

In July the Academy published Pearl Kibre's *The Nations in the Mediaeval Universities*. The

list price of this book is five dollars (\$5); it is available to Members of the Academy for only four dollars (\$4).

Kenneth M. Setton's *Catalan Domination of Athens, 1311-1388* will be published on 1 October 1948. Priced at \$7.50, it may be purchased by Members of the Academy for only six dollars (\$6).

Raymond De Roover's *Money, Banking, and Credit in Mediaeval Bruges* will be published on 15 October. Members of the Academy may obtain a copy for seven dollars (\$7); the list price is \$8.75.

Academy Books Out of Print

Eight of the fifty-one books published by the Academy (See the list of *Publications of the Mediaeval Academy of America* appearing in each number of *SPECULUM*) are now out of print. Six other Academy books — Numbers 20, 21, 22, 32, 33, and 46 — will presumably be out of print within the next year, as fewer than fifty copies of each remain in stock.

Members Outside the United States

There are currently 974 members of the Academy resident outside the United States. They are scattered throughout the world. England leads with 32 members, followed by Canada with 23 members.

Life Members

There are currently 52 Life Members. Active Members who are able to do so may further the work of the Academy by becoming Life Members. The \$200 paid by Life Members is added to the principal of the Endowment Fund, the income alone being used for current expenses.

Endowment Fund

The Mediaeval Academy's Endowment Fund amounted to \$112,778.37 on 31 December 1947. This compares well with such learned societies as the American Historical Association and the Modern Language Association of America but very unfavorably with such well-endowed organizations as the American Antiquarian Society, the American Numismatic Society, and the American Philosophical Society.

Gifts and Bequests

As the Mediaeval Academy is an institution incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for research and education, gifts to the Academy may be deducted from income tax, and bequests may be exempted from inheritance tax, within the limits provided by law.

* This news sheet will be issued at irregular intervals and sent to members to acquaint them with Academy affairs.