

IV.—LATER MEDIÆVAL HISTORY, *circa* A.D. 1200–1485.

The publications on this period which have appeared during the year 1916 appeal to the specialist and the research student rather than to the teacher. Several important volumes of official and local records have been issued, with many interesting monographs on particular questions and some valuable articles in the learned Reviews, but the main stream of popular historical writing still tends to flow in the direction of modern times.

*Sources.*—The Public Record Office has produced six volumes of Calendars relating to the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries: a *Calendar of Inquisitions, Miscellaneous (Chancery)*, Vol. I., 1219–1307; Vol. II., 1307–1349; a *Calendar of Inquisitions, Post Mortem*, etc., Edw. III., twenty-first to twenty-fifth year, 1349–1351, which is peculiarly interesting because the shortness of the period covered by the volume is due to the mass of material resulting from the frequency of escheats, etc., following on the mortality caused by the Black Death; a *Calendar of Close Rolls*, Hen. III., 1242–1247, a *Calendar of Patent Rolls*, Edw. III., Vol. XVI., 1374–1377; and a *Calendar of Charter Rolls*, Vol. V., 1314–1417 (*History*, Vol. I., No. 3, October, 1916, p. 189).

The Selden Society has published another volume of the Year Books: *Year Books of Edward II.*, Vol. XI. (5 Edw. II.), A.D. 1311–1312, ed. W. C. Bolland (Quaritch), and *Public Works in Mediæval Law*, Vol. I. (Edw. III. and Rich. II.), ed. C. T. Flower (Quaritch), the first volume of a series which promises to be of great interest and value (*History*, Vol. I., No. 2, July, 1916, p. 125). The Canterbury and York Society continues the register of John of Pontoise, Bishop of Winchester, *Registrum Joh. de Pontissara Episcopi Wyntoniensis*, 1282–1304, ed. C. Deedes, of which the first part appeared five years ago (*Bulletins III.*, 1913, and *IV.*, 1915; *History* Vol. I., No. 3, October, 1916, p. 189): also the second volume of the register of Bishop Hethe of Rochester (1319–1323), *Diocesis Roffensis: Registrum Hamonis Hethe*, I., II. (London, 1914–16 reviewed in *English Historical Review*, January, 1917). Mr. Turner and Mr. Salter are to be congratulated on the completion of the first part of their fine edition of *The Register of St. Augustine's*

*Abbey, Canterbury, commonly called the Black Book*, ed. by G. J. Turner and the Rev. H. E. Salter (*British Academy Records of the Social and Economic History of England and Wales*, Vol. II., Part I., Milford; 16s. net, cf. *History*, Vol. I., No. 1, April, 1916, p. 64). This is the second volume published by the British Academy in pursuance of a scheme of editing important and hitherto unprinted English and Welsh records. The first volume of the series, *A Survey of the Honour of Denbigh, 1334*, was edited in 1914 by Professor Vinogradoff, and Mr. Frank Morgan, assisted by Professor Vinogradoff's Oxford Seminar.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Salter, to whom we owe several excellent editions of mediæval Cartularies, has added one more to the list with the publication of the second volume of *A Cartulary of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist*, Vol. II., ed. by H. E. Salter (Oxford Historical Society, Clarendon Press; 21s. to non-subscribers). A record of mediæval York is preserved in the second part of the *York Memorandum Book, 1388-1493*, edited for the Surtees Society by Miss Maud Sellers, who contributes an able and original introduction (*History*, Vol. I., No. 1, April, 1916, p. 64). The *History of the Cutlers' Company of London, etc.*, by Charles Welch, F.S.A., Master of Cutlers, Vol. I., *From Early Times to 1500*, was privately printed in connexion with the quincentenary of the incorporation of the Company (December 4th, 1916). Mr. Welch has used the Guildhall and Public Record Office archives to eke out the somewhat scanty early material for the history of the Cutlers. When completed, the work will rank with Mr. Arthur Johnson's book on the Clothworkers as indispensable for the understanding of the development of the great City Companies.

Attention may also be called to the Historical MSS. Commission's *Report on the Records of the City of Exeter*, H.M. Stationery Office; 2s. 3d. (*History*, Vol. I., No. 3, p. 192).

M. Charles Bémont edits as a supplement to his *Rôles Gascons* a roll which, owing to imperfect classification, had escaped notice: *Un Rôle Gascon de Lettres Closes expédiées par la Chancellerie du Prince Édouard Fils Aîné du Roi d'Angleterre Henri III. (1254-1255)* (*Bulletin philologique et historique*, . . . 1915, Paris: Imp. Nat., 1916). These Letters Close were issued by Edward as Duke of Gascony.

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<sup>1</sup> This volume has no connexion with any "Local Record Society," as suggested in *Bulletin* No. IV., 1915, p. 19. It is the opening volume of the new Brit. Acad. Series.

From France also comes a useful local financial register : *Registre de Comptes pour le collège papal saints Benoit et Germain à Montpellier* (1368-1370), *publié d'après le manuscrit des Archives Vaticanes, avec introd. et notes, par l'abbé M. Chaillan, doct. en théologie*, (Paris : A. Picard, 1916, reviewed in *Bibl. de l'École des Chartes*, Jan.-Juin, 1916, p. 44). For Sicilian town history, in the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, Giuseppe La Mantia, *Su i piu antichi capitoli della città di Palermo* (Palermo, 1916) is valuable.

Among editions of the more specially literary sources for the history of the later Middle Ages may be mentioned the convenient separate issue of the Oxford text of Dante's *De Monarchia* : edited by Dr. E. Moore, with an Introduction on the Political Theory of Dante by W. H. V. Reade (Clarendon Press ; 3s. 6d. net, *cf. History*, Vol. I., No. 1, April, 1916, p. 61), and *De Ecclesia*, by John Huss, translated, with notes and an Introduction, by David S. Schaff (New York : Scribner ; London : Allen & Unwin ; 10s. net. English readers will gain much additional knowledge of Huss from this translation of the *De Ecclesia*, which was written in 1413.

Another welcome book is *Poggio's Life and Letters* by E. Walser of Zürich University (Leipzig : Teubner ; 16m., *cf. History*, Vol. I., No. 2, July, 1916, p. 125). This includes documents and hitherto unpublished letters, which throw light on the life and character of the great fifteenth century humanist, Poggio Bracciolini.

*Modern Works*.—The book of the year, from the teacher's point of view, is probably *The Foundation of the Ottoman Empire : a History of the Osmanlis up to the death of Bayezid I.* (1300-1403), by Herbert Adams Gibbons, Ph.D. ; Clarendon Press ; 10s. 6d. net ; (reviewed in *English Historical Review*, January, 1917 ; *American Historical Review*, October, 1916 ; *Scottish Historical Review*, October, 1916.—*History*, Vol. I., No. 1, April, 1916, p. 61). A scholarly and well-written account, by an American historian, of the beginnings of Ottoman rule in the West. Although the author's ignorance of Oriental languages prevents this work from being a definitive treatment of the subject, it is suggestive and illuminating, and gives, in moderate compass, an excellent summary of facts and description of the expansion of the Ottomans into Europe and the development of their Euro-Asiatic Empire. Dr. Gibbons is specially concerned to prove that the Ottomans established a

strong state in Europe before they became, by conquest, a great power in Asia Minor and the East. The book is furnished with a full bibliography. Another, very different, volume on an Oriental subject is *Ghenko: The Mongol Invasion of Japan* (thirteenth century), by Nakaba Yamada, B.A., with an introduction by Lord Armstrong; (Smith Elder; 7s. 6d. net, *cf. History*, Vol. I., No. 2, July, 1916, p. 125). *Ghenko* means "Mongol attack," and the author sketches, in vivid, if somewhat exuberant fashion, the attempted invasion of Japan by the Mongol Emperor of China, Kublai Khan, the "Armada" episode in mediæval Japanese history.

To turn from East to West, we have three books bearing on the history of Siena which are worth mentioning: *Siena: the Story of a Mediæval Commune*, by Ferdinand Schevill; (New York: Scribner; *cf. History*, Vol. I., No. 2, July, 1916, p. 125)—is useful for fourteenth century history. It is an interesting and pleasantly written study, not, perhaps, up to the standard of modern critical scholarship in all respects, but containing much that is valuable, *La Rep. di Siena e il suo contado nel secolo decimo terzo*, by R. Caggese, is a further study of the thirteenth century history of the Republic, while *St. Catherine of Siena, her Life and Times*, by Antony, C. M., ed. by Fr. Bede Jarrett, with a preface by Fr. Thomas M. Schwertner (Burns & Oates; 6s. net), adds nothing to our previous knowledge and seems superfluous, since there is already a standard life of the saint written from the Catholic point of view, in addition to E. G. Gardner's masterly study, *St. Catherine of Siena* (London, 1907), with its excellent bibliography. Other books dealing with the Friars and Monasticism are: *A History of the Irish Dominicans*, Vol. I., *Bishops, 1224-1307*, by M. MacInerny, O.P. (Dublin: Browne & Nolan; 10s. 6d. net), the first instalment of a learned work, impaired by a political bias which is out of place in a scholarly volume of this kind; *Die Franziskaner im heiligen Lande*, 1 Theil, *Die Franziskaner auf d. Sion (1336-1551)*, by Lemmens, L.P.O.F.M.; Münster: Aschendorff; 5.40m.; (*Franziskanische Studien*, 4 Beiheft); and *Das Prämonstratenserstift Adelberg, das letzte schwäbische Doppelkloster, 1178 (1188) bis 1476*, by Zeller. J. Stuttgart, W. Kohlhammer (*Sonderabdruck aus den Württembergischen Vierteljahrsheften für Landesgeschichte*, N.F., XXV., 1916). The precursor of a larger work on double monasteries.

On other aspects of Church history R. Neumann writes on *Die Colonna und ihre Politik v.d. Zeit Nikolaus IV. bis zuen Abzuge Ludwigs des Baiern aus Rom, 1288-1328*; (Langensalza: Wendt & Klauwell; 4m. *Sammlung wissenschaftl. Arbeiten*, 29 Heft); R. Jeht concludes his work on *Der Oberlausitzer Hussitenkrieg und d. hand d. Sechsstädte unter Kaiser Sigmund*, 2 (Schluss-) Bd. (Oberlausitz Ges. d. Wissenschaften; Görlitz: H. Tzschaschel in Komm; 5m.); and J. Loserth publishes *Johann v. Wiclif und Guilelmus Peraldus, Studien zur Geschichte der Entstehung von Wiclifs Summa Theologie* (Wien: Hölder; 2.30m. in *Sitzungsberichte d. kais. Akademie der Wissenschaften*); H. J. Wilkins has further given us *An Appendix to John Wycliffe: also John de Trevisa, etc.* (Arrowsmith; 1s. 6d. net).

Of great importance for economic and social history is the admirable article by Miss A. Elizabeth Levett, Vice-Principal and History Tutor, St. Hilda's Hall, Oxford, on *The Black Death*, with a supplementary chapter on *The Manors of Witney, Brightwell, and Downton*, by the late Adolphus Ballard, published in *Studies in Social and Legal History*, ed. P. Vinogradoff, Vol. V. (Clarendon Press; 12s. 6d. net, cf. *History*, Vol. I., No. 3, p. 189). This interesting and scholarly study is based on a careful examination of the Ministers' Accounts of the See of Winchester. Miss Levett supports the modern view that the influence of the Black Death as a cause of the subsequent agrarian crisis in England has been much exaggerated. The Winchester accounts show no abrupt change as to tenure or husbandry. Mr. Ballard's chapter, written from manuscript material in his possession, is also of great value.

A good deal of original and suggestive work on the later Middle Ages will be found in the form of small monographs, or in the learned Reviews. Professor T. F. Tout's lecture on *The English Civil Service in the Fourteenth Century*, delivered at the John Rylands Library in December, 1915, has been reprinted from *The Bulletin of the John Rylands Library*, April-June, 1916, by the Manchester University Press; 1s. net (*History*, Vol. I., No. 3, p. 189). It is satisfactory to be able to read at leisure this admirable sketch, with its pungent modern applications.

No student of later mediæval history should neglect the *Notes and Documents* in the *English Historical Review* for 1916. In the January number Miss A. E. Levett points out, in *The Summons*

to a Great Council, 1213, that a mistake made by Stubbs and perpetuated by later historians has substituted *homines* for *milites* in the famous writ of 1213, summoning four "men" or "knights" to speak with the king concerning the business of the realm. This mistake should be now corrected, since it has led to unfounded historical theorizing on the significance of the writ. In the same number there are noteworthy articles on *The Early History of the Counties of Carmarthen and Cardigan*, by J. G. Edwards; on *Collectors' Accounts for the Clerical Tenth levied in England by Order of Nicholas IV.*, by W. E. Lunt; on *The Conspiracy of Thomas Dunheved, 1327*, by Frédéric J. Tanqueray; on *The Peasant Rising of 1381: the King's Itinerary*, by W. H. B. Bird; and on *Robert Bale, the London Chronicler*, by C. L. Kingsford. In the April number Mr. A. G. Little discusses *The Authorship of the Lanercost Chronicle*; in the July number Professor T. F. Tout has a note on *The Westminster Chronicle attributed to Robert of Reading*, and in the October number Mr. J. H. Round, in *Bractoniana*, throws new light on Bracton's early life and probable birth-place, and James Conway Davies writes on *An Assembly of Wool Merchants in 1322*. To the *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society*, Third Series, Vol. IX., Mr. James Conway Davies also contributes a paper on *The Despenser War in Glamorgan*.

The *Scottish Historical Review* for the year 1916 has an article on *A Chapter Election at St. Andrews in 1417*, by R. K. Hannay, in the October number; and the *American Historical Review* for October, 1916, prints an article on *The Alleged Oxford Council of 1213*, by Edward Jenks, in which it is suggested that the four knights were summoned, not to a central Council, but to their respective county towns. In this number also N. Van der Linden writes in *Notes and Suggestions on Alexander VI. and the Demarcation of the Maritime and Colonial Domains of Spain and Portugal, 1493-1494*. Reference may further be made to an article on *The Mediæval Serbian Empire* in the *Quarterly Review*, October, 1916. The *Bibliothèque de l'École des Chartes*, Jan.—Juin, 1916, contains interesting articles on *La Cour (Curia) au commencement du XIV<sup>e</sup>. siècle*, by Jules Viard, and on *Les comptes du duché de Bretagne en 1435-1436*, by B. Pocquet du Haut-Jussé. M. Charles Bémont's paper on *Les Institutions municipales de Bordeaux au moyen âge; La Mairie*, etc., in the *Revue Historique*, Tome CXXIII., 1916, should be noted. In the

*Académie des Inscriptions et belles lettres*, Mars—Avril, 1916, there is an article by M. Paul Durrieu : *Souvenirs de la mythologie antique dans un livre d'Heures exécuté en France entre 1423 et 1430*, which is of interest to English readers because the MS. in question was written for the Duke of Bedford and his wife, Anne of Burgundy. In *L'Anjou Historique*, Sept.—Oct., 1916 will be found a paper on *Les évêques d'Angers au XIV<sup>e</sup>. et XV<sup>e</sup>. siècles.*

In conclusion a few books of wider scope which include the period under review may be mentioned: *The Evolution of the English Corn Market from the Twelfth to the Eighteenth Century*, by N. S. Brien Gras, Ph.D., Harvard University Press, 10s. 6d. net; the admirable bibliography of *Antwerp, 1447-1559*, by J. Wegg (Methuen, 21s. net); the fifth edition, revised and enlarged by J. R. H. Weaver, of *George's Genealogical Tables* (Clarendon Press, 7s. 6d. net); a new edition of E. F. Henderson's *A Short History of Germany* (A.D. 9-1914), 2 vols. (The Macmillan Co., 15s. net); Miss M. G. Segar's *A Mediæval Anthology* (Longmans, 2s. 6d. net); *The Lady Margaret, Mother of Henry VII.*, by W. B. Hanson, Talbot, 3s. net; the *Le Strange Records (Norfolk and the March of Wales, A.D. 1100-1310)*, by H. Le Strange (Longmans, 21s. net); and G. Weber, *Lehr-und Handbuch der Weltgeschichte* (edited and revised by R. Friedrich and A. Baldamus) 2 Band, *Mittelalter*; (Leipzig: W. Engelmann; 7m.)

Among school-books and popular books, C. L. Kingsford's *English History in the Fifteenth Century and the Historical Plays of Shakespeare* (National Home Reading Union, 1s.) will be very useful. Miss Constantia Maxwell has also done good service by publishing a simple and cheap *Short History of Ireland* (Fisher Unwin, 1s. 3d. net). J. H. Robinson's *The Middle Period of European History*, etc. (Ginn; 5s.), extends from the break-up of the Roman Empire to the opening of the eighteenth century, and incidentally covers the whole mediæval period. S. C. Roberts' *Picture-book of British History* (Clarendon Press; 3s. 6d. net) goes up to 1485 in the first volume.

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