

The Librarian continued his researches on the red-figured vases of South Italy. His book on the pottery of Paestum appeared about Christmas, 1936, and it is hoped that a second volume, dealing with the fifth-century Italiote vases, will appear in the 'Bilder griechischer Vasen' series in 1938, as a result of the new material gained during a visit to the principal vase-collections of South Italy and Sicily made in the spring. He gave a lecture on 'The Pottery of South Italy with special reference to that of Paestum' to a meeting of the 'Camerata' held in the German Archaeological Institute in February.

The following public lectures were held during the session:—'Roman Provincial Administration before Augustus,' by Mr. J. P. V. D. Balsdon, 'Romanesque Ornament and Sculpture in England,' by Mr. A. W. Clapham, 'Chinese Painting,' by Mr. Laurence Binyon.

Courses of lectures on the archaeology and art of classical and medieval Rome were delivered by the Director and Librarian during the session. These courses were intended for students, but other members of the British community were admitted on application to the Director. The Librarian also conducted parties of students round the Forum, the Palatine and other classical monuments, and special visits were made to Ostia, the Cavallini frescoes in Santa Cecilia, and to view the frescoes of Michael Angelo from the scaffolding erected in the Sistine Chapel.

Library.—The session was one of considerable activity in the Library, consequent on the achievement of the first part of a general scheme of rearrangement and reorganisation, the completion of which must await the finishing of the new wing. The topographical room has been completely rearranged and now houses the topographical works belonging to the School and to the late Dr. Ashby, in whose honour the room has been named the Ashby Topographical Library, and an inscribed plaque has been placed above the door, together with Sir George Clausen's portrait of Ashby. The collection of English county periodicals and registers, etc., is being slowly brought up to date and will, it is hoped, shortly be considerably enlarged. It is unnecessary to stress the advantage of such a collection available to students of archaeology in Rome, as at present it is almost impossible to find sets of these journals.

During the session the Library acquired by purchase, exchange or gift some 350 volumes, excluding periodicals and offprints. The following institutions presented copies of their publications or other works:—The British Museum, The Society of Antiquaries, The British Academy, which presented a complete set of the *Proceedings*, The Hellenic Society, The British School at Athens, and the Cambridge University Press. The Library is also indebted to the following authors for copies of their works:—Professor Bernard Ashmole, Mr. Hope Bagenal, Mr. R. H. Barrow, Prof. J. D. Beazley, Dr. G. Bendinelli, Mr. George Buday, Mr. Campbell Dodgson, Dr. H. Egger, Sir Arthur Evans, Prof. T. J. Haarhoff, Prof. J. H. Holwerda, Dr. L. Poinssot, Prof. J. E. Powell and Mr. E. K. Waterhouse, and to Mr. F. W. Sargant for a generous gift of art books from his own Library.