More Stanley Casson Materials

In a previous issue, the library reported on ‘Three Letters from Stanley Casson to Francis Henry Taylor, 1932’ (New College Notes 5 (2014), no. 9). We acquired these together with a copy of Casson’s Some Modern Sculptors (1928), in late 2013. This prompted a communication in 2015 from Lady Jennifer MacLellan, the only child of Casson, who was herself born in 8 New College Lane. She kindly invited me for lunch at her house in Buchlyvie, Stirlingshire, in order to look over some of her father’s papers and to accept some of his personal bound copies of his articles for the college, which we are glad to receive. Several of these are of particular interest because Casson bound into them the original letters he had received from various scholars in response to his publications. These are, in order of publication:


With:
   3) Letter of Marcus N. Tod of Oriel College to Casson, 9 October 1926.
   4) Letter of J. A. R. Munro, Rector of Lincoln College, to Casson, 9 October 1926.


With:
   1) Acknowledgment card of Dr Rhys Carpenter, [American School of Classical Studies], Athens, 10 March 1931.
   2) Letter of Maurice Bowra of Wadham to Casson, 17 February [1931].


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2) Letter of T. B. L. Webster, [Professor of Greek, University of Manchester], of 15 Rusholme Gardens, Manchester, to Casson, 8 November 1931.
3) Clipping of account of ‘Meetings’: one held 10 November 1931 at which A. J. B. Wace delivered a paper on Greek sculpture, and Casson was one of the respondents. [This is from the *Proceedings of the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies*, as published in *The Journal of Hellenic Studies* 52, Part 2 (1932), pp. xxi-xxix, at p. xxii.]


With:

1) Clipping from *The Times*, 21 December 1932, on art periodicals.
2) Letter of Ernest Jacob, 205 Woodstock Road, to Casson, 21 December, 1932.
5) Letter of Kenneth Conant, Harvard, School of Architecture, to Casson, 19 April 1933.

We have also received a number of loose offprints, without accompanying letters:


11. ‘Submarine Research in Greece’, *Antiquity* (1939), pp. 80-86.


15. ‘Some Trade Routes in the Aegean Area’, pp. 3-12, no publication details.

Finally, three more personal items:


Casson was an extraordinary figure, and the letters he bound up with his reference copies of his own articles offer lively evidence of how publications circulated in the period, and how academics kept track of their scholarly correspondence. Several of the letters catalogued above came from leading archaeological authorities, as well as from figures closer to home. Casson, for instance, was in the habit of sending offprints to his neighbour, the Warden of New College, H. A. L. Fisher. As one of Fisher’s acknowledgments ran: ‘What an iconoclastic crowd you archaeologists are! You leave us nothing’.

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