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GREEK POPYRI OF THE PTOLEMAIC PERIOD

P. M. FRASER and C. H. ROBERTS, *A New Letter of Apollonius* (*Chronique d'Egypte* No. 48 (1949) p. 289—294).

The fortunate preservation of the date of this papyrus, January 250 B. C. gives in view of its contents considerable historical interest. The letter of Apollonius to Demetrius containing the substance of a royal instruction regarding the felling of native trees for use in the dockyards clearly indicates a naval program connected with contemporary Aegean events. For the cultivation of trees in Egypt see my *Law* II 77 ff.; on φῶρας in v. 14 cf. my *Straf-recht* 28; it may have the same meaning as Petr. III No. 59 a) Col. II (v. 10) = *searchers for stolen property*.

E. TURNER and O. NEUGEBAUER, *Gymnasium Debts and New Moons* (Repr. from *Bull. of the John Ryland Library* vol. 32 No. 1, 1949).

The first eight columns on the recto deal with debts due for recovery (a παρακτορεία list? cf. πρᾶξον in l. 22 and often). The account is of sums due to a society or association (σύνοδος) and certain entries point to its being a gymnasium (cf. my *Law* II 59 ff.). The most important of these is the entry in ll. 61—3 πρᾶξον δὲ καὶ τ[ὸ]ς κεραιότας ζένου[ς].

POPYRI OF THE PTOLEMAIC AND ROMAN PERIOD

JOHN BARNES, *Three Fayûm Papyri* (*Chronique d'Egypte* No. 48, (1949) p. 292—309).

The first papyrus (195 or 171 B.C.) is a letter of Heracleides to Dorion in which the writer reminds a subordinate that he should have come to Crocodilopolis on the tenth of Mesorê, whereas as it is now already the twelfth, he is to come immediately bringing with him a *phylakites* who will perform state service (λειτουργεῖν)