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proceedings before the prefect Mettius Rufus. In (v. 17) a *διάταγμα* of Tiberius Julius Alexander is mentioned; (v. 18) refers to a sentence based on *praescriptio longi temporis* (cf. my *Law*<sup>2</sup> 427). No. 227 (99 or 100 A.D.) is a record of proceedings in a case which came by appeal before the prefect. The deposit of a sum of money as a surety against wilful appeals by the appellant is pointed out (cf. *Law*<sup>2</sup> 522). No. 228 (251—250 B.C.) is a letter addressed to Zenon.

#### PAPYRI FROM THE ROMAN PERIOD

H. A. Musurillo, S. J., *The Acts of the Pagan Martyrs. Acta Alexandrinorum*, (Oxford 1954).

Ulrich Wilcken was the first to make a comprehensive study of the *Acta Alexandrinorum* in his now famous monograph, *Zum alexandrinischen Antisemitismus*. But in view of the many new fragments discovered since then and the enormous literature that has grown up about the „Acts of the Pagan Martyrs”, it was deemed wise to attempt a complete critical edition of all the relevant fragments together with the reassessment of the entire problem.

This critical edition accomplished by the author, comprises all of the older texts, thoroughly revised by him and many new fragments. These are: I PSI 1160: the *Boule* Papyrus; II P. Oxy 1089: The Interview with Flaccus; III P. bibl. univ. Giss. 46: The „Gerosia Acta”; IV Acta Isidori; V A) P. Oxy ined: Acta Diogenis (?); V B) P. Fouad 8; VI P. Rendel Harris: Acta Hermiae (?); VII: Acta Maximi; VIII P. Oxy 1242: Acta Hermaisici; IX A Acta Pauli et Antonini; IX B BGU 341; IX C. P.R. Univ. Milano (Prum); X P. Oxy 2177: Acta Athenodori; XI Acta Appiani. In addition dubious and unidentified fragments: XII BGU 568; XIII P. Fayum 217; XIV P. Erlangen No. 16; XV P. Aberdeen 136; XVI P. Bouriant 7; XVII P. Oslo 170; XVIII Acta Heracliti; XIX P. Rylands 437; XX—XXI P. Rendel Harris ined. (a) and (b). The edition is provided with an excellent commentary. The jurist will be interested in p. 108 the problem of the Alexandrian gerosia and the supplementary note; p. 112, Bibl. Univ. Giss. 46, III 25 the penalty; p. 168 the council of Jews in Oxy 1242; p. 202 the Imperial Chancery and the Privy Council (Oxy 2177). Generally interesting is Appendix II p. 236 ff. concerning the Tradition of Martyrs Literature and Pagan Martyrs and Christianity and App. V p. 267 concerning the Acta and the Cynics.