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an inscription on the tombstone of a woman. No. 86 (limestone; undated) contains the excerpts from the Bible. No. 87 (limestone; undated; ed. by Turayev, *op. cit.*, No. 1) is a fragment from the Acts of Apostles (1, 9—11). No. 88 (limestone; undated; ed. by Turayev, *op. cit.*, No. 2) — a fragment of the well known apocryphal letter of Christ to Abgar. No. 89 (limestone; undated; ed. by Turayev, *Vizantiyskiy Vremennik*, VII (1900) 428) — a fragment of a liturgical text. No. 90 (limestone; undated; ed. by Turayev, *op. cit.*, No. 3) — a fragment of a sermon. No. 91 (potsherd; undated) — a fragment of a laudatory composition concerning the fasting (?). No. 92 (potsherd; undated) — a fragment of a sermon (?). Nos 93 and 94 (limestone; undated; the texts on *recto* and *verso*; ed. by Turayev, *op. cit.*, No. 20; cf. Crum, *Coptic Ostraca*..., p. XVIII), defined by the editor as "two prayers", seems to be a fragment of a Christian amulet. Nos 95 and 96 (potsherds) are the fragment of prayers. Nos 97—100, 102 (potsherds) and Nos 101, 103 (limestones) — are the fragments of Christian religious texts.

The edition ends with many useful indices. The editor rightly points out that the texts he has published contain many and various items of information concerning the social and economic relations in Egypt, chiefly from the times after the Arab conquest, and complete considerably the information provided by the formerly edited sources dating from the same period. [C.K.]

Walter Till, *Die koptischen Bürgschaftsurkunden* (*Bulletin de la Société d'Archéologie Copte*, vol. 14 pp. 165—226).

The author, whose great merits in the field of Coptology are well known, had undertaken many years ago the task of making available the Coptic legal documents to the historians of the law who do not know the Coptic language. Subsequently he published the Coptic letters of safe-conduct, the tax-receipt ostraca from the Vienna collection, the contracts of the hire of services and the documents concerning the law of succession. The reviewed work contains the documents concerning the surety. The texts are grouped according to their respective subjects (Gestellungsbürgschaften, Bürgschaften für Flüchtlinge, Einspruchsklauseln, Steuerbürgschaften, Bürgschaften für öffentliche Arbeiten, Bürgschaften für die

Erfüllung der kirchlichen Verpflichtungen etc) and are provided with translation and commentaries. As to the form and matter the Coptic deeds of surety can be likened to the corresponding documents from the Byzantine epoch. For those who specialize in the latter documents the recent work of Till will be of great use. [H.K.]