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A session entitled "Chroniclers and Kings" was held at the Twentieth International Congress on Medieval Studies under the Academy's sponsorship. An abstract of the paper, "The Punishment of Pride: Castilian Reaction to Aljubarrota," by Thomas M. Izbicki of Indiana University, follows:

Juan I
Castilian historians in the period between the defeat of Juan I at Aljubarrota (1385) and the reign of the Catholic Kings had to explain their nation's defeat at the hands of the Portuguese. They blamed this humiliation either on the inexperience of King Juan's entourage or on pride. Although the latter explanation could be dismissed offhand as mere moralization, it can be understood more correctly as a casual analysis founded on the national vice of the Spanish, which also was the characteristic vice of the nobility. This diagnosis is confirmed both by the touchiness and by the indiscipline of those same inexperienced familiars of the Castilian king.

DECEMBER MEETING

The Academy is co-sponsoring with the American Historical Association a session entitled "The Crown of Aragon in the Middle Ages" at the December assembly of the AHA in New York. The panel is scheduled for 2:30 p.m., Sunday, December 29, 1985 for Salon F, 6th floor in the New York Marriott Marquis Hotel.

Chair: James W. Brodman, University of Central Arkansas

"Apostasy in the Medieval Crown of Aragon," Jill R. Webster, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto

"The War Against Islam and the Muslims at Home: The Mudejar Predicament in the Kingdom of Valencia during the Reign of Fernando el católico," Mark Meyerson, University of Toronto

"The Jews of Barcelona," Leila Berner, Reed College

"Personal Relations between James II of Aragon and Frederick III of Sicily," Clifford Backman, University of California, Los Angeles

Comment: Rev. Robert I. Burns, S.J., UCLA

RECENTLY PUBLISHED SOURCE COLLECTIONS IN SPANISH MEDIEVAL HISTORY

At least a modest celebration is in order, it seems to this observer, over the recent spate of publications of medieval archival materials coming out of Spain. Scholars can now rejoice in the availability of some authoritative complement to their own notes. Librarians can sigh with relief that some current volumes may be easily obtained to stand duty for earlier published collections now long out of print. These current publications are also particularly valuable because they treat what are the larger repositories of medieval documents outside of the Archivo Histórico Nacional and the Biblioteca Nacional.

José Antonio García Luján, Privilegios reales de la catedral de Toledo, 1086-1462, 2 vols. (Toledo, 1982), is a case in point. The second volume contains the text and the source notations of 120 royal documents beginning with Alfonso VI (December 18, 1086) and ending with Enrique IV (July 24, 1462). The first volume is an accompanying diplomatic study which is useful although hardly definitive for any given reign. Just this past spring, Francisco J. Hernández, Los Cartularios de Toledo: Catálogo documental (Toledo, 1985), brought out the first volume of a planned Monumenta Ecclesiae Toletanae Historica: Series I, Regesta et Inventaria Historica. In it the contents of 702 documents are summarized and their final protocol and subscriptions printed along with the source references. The period covered begins with November 24, 978 and ends with January 2, 1252. Because García Luján did not know manuscript BCT, 42-20, Hernández's volume alerts one to the existence of a significant number of royal charters missed by the former. Some 300 pages of indices also make the Hernández volume extremely valuable.

Also gratifyingly active is the Centro de Estudios e Investigación "San Isidro" and its series of Fuentes y Estudios de Historia Leonesa. Most recently María Concepción Cadado Labato, Colección diplomática del monasterio de Carrizo, 2 vols. (León, 1983), made available the text of 608 virtually unknown documents of the period 969-1299. Use of these mostly private charters is facilitated by almost 200 pages of index. Even more exciting is the apparently imminent publication of an Edición crítica y estudios de la documentación del Archivo de la Catedral de León: 775-1230, 4 vols. The archives of this cathedral, rich as they are, have historically been difficult of access.

By comparison, but only by comparison, the volumes in the Fuentes Medievales Castellano-Leonesas coming out of the Department de Historia Medieval of the Colegio Universitario de Burgos are more disappointing. José Manuel Garrido Garrido, Documentación de la catedral de Burgos: 804-1183

(Burgos, 1983), does provide the texts of 283 documents most of which have been published before in the various works of Luciano Serrano. It does represent, however, a golden opportunity for libraries who missed those now out of print volumes to play catch up. The same thing may be said of F. Javier Peña Pérez, Documentación del monasterio de San Juan de Burgos: 1091-1400 (Burgos, 1983) and its 174 texts and citations. Both volumes are innocent of indices. A final volume, Isabel Oceja Gonzalo, Documentación del monasterio de San Salvador de Oña: 1032-1284 (Burgos, 1983) counts more previously unpublished documents among its 266 texts and citations which were missed in Juan de Alamo, Colección, 2 vols. (Madrid, 1950), but also lacks any sort of index.

All in all present developments are most promising. If they continue we all perhaps will be forced to retire our venerable 5 X 8s in favor of computer data bases as more and more materials become available.

Bernard F. Reilly,
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NOTICES

The Opera Medica Omnia Arnaldi de Villanova have now been published. Each contains the edition of one or more Latin texts of Arnald's medical output, together with a substantial introduction in English or Spanish. They cost from \$20-30 each, less in pesetas, and can be ordered from: Publicacions i Edicions, Universitat de Barcelona, Avgda. Xile s/n (Zona Universitària--Pedralbes), 08028 Barcelona.

A few copies of Edward Colbert's Martyrs of Cordoba (850-859) are available from the author at 1010 Lafayette, Mattoon, IL 61938. The price to Academy members is \$5 plus .54 in postage.

The American Numismatic Society invites applications for its Summer Seminar for advanced graduate students and recent Ph.D.s. Stipends are available to work with one of the largest collections of medieval Spanish coinage in the world. Completed applications are due March 1, 1986. For information, please write the American Numismatic Society, Broadway and 155th Street, New York, NY 10032.

CONFERENCES

The Fifth Biennial New College Conference on Medieval-Renaissance Studies will be held in Sarasota, Florida, March 6-8, 1986. Paper proposals in all areas of European and Mediterranean Studies, 1000-1600, are welcome and should be addressed before December 1, 1985 to: Professor

Lee D. Snyder, Director of Medieval-Renaissance Studies, New College, University of South Florida, Sarasota, Florida 34243-2197.

The Mediterranean IX Conference will be held at Pescara, Italy, July 15-17, 1986. Paper proposals in Iberian studies are welcome and should be sent to Norman Holub, Dowling College, Oakdale, NY 11769.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

Robert I. Burns, S.J., of UCLA has been elected as a corresponding member of the Hispanic Society of America. His Diplomatarium of the Crusader Kingdom of Valencia, vol. 1: Society and Documentation has recently been published by Princeton University Press.

Charles Gibson, Professor-Emeritus at the University of Michigan, died on August 22, 1985.

Alan M. Stahl of the American Numismatic Society, has published: The Venetian Torneseello: A Medieval Colonial Coinage, New York: The American Numismatic Society, Notes and Monographs 163, 1985. He continues his work on the mint of Venice in the Middle Ages.

Charles B. Faulhaber, University of California at Berkeley, anticipates the publication in 1986 of his book: Libros y bibliotecas en la España medieval: una bibliografía de fuentes impresas (London: Grant and Cutler). A fourth edition of his Bibliography of Old Spanish Texts has appeared.

Helen Nader of Indiana University is President-Elect of the Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference. She is working on a biography of Ferdinand the Catholic.

Archibald Lewis of the University of Massachusetts has published Medieval Society in Southern France and Catalonia (London:Variorum Press, 1985).

Teofilo F. Ruiz of Brooklyn College is preparing a monograph on northern Castile in the late Middle Ages.

Bruce A. Lorence, a graduate student at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, is preparing a dissertation entitled: "A Group Biography of New Christians on Trial Before the Regional Tribunals of the Portuguese Inquisition in Coimbra and Evora during the first half of the Seventeenth Century." He has published "The Inquisition and the New Christians in the Iberian Peninsula: Main Historiographical Issues and Controversies," in The Sepharadi and Oriental Jewish Heritage (Jerusalem, 1982). An "Annotated Bibliography of Auto-da-Fe sermon mss. extant in Portuguese

and other libraries and archives," is forthcoming in Bibliography and Booklore.

Robert A. MacDonald, University of Richmond, has published "Notas sobre la edición de las obras legales atribuidas a Alfonso X de Castilla," Anuario de historia del derecho español 52 (1983): 721-25. He continues to prepare an edition of the Espéculo and Libro de las tafurerias, and with Antonio Perez Martín the Fuero real and Siete Partidas.

Thomas N. Bisson, University of California at Berkeley, has published: "L'essor de la Catalogne: identité, pouvoir et idéologie dans une société de XIIe siècle," Annales:E.S.C. (1984): 454-79; and Fiscal Accounts of Catalonia under the early count-kings (1151-1213), 2 vols. (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1984). Professor Bisson has been awarded the Premio Javier Conde Garriga (1983), Asociación Numismática Española, for his Conservation of Coinage: Monetary Exploitation in France, Catalonia, and Aragon (A.D. 1000-1225), Oxford, 1979.

Joseph F. O'Callaghan of Fordham University received a grant-in-aid from the American Council of Learned Societies for 1986.

James W. Brodman of the University of Central Arkansas received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the publication of Ransoming Captives in Crusader Spain: the Order of Merced on the Christian-Islamic Frontier, forthcoming from the University of Pennsylvania Press.

Bernard F. Reilly of Villanova University continues his work on The History of Leon-Castilla under Alfonso VI, 1065-1109.

Alberto Ferreiro is completing his dissertation "The Iberian Peninsula 400-711: A Bibliography" at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He has published articles in Studia monastica, Journal of Medieval History, and the American Benedictine Review.

J. Lee Shneidman of Adelphi University has been elected chairman of the Columbia University Seminar in History of Political and Legal Thought and Institutions.

DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS

A membership directory that reflects materials sent in by the membership prior to October 1, 1985 is included for your use. Errors, omissions and additions should be brought to the attention of: J.W. Brodman, History Department, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR 72032.

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