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the few officials of tribes and demes who are known, and Athenian officials of Athens' alliances (*hellenotamiai* from the Delian League; Androtrion as *archon* in Arcesine from the Second League, where D.'s date, 358/7–357/6, with Androtrion's service as councillor following in 356/5, is also mine). Religious functionaries presented difficulties, and D. economically confesses that 'some thought has been necessary on criteria of inclusion': in general priests have been omitted, on the grounds that eligibility and conditions of service are unknown, but the annual priests of Asclepius are included; *hieropoioi* are included; officials of the Eleusinian cult are omitted, but they may be found in K. Clinton's *The Sacred Officials of the Eleusinian Mysteries* (1974). Athenian representatives to Delphi and to Delos are generally included. Trierarchs and other performers of liturgies are omitted, and with them go *archetheoroi* (e.g. Nicias in 418/7): that is a pity, but to include them all would have added considerably to the bulk of the book.

The last part of the entry for each year contains material put together under the heading 'Council and Assembly'. Councillors clearly had to be included, both ordinary members and those who are known to have served during their year as *epistates* or (until the 360s) secretary. D. also lists all proposers of decrees of the council and of the assembly. He notes that when a decree is probouleumatic (as defined in Rhodes, *The Athenian Boule*, 68) the proposer must be a member of the council, and in his catalogue he identifies probouleumatic decrees as such. He does not distinguish between decrees known to be non-probouleumatic and decrees whose nature is not known, but for his purposes that distinction does not matter: in either case the proposer may be, but does not have to be, a member of the council.

Nobody is going to agree with every single one of D.'s controversial decisions, but the evidence is presented, and often there is a supporting argument or a reference to a recent discussion. David Lewis has drawn my attention to two items which he rediscovered after the book had gone to press: Eryximachus, *strategos* in 405/4 (implied by *P. Ryl.* iii.489, iv.105–8; missing from Fornara's list of generals too); Laomedon, 'navarch' in 340/39 (schol. *Dem.* xviii. *Cor.* 76). New evidence, and new work on old evidence, will continue to appear. A recent article by C. Habicht (*Chiron* 19 [1989], 1–5) adds 328/7 to the years in which Demades was the proposer of a decree (*IG* ii² 399, formerly dated 322–319): the decree was enacted on the same day as Lycurgus' *IG* ii².452, and the deme of Pamphilus the *epistates* must be either Philaidae or Phyle.

Broughton recently published a revised supplement to *M.R.R.*, and in due course there will be enough material to justify a supplement to *A.O.* too. Meanwhile the substantive work will be very useful indeed, and D. deserves our congratulations and thanks.

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