The program of the Symposium was as follows:

April 30, 1953

Introduction by Professor Weitzmann

I. The Historical Tradition

Ronllly J. H. Jenkins, Professor of Byzantine History, University of London, and Visiting Scholar at Dumbarton Oaks, Harvard University. "History as the Study of Men: Constantine Porphyrogenitus Vita Basili." 

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Reverend Francis Dvornik, Professor of Byzantine History at Dumbarton Oaks, Harvard University. "Roman and Christian Imperial Traditions in Constantine’s De Ceremoniis."

Professor Jenkins, "History as the Study of Events: Constantine Porphyrogenitus De Administrando Imperio.”

II. The Classical Tradition

May 1, 1953


Professor Weitzmann, "The Classical Revival in the Representational Arts in the Era of Constantine Porphyrogenitus."

Professor Dain, "The Encyclopedic Enterprises of and around Constantine Porphyrogenitus (especially the Tactica)." (In French)

III. The Christian Tradition

May 2, 1953

Sirarpie Der Nersessian, Professor of Byzantine Art and Archaeology at Dumbarton Oaks, Harvard University. "The Metaphrastian Menologium."

Professor Weitzmann, "The Christian Realm within the Representational Arts in the Era of Constantine Porphyrogenitus."

April 10, 1953

Near Eastern Section of The Oriental Society.

April 14, 1953

Lecture by Nellie Taylor Ross, Director of the United States Mint, under the auspices of the Washington Alumni of the Harvard Graduate School for Business Administration.

April 21-28, 1953

Exhibition of Garden and Rare Books from the Founders’ Room, held in the Music Room.

May 13, 1953


June 11, 1953

Annual Meeting of Archaeological Society of Washington.

June 27, 1953

Meeting of a group of students visiting this country on international scholarships, under the auspices of the American Field Service.

Staff Changes

Mrs. Margaret Ruddock resigned in January as Cataloguer, to which position Mr. Joseph Jeffs was promoted. Miss Lindsay Crawford, because of illness, resigned her position as manager of the Fellows’ Building and secretary. Miss Sidney Beall joined the staff as manager of the Fellows’ Building in October, 1952, and Mrs. Thelma Hambrock was added to the administrative staff as secretary in February, 1953. Mr. Walter Weyrauch joined the library staff in February, 1953.

Library

4,116 volumes have been acquired during the year, bringing the total number of volumes now in the library to 38,914. In order to provide additional space for the library, stacks have been installed in areas formerly used for storage on the third floor of