

TABLE OF CONTENTS

CHAPTER I

THE ECONOMIC BACKGROUND OF THE FIFTH CENTURY

BY MARCUS N. TOD, M.A., O.B.E.

Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, and University Lecturer in Greek Epigraphy

	PAGE
I. INTRODUCTION: THE NATURE OF THE EVIDENCE	1
The evidence of inscriptions	2
II. POPULATION	3
The citizen body	5
Metics	6
Serfs	7
Slaves	9
Estimates of population	10
III. AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY	11
Position of agriculture	12
Importation of food into Greece	14
Conditions of industry	15
IV. COMMERCE	16
Commercial rivalries	17
Commercial dominance of Athens	19
V. COST OF LIVING	20
VI. MONEY, WAGES AND INTEREST	22
Currency	23
Wages and prices	25
VII. PUBLIC FINANCE	26
Public revenue of Athens	29
Public expenditure of Athens	30
Cost of warfare	31
Financial officials at Athens	32

CHAPTER II

THE CONFEDERACY OF DELOS, 478-463 B.C.

BY E. M. WALKER, M.A.

Pro-Provost of Queen's College, Oxford

I. SPARTAN LEADERSHIP	33
Leotychidas in Thessaly	34
Rebuilding of the walls of Athens	35
Reduction of Byzantium	37
Athens adopted as leader of the Ionians	38
Failure of Spartan policy	39

	PAGE
II. THE CONFEDERACY OF DELOS	40
The constitution of the confederacy	42
Original extent of the confederacy	43
The assessment of Aristides	45
III. THE RISE OF CIMON	46
Fortification of the Piraeus	47
Character of Cimon	48
IV. THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CONFEDERACY OF DELOS	50
Capture of Eion	51
Conquest of Scyros	52
Reduction of Carystus and Naxos	53
Battle of the Eurymedon	54
Attempted colonization	57
Revolt and reduction of Thasos	59
V. CHANGES IN THE CHARACTER OF THE CONFEDERACY OF DELOS	59
VI. THE POSITION IN THE PELOPONNESE. PAUSANIAS AND THEMISTOCLES	61
Death of Pausanias	62
Flight of Themistocles	63
Character of Themistocles	65
Tegea and Dipaea	66

CHAPTER III

ATHENS AND THE GREEK POWERS, 462-445 B.C.

BY E. M. WALKER

I. END OF THE COALITION	68
II. THE REVOLT OF THE HELOTS AND THE FALL OF CIMON	69
Cimon's dismissal from Ithome	71
III. PERICLES' ACCESSION TO POWER	72
Character of Pericles	73
IV. OUTBREAK OF THE FIRST PELOPONNESIAN WAR. THE GREAT EGYPTIAN EXPEDITION	75
Athenian alliances with Argos, Thessaly and Megara	76
Revolt of Egypt	77
Athenians defeat Corinthians	78
V. THE BATTLES OF TANAGRA AND OENOPHYTA	79
The armies at Tanagra	81
The Athenians in Boeotia	82
Battle of Oenophyta	83
VI. THE FATE OF THE EGYPTIAN EXPEDITION	83
VII. THE FIVE YEARS TRUCE AND THE DEATH OF CIMON	85
Cimon's return and foreign policy	86
The Five Years Truce	87
VIII. THE COLLAPSE OF THE LAND EMPIRE. INVASION OF ATTICA	88
Battle of Coronea	89

CONTENTS

xiii

	PAGE
IX. THE THIRTY YEARS PEACE. FAILURE OF THE FOREIGN POLICY OF PERICLES	90
Reasons for Pericles' failure	92
Proposed Panhellenic congress	93
X. THE ATHENIAN EMPIRE AT THIS EPOCH	94
Services of Athens to the Allies	95
Grievances of the Allies: Cleruchies	96

CHAPTER IV

THE PERICLEAN DEMOCRACY

BY E. M. WALKER

I. EPHIALTES' REFORM OF THE AREOPAGUS	98
The <i>Graphē Paronomōn</i>	99
II. ADMISSION OF THE ZEUGITAE TO THE ARCHONSHIP	100
III. PAYMENT FOR THE JURORS AND THE RESTRICTION OF THE FRANCHISE	101
IV. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEMOCRACY	103
The system of payment	105
Changes in the character of Athenian society	106
V. THE RISE OF THE DEMAGOGUES	106
Constitutional position of the demagogues	108
Political responsibility at Athens	109
Town and country political interests	110
VI. THE DEMOS AND THE EMPIRE	111
The political effect of the courts of law	112

CHAPTER V

ATTIC DRAMA IN THE FIFTH CENTURY

BY J. T. SHEPPARD, M.A.

Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, and University Lecturer in Classics

I. THE ORIGIN OF TRAGEDY	113
From Homer to Thespis	115
The beginnings of tragedy	116
II. AESCHYLUS: THE GROWTH OF HIS ART	117
The transitional plays	119
III. AESCHYLUS: THE <i>Oresteia</i>	120
The stage	120
The opening of the <i>Oresteia</i>	121
The <i>Agamemnon</i>	123
Clytaemnestra	124
The <i>Choephorae</i> and <i>Eumenides</i> . The three libations	125
IV. SOPHOCLES	126
The <i>Ajax</i>	127
The <i>Antigone</i>	128
The <i>Oedipus Tyrannus</i>	129
Sophocles and Athens and <i>Sophrosyne</i>	130

	PAGE
V. EURIPIDES	131
The <i>Alcestis</i>	132
The <i>Medea</i>	133
The <i>Hippolytus</i> and <i>Hecuba</i>	134
The <i>Ion</i>	135
Patriotism and romance	136
VI. COMEDY: ARISTOPHANES	137
The rise of Comedy	138
Cleon and Demos	139
<i>Nephelokokkugia</i> and Athens	140
The <i>Peace</i> and the <i>Lysistrata</i>	141
ΕΥΡΙΠΙΔΑΡΙΣΤΟΦΑΝΙΖΩΝ	143

CHAPTER VI

SICILY

BY R. HACKFORTH, M.A.

Fellow of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and University Lecturer in Classics

I. THE TYRANTS OF SYRACUSE AND ACRAGAS	145
Foundation of Aetna	147
The Battle of Cumae	148
Rhegium allied with Tarentum	149
The character of Hiero	150
Acragas under Theron	151
II. THE FALL OF THE TYRANTS	151
Democracy at Syracuse	153
Re-settlement of cities	154
III. THE SICEL REACTION	155
The aims of Ducestius	156
<i>Petalism</i>	157
Failure of Ducestius	159
Sicel resistance crushed	161
IV. SYRACUSAN HEGEMONY	162
Syracuse and Athens	163
Culture and prosperity of Sicily	164

CHAPTER VII

THE BREAKDOWN OF THE THIRTY YEARS PEACE, 445-431 B.C.

BY F. E. ADCOCK, M.A.

Fellow of King's College and Professor of Ancient History in the
University of Cambridge

I. THE FIRST YEARS OF PEACE	165
The controversy about the tribute	166
Periclean Athens	167
The organization of the Empire	168
Athens and the West	169

CONTENTS

xv

	PAGE
II. THE SAMIAN REVOLT	169
III. PROBLEMS OF EMPIRE	171
Athens and the North-East	172
Athens and the Black Sea	173
The friends of Pericles	175
Periclean policy	176
IV. CORINTH AND CORCYRA	177
The battle of Leucimne	180
V. ATHENIAN INTERVENTION	180
Sybota: The first grievance	183
VI. POTIDAEEA	184
VII. THE DECISION OF PEACE OR WAR	186
The Megarian decree	186
Debates at Sparta	187
The diplomatic interchanges	189
Causes of the war	190
VIII. THE FRONTIER INCIDENT	191
The Thebans and Plataea	192

CHAPTER VIII

THE ARCHIDAMIAN WAR, 431-421 B.C.

BY F. E. ADCOCK

I. PERICLEAN STRATEGY	193
The plans of the Peloponnesians	194
The strategy of Athens	195
The invasion of Attica	197
The counter-attacks	198
The funeral speech	199
II. THE PLAGUE AND THE FALL OF PERICLES	200
The effects of the plague	201
The trial of Pericles	202
III. THE NORTH-EAST AND THE NORTH-WEST (430-429 B.C.)	203
Athenian parties	203
Demagogues and generals	204
The fall of Potidaea	205
The invasion of Sitalces	206
North-western strategy	207
Phormio's first victory	208
Phormio's second victory	209
Results of the Phormio phase	211
The besieging of Plataea	212
IV. THE REVOLT OF MITYLENE (428-427 B.C.)	213
The Peloponnesian demonstration: its answer	214
Cleon, son of Cleanetus	215
The fall of Mitylene	217
The Mitylenean debate	218

	PAGE
V. CORCYRA, SICILY AND THE NORTH-WEST	219
The Fall of Plataea	219
Party-warfare at Corcyra	221
Intervention in Sicily	223
The operations of Laches	224
The Conference of Gela	225
Athenian finance and elections	226
Demosthenes' failure in the North-West	227
Peloponnesian failure in the North-West	228
The results of the Demosthenes phase	229
VI. PYLOS AND SPHACTERIA	230
The fortification of Pylos	231
The failure of the Spartans	232
The Athenians refuse peace	233
The capture of Sphacteria and the Spartiates	235
VII. CLEON: THE OFFENSIVE	236
The doubling of the tribute	236
The new strategy	237
The taking of Cythera	238
The attempt on Megara	239
The campaign of Delium	241
VIII. BRASIDAS: THE COUNTER-OFFENSIVE	242
Brasidas at Acanthus	244
The surrender of Amphipolis	245
The armistice of 423 B.C.	246
War in Chalcidice	247
The death of Cleon and Brasidas	248
IX. THE PEACE OF NICIAS	249
The terms of the peace	251
The betrayal of Sparta's allies	252
The task of the future	253

CHAPTER IX

SPARTA AND THE PELOPONNESE

BY W. S. FERGUSON, Ph.D., LL.D.

Professor of Ancient History, Harvard University

I. THE SPARTAN-ATHENIAN ALLIANCE	254
Dissolution of the Peloponnesian league	255
II. THE ARGIVE COALITION	257
Diplomatic struggle for Boeotia	259
III. THE QUADRUPLE ALLIANCE	261
Alcibiades	263
The policy of Alcibiades	264
Renewal of dualism in Greece	265

CONTENTS

xvii

	PAGE
IV. THE WAR OF ALCIBIADES IN THE PELOPONNESE	266
Postponement of general war	267
The Epidaurian incident	268
Alcibiades fails to be re-elected	269
King Agis and the Argives	271
The battle of Mantinea	272
V. THE DISRUPTION OF THE QUADRUPLE ALLIANCE	274
The triumph of Sparta	275
VI. SPARTA AGAINST ARGOS	277
Athenians raid the coasts of Laconia	278
VII. ATHENS AND ITS EMPIRE	279
Melos	281

CHAPTER X

THE ATHENIAN EXPEDITION TO SICILY

BY W. S. FERGUSON

I. THE DESIGNS OF ATHENS IN THE WEST	282
Ambiguity of Athenian aims	283
Duel between Nicias and Alcibiades	284
II. THE FIRST EXPEDITION	285
Mutilation of the Hermae	286
Departure of the expedition	287
Rival strategies in Sicily	288
Alcibiades' recall	289
III. THE SIEGE OF SYRACUSE	289
Defeat of Syracusan field-army	291
Syracusan preparations for a siege	293
Occupation of Epipole: the 'circle'	295
IV. GYLIPPUS AND THE SIEGE OF NICIAS	296
The decline of the Athenian strength	298
V. THE SECOND EXPEDITION	299
Opening of naval war: Plemmyrium	301
First Syracusan naval victory	303
Arrival of the second expedition	304
Repulse of Demosthenes	305
VI. THE ATHENIAN DISASTER	306
The Athenians delay retreat	306
Second Syracusan naval victory	307
The Athenian débâcle	309
<i>Vae Victis</i>	311

CHAPTER XI

THE OLIGARCHICAL MOVEMENT IN ATHENS

BY W. S. FERGUSON

I. THE REVOLT OF CHIOS	312
Effects on Greece of Athenian defeat	313

	PAGE
II. THE NAVAL WAR IN IONIA	315
Vicissitudes of naval warfare	317
III. THE POLICY OF TISSAPHERNES	318
Alcibiades and Tissaphernes	319
Sparta and Tissaphernes	320
IV. ALCIBIADES AND THE ATHENIAN REVOLUTION	321
The war and the well-to-do at Athens	322
Plan to win Persia for Athens	323
V. THE FOUR HUNDRED	324
The oligarchic clubs: Antiphon	325
Plan to reform Athens and its Empire	327
The assembly at Colonus: Peisander	329
The ejection of the council of the five hundred	330
Oligarchy and oligarchic propaganda	331
VI. THE FAILURE OF THE FOUR HUNDRED	332
Counter-revolution in fleet at Samos	333
Alcibiades at Samos	335
VII. THE END OF THE FOUR HUNDRED	336
Theramenes and the moderates	337
The loss of Euboea	338
VIII. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FIVE THOUSAND	338
The administration	339
The constitution a makeshift	340
IX. THE STRUGGLE FOR THE HELLESPONT	341
The battle of Abydos	342
The battle of Cyzicus	342
X. THE POLICY OF CLEOPHON	343
XI. THE ATTEMPTED RESTORATION OF THE ATHENIAN EMPIRE	345
Pharnabazus intervenes	346
The coming of Cyrus	347

CHAPTER XII

THE FALL OF THE ATHENIAN EMPIRE

BY W. S. FERGUSON

I. LAW AND POLITICS IN ATHENS	348
The democratic terror	349
Law and law-courts in Athens	351
II. THE DICTATORSHIP OF ALCIBIADES	352
Lysander: The battle of Notium	353
III. ARGINUSAE AND THE TRIAL OF THE GENERALS	354
Callicratidas' campaign to end the war	355
Arginusae	356
The trial of the generals	357
IV. AEGOSPOTAMI	358
Folly of Athens: Lysander in the Hellespont	359
The <i>Frogs</i> of Aristophanes	360
Aegospotami: epilogue	361

CONTENTS

xix

	PAGE
V. THE SIEGE OF ATHENS	362
Blockade of Athens	363
The magnanimity of Sparta	364
VI. THE OLIGARCHY IN ATHENS	365
The thirty tyrants	367
The death of Theramenes	368
VII. THE FALL OF THE OLIGARCHY	369
Fall of the thirty: civil war in Athens	371
VIII. THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRACY	372
The terms of reconciliation	373
Legal reforms	374
The working of the restored constitution	375

CHAPTER XIII

THE AGE OF ILLUMINATION

BY J. B. BURY, M.A., F.B.A.

Fellow of King's College and Regius Professor of Modern History
in the University of Cambridge

I. THE REACTION AGAINST THE IONIAN PHILOSOPHY	376
II. THE SOPHISTS	377
Gorgias and Protagoras	379
Prodicus and Hippias	380
Hippocrates and his school	381
III. BLASPHEMY TRIALS AT ATHENS	382
Blasphemy trials	383
Law and nature	385
IV. THE LIFE AND DEATH OF SOCRATES	386
Xenophon and Plato	386
Life of Socrates	387
The Socratic method	388
Comic poets on Socrates	389
The disciples of Socrates	390
Prosecution of Socrates	391
Plato's <i>Apology</i>	393
Socrates condemned	395
Last hours and death of Socrates	397

CHAPTER XIV

HERODOTUS AND THUCYDIDES

BY R. W. MACAN, D.Litt.

Sometime University Reader in Ancient History and (past) Master of
University College, Oxford

The genesis of historiography: the <i>Logographoi</i>	398
History 'twice-born' with Herodotus and Thucydides	398
Limitations of ancient historians: 'Only the State has a history'	399

	PAGE
The complexity of subjects in the work of Herodotus	400
Simplification of the historical problem by Thucydides	400
Geography in Herodotus and Thucydides	401
Chronological methods in Herodotus and Thucydides	402
Anthropological aspects of history	405
Gods and women excluded from the world of Thucydides	405
The two historians <i>vis-à-vis</i> : Herodotus and the philosophy of history	407
Authority of Delphi	408
Historical and artistic values of the two works	409
A combined and complementary achievement	410
Problems of origin and composition	411
The sources of Thucydides	412
Partialities and didactic theories of Thucydides	413
Impartiality and humanity of Herodotus	414
The sources of Herodotus	415
Biographical: the travels of Herodotus	417
Autobiographical details in Thucydides	418
The two historians <i>dos-à-dos</i> : Thucydides in opposition	419

CHAPTER XV

GREEK ART AND ARCHITECTURE

BY J. D. BEAZLEY, M.A., Lincoln and Merton Professor of Classical Archaeology and Art in the University of Oxford, and D. S. ROBERTSON, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, and University Lecturer in Classics¹

I. LATE ARCHAIC SCULPTURE	420
The pediments of the Temple of Aphaia	422
II. LATE ARCHAIC PAINTING	423
Change in drawing	423
Archaic red-figured vases	425
III. EARLY CLASSICAL SCULPTURE	426
Sculpture of the temple at Olympia	431
IV. EARLY CLASSICAL PAINTING	432
V. CLASSICAL SCULPTURE: (i) THE SECOND HALF OF THE FIFTH CENTURY	435
Polyclitus	435
Pheidias	437
Sculpture of the Parthenon	439
The Parthenon and after	441
VI. CLASSICAL PAINTING: (i) THE SECOND HALF OF THE FIFTH CENTURY	443
VII. DORIC ARCHITECTURE IN THE EARLY FIFTH CENTURY	444
The Olympieum of Acragas	445
The triglyph problem	447
VIII. PARTHENON AND PROPYLAEA	448
The refinements of the Parthenon	449
The planning of the Propylaea	451

¹ Sections I-VI (Art) are by Professor Beazley, Sections VII-XI (Architecture) are by Mr Robertson.

CONTENTS

xxi

	PAGE
IX. IONIC AT ATHENS	452
The Nike Temple and the Erechtheum	453
The decoration of the Erechtheum	455
X. BASSAE AND THE CORINTHIAN CAPITAL	456
The first Corinthian capital	457
XI. THEATRES, HALLS AND HOUSES	459
<i>Skēnē</i> and <i>Proskēnion</i>	460
The Hall of the Mysteries	461
Town-planning	463

NOTES ON POINTS ESPECIALLY OF CHRONOLOGY

I. THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE PENTECONTAETIA	465
A. The Thessalian expedition of Leotychidas	466
B. The date of Pausanias' expulsion from Byzantium	466
C. The second capture of Sestos	467
D. Chronological problems connected with the career of Cimon	467
2. THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN BOEOTIA IN 457 B.C.	469
3. THE PEACE OF CALLIAS	469
4. DEMOCRACY IN THE EMPIRE	471
5. RESTORATION OF THE ASCENDANCY OF THE AREOPAGUS	472
6. THE PSEPHISM OF ARISTIDES	474
7. THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE YEARS 445–431 B.C.	474
8. THE ATTACKS ON THE FRIENDS OF PERICLES	477
9. THE DATES OF COMPOSITION OF PARTS OF THUCYDIDES I AND II–V, 20	480
10. THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE PERIOD 410–406 B.C.	483

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS	487
------------------------------	-----

BIBLIOGRAPHIES

GENERAL BIBLIOGRAPHY	489
CHAPTER I	491
CHAPTERS II–IV	498
CHAPTER V	503
CHAPTER VI	506
CHAPTERS VII and VIII	507
CHAPTER IX	511
CHAPTER X	513
CHAPTERS XI and XII	515
CHAPTER XIII	519
CHAPTER XIV	520
CHAPTER XV	525
GENERAL INDEX	531
INDEX TO MAPS	546
INDEX OF PASSAGES REFERRED TO	551