

## PREFACE

The third volume of the *Subseciva Groningana* contains the papers presented at the symposium which was held in Groningen, from 1st to 4th June, 1988 on the occasion of the completion of a new edition of the *Basilica cum scholiis*. Most speakers have allowed us to print their papers as given at the symposium, with some references added as footnotes; Dr Schminck's documentation, however, proved to be so profuse, that our computer refused to place his notes at the foot of the pages, and we therefore had to relegate them to the end of his text.

The first of the ten papers, Dr Lokin's opening speech, serves as an introduction to the *origo et progressus* of the Groningen Basilica edition. The other nine speakers, here in alphabetical order, dealt with various aspects of the Basilica, from the difficulties that confronted the editors when constituting their text to the role the Basilica played — or rather, in the end failed to play — in the newly independent Kingdom of Greece in the nineteenth century. The invited speakers were given a free hand in selecting their subject; their contributions give evidence of the wide range of questions which arise from the Basilica. Some of the answers given were made possible for the first time by the completion of a modern critical edition. No greater tribute could be paid to the memory of the man whose spirit lingered among the symposiasts in so many ways.

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