

## Review

*Studies in Onomastics*. By J. B. Rudnyćkyj. Winnipeg: Ukrainian Free Academy of Sciences; Series: Onomastica, No. 15. 1958. 58 pp. \$1.00.

*Studies in Onomastics* is composed of ten scholarly papers — four in German, three in Ukrainian, two in English, and one in Polish. It deals with toponymy, interlingual relationships in it, etymologies of place names, their history, etc. As the author mentions in his preface, most of these papers were presented at international congresses conventions of learned societies, or read before an academic audience.

Although Slavic subjects are often touched upon and sometimes discussed in detail, as in “Zur Frage der zwischensprachlichen Beziehungen auf dem Gebiete der Toponomastik,” “Die appellative und onomastische Funktion des Akzentes im Slavischen,” and others, the main body of the book is dedicated wholly to *Ukrainica*.

On the ground of historical documents, Rudnyćkyj convincingly proves that the name of the second-largest city in Ukraina, Kharkiv (Xarkiv), is derived not from the personal name Xarko (<Xary-ton), a legendary Ukrainian Kozak, as is commonly believed, but from the name of the Kharkiv (Xarkiv) river first mentioned in historical documents prior to 1598. Undeniably, this city was founded over fifty years later, presumably in 1654—1656. Thus, in the dispute with M. Andrusjak (see *Svoboda*, Jersey City, 1958, No. 227), Rudnyćkyj seems to us a very successful victor.

This qualification should be applied also to his article “Pro miscevu nazvu *Stryj*,” in which the name of the town Stryj is etymologically and historically explained in every detail: the river’s name was borrowed for the city’s name; *Stryj*, meaning “flowing water,” goes back to IE \*sreu-; the epenthetic *t*, found in both Slavic and Germanic languages, is the result of later developments (p. 46).

Another of Rudnyčkyj's articles, "Toponymic Neologisms in Canada," is an English version, at least in part, of his extensive study in Ukrainian: *Kanadijski miscevi nazvy ukrajinskoho pozodžennja* (see our review in *Nanes*, VI, 4, 254—255).

Among the other papers in the book, "Classification of Canadian Place Names," originally read before the Fourth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences in Uppsala, is of special interest to Canadian and American researchers. Three principles of classification — historical, linguistic, and onomastic — are discussed in the paper with a thorough knowledge of the subject.

In this reviewer's opinion, *Studies in Onomastics* is a valuable collection which contributes not only to *ukrainica*, but also to American and Canadian onomastic sciences. Researchers in toponymy should not omit this book.

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### THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE A.N.S.

at Philadelphia, December 1960

and invitation of papers

The annual meeting of the American Name Society will take place at Philadelphia, Penna. in December 1960 in conjunction with the Modern Language Association.

Program chairman is Professor Jack A. Dabbs, Second Vice-President, Dept. of Modern Languages, A and M College of Texas, College Station, Texas. Anyone wishing to read a paper on the program next December should write to Mr. Dabbs as soon as possible or, during the summer months of 1960, to his substitute, Professor Mamie J. Meredith, 2340 Sumner Street, Lincoln 2, Neb.

The program must be ready for the printer by September, so that it may be included in the Announcement of the Modern Language Association program.