

NOTES AND NEWS

Workshop on 'David Hume, Man of Letters (1711-76)'

Sponsored by Scottish Studies Section, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

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In many quarters 1976 will find thoughts turning to the melancholy events of two hundred years ago which led to the sundering of the American colonies from the Mother Country. There is the further sad thought that 1776 saw the death of Hume. However, the American revolution cannot be viewed as a complete disaster and Hume, who affirmed that he was 'an American in [his] principles', certainly saw no reason for 'mauling the poor infatuated Americans in the other Hemisphere'. Similarly, if Hume's death brought sadness there was and is much to rejoice over in the life. Accordingly, the ASECS Scottish Studies Section has sponsored a workshop for the 1976 meeting devoted to an examination of recent scholarship on Hume as a philosopher, as a historian, as an essayist on such topics as economics and aesthetics, and on his relationships with such contemporaries as Adam Smith, Franklin, and Rousseau. It is expected that the papers that were discussed will be submitted for consideration for publication in Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture.

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