

7 Banbury Road, Oxford
June 28/92

Dear Mr Evans,

As far as I recollect, the
only books referred to in the
Norman Sicily (besides the Medieval
of Muratori, Periz, &c) are
Amen's Storia dei Musulmani
and Biblioteca Arabo-Sicula.

It would however be probably
worth while to keep any

R. Lewis Kettlewell

1846-1892

Teller of Balise
formed volume for
history of Norman in Sicily
died from exposure
ascended in Sicily

See

articles by Amari.

When the time comes for
printing the Norman part,
I suppose it will be possible
to see Professor de Caumont's books
if necessary. The printing
of the earlier part must of
course come first.

Believe me yours Truly

R. L. Noyes

worked out in some detail from Falco, Alexander
Tello, Arnulfus, &c.

I have also done about half an introductory
sketch of South Italian history from the coming
of the Lombards to that of the Normans.

Thus you see I have scarcely got across
the threshold of the real subject, of which
everyone must feel Sicily to be the centre.

As however (as I said) I am only too glad
to give up the part of protagonist, for which
I could never have fitted myself, the question
is whether the secondary part, the history of
the southern mainland under the Normans,
can be made anything of. As far as I see,
it must remain at best a comparatively
petty, and often dismal & squalid, subject.

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Balliol College, Oxford.

April 18, 1879.

Dear Mr Freeman,

I hope I am not taking a
liberty in writing to you without a
formal introduction. I do so by Geylton's
direction. You already know from
him, I think, something about an Arnold
Essay of mine on the Normans in Italy
and Sicily, which I have been slowly and
intermittently expanding for the last five
years, and which it appears might
be of some service in a series of historical
monographs on Italian history which
Livington is to publish.

As I understand, you will write a book on 'the Normans in Sicily', and I can only say how glad I am that the most interesting and important part of the subject should ^{thus} fall into the right hands. My own want of general historical knowledge, and the impossibility under my present circumstances of really fitting myself for the work, make me feel sorry and almost ashamed for having ever undertaken it; indeed I should hardly have done so, had it not been for the encouragement of Prof. Puffin.

As the case stands however, I suppose it would be stupid not to utilize what

work I have done, and my main object in writing is to get your advice as to the best way of doing this. What I have done so far is this: I have worked pretty carefully through the authorities from 1016 down to about 1120, i.e. ^{Guido di Apulia,} Amatus, Leo Ost., Romualdus Sal., Felco Ben., Melikora, and the lesser men of Bari elsewhere, and then written out a narrative of events, which with some brushing up might do for publication, though I am afraid it would be woefully dull to most people.

Of the conquest of Sicily I have only a sketch, and the same applies to the Sicilian kings, with the exception of Roger's wars with the mainland barons, which I have

But supposing one gave oneself to studying
the local life of the country, Salerno,
Amalfi, Naples, Capua, Beneventum,
Nelfi & Troia, Trani & Bari,
Brando & Calabria, not forgetting Lora
& Monte Casino, possibly something of
interest might be hammered out.

Of course there is always the Angevin
monarchy waiting for one at the end
as a sort of *berathrum*; but it
might be worth showing how and why
the life which was beginning in the
South got crushed out and went
elsewhere.

But about all this I should be most
thankful for your advice, for I am but

a novice in the work, and any little
craftsmanship that I have acquired has
been in other lines than that of history.

If my idea is at all right, what I
should then to do would be ^{to} assume the
existence of your book on all details of
Sicilian affairs, except when they were
absolutely inseparable from those of the
mainland. This of course ought not
to prevent me from getting to know as much
as I can about the island. I have as yet
only been there once for a week. I know
rather more of the Norman centres in Italy,
but shall try sometime to go again to
Puglia.

Excuse this long letter, and believe me
very truly yours
R. Lewis Nott'shop -

Ask G. R. Benson - M.P.
Balliol College
for reply to this.

7 Banbury Road, Oxford
June 20th 1922

Dear Mr Evans,
As far as I recollect, the
only books referred to in the
Norman Sicily (besides the *Chronica*
for Muratori, Periz, etc) are
Annales S. Denis' de' Neuchâton
and *Bibliotheca S. Denis' Sicula*.

It would however be probably
worth while to keep any

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Ed Lewis Nettleship
1846-1896

Fellow of Balliol
formed a collection
for a History of the
Normans in Sicily
Died of Eschosome
ascending Mount
Taormina

Letter to
Professor
Freeman

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