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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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To the Editor,
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Dear Sir,

D. C. and S. H. Braund concluded their review of P. T. Eden's commentary on the *Apocolocyntosis* in *JRS* LXXV (1985), p. 315 with the words 'E.'s predilection for A. D. Momigliano, *Claudius: the emperor and his achievement*² (1961) indicates *pietas* but not always historical acumen'. The evidence does not seem to support this statement. Mr. Eden quotes my book once in his introduction on p. 5 n. 11 in words which imply disapproval. As far as I could see he quotes me only once in the whole of his commentary, on p. 139 about Claudius' interest in Isis; and finally, there is a passing mention of me in an appendix (p. 152). Even if I have by any chance missed other references to my book it cannot be said to have influenced Mr Eden's interpretation of Seneca. This is what one might expect as my book played, and still occasionally plays, a part in polarizing the interpretation of Roman history in the direction of political ideas rather than of prosopography. Such a conflict is on the whole extraneous to Mr Eden's interests.

Yours faithfully,
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