

COMMUNICATIONS

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WORK IN PROGRESS

An Index of Articles on Antiquity in Festschriften will be published in the fall by the Harvard University Press. All Minoan items are included but relatively are not numerous. The Index includes Egypt, Mesopotamia, Old Testament, Greece, &c.; the total number of entries is over 35,000. Compiler, Dorothy Rounds; numerous indexers; Editor, S. Dow.

The principal parts of the 'Wingspread Convention', i.e. the Transcription of the Mycenaean Syllabary and Ideograms, and Critical Signs for Editions of Minoan and Mycenaean Texts, are distributed herewith.

Some account of the present transcription of ideograms is due to Mycenaean scholars and chiefly to the members of the Wingspread Colloquium, since I must accept responsibility for the final form of what is attributed to them.

Numeration. The present numeration rests on Ventris' (Minos 4 [1956]), whose order rests on my MLBIndex (1953), which in turn may be traced to an antecedent in Evans' PM IV §111 (1935). Some changes have been introduced in the present list after examination of texts and photographs. The list is far from perfect, however. In particular, a few signs either unique or of debatable form and use, or known only by transcription are not yet assigned numbers. I propose shortly to examine these doubtful signs further, and to offer numeration for such as deserve recognition, and to list those which do not. I have also welcomed a recent suggestion that a standard identification be assigned to the principal graphic varieties, and I propose to offer these identifications also. If it proves feasible this will be done from time to time in these pages in the form of an illustrated index of the Mycenaean Ideograms.

Latin Transcriptions. The Colloquium recommended that a list of Latin transcriptions for the ideograms, based upon Inscriptiones Pyliae (1961), be prepared. The Committee's proposal, incorporating most of the IP transcriptions, the modifications agreed upon in Wingspread, new transcriptions for many non-Pylian signs, and a thorough revision of names for "vase" ideograms, was presented. There were, however, individual objections, mild or categorical, to many of the words proposed, and many alternatives were suggested. To continue the discussion of these by correspondence until an agreement was reached would have been impractical. In the meantime, the arrival of Ruijgh's Tabellae Mycenenses Selectae, with a different list, and the announcement of Pugliese Carratelli's Documenta Mycenaea, in which still another list may be expected, made it plain that it was too late to prescribe a system, and that it was time to record a minimum list—if possible, a consensus. I have therefore myself omitted several transcriptions used in IP or later proposed, either as open to strong objection or as leading to confusion in the variety of Latin transcriptions now, or soon to appear, in print.

An index of the transcriptions used in the editions of IP and TMS has been added to the alphabetical list of Latin transcriptions which is here proposed.

Abbreviations of the Latin Transcription. The rule proposed is that abbreviations shall be of the initial three or four letters of the Latin word. For metrical signs, however, a single letter is arbitrarily chosen.

New Ideograms. For those signs first found in inscriptions published since September, 1961, it is the recommendation of the Colloquium: "That editors of new readings submit their proposed numeration of any new ideographic signs identified, and their proposed Latin transcription (if a reasonable identification can be suggested) together with a drawing or photograph, to a registrar (scholar or committee of scholars) who, after all possible conflicts are avoided, will publish as soon as possible, in Nestor or an equivalent periodical, a notice recording the registration of a new ideogram, its number, its Latin transcription, if any, and the location of a definitive occurrence."

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CORRIGENDA

P. 171, s.v. Voprosy, K., delete entire entry.

Pp. 188-189, s.vv. 'Αλεξίου, Galanopoulos, Κρητικός, Levi, for 'Ορλάνδου read Οικονόμου.

P. 190, s.v. Mylonas, read Cemetery.

P. 185, s.v. Marinatos, read Harden.

P. 178, s.v. Page, for 1951 read 1959.

P. 173, s.v. Capovilla, Osservazioni, add pp. 253-274.

P. 172, s.v. Kampman, read du Plat Taylor.

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