

COMMUNICATIONS

H. Muhlestein has sent prints of his photographs of some of the Pylos tablets to augment the photographic collection in Madison. Tablets represented include PY 64, 216, 218 (& 218.v), 261, 298, 300, 324, 382, 438, 443, 686, 707, 805, 829, 851, 867, 1198, 1202, 1215, 1281.

Phrases chosen from the advertisements for the Larousse Encyclopedia of Prehistoric and Ancient Art: '--You will see the ancient world convulsed by the upheaval that signaled the traumatic change from Matriarchy to Patriarchy ... --You will see the urbane gayety of Knossos as Theseus saw it... The art ...of the fabulous "Parisian" society that preened and flourished in Minoan Crete, and of the Mycenaeans who brawled at the gates of Troy...the solution to the riddle of the ancient Etruscans...'

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Report of the excavations conducted under the auspices of the Greek Archaeological Society by G. E. Mylonas. Near the Treasury of Atreus was found a house of three rooms, ca. LH III B, destroyed evidently by earthquake. Within the walls near the North Gate some traces of Galleries were found, as well as a fine figurine.

Ἐπάνω εἰς ἓνα κομμάτι κυπελλοειδοῦς διώτου ἀγγείου, ποῦ εὑρέθη εἰς τὴν ἰδίαν περιοχὴν, ὑπάρχουν τρία ψηφία τῆς Γραμμικῆς γραφῆς Β, ποῦ ἔχει ἀποκρυπτογραφηθῆ ἀπὸ τὸν Μιχαὴλ Βέντρις. Ἔως τώρα παρόμοια γράμματα εἶχαν ἀνευρεθῆ μόνον ἐπὶ ψευδοστόμων ἀμφορέων.

The entrance to the Palace was examined, and the existence of a Propylon with two single-columned porches confirmed.

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Ὑπὸ τοῦ Ἐφόρου Ἀρχαιοτήτων κ. Σ. Χαριτωνίδη ἀνεκαλύφθησαν εἰς τὸ Ἀρχοντικὸν τῶν Ψαρῶν (1β' ναυτικὰ μίλια ἀπὸ τὸ βορειοδυτικὸν ἄκρον τῆς Χίου) μεγάλοι μυκηναϊκοὶ κιβωτιδίσχημοι τάφοι καὶ ἴχνη οἰκισμοῦ τῶν Ἀχαιῶν. - Πλησίον τῆς συγχρόνου πόλεως, εἰς τὴν <<Ὀλόμαυρην Ράχην>> τοῦ Παλαιοκάστρου, διεπιστώθησαν ἐρείπια πόλεως, ποῦ ὑπῆρχε ἀπὸ τοὺς Γεωμετρικοὺς χρόνους μέχρι τῆς Ἑλληνιστικῆς ἐποχῆς. Αἱ μέχρι σήμερον διαπιστώσεις περὶ τῆς πρώτης ἐγκαταστάσεως τῶν Ἀχαιῶν εἰς τὴν Λέσβον.

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Εἰς τὸ δυτικώτερον ἄκρον τοῦ λόφου τῆς ἀκροπόλεως ἀνεκαλύφθησαν ὀκτὼ στρώματα ἐρειπίων οἰκοδομῶν, αἱ ἀρχαιότεραι τῶν ὁποίων εἶναι τῆς Μεσοελλαδικῆς περιόδου. - Ἀνεκαλύφθη τὸ ὑδραγωγεῖον, ποῦ ἐξησφάλιζε νερὸ εἰς τὰ ἀνάκτορα ἐξ ἀποστάσεως 1360 μέτρων. - Αἱ διακοσμῆσεις τῶν δαπέδων τοῦ κεντρικοῦ ἀνακτόρου. - Ἐκαθαρίσθησαν τοιχογραφίαι δύο ὀμάδας γυναικῶν φυσικοῦ μεγέθους καὶ μίαν ὀμάδα ἀνδρῶν, ποῦ φοροῦν δέρματα ζώων. - Τὰ πορίσματα τοῦ διευθυντοῦ ἀνασκαφῶν Πύλου κ. Κάρλ Μπλέγκεν. --- Κατὰ τὴν ἐφετεινὴν ἀνασκαφικὴν περίοδον εὐρέθησαν τρεῖς μόνον κομμάτια πηλίνων ἐνεπιγράφων πινακίδων τῆς Γραμμικῆς γραφῆς Β.

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Worcester College, Oxford
2 November 1962

Dear Bennett,

The Find Places of the Knossos Tablets is unlikely to be published until well on in 1963, and I take the opportunity of correcting some slips in quotations published hitherto, which were based on my first transcripts.

Antiquity 35 (1961) 136, 310. DM/DB 4 May, 1900, read: 'In the same region and extending along the foot of what seems the W. wall of the space many fragments of inscription tablets in a very crumbling condition were found on the clay floor.'

Antiquity 35 (1961) 136. DM/DB 6 April, 1901, read: '...several fragments of inscription suggesting a deposit, two being whole. ... The mid N wall (.80 to floor) had collapsed...'

Antiquity 35 (1961) 138. DM/DB 1923, II p. 10, read: '...when Late Minoan II pottery of the end of the Palace Period (LM II b) had already got stratified' (ibid. p. 10).

Antiquity 35 (1961) 139. DM/DB 1923, II p. 12, read: 'Very noticeable is the gap in it [N wall of Room of Lotus Lamp] opposite the slanting wall 6. ...steps down North '08 below the level of that pavement... The stucco passes direct from wall to floor...'

Antiquity 35 (1961) 140: SM 1009 (NEP) joins with SM 787 (RSC).

Antiquity 35 (1961) 308. DM/DB 8 April, 1901, read: 'Part of this new floor was cement...'

Antiquity 35 (1961) 309: The recorded depths of tablets in the NEP are: (a) surface deposit with great seal, .00-.90 m.; (b) Great Deposit, 2-3 m., all above the LM III floor.

Mycenaeans and Minoans 191. DM/DB 8 May, 1900, read: '...in the S. part of the room as many as five vases...'

Note: DM enters five crosses on his plan (M&M 190, fig. 32). Possibly the thirteen crosses marking tablets along the west wall are to be taken literally. SM 749-768 were found in 1900 in RSG+RSJ; 769-773 in 1900.

M&M 204-205. DM/DB 24 March-1 April, 1905, read: '...phenomenon concomitant with the occurrence of the inscribed tablets. ...under which they were found out of connection with the occurrence of upper floor fragments in their original fallen position... The occasional tablets were in these circumstances to be accounted for by the levelling operations of later builders previous to their laying of new foundations. ... The new fragments found belonged intrinsically to the same deposit as that of last year for they were of the same character and apparently had relation to the same objects.'

Antiquity 36 (1962) 48. DM/DB 27 April, 1900, read: 'At x near where the large stone-basin was found we in the morning brought out a pilgrim's wine bottle of flat shape with loop-handles all round meant for holding the suspend-ing cord in position.'

Note: 'loop-' is crowded in above the line, but ELB's reading is certainly right. The more precise description fits still better the 'unknown vessel' (Antiquity 36, Pl. XII). In the ink version of the Day Book (DM/DB 1900 b) DM failed to enter the x, but this is shown in the pencil version (DM/DB 1900 a). The pilgrim's bottle immediately adjoined the stone basin on the NW side, against the wall immediately E of the 'blocked door': see BSA 6 (1900) Pl. XIII, square L 5.

Yours sincerely,
L. R. Palmer