

COMMUNICATIONS

A commemoration of William Tunstall Semple appears in Classical Journal 58 (1963) 285-286. It is appropriate to note here also that the contributions made by him, and by Mrs. Semple, to the development of Mycenaean studies were many and varied, substantial, incalculable, and deeply appreciated.

E. Watson Williams has kindly sent an offprint of his article, 'The End of an Epoch', with several corrections or additions to reflect the author's rather than the editor's intentions. These will be relayed to those inquiring.

To the divisions of Nestor's text it now seems appropriate to add a new one, Correspondence, for contributions by subscribers appearing over their own names, leaving Communications for the editor's contributions and for the news, announcements, and curiosities he has gathered himself or has been offered by subscribers. Professor Palmer, whose letter is the first to appear under that heading, will perhaps pardon the use I have made of it as an example. I wish to avoid the delays involved in returning an edited text to the correspondent, and to avoid the dangers of misrepresenting his intentions by making changes without approval. In printing contributions under Correspondence, then, I will correct only slips of spelling or punctuation. But I wish also to be sure that references are clear and citations are accurate, as well as in conformity with the rules proposed at the Colloquium at Wingspread, and I will therefore add in < > indications of what I think ought to have been written. A substituted or added reference or citation will indicate what I can confidently supply for the benefit of those who do not command the whole literature of Mycenaean studies, with its considerable variation in practice. A simple  $\text{\textcircled{R}}$  for reference, or a  $\text{\textcircled{C}}$  for citation will indicate dissatisfaction with the form of the text and fear of supplying the wrong thing. Still, I do not intend to check all references, and I expect that I will occasionally misinterpret, and often quibble. Therefore the correspondent should be held responsible for nothing arising from notations in < >.

Letters for the division Correspondence should be clearly marked, and as brief as possible. On these terms they are welcomed and invited, as are items of news and notices of bibliographical materials.

May I suggest also, since brief summaries of articles which it has sometimes been possible to include are found to be of value, and are far better if in the author's own words, that those whose articles have reached the stage of proof send me the summary they wish to appear with the notice of the article when it is first available.

The set of 80 slides prepared by the University of Cincinnati Excavations for the Palace of Nestor at Pylos, distributed by the American School of Classical Studies (Princeton), includes four photographs in color of tablets, two photographs of tablets lying on the ground as found, and 74 other fine and useful photographs. Similar sets of slides for other sites have been made available through the same channels.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor: - J. Killen's paper on the SHEEP and WOOL texts <K> again demonstrates the fruitfulness of the principle that combinatory analysis should precede 'etymological' interpretation. The flocks are kept for shearing. Hence perhaps the minuscule comment in the top register of <KN> D1 932: a-ko-ro e-pe-ke = agoros empekēs 'flock with fleeces', i.e. 'still unshorn'. For ágoros 'band', see LSJ (poetical use in Eur.). The adjective is based on the neuter pékos 'fleece' (cf. Dw 1621, D 7067).

Stocks are entered as 'new' and 'last year's'. ne[-wa] <∅ ne-[-wa]> contrasting with pe-ru-si-nwa in MY Oe 111 (LP 4.36 <BICS 2 (1955)>) is supported. Interpret Oe 129 as: 'new (wool) for Didymos the fuller', not as in MY ii <∅ MT II 111>.

Fleeces may be 'lamb's' or 'sheep's'. In Oe 111 I have proposed to take wo-ro-ne-ja as 'lamb's wool' (LP 4.36). Adjacent are two entries referring to o-u-ka. If u may be read as w + vowel (S. Luria <K>), then <∅>owika 'sheep's' is attractive in the context. The form, if correctly interpreted, has interesting implications for the history of word formation. The large numbers on this tablet suggest a stock return.

pe-ru-si-nwa contrasts in PY Ma 225 with za-we-te. Killen accepts my proposal to take this as kjawetes 'this year', and offers another example from KN Fh 5496. But this is not the first evidence for this form from Knossos. Note X 658: ne-wo za-we[-te] <LP>. This tablet may well come from Magazine XV <SM II 39, s.v. 571-670>, where WOOL <∅ \*145> is a prominent theme. For the Fh series, to which Killen's example belongs (Room of the Column-Bases <SM II 39, s.v. 339-393>), note the stock return Fh 362: ne-wo OIL 73/2 <∅ OLEUM 73 S 2>.

\*85-u-te also occurs as a comment on a deficit, just like za-we-te. In KN Od 666 \*85-u-te a-pe-i-si to-so 'so much comes off this year' makes satisfactory sense. What alternative has been proposed? Both Killen and Chadwick hold that za-we-te rules out sjawetes <K>. The principle underlying the objection should be made explicit. 'No body of texts ever presents alternative spellings, one traditional, and the other new'. The objection cannot be upheld. Note also the writing of the diphthong in a-pe-i-si. Strangely enough, Od 666 (AE original number 1022) was also found in Magazine XV <SM II 39, s.v. 571-670>. SM ii <∅ SM II> is faulty.

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Yours, &c.  
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