

COMMUNICATIONS

The Census of the Holdings of Guides to the Stratigraphical Museum in American Libraries [for the announcement see p. 235] has had two sorts of negative results. Many have not responded: please let them respond. Several have kindly taken the trouble to check and reply. The tabulation to date is: Some or all held - Nestor, University of Cincinnati, Bryn Mawr College. None held - University of Washington, University of Missouri, Princeton University, New York Public Library, Johns Hopkins University.

This month's innovations, designed to increase the usefulness of Nestor and its envelopes, include the new section Apud Bibliopolas, to call attention to some items in booksellers' catalogues. It is recognized that more often than not the item will be sold by the time it is noticed in Nestor's pages, but as an indication of the health of the market for older books of Mycenaean interest it may prove at least interesting, if not useful. A corresponding new section of Want-Ads will appear (whenever items are submitted) under the heading Desiderata. And finally select advertising circulars will be included in the envelopes from time to time. Readers (and their institutions) who order any books thus circularized will benefit Nestor greatly by using these circulars for their orders, or by mentioning Nestor. Authors and publishers of materials which might have particular interest for the readers of Nestor are invited to request that their publications also be circularized in this way. Conditions are simply that the circulars, preferably the size of this sheet, or of half of it (8 1/2 x 11, 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 or 27 x 21 cm., 13 x 21 cm.), be provided by the advertiser or that he send copy and undertake the expense of having it printed here. Ordinarily the added weight will make no difference in the postage, and unless the advertiser should wish the issue of Nestor with his advertisement to be sent out as First Class Mail (which with the present circulation would cost an additional ca. 200 x 3 3/4 ¢ domestic + ca. 300 x 6 ¢ foreign = ca. \$25.50) no charge would be made for postage. No paid advertising, however, will appear in Nestor itself, and the editor will accept for circulation only material he finds appropriate.

Sets of slides of the excavations at Lerna and at Troy as excellent as those of Pylos may also be obtained through the American School of Classical Studies. Included in the Lerna slides are sealings and a graffito.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Most conspicuous is the republication of Evans' The Palace of Minos at Knossos. A quotation from the letter of the publisher may be appropriate: "You may be interested in the technique of reproduction. All of the illustration blocks have been stored in the Ashmolean for many years. Using a relatively new process, we are making direct photographs of the halftone blocks. On testing, they give promise of achieving fidelity heretofore possible only by working with original photographs and drawings, which are of course unavail-

able. Although the blocks the Ashmolean has allowed us to borrow are in good condition, only a few are identified, and we have been involved in the enormous task of locating and identifying each illustration by comparing rough proofs of the blocks against the figures in the printed set. Although the text and line illustrations will be offset directly from the printed edition, we are resetting a portion of the text to incorporate errata. We have every reason to hope that our reprint will indeed be a faithful reproduction of the original." Further details and price will be found on the publisher's circular.

Other announcements of books soon to be or already published:

At British Booksellers -

Blegen, Troy and the Trojans (Ancient Peoples and Places) 30/-.

Chadwick, The Prehistory of the Greek Language (Cambridge Ancient History²) 3/6.

Matz, Crete and Prehistoric Greece (Art of the World) 45/- or 48/-.

Matz, Minoan and Mycenaean Gems in the National Museum at Athens (Corpus der minoischen und mykenischen Siegel, Bd. I) price not fixed.

Palmer and Boardman, On the Knossos Tablets: independent studies 63/-.

Stella, La civiltà micenea nei documenti contemporanei (Incunabula Graeca) price not fixed.

At German Booksellers -

Blegen 29.-DM. Chadwick 2.40 DM. Palmer and Boardman ca. 37.-DM. Stella.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor: - Two Languages in Linear A (A preliminary announcement).

Many tablets from Hagia Triada are written in Greek, but most inscriptions in Linear A outside Hagia Triada are in a language of the Hittite-Luwian group. There were also formerly indications that Linear A contains Hittite-Luwian elements, e.g. asasaramē = Hittite ishassara-mi (L. R. Palmer), tu (VINUM) = H. H. tuwarsa - "vine," etc. The interpretation of Linear A texts proves it. Examples (texts after W. C. Brice):

Prassà I 17 (libation vessel) a) ta tajake b) azano c) asasaramē = Hittite Tat dehhi (older *dayhhei from *dāyhhay) assanu(wa)n ishassarami (older *-mey). " (Et) id (vas libationis) pono exornatum erae meae."

Mallia III 12 (roundel) a) asa b) daka c) FRUMENTUM 4 = Hittite Isha (older *ayshāy) dehhi (older *dāyhhay or luw. *dahha pret.) FRUMENTUM 4. "Ero (= deo) pono (sive posui) frumentum 4."

Tylissos II 18 (graffito in shoulder of a pithos) aṭṭikita = Hittite Atti kitta-as "Patri (= deo) positus est is (pithos)."

Kato Zakro III 8 (roundel) a) atika b) L72 3 c) L67 2 = Hittite Atti kā-as: "... To the Father (is) here this:..."

Knossos (?) III 17 (roundel) a) ruja b) saroma = Hittite Lulu(wā)i-an, Sarruma. "Aduva eum, Sarruma (a god)."

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Mallia IV 10 (clay bar) a) ro? no dupi.ka.modeminu. b) ade.ka. modeminu
 c) ti = Hittite (NN. ?) tuppi kã ammuk temi nu, *atte, kã ammuk temi, nu ti(ya).
 "NN.(?) tabellam hic ("here" sive hanc) ego dico ("dedicate") nunc, pater, hic
 ("here" sive hanc) ego dico, nunc (ac)cede!"

Kephala V 15 (inscription in tholos tomb) api = Hittite api "(Loch im Boden)
 Opfergrube."

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Yours, &c.
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