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Among the papers presented at the meetings of the American Philological Society and the Archaeological Institute of America, in Cincinnati, 28-30 December, 1958, were these: George P. Goold, "Homer and the Greek Dialects", John L. Caskey, "Supplementary Excavations at Lerna and Eutresis, 1958", William P. Donovan, "Cyclopean and non-Cyclopean Walls at Isthmia", and in the joint session for Mycenaean Studies, Homer L. Thomas, "Troy, Macedonia, and the North", George E. Mylonas, "Excavations at Mycenae, 1958", Jack L. Benson, "The Griffin in the Minoan-Mycenaean World", Saul Levin, "The Problem of Verifying the Linear B Decipherment", Thalia Phillis Howe, "Linear B and Hesiod's Breadwinners." Finally, at the Joint Annual Banquet, Rhys Carpenter in an admirable paper under the innocent title "Archaeology Now and Then" dealt in large measure with problems in the interpretation of Mycenaean and post-Mycenaean archaeology. Through the kindness of their authors, summaries of several of these papers will be presented here.

George E. Mylonas (Washington University), "Excavations at Mycenae, 1958"--The purpose of the excavations conducted at Mycenae in 1958 for the Archaeological Society of Athens, Greece, was to examine by excavation more thoroughly the Walls and Gates of Mycenae in the hope of establishing a sequence of constructional periods, if they existed, and a more accurate chronology. Work was carried out around the Lion Gate, whose threshold was completely investigated, behind the Lion Gate and in its East Wing, in Grave Circle A, around the Ramp, around the Postern Gate, and along the Peribolos Wall. Important evidence was obtained proving the existence of different constructional periods which will necessitate the revision of the architectural history of the Walls of the site. The work will be continued in the summer of 1959, when, it is hoped, the final conclusions will be verified once more.

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