

COMMUNICATIONS

The Downing Colloquium, the Fourth International Colloquium on Mycenaean Studies, was held at Downing College, Cambridge, 8-12 April, 1965. Those participating and the papers delivered were: A. Bartoněk, "Mycenaean koinê reconsidered"; E. L. Bennett, "On identities and distinctions among some Linear B ideograms"; J. Chadwick, "The Olive Oil Tablets of Knossos"; P. Chantraine, "Finales mycéniennes en -iko"; R. A. Crossland; J. A. Davison; C. Gallavotti, "Quelques remarques de morphologie"; V. Georgiev, "Mycénien et homérique: le problème du Digamma"; G. R. Hart, "The effects of the palatalization of plosives in Mycenaean Greek"; A. Heubeck, "Mycenaean qe-qi-no-me-no"; P. H. Ilievski, "The recipients of the Es Tablets"; D. M. Jones, "Land tenure at Pakijane, some doubts and questions"; J. T. Killen, "The Knossos Nc tablets"; M. Lang, "Cn Flocks"; M. Lejeune, "Le recapitulatif de cadastre Ep de Pylos" and "Doublets et Complexes"; O. Masson; A. Morpurgo Davies, "An instrumental-ablative in Mycenaean?"; J. -P. Olivier, "Les scribes de Cnossos et les signes non translittérés"; L. R. Palmer, "Some points for discussion"; G. Pugliese Carratelli; L. J. D. Richardson, "The origin of the labyrinth, PY Cn 1287"; E. Risch, "Les différences dialectales dans la mycénien"; M. S. Ruipérez, "Mycenaean ijereja: an interpretation"; C. J. Ruijgh, "Quelques remarques sur l'absence de κάλ et sur l'emploi des particules -qe et -de dans les textes mycéniens"; O. J. L. Szemerényi, "The development of the -o/-ā stems in the light of the Mycenaean evidence."

Unable to attend were C. W. Blegen and S. Marinatos, whose paper, "Polydipsion Argos," was read before the Colloquium.

An account of the Colloquium appeared in the London Times, 12 April, 1965, under the headline "Minoan Script Discovery." It referred to the report of an unpublished sealing from Knossos, which included the word a-sa-mi-to. In response to this D. Young pointed out in a letter to the Times of 23 April that the interpretation of that word, suggested in the original account, might be doubted by skeptics. Further, an article by John Hillaby in The New York Times (International Edition), 16 April, "Key is Found to Crete's Linguistic Labyrinth" enlarges upon the theme. He writes: "On one side was a recognizable rectangular object. On the other was a description in Linear B. It read a-sa-mi-to, which is the Homeric Greek word for bathtub (asaminthos). Sir Arthur had found the clue to the script without realizing its significance."

Even more newsworthy for Nestor's subscribers was the announcement that a new piece of PY 1318 had been found and that J. -P. Olivier, in his recent work at Iraklion, has made well over three hundred joins among fragments of Knossos tablets.

The Classical Association of the Middle West and South held its annual meeting at Toledo, Ohio 22-24 April. Among the papers presented were: John E. Coleman, "Excavations on Ceos, 1964"; Betty Grossman, "Recent excavations at Mycenae"; Robert L. Scranton, "Kenchreai, Port of Ancient Corinth."

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