

COMMUNICATIONS

ΑΓΩΝ, a new publication of the University of California-Berkeley Graduate Association of Classics, intends to list theses on classical subjects in progress in the United States and Canada. From Volume 1:1 we may note the following theses of particular interest: Edmund P. Allison, "Geographic and Ethnic Formulae in the Homeric Catalogue of Ships" (North Carolina); Elizabeth C. Banks, "Tools, Implements and Other Objects from the Third, Fourth and Fifth Settlements at Lerna in the Argolid (Early and Middle Bronze Age)" (Cincinnati); Roger L. Beck, "The Epic Formula and Homeric Language" (Illinois); Elizabeth T. Blackburn, "Middle Helladic Tombs and Burial Customs" (Cincinnati); John E. Coleman, "Late Neolithic and Early Bronze Age in the Aegean, with Special Reference to the Current Excavations at Kephala in Keos" (Cincinnati); Katherine A. Coleman, "Minoan and Mycenaean Fresco Painting, with Special Consideration of the Frescoes from Aya Irini in Keos" (Columbia); Henry P. Gates, Jr., "Homeric Kinship Terminology" (Princeton); Cynthia K. King, "Weapons and Warfare in Homer and on Attic Geometric Vases" (North Carolina); Timothy M. Mathews, "The History of Keos" (Cincinnati); Gregory Nagy, "Preliminaries to a New Criterion for a Classification of the Greek Dialects" (Harvard).

The First Congress of Greek Archaeologists was held at Athens, 30 March-3 April 1967. Among the papers presented were: D. Theocharis, "The Prehistory of Greece in the Light of Recent Discoveries: East and West"; N. Platon, "The Minoan Palace of Zakro"; S. Alexiou, "New Finds from the Tombs at the Port of Knossos"; and J. Sakellarakis, "New Evidence for the Burial Customs of Minoan Crete."

The IX^e Congrès International d'Archéologie Classique is to be held at Damascus, Syria, 10-20 October 1968. The theme of the Congress will be "Orient, Grèce et Rome."

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The Classics Revisited

TRANSLATION

Case of bales of Raw Silk, worm-spun	1
Of Incense of Savin, pint-measure	1
Jar, small, of Frankincense, bolted	1/2
do, do, of Decoction of Murex	1
Of Wearing-Apparel	1 case
Lances	50
Javelins	300

NOTES

. . . no one seems to have attempted to test the possibility of treating it as an inventory, compact indeed of abbreviations, but composed in some dialect or other of the Greek language. No doubt it is intelligible that archaeologists, intoxicated, as it were, with the marvels of Minoan Crete, should have been only too prone to see in it a link with a non-Greek language, real or chimerical, of well-nigh fabulous antiquity. . . But even so I marvel that the archaeologists have not gone half the road. To have recognized this record as an inventory would by itself have established at least a prima facie connexion with those wholly undeniable inventories that constitute a preponderant portion of the written remains of prehistoric Crete. . . But they have not even done this. Instead they have ranged at large, and without result, in the perilous forests of Comparative Philology and the deserts, delusive with mirage, of Comparative Mythology, forgetting that even for the learned τὸ πρὸς ποσὶ σκοπεῖν is a useful maxim.

One may hope, but probably in vain, that the reader will recognize the inscription to which this translation belongs, even though the work from which it is taken seems to be found in few libraries. If he does not immediately recognize it, let him look among the alphabetic inscriptions of Crete, particularly among the Three Inscriptions from Crete, translated and edited by Richard Johnson Walker, Monaco, 1925.

CORRIGENDA

P. 301, read Thomas W. Jacobsen (and p. 400D). P. 380, read Πρακτικὰ. P. 382, s. v. Säflund, read Berbatī. P. 403, s. v. Μαρινάτος read Δελτίον. P. 418, s. v. 'Αλεξίου, read Κρητικὰ Χρονικὰ. P. 425, s. v. Δημακοπούλου, read Δελτίον. P. 432, s. v. Bent, read 1965, pp. lxxiv + 592. P. 433, s. v. Δημακοπούλου, read Δελτίον. P. 436, s. v. Schneider, read phönikischen. P. 444, s. v. 'Ορλάνδος, read ashlar. P. 447, read James W. Mavor. P. 449, read Petruševska, Dušica. P. 450, read Πρακτικὰ. P. 458, read Severyns. P. 472, s. v. Locher, underline title. P. 477, read Bernabð-Brea, L. P. 477, s. v. Davis, read T. B. L. Webster. P. 484, read Du. Kulturelle Monatschrift. P. 493, read ten shillings. P. 494, s. v. Sixty-eighth General Meeting, read P. A. Ålin.

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