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Abbreviations of Periodicals and Publications Frequently Mentioned.

- A. E. or .. A. E. S. Publications of an American Archaeological Expedition to Syria in 1899-1900, I, II, III, IV.
- A. J. A. American Journal of Archaeology.
- Ann. Ép. L'Année Épigraphique. B. C. H. Bulletin de Correspondance Hellénique.
- C. I. G. Corpus Inscriptionum Graecarum.
- C. I. L. Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum.
- C. L. S. Corpus Inscriptionum Semiticarum.
- É. A. O. Clermont-Ganneau; Études d' Archéologie Orientale.
- Ephem. Lidzbarski; Ephemeris für semitische Epigraphik.
- G. G. A. Göttingische Gelehrte Anzeigen.
- I. G. R. Inscriptiones Graecae ad Res Romanas pertinentes. I. S. O. G. Dittenberger; Orientis Graeci Inscriptiones Selectae.
- J. A. Journal Asiatique.
- J. K. D. A. I. Jahrbuch des Kaiserlich Deutschen Archaologischen Instituts.
- J. K. P. K. Jahrbuch der Königlich Preuszischen Kunstsammlungen.
- K. A. Strzygowski; Klein-Asien, ein Neuland der Kunstgeschichte.
- M. A. A. Jaussen et Savignac; Mission Archéologique en Arabie, I.

- M. N. D. P.-V. Mittheilungen und Nachrichten des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins.
- M. S. M. Dussaud et Macler; Mission dans les régions désertiques de la Syrie moyenne.
- N. E. Lidzbarski; Handbuch der nordsemitischen Epigraphik.
- P. A. Brünnow; Die Provincia Arabia.
- P. E. Princeton Expeditions.
- P. E. F. Quarterly Statement of the Palestine Exploration Fund.
- P. M. Guy le Strange; Palestine under the Moslems.
- P. R. G. S. Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society.
- P. W. Pauly-Wissowa; Real-Encyclopadie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft.
- R. A. Revue Archéologique.
- R. A. O. Clermont-Ganneau; Recueil d' Archéologie Orientale.
- R. B. Revue Biblique.
- Rép. Répertoire d'épigraphie sémitique.
- S. C. Marquis de Vogüé; La Syrie Centrale, Architecture Civile et Religieuse.
- S. E. P. Conder; Survey of Eastern Palestine.
- V. A. S. Dussaud; Voyage Archéologique au Şafâ.
- Z. G. E. Zeitschrift der Gesellschaft für Erdkunde zu Berlin.
- Z. D. M. G. Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft.
- Z. D. P.-V. Zeitschrift des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins.

BRÊKEH.

782. Fragment, apparently of a lintel, now serving as a roof-slab in a stable which opens on the courtyard of a house about the centre of the village. It rests on cross-slabs, one of which conceals part of the face. Length about 1.85 m.; height 23 cm.; length of portion covered by the cross-slab 21 cm. The letters were much blackened by smoke, a fact which, combined with the darkness of the room, made it difficult to decipher the inscription. Height of letters 5–7 cm. Copied by Magie.

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Inscr. 782. Scale 1: 20.

___ __ αίνον ___ άμ]βροτον αίνον ___ _ που μοὶ παῖς, δ(ν) τέκον αὐτός, κ[ου]ριδίην δ' ἄλοχον λιπόν οὐ θάνον . . . υτος __

This epigram contains the Homeric phraseology usual in such compositions, i. e. αίνος and κουριδίη ἄλοχος. The verse-ending ον τέκον αὐτός also has Homeric parallels, II. Ο 198 and X 87 and 353, and it occurs in the clause παίδων χάριν ὧν τέκον αὐτοί in Wad. 1057 = Kaibel, Ep. Gr. 344. The clause οὐ θάνον ... υτος in connection with preceeding would seem to express the common sentiment that the dead did not die unmourned; the obvious adjective ἄκλαυτος is metrically impossible, but, in view of the metrical liberties taken by the authors of such verses, it may perhaps be permissible to read it here.

DJDÎYEH.

783. Stell. Found in the northern part of the village in the house which is immediately east of the house of the Shêkh. The base of the slab is broken off. Height of the fragment 45 cm.; width 32 cm. Height of letters $3^1/_g$ -7 cm. Copied by Magie.

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Ουαρδα Ταυρείνου έτων...

Inscr. 783. Scale 1:20

On the name Ovapou see no. 667.

783¹. Lintel. Over the door of a modern house in the northern part of the village. Length 2 m.; height 36 cm. Only the left end of the face is inscribed. Length of l. 2 64¹/₂ cm., of l. 3 20 cm. Height of letters 4–5 cm. Copied by Butler.

ΛΜΕ ΘΟ (CAΛΑΜΟ ΟΙΚΟΔΟ ΜΟ (ΕΠΟΙ Η (ΕΝ Κ W N Σ|(α)μεθος Σαλαμο[υ οίχοδόμος ἐποίησεν, κώμ(ης)

Inscr. 7831. Scale 1: 20.

Shamit, (son) of Salm, builder, of (the) village of, made (it).

The name $\Sigma \alpha \lambda \alpha \mu \alpha \varsigma$ is found in the form $\Sigma \alpha \lambda \varepsilon \mu \sigma \varsigma$ in B.C.H. XXI (1897), p. 50, no. 42, and in the genitive $\Sigma \alpha \lambda \varepsilon \mu \sigma \upsilon$ in M.S.M. p. 271, no. 92. It usually occurs in the forms $\Sigma \alpha \lambda \mu \alpha \varsigma$ and $\Sigma \alpha \lambda \mu \alpha \varsigma$ and the lengthened form $\Sigma \alpha \lambda \alpha \mu \alpha \nu \alpha \varsigma$; see nos. 73, 733, and 724.

 783^{2} . Block. Found in the same house. The block serves as a voussoir in an arch within the house. Length 69 cm.; height $41^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Height of letters 3-4 cm. Copied by Magie and Butler.

MYMIBIOCKAICEPTIOC
YIOICIWANNOVTONFOPL
EZIAIWHKAMATWN
EKTICANOIKONAFION
HAIOVTOYTTPOOHTOY

.... βιος καὶ Σέργιος
υἰοὶζς> Ἰωάννου το(ῦ) Γορα (ἐ)
ἐξ ἰδίων καμάτων
ἔκτισαν οἶκον ἄγιον
Ἡλίου τοῦ προφήτου.

Inscr. 7832. Scale 1:10.

.... bios and Sergius, sons of Ioannes, the (son) of Gurāh, at their own expense built a holy house of Elias the Prophet.

Churches dedicated to Elias the Prophet were numerous in the Ledjā and the Djebel Ḥaurân; see Wad. 2497, 2499, 2503 (Zorʿah), Wad. 2431 (Nedjrân), Wad. 2436 = our no. 791 (idj-Djadj), no. 8012 (Dêr idj-Djūwânī), no. 728 (Saleh).

We are very doubtful of our interpretation of the letters at the end of line 2. A group of letters very similar to these appears in an inscription from Djizeh (R. B. II (1905), p. 597, no. 4). The editors, PP. Savignac and Abel, read HAII YONENY TONΓΟΜΙ, and interpreted as Ἡλίου Ὁνένου Τονγομι (?), "d'Élie Onenos Tongomi (?)", adding that the last word was probably to be read TON FORM, "de la tribu des Gomi". M. Clermont-Ganneau pointed out (R. A. O. VII (1906), p. 179) that Ονένου was the patronymic and in a later article (id. viii, p. 79 f.) suggested that the mysterious letters should be read ΤΥΗΓΥΜS, i. e. τοῦ ἡγουμ(ένου), the prior of the monastery. This interpretation, however, requires drastic emendation, and in our inscription any such reading is quite out of the question. We therefore incline to the belief that the name of the father of Ioannes is contained in these letters. The genitive form Γορα is found in no. 7972, and hence we would suggest it as a possible reading here. Perhaps the name of the grandfather should similarly be read in the inscription from Djizeh, i. e. το(ῦ) Γομ(ου), (cf. Wad. 2174).

7833. Block. Built into the same arch, some distance above no. 7832. Length 69 cm.; height about 35 cm. The letters were too far above the ground to permit measurements to be made, and they were much blackened by smoke. Copied by Magie.

THE WEST STORY
PAR RAMINETAS
ENCAKANT HN
AYIDAT

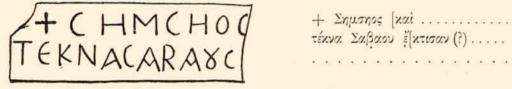
Inscr. 7833. Scale 1:20.

. ντων (π)ροσέν(ε)γκαν την άψίδα +.

..... presented the apse.

The stone doubtless came from the church of St. Elias the Prophet; see no. 7832. In Il. 2-3 (α)να(θέντων might be restored, as a genitive absolute in agreement with some proper names preceeding it, but the size of the block seems to preclude any such reading.

7834. Fragment. Built into the hearth of a house in the northern part of the village. It is evidently the upper left corner of a good-sized block. Length at the top 54 cm., at the bottom $62^{1/2}$ cm.; height 20 cm. Height of letters 5-8 cm. Copied by Magie.



Shamsar and, children of Sabāh, built (?)

The name Σημσηος is more properly spelled Σαμσαιος or Σαμασαιος; see no. 60.

7835. Fragment. Built into the wall of a courtyard in the northeast corner of

the village. The wall is on the north side of the courtyard, and the stone faces the street. Length $35^{1}/_{2}$ cm.; height 28 cm. Height of letters $5^{1}/_{2}$ -8 cm. Copied by Magie.

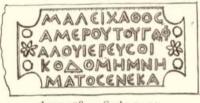
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	Inscr. 7835. Scale 1:10.

•					ρου ἐπο[ίησε	
				(?)	μέρ η τρία ατ	
(*)	٠	٠	*		 (A)β[t]βος [οἰκοδόμος ().

RÎMET IL-LUHF.

784. BLOCK. Found in the centre of the town, a short distance east of the house of the $Sh\hat{e}kh$. The stone is built into the wall which supports the steps leading up to an open paved "sitting-place", or terrace where the men of the village gather. The block faces east. Length 99 cm.; height 47 cm. The inscription is on a dovetailed plate, ornamented at the ends of the inscription with knobs and rosettes. The letters are in relief. Height of letters $6-6^{1}/_{9}$ cm. Copied by Magie.

Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 267, no. 123.



Inscr. 784. Scale 1:20.

Μαλειχαθος Αμερου τοῦ Γαφαλου [ερεὺς οἰκοδόμη μνήματος ἕνεκα.

Malīkat, (son) of Amir, the (son) of Gahfal, priest, built (it) to serve as a memorial.

Line 3: IEIEYE, Ewing.

The verb in Il. 3-4 was read by Messrs. Wright and Souter as οἰκοδόμη(σεν). It may be, however, that the writer intended to use the imperfect. Such a use would be very rare, but ἐπύει (for ἐποίει) is found in C. I. G. 4552 = Wad. 2413 n, and οἰκοδόμη seems to be the correct reading in no. 787¹³. The expression μνήματος ἕνεκα is very unusual, but it occurs also in an inscription from is-Sanamên, now at Beirût; see Jalabert in Mél. de la Fac. Orient. de Beyrouth I (1906), p. 152, no. 20, apparently a lintel. The similar phrase μνήματος χάριν occurs in no. 800. The expression is probably to be regarded as a variant of the usual μνήμης ἕνεκα οτ χάριν, but it is possible that μνήμα is used in these formulas in its ordinary concrete sense of "tomb".

784¹. Lintel. Over a door which leads into an underground stable, about 100 ft. south of no. 784. The stone faces east. Length 1.56 m.; height 27 cm. Height of letters 4¹/₂-8 cm. Copied by Magie.

Waddington, no. 2418; Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 266, no. 120.

MOCYEMOCOADE KOYCEIH

Μοσλεμος Φαρεκου Σετηνος εποίησεν την ουρ(ν)αν (?).

Inscr. 7841. Scale 1:20.

Muslim, (son) of Farik, of Si, made the urn.

Line 1: MOENEMOC, Waddington.

Line 2: OYPIDAN, Waddington; OYPIDAIN, Ewing.

Our reading Μοσλεμος confirms Mr. Ewing's copy as against Waddington's Μοελεμος; the name occurs also in nos. 119 and 440. For Φαρεχου see no. 182, and for the adjective Σειηνός no. 767.

 784° . Fragment. Built into the wall of a house in the eastern part of the village. It is over the window which is above a door on the north side of the house. Height 41 cm.; width 28 cm. Height of letters $6-7^{\circ}/_{2}$ cm. Copied by Butler.



Inscr. 7842. Scale 1:10.

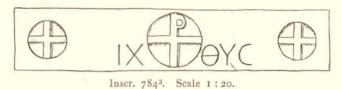
Among the inscriptions from Rîmet il-Luḥf copied by the Rev. Selah Merrill and published by Professor Allen (Am.~J.~Philol.~vi~(1885), p. 213) is a fragment (no. 59), which, according to Mr. Merrill's copy, reads: MAPTEINOCANAPOCY | IWNA. The last line suggests the last line of the present inscription and raises the question whether these two fragments are not parts of the same inscription. If we may suppose that

an error has been made in Mr. Merrill's copy, and that his fragment contains, not two, but three lines, the two may be combined to read somewhat as follows:

Μαρτείνος .. βου [καὶ Σώσ]ανδρος ὑ[ιὸ](ς) ἐπο[ίησαν θ](ε)ῷ πατρώω.

784³. Lintel. Over the door of a house in the eastern part of the town. The stone faces west. Length 1.66 m.; height 33 cm. The letters of the inscription are unusually well executed. Height of letters 11 cm. Copied by Butler.

Allen, Am. J. Philol. vI (1885), p. 214, no. 60.

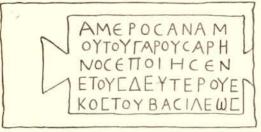


 Υ (ησοῦς) Υ (ριστὸς) Θ (εοῦ) Υ (τὸς) Σ (ωτήρ).

NEDJRÂN.

785. BLOCK. Built into the wall of the house of the *Shèkh*, which fronts on the north side of a large open space in the central part of the village, north of a tower. The stone is above the lintel which is over the door leading to the courtyard attached to the house, and faces south. The right end has been broken off. Length 67 cm.; height 33 cm. The inscription is within a dovetailed frame. Length of frame, excluding the dovetails, 48 cm., height 26 cm. Height of letters $4-4^{1}/_{3}$ cm. Copied by Magie.

Savignac, R. B. II (1905), p. 96, no. 13.



Inscr. 785. Scale 1:10.

Αμερος Αναμου τοῦ Γαρου, Σαρηνὸς, ἐποίησεν ἔτους δευτέρου ε[ί]κοστοῦ βασιλέως....

Amir, (son) of Anam, the (son) of Gar (or Garw), Sarenos, made (it) in (the) twenty-second year of King....

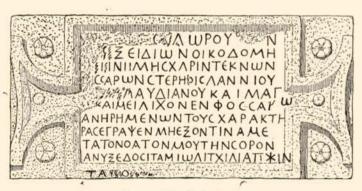
Our copy agrees with that of P. Savignac, except that the latter gives no indication that the stone is broken.

The name of the king, in the 22d year of whose reign this inscription is dated, was probably on the right end of the stone, under the dovetail. He was probably Agrippa II, whose kingdom included this region; see inscriptions from Sûr in the northern Ledjā (no. 797), and from Sî^c toward the southeast (Wad. 2365). Inscriptions dated according to the year of Agrippa have also been found in the Haurân Plain, at

Akrabâ (Wad. 2413 b = Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 49, no. 19 = Ditt. I. S. O. G. 423) and is Sanamên (Mordtmann, Arch-Epigr. Mitt. vIII (1884), p. 189, no. 27 = Ewing, p. 58, no. 46 = Ditt. I. S. O. G. 426). The latter bears a double date, the years from which the dates are reckoned being respectively 56 and 61 A.D.; see Mommsen, Num. Zeitschr. III (1871), p. 451 f. and Dittenberger ad loc. Saprios, like Sunios in no. 7841, is evidently an ethnic adjective. Unfortunately we have no means of making any conjecture as to the name of the town to which it refers. Our copy at least gives a negative answer to the query of Professor Lidzbarski as to whether Satrios should not be read in P. Savignac's copy; see Eph. II (1908), p. 334 f. The name $\Gamma aprios$ does not seem to occur elsewhere, but it is found in the compound form $\Gamma aprios$; see Lidzbarski, loc. cit.

785¹. BLOCK. Found in the house of the *Shêkh*; see no. 785. The stone is over a door connecting two rooms used as stables on the north side of the courtyard. Length 90 cm.; height $43^{1}/_{9}$ cm. The inscription is within a raised dovetailed frame. Length of frame 54 cm.; height 35 cm. The face of the stone is much worn, and as the room was quite dark, the letters could be read only with great difficulty. Height of letters $2-3^{1}/_{9}$ cm. Copied by Butler and Magie.

Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 160, no. 115 = I. G. R. III 1175.



Inser. 7851 Scale 1:10.

....., (son) of ... doros, built (it) at his own (expense) as a memorial, having lost (his) four sons, Danī and Claudianus and Magnus and Meilichos, (who were) killed in (the) entrenchments. He inscribed these letters: whereas it is not permitted for any one to open the tomb after my death, he shall give to (the) fiscus two thousand five hundred denarii.

Line 1: DWPOV, Ewing.

Line 2: ZEINIWN, x. T. A., Ewing.

Line 4: CCCAIWNCTEPHIIC, x. T. A., Ewing.

Line 5: AYAIANOYKAIMAI, Ewing.

Line 6: EAIMEINIXONENOCCAT/W, Ewing.

Line 9: THNCOP//, Ewing.

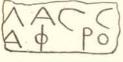
Line 10: ANYZENOCITAMIWAITXIAIATIN, Ewing.

The letters on the lower edge of the frame are lacking in Mr. Ewing's copy.

In Il. 6-7 Messrs. Wright and Souter read ἀμείλιχον ἀνηρημένων, "mercilessly killed". This reading does not account for the iota which appears immediately after A in Mr. Ewing's copy as well as in ours. Furthermore, there is not room for another proper name in I. 5. Accordingly, as Μείλιχος is a good Greek name, it seems clear that it is to be read as the name of the fourth son, and that the preceeding A | represent καί; there is an evident trace of a K before them.

Φοσσάτον is regularly used by the Byzantine writers with a wider meaning than the Latin fossatum, and usually designates the camp as a whole; see Theophanes, pp. 319, 12 and 325, 2 (de Boor), Chron. Pasc. p. 725, 1 (Dind.), Leo Tact. x 14 and x1 1, and other references cited by Sophocles, s. v., also the edict of Anastasius from Ptolemais, Wad. 1906 α, l. 36. 'Ανῦξε in l. 10 is probably an error for the infinitive ἀνῦξαι, rather than the indicative or subjunctive, as otherwise the construction would be hopelessly faulty. As it is, some such clause as ἐάν τις ἀνύξη must be supplied before δώσει; for such formulas see J. Merkel, Ueber die sog. Sepulchralmulten (Leipzig 1892), p. 46 f. The proper restoration of the words specifying the amount of the fine imposed is difficult. Messrs. Wright and Souter read δισχίλια π(ε)ν[τακόσια δηνάρια, but if the denariussign in our copy is correct, some other explanation must be adopted. We are inclined to the supposition that the stone-cutter intended to abbreviate πενταχόσια by Π, and accordingly placed the denarius-sign after it; then, finding that there was still some space in the line and on the frame below it, he proceeded to carve the rest of the word. We have emended the name in 1. 4, because Λαννος does not occur as a name, whereas $\Delta \alpha \nu \nu \nu \sigma_{\bar{s}}$ is probably for $\Delta \alpha \nu \sigma_{\bar{s}}$, representing the Arabic name $D\bar{a}n\bar{r}$. $\Delta \alpha \nu \sigma_{\bar{s}}$ occurs in an inscription from Dar Kîtā, A. A. E. S. III 62.

785². Fragment. Found in the house of the *Shêkh*; see no. 785. The stone is built into the wall which supports a terrace in front of the *meḍâfeh* opening on the courtyard. It is evidently part of a stele, of which both top and base have been broken off. Height 27 cm. The letters are badly cut. Height of letters 5–12 cm. Copied by Magie.



- λας Σαφροίο

Inscr. 7852. Scale 1:20.

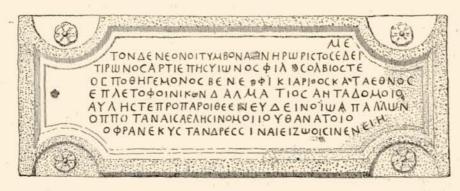
On $\Sigma \alpha \gamma \rho \sigma s \in Safr$ see no. 286. This inscription seems to strengthen the evidence for the existence of the name in this form, unless $\Sigma \alpha \phi[s] \rho \sigma[v]$ is to be read here.

7853. LINTEL. Over the door of a shrine about 50 yds. south of the tower which is in the central part of the village; see no. 785. Length 1.13 m.; height 421/3 cm. The inscription is within a raised dovetailed frame. Length of frame 1.05 m.; height 30 cm. Height of letters 2-3 cm. Copied by Magie.

C. I. G. 4578 c and Add. p. 1180; Waddington, no. 2432 = Kaibel, Ep. Gr. 444 = I. G. R. III 1174; Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 158, no. 112; Oppenheim, Vom Mittelmeer zum pers. Golf, 1, p. 93 (photograph); cf. Dussaud and Macler, M. S. M. p. 243.

Nedjrân

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Inser. 7853. Scale 1:10.

Τόνθε νέον οι τύμβον ανήρ ὥριστος ἔθειμε, Τίρωνος ἀρτιεπής υίωνός, φίλος ὅλβιός τε, ὅς ποθ' ἡγεμόνος βενεφικιάριος κατὰ ἔθνος ἔπλετο Φοινίκων, Δαλμάτιος, ἄντα θόμοιο 5. αὐλῆς τε προπάροιθε ἐνεύθειν οἴω ἀπ' ἄλλων ὁππόταν αἶσα ἕλησιν ὁμοιίου θανάτοιο, ὄφρα νέκυς τ' ἀνθρέσσιν αἰεὶ ζωοῖσιν ἐνείη.

This new tomb the best of men, Tiron's grandson, ready of speech, beloved and blessed, who once did serve as governor's beneficiarius among (the) nation of (the) Phoenicians, Dalmatius, built for himself, in order that when the fate of death common to all should take him, he might sleep therein over against (his) house and before (his) courtyard, alone apart from others, that, though dead he might ever be among living men.

Line 1: A. NHPWACTOC, Buckingham; ANHPWACTOC, Waddington; A/NHPWPICTOC, Ewing; WPICTOC, Dussaud and Macler.

Line 4: DOINIKWN, Waddington; DOINIK/N, Ewing.

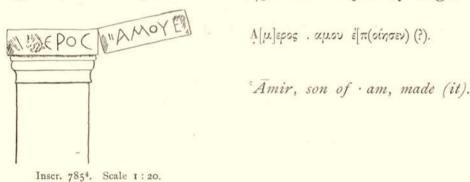
Line 6: EAHCIN, Buckingham; EAHCIN, Waddington; EAHCIN, Ewing.

In 1. 1 all the later copies have established Waddington's suggestion that ωριστος should be read instead of [ονομ]αστός, the emendation adopted by Franz and included in his text by Waddington himself. The space in A/NHP is probably due to a blemish on the stone; the width, according to our field-notes is 4 cm. The expression ὑγεμῶν ... κατὰ ἔθνος ... Φοινίκων undoubtedly denotes, as Cavedoni pointed out (Ann. d. Inst. XIX (1847), p. 170, see C. I. G. III, p. 1180 f.), the governor of Syria Phoenice; this province was created in 194 A. D., see G. A. Harrer, Studies in the Hist. of the Rom. Prov. of Syria (Princeton 1915), p. 87 f. Franz's further suggestion that Dalmatius was the name of the governor and accordingly should be read in the genitive has been shown by all later copies to be an error; the name is evidently that of the builder of the tomb.

In l. 6 ἕλησιν, which was read by Franz, and appears in Ewing's copy, though rejected by him for Waddington's ἕλθησιν, is established by our copy. The idea is quite Homeric, for much the same expression is found in Od. β 99–100 = γ 237–238: εἰς ὅτε κέν μιν (ὁππότε κεν δὰ) | μοῖρ' ὀλοὰ καθέλησι τανηλεγέος θανάτοιο. The expression θάνατος Publications of the Princeton University Archaeological Expeditions to Syria, Div. III, Sec. A, Pt. 7.

όμοίος is found in close conjunction with the latter passage (7 236); it also occurs in an epitaph from Smyrna, C. I. G. 3284 = Kaibel, Ep. Gr. 307. The verse ending clos ἀπ' ἄλλων is also Homeric: e. g. Od. ι 192, H. Ven, 76 and 79.

785⁴. COLUMN. Found in front of the entrance to a *medafeh* in a courtyard in the southwestern part of the village. The column is upside down. Circumference of the column 1.12 m. The inscription is on the abacus. Length of a side of the abacus 48 cm.; height 14 cm. Height of letters 4¹/₂-8 cm. Copied by Magie.



No. 785 records a dedication made by Αμερος Αναμου and suggests the restoration [Αν]αμου here; however, there seems to be hardly room on the stone for two letters. Perhaps [M]αμου (cf. no. 436) or $[\Gamma]$ άμου (see no. 8051) should be read.

In addition to these inscriptions, fragments of inscriptions already known were seen at Nedjrân by the Expedition of 1909 as follows:

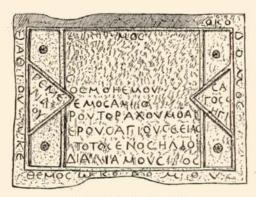
Waddington, no. 2429, frg. 6. Built into the front wall of the house of the Shêkh; see no. 785. It is high up, above the arches which are in front of the house, and upside down. Length 80 cm.; height 12 cm. Height of letters 5-7 cm. Immediately below the letters is the line of the raised plate on which the inscription was cut, and below this is a margin 5 cm. high. Consequently, there were never any letters below 1. 2 of the fragment, and Waddington's note "martelé" is erroneous.

Waddington, no. 2431. Left end of the block, built into the north wall of the house of the Shèkh. It was so far above the ground that no measurements could be made.

Dussaud and Macler, M. S. M. p. 243, no. 11. Built into the wall surrounding the enclosure in which the tower stands; see no. 785. The inscription is on a raised dovetailed plate. Height of letters $4^1/_{2}$ -5 cm. Our copy reads plainly Oraleann [UN, suggested by MM. Dussaud and Macler, but not adopted by them in their text.

ŞMÊD.

786. BLOCK. Built into the wall above the main door of the shrine which is in the southeastern part of the village. Length 61 cm.; height 45 cm. The inscription is within a raised frame. The face of the stone is much worn, and it was only with great difficulty that any letters could be read. Height of letters 2–3 cm. Copied by Magie.



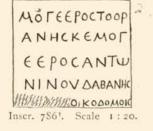
Inscr. 786. Scale 1:10.

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Whatever be the correct reading of this almost illegible inscription, it seems most natural to read 1. 8 as referring to a temenos of Helios. This evidence as to the existence of a temenos at Smêd is borne out by the fact that remains of a pavement were found around the shrine into which this block is built; see Div. II. A. 7, p. 415. Moreover, no. 7866 records the donation of a pavement and altars which were probably in this temenos. The letters at the end of 1. 7 are most reasonably to be regarded as part of the verb recording the construction or consecration of the temenos, analogous to the usual κτίζειν οτ ἀφιεροῦν. The proper names which precede are presumably the names of the members of the commission in charge of the work, but the combination of apparent nominatives in 11. 1, 4 and 5 with the succession of genitives in 11. 6 and 7 makes it difficult to explain their syntax. Τορανου (Ταhrān or Thahrān) is evidently the same name as Τορανης in no. 7861; the Greek form does not seem to occur elsewhere. On Μονεμος, Μοσαερος and Σαγιος see nos. 127, 347 and 78714 respectively.

The letters in 1. 9 and in the dovetails are probably to be read as names, although we are far from certain as to their correct reading, or even as to the order in which they are to be read. We regard our arrangement as merely a suggestion; it seems to us impossible to read the two dovetails together, or to connect the letters on the right dovetail with those on the left edge of the face. $\Sigma \alpha \gamma \rho \varsigma$ $(Sh\bar{\alpha}gh)$ occurs also in Wad. 2511; the name is a variant of $Sh\bar{\alpha}gh\bar{\imath}$ $(\Sigma \alpha \gamma \rho \varsigma)$. On $M\alpha \beta \rho \nu \nu$ see no. 799.

7861. BLOCK. Built into the eastern wall of the shrine. The stone is high above the ground, and faces east. Length 62 cm.; height 57 cm. The letters contain traces of red coloring-matter. Height of letters 2-5 cm. Copied by Magie.

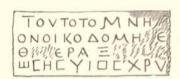


Μογεερος Τοορανης κὲ Μογεερος Αντωνίνου Δαβανης ο[ί]κοδόμοις.

Mughaiyir, (son of) Tahrān (or Thahrān), and Mughaiyir, (son) of Antoninus, (son of) Dhahban, builders.

The mention of a Φυλή Δαβανηνών in no. 7868 suggests that Δαβανης be read as a tribal name. In this case, the similarity of ending would lead us to suppose that Toopang was to be read in the same way. However, Δαβανης was in use as a man's name; the genitive $\Delta\alpha\beta\alpha\nu\nu\nu$ is found in Wad. 2071 = A. A. E. S. III 392. Accordingly, we are inclined to believe that it should be interpreted in the same way in the present inscription. On the name Toopavns see no. 786. For various other forms of Moyeepos see nos. 347 and 734. The obliteration of the letters at the beginning of l. 5 makes us uncertain whether oixodopous is an error for the nominative, or whether it is really a dative, referring perhaps to some persons whose names followed.

786°. Block. Built into the same wall, a little lower down. Length 82 cm.; height 34 cm. The right end has been trimmed off. Height of letters 31/2-7 cm. Copied by Magie.

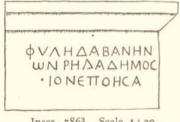


Τοῦτο τὸ μνημ[εῖον οίχοδόμη σε... Θ. εραξ[.. ναί.. ωσης υίὸς χρυ σοχ(όος).

Inscr. 7862. Scale 1:20.

. built this memorial, and . . ōses, (his) son, goldsmith.

7863. BLOCK. Found under the outside stairway of the tower which is immediately southeast of the shrine. The face is surmounted by a plain moulding. The top of the block has been hollowed out, so that it has the appearance of having been used as a waterbasin. Length of the block 82 cm.; height 631/2 cm.; height of the face 41 cm. Height of letters 5-6 cm. Copied by Magie.



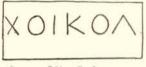
Φυλή Δαβανην- $\tilde{\omega} v (\beta) \tilde{n}(\mu) \alpha \partial \eta \mu \dot{\sigma} \sigma$ ιου ἐπόησα[ν.

Inscr. 7863. Scale 1:20.

(The) tribe of (the) Dabanenoi made (the) public speakers'-platform.

This tribe is not otherwise known.

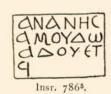
7864. Fragment. Found in a house in the southern part of the village, about fifty yards southwest of the shrine. The stone now serves as a soffit of the keystone of an arch in a long room. It is said to have been brought from the neighboring village of Burd. Length 72 cm.; height 29 cm. Height of letters 10-11 cm. Copied by Butler.



. (υ) οἶχο(δ)[όμησεν

Inscr. 7864. Scale 1:20.

786⁵. Block. Built into the wall of a partly underground stable about one hundred yards northeast of the shrine. The stone now serves as a jamb of a small window in the front wall. Length 48 cm.; height 33 cm. Height of letters 7–8 cm. Copied by Butler.

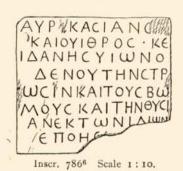


Ανανης Αμου Δωαδου έτ(ῶν) 4'.

i. e. Hanan (?), (son) of Ham (or Am), (son) of Duwad.

Arang is found in the genitive Aranov in an inscription from Sahwit il-Khiḍr, Wad. 1969 = I. G. R. III 1299; on the form of the name see Lidzbarski, Eph. II, p. 22. Amos is a common name; see no. 135. We know of no other instance of $\Delta\omega\alpha\delta\sigma$, but the Arabic form is well established.

786. BLOCK. Found in a courtyard about 200 yards north of the shrine. The lower right corner has been broken off. Length 41 cm.; height at the left end 36 cm., at the right end 26 cm. Height of letters $3-3^{1/2}$ cm. Copied by Magie.



ώσιν καὶ τοὺς βωμοὺς καὶ τὴν θυσίαν ἐκ τῶν ἰδίων ἐπόησ[αν.

Αυρ(ήλιος) Κασιανός

καὶ Ουιθρος κὲ

Ιδανης υίων Ο-

δενου την στρ-

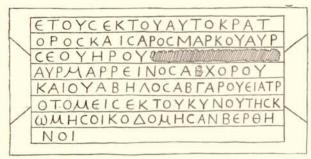
Aurelius Cassianus (or Kaṣīān) and Witr and Idān, of (the) sons of Udhain, made at their own (expense) the pavement and the altars and the sacrifice.

The stone probably came from the temenos of Helios; see no. 786. The name Κασιανός is probably the Roman Cassianus, often found in inscriptions from these regions as Κασσιανός. It may, however, represent a form Καςταπ, a lengthening of Καςτ (or Καςτ), which in its Greek transcriptions cannot be distinguished from the Roman Cassius; see no. 435. On Ονιθρος see no. 117. We know of no other instance of the name Ιδανης. Οδενος also occurs in an inscription from Kharabā copied by P. Séjourné (R. B. VII (1898), p. 110), and by Professor Brünnow (P. A. III, p. 334). The hypocoristic form Οδεναθος or Οδαιναθος is, of course, well known.

MDJEDIL.

787. BLOCK. 227 A. D. Found lying in a courtyard near the southwestern corner of the village. Lenght 78 cm.; height $38^{1}/_{2}$ cm. The inscription is within a dovetailed frame formed by incised lines, and the rows of letters are separated by incised lines.

In 1. 3 there is a space, 32 cm. long, from which the letters have been erased. Height of letters 21/2-4 cm. Copied by Magie.



Inscr. 787. Scale 1:10.

"Ετους εκτου Αὐτοκράτορος Καίσαρος Μάρκου Αὐρ(ηλίου)
Σεουήρου ['Αλεξάνδρου]
Αὐρ(ήλιος) Μαρρεῖνος Αβχορου
καὶ Ουαβηλος Δβγαρου είατροτομεῖς ἐκ τοῦ κυνοῦ τῆς κώμης οἰκοδόμησαν Βερθηνοί.

In (the) sixth year of Emperor Caesar Marcus Aurelius Severus Alexander, Aurelius Marinus, (son) of Abkur, and Wahbel, (son) of Abgar, surgeons (?), built (it) from the common (fund) of the village, (being) Berthenoi. (227 A.D.)

The word ἐατροτομεύς is a new one. At first sight, this plural form might seem to be merely an error for ἐεροταμεῖς, and the likelihood seems to be strengthened by no. 793, which records the construction of a sanctuary by the community through the agency of two ἑεροταμεῖς. However, the spelling of the rest of the inscription is so normal that it is difficult to assume so gross an error in this one word. Furthermore, the existence of the analogous compounds ἱατραλείπτης and ἱατροκαύστης (see Wilcken, G. G. A., 1894, p. 725) indicates clearly that ἱατροτομεύς is properly and logically formed. We therefore believe that the word should not be emended, and that it is used here instead of the more common term χειρουργός. On the name Αβχορος see no. 659. Ουαβηλος (i. e. 'Gift of God') occurs also in nos. 800° and 800°; the form Ουαβιελος is found in B. C. H. XXI (1897), p. 54, no. 54.

The adjective Βερθηνοί seems to have been added as an afterthought. Unfortunately, there is no indication whether it is tribal or ethnic. In the absence of the word φυλά, it might perhaps be fair to regard it as ethnic, signifying the community of which Marinus and Wahb'el were members. On general principles, this would be some community other than Mdjêdil, citizens of which would not be designated as such in a local document. In this particular case, however, the fact that the building was erected from the common fund of the village would point to the belief that those who were responsible for the construction were members of the community, and not outsiders. Moreover, the fact that no name is appended to the word xwung might have suggested the addition, at the end of the inscription, of some word indicating the name of the village. We are inclined to think, therefore, that this adjective contains the ancient name of Mdjêdil, which, on the analogy of the relation of other adjectives to the name of the community (e. g. Βοστρηνός, Καναθηνός) would be Βέρθα (or Βέρεθα). This name suggests the name Beretana, included among the towns of Arabia in the list of the bishops at the Council of Nicaea; see Harduin, 1, p. 311 f., Gelzer-Hilgenfeld-Cuntz, Patrum Nicaen. Nom. p. LXI (Βερετανεύς), Brünnow, P. A. III, pp. 253 and 263. However, it would be difficult to explain the existence of two forms, one spelled with 6 and one with 7, and any identification seems impossible.

 787^1 . Fragment. Built into a stone seat in front of a large house in the centre of the southern section of the village. Length 60 cm.; height $33^1/_2$ cm. Height of letters $4-4^1/_2$ cm. Copied by Magie.

MILE ON LARGE SERVICE SALL COM
AIKACCIANONBOYANDPAARH
TTATPOC \$ INOCTO P THEACET
ΑΑΓΡΙΠΠΙΝΑCΑΔΕΛΦΗCZW
AIKACCIA NONBOYANDPANCH MATPOCOINOCTO P THCACEM AATPIMMI NACADENOHICZW KAIZWTPAOHCACAENA EKACT

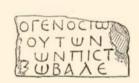
..... ων μνησο α]αὶ Κασσιανὸν βου(λευτὴν) ἄνδρα α[ὑτ]ῆ[ς πατρὸς φιλοστοργήσασ(α), ἐπ[οίη-σεν μετ]ὰ ᾿Αγριππίνας ἀδελφῆς, ζω[οπλα-στήσασ[(α) καὶ ζωγραφήσασα ἕνα ἕκαστ[ον.

Inscr. 7871. Scale 1:10.

made (it) together with Agrippina (her) sister, having sculptured and painted each one.

The inscription seems to have come from a tomb erected by the wife and daughter, respectively, of the two men commemorated. In l. 2 perhaps we should read βου(λ)(ευτλν), supposing that a lambda has been omitted in the copying, but βου. is used as an abbreviation in Wad. 2514. The use of the genitive with φιλοστοργεῖν is probably due to analogy with ἐρᾶν.

787°. Fragment. Found lying in the courtyard of a newly-built house in the eastern part of the southern section of the village. Length at the top 44 cm., at the bottom 59 cm.; height 32 cm. Height of letters, in l. 1 3¹/₂-5 cm., in the other lines 5-7 cm. Copied by Butler.



Inscr. 7872. Scale 1:20.

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 787^3 . Lintel. Used as the threshold of the gateway of a courtyard in the southeastern part of the southern section of the village. The lintel has been cut in two horizontally, and only the lower portion is extant. Length 1.47 m.; height 14 cm. Length of inscription 92 cm. Height of letters $3^{1/9}-4$ cm. Copied by Butler.

ΠΟΙΗCENTOΠΡΟΘΥΡΟΝ

Inscr. 7873.	Scale 1:10.
[· · · · · · ποίησεν τὸ	ἐ-] πρόθυρον.
made the	vestibule.

7874. Stele. Built into the south wall of a house in the southeastern angle of the southern section of the village. The base has been broken off unevenly. Height at the left edge 83 cm., at the right 90 cm.; width 32 cm. The face is well finished, and the letters are carefully executed. Height of letters 5-7 cm., of M 10 cm. Copied by Butler.



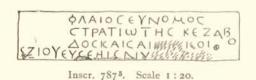
Αυσος Αθέρου έτῶν μ...

i. e. Aus, (son) of Adhr (or Adhir).

Scale 1:20.

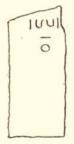
Adoption occurs as the name of an Idumaean, an enemy of King Solomon, in Joseph. A. I. VIII 7, 6, § 199 f. and Suidas s. v. The form Adoption is found in the genitive Adoption in an inscription from Halbun in the Anti-Lebanon, Wad. 2555 δ .

787⁵. Lintel. Over the door of a stable in the southern part of the southern section of the village. Length 1.17 m.; height 25 cm. The right half of the two lower lines is partially obliterated. Height of letters 3-7 cm. Copied by Butler.



Φλάϊος Εύνομος στρατιώτης κὲ Ζαβδος καὶ Σαι[ος ύ]ιοὶ [? Δεξίου εὐσε(β)ί[ας ἔνεκα.

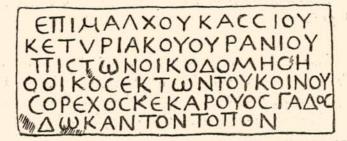
Flavius Eunomos, soldier, and Zabd and Shai, sons of (?) Dexias, as a mark of piety.



7876. Fragment. Built into the wall of a house in the southern part of the southern section of the village. It is some distance above the ground and faces north. Height 69 cm.; width 29 cm. Height of letters 4–5 cm. Copied by Butler.

Inscr. 7876. Scale 1:20

787. BLOCK. Built into the wall of a tower on the southern edge of the northern section of the village. The stone is on the inside of the wall, and faces north. Length 81 cm.; height 34 cm. Height of letters 3-5 cm. Copied by Butler.



Επί Μάλχου Κασσίου κὲ (Κ)υριακοῦ Ούρανίου πιστῶν οἰκοθομή(θ)η δ οίκος ἐκ τῶν τοῦ κοινοῦ. Σορεχος κὲ Καρουος Γαθος ἔ|δωκαν τὸν τόπον.

Inscr. 7871. Scale 1:10.

Under Malchos, (son) of Cassius, and Kyriakos, (son) of Ouranios, pistoi, the house was built out of the (funds) of the community. Shuraik and Karūh (or Karū), (sons of) Gad, gave the site.

We have emended Τυριακοῦ to Κυριακοῦ, as the former does not seem to have been used as a man's name. Σορειχος is found elsewhere in the form Σοραιχος, e. g. no. 781, Wad. 2592, 2594, 2595, and Lidzbarski, Eph. II, p. 292 f. We know of no other instance of Καρουος. On the πιστοί see no. 611.

7878. BLOCK. Built into the wall of the same tower. The stone faces south. Length 65 cm.; height 25 cm. Height of letters $2^1/_2-3^1/_2$ cm. Copied by Magie.

MACEXOCTONZIKOYOI
KODOMOYOEYTEPGOC
AYMOCZABEOYZAGICMA
BETECDIONYCOCKEBACI
NCKOCTICTOIMETAYT
OCEKO

Μ]ασεχος Τονζικου οίκοδόμου δεύτερος, Αυμος Ζαβεου, Ζα[β]ις μα-(θ)ετές, Διόνυσος κὲ Βασι-(λί)σκος πιστοί, [κ]ὲ (Γ)αυτος ἐκο(δόμος).

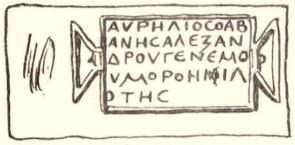
Inscr. 7878. Scale 1:10.

Māsik, (son) of Tonzikos builder, second (?), Aum, (son) of Zabai, Zabī, learner, Dionysos and Basiliskos, pistoi, and Ghauth, builder.

The name Tonzinos is doubtful, as the first letter is uncertain, and this name does not occur elsewhere, as far as we know. It suggests Tónzos, the name of a river and a town in Thrace (Ptol. III 11, 12), but this does not sufficiently explain the existence of such a name in Syria. It is probably to be regarded as the equivalent of the Arabic Tunzik or Tanzik. We are in doubt as to the meaning of denteros. It can hardly be supposed to be a proper name in this context, but whether it refers to Massings, as the second son, or, in close connection with olivodenos, as the builder's chief assistant, or whether it is to be applied to Annos as an associate in the work, is far from clear. $Z\alpha\beta\omega\varsigma$ is usually found in the form $Z\alpha\beta\omega\varsigma$ or $Z\alpha\beta\beta\omega\varsigma$; see no. 214. $Z\alpha[\beta]\iota\varsigma$, if our restoration is correct, is for $Z\alpha\beta\iota\varsigma$, a form which occurs in a Jewish inscription from Rome, C. I. G. 9903. On the $\pi\iota\sigma\tau$ see no. 611. The restoration of 11. 5-6 is very uncertain. The letters $\epsilon\kappa$ 0 in 1. 6 seem to be an abbreviation for $\sigma\iota\sigma\partial\sigma\mu\varsigma\varsigma$, analogous to $\sigma[\iota]\kappa\sigma$ in no. 78710. A proper name must, therefore, be restored before them. The restoration here proposed seems to us to be the most natural, but

perhaps all the letters following πιστοί should be read as the name of the builder. On the name Γαυτος see nos. 223 and 398.

7879. BLOCK. Found in a courtyard immediately north of the tower where nos. 787^7 and 787^8 were found. The stone was standing on its right end, which was embedded in the ground. Length $78^1/_{9}$ cm.; height $33^1/_{9}$ cm. The inscription is within a raised dovetailed frame. Height of letters $2-3^1/_{9}$ cm. Copied by Magie.



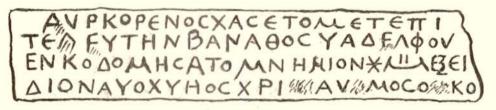
Inscr. 7879. Scale 1:10.

Αὐρήλιος Οαβανης 'Αλεξάνδρου· γένε(το) μου μόρον φιλότης.

Aurelius Wahban, (son) of Alexandros. Love caused my death.

The formula is a most unusual one, but the letters are perfectly clear. In the construction there seems to be a confusion between γέγνομαι and the causative ἐγεινάμην in its figurative sense as used in Aesch. Theb. 751, ἐγείνατο μὲν μόρον αὐτῷ. Οαβανης is for Ουαβανης, a lengthened form of the name Ουαβος (see nos. 100 and 316). This form does not seem to occur elsewhere in Greek inscriptions.

 787^{10} . Lintel. Serving as the lintel of a stable in the southern part of the northern section of the village, about fifty yards west of the tower where nos. 787^7 and 787^8 were found. The stone faces north. Length $1.24^1/_2$ m.; height 27 cm. The right end is irregular, but the stone seems to be intact. The inscription was copied as it was growing dark, and the correctness of the copy cannot be vouched for. Height of letters $2^1/_2-4^1/_2$ cm. Copied by Magie.



Inscr. 78710. Scale 1:10.

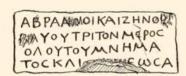
Αὐρ(ήλιος) Κορενος Χασετο(υ) μετ' ἐπιτελευτὴν Βαναθοσυ ἀδελφοῦ ἐνκοδόμησα τὸ μνημῖον * η' μ(υριαδῶν) ἐξ εἰτδίου. Αυοχυ(λ)ος χρί(στης) (?), Αυμος ο[ί]κο(δόμος).

I, Aurelius Kurain, (son) of Kāsit, after (the) death of Banat (my) brother built in the memorial for 80,000 (?) denarii at my own (expense). 'Aukal (?) (was) whitewasher, 'Aum builder.

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If our copy is correct, this inscription contains a number of strange forms. If the stone is intact, as seems to be the case, the solecism ἐπιτελευτή must be read. It is perhaps, however, a not unnatural compound, especially in view of the common use of the verb έπιτελείν. In fact, the adjective ἐπιτελεύτιος is used with reference to death by Byzantine writers; see Thesaurus Gr. Linguae, s. v. Ένχοδόμησα is an easy error for ένοιχοδόμησα, a compound, which, to be sure, has little meaning in this connection. The name Kopavos does not occur elsewhere, but the Arabic form is well established. On the names Xaostos and Bavasos see nos. 136 and 126 respectively. The genitive of the latter, as it appears in our copy, seems hardly possible; perhaps Βαναθο(υ) (το)ῦ ἀθελφοῦ should be read. We are uncertain as to the proper restoration of the numeral in l. 4. The cost of a μνήμα recorded in Wad. 1999 was ry μυριάδες, and perhaps this figure should be read here also. We are also doubtful about the proper reading of l. 4. The blank spaces seem to be due to blemishes on the stone, and not to obliteration of letters. It seems most natural to read the letters which follow allow as a name, but Αυρχυμος does not correspond to any known form. Accordingly we have ventured to emend to Αυοχυ(λ)ος, which is perhaps the Arabic Aukal. The reading χρί(στης) is, of course, very doubtful, but there is at least warrant for the work of one of this trade in connection with a tomb in the famous expression τάφοι κεκονιαμένοι of Matt. XXIII 27.

 787^{11} . Block. Built into the wall of a house immediately west of the stable where no. 787^{10} was found. The stone is at the right of the doorway leading to the *medâfeh*. Length 85 cm.; height $31^{1}/_{9}$ cm. The bottom of the face, near the centre, has been chipped off, and a portion of the last line of the inscription has been thereby obliterated. Height of letters 5-7 cm. Copied by Butler.



Αβραά(μ)ο(υ) καὶ Ζηνοβιο](υ) ὑοῦ τρίτον μέρος
ὅλου τοῦ μνήματος κ(α)ὶ [τὰ ή](ρ)ώ(ε)α (ἐ).

Inscr. 78711. Scale 1:20.

To Abraham and Zenobios, (his) son, (belong) a third part of the whole memorial, and the heroa.

For other instances of the record of a part-ownership in a tomb see no. 170 and the references there cited. The first name is probably to be read Αβραά(μ)ου, a common form of the name Abraham. The restoration of the end of l. 4 is proposed with some hesitation. On the analogy of other inscriptions of the same character, cited under no. 170, we should read τρίτου καὶ δωδέκατου, or perhaps some other fraction. Our copy, however, does not permit of any such restoration. Nor will the general sense of the inscription justify the otherwise obvious restoration of the last four letters, [ἀνευ]έωσα[ν]. Accordingly we would suggest the reading as given above. The form ήρώειου (ήρόειου) is found in other inscriptions from these regions; see A. A. E. S. III 172 and 279.

787¹³. LINTEL. Used as a lintel in the same house. The stone is over the doorway leading to the *medâfeh*. Length 1.42 m.; height 31 cm. Length of l. 2 of the inscription 49 cm. Height of letters 5–7 cm. Copied by Butler.

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Χαίρε, Ζηνόβιε.

Farewell, Zenobios.

Inscr. 78712. Scale 1:20.

This stone is perhaps from the burial-place, belonging to a Zenobios, which is mentioned in no. 78711.

787¹⁸. Block. Built into the wall over the doorway of the same house. Length 54 cm.; height 49 cm. The inscription is on a rectangular plate. Height of letters 5-7 cm. Copied by Butler.

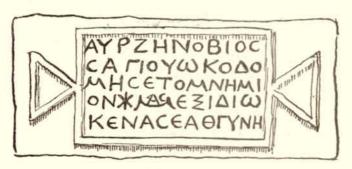


Inscr. 78713. Scale 1: 20. Βαδα(ρ)ος Μασεχου οἰχοδόμη [μ]νή[μ]ατα € N H · · · ·

Badar, (son) of Māsik, built memorials

We have emended the name in l. I to Βαδαρος which is a common name, whereas Βαδαιος does not occur. The reading οἰκοδόμη, as an imperfect, is based on no. 784, where this form is found. The restoration of ll. 4–5 is very uncertain. The last five letters in l. 4, as they appear in the copy, suggest, as the most obvious restoration for the whole, μνήματα. The letters in l. 5 are hard to explain. They may be part of a proper name, as Ενη (for Εννη), or Ενητος. On the other hand, the analogy of no. 784 suggests, as the proper emendation of these lines, [μ]νήματ(ος) ἕνη[να].

787¹⁴. Block. Built into the wall supporting the stairway of a house in the eastern part of the northern section of the village. Length 85 cm.; height 37 cm. The inscription was within a raised dovetailed frame; this frame has been carefully chipped off. Length of the frame, excluding the dovetails, 49 cm.; height 27 cm. Height of letters 3-5½ cm. Copied by Butler.



Inscr. 78714. Scale 1:10.

Αὐρ(ήλιος) Ζηνόβιος Σαγιου ώκοδόμησε τὸ μνημῖον * μ(υρίων) ,ασ ἐξ ἰδίω[ν, κὲ Νασεαθ γυνή μου.

Aurelius Zenobios, (son) of Shaghī, built the memorial for 11,200 denarii, at his own (expense), and Nashihat (or Nashi'at), my wife.

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The reading of the numeral in l. 4 presents some difficulty. The stroke which is shown clearly on the copy at the left of A leaves no doubt that this numeral is to be read as 1000. Accordingly the following C is, as would naturally be expected, 200. On the analogy of other inscriptions containing the symbol M (e. g. Wad. 1963, 1993, 1999 and our no. 787^{10}) this should be read $\mu(\nu \rho \nu \hat{\alpha} \partial \hat{\epsilon}_s)$ 1200. However, this sum seems altogether too large to have been the cost of a tomb, as this $\mu \nu n \mu \hat{\epsilon}_s \nu$ presumably was, and accordingly we have adopted the reading as above.

The name Σαγιος seems to occur in no. 786, and in the form Σαγιος in Wad. 2226; the Arabic form is well established. Νασεαθη is found in Wad. 2230, and a masculine Νασεαθος is perhaps to be restored in V. A. S. p. 176, no. 45; see Lidzbarski, Eph. 1, p. 331. Other instances occur of the exact transcription of the Arabic name with the omission of the Greek feminine ending, e. g. Βακραθ in no. 375.

WAĶM.

788. BLOCK. 316 A.D. Built into the wall of an ancient building, now a stable, which opens on the courtyard attached to a large house about the centre of the village; see Div. II. A. 7, p. 417. The stone is over a door on the north side of the court-yard, and is in situ. Length 95 cm.; height 45 cm. Height of letters 3–5 cm. Copied by Butler and Magie.

VITATIACCABI
NOVKAIPOVOINOV
EKTICOHOOIKOCEK
KOINHCAATTANHCTTA
CHCTHCKWMAIAANEZA
NAPOYKOUIKTOPOCKAI
CATOPNINOYTIETWA

Υπατίας Σαβίνου καὶ 'Ρουφίνου ἐκτίσθη ὁ οἶκος ἐκ κοινῆς θαπάνης πάσ(η)ς τῆς κώμ(ης) διὰ 'Αλεξάνθρου κ(αὶ) Οὐίκτορος καὶ Σατορνίλου πιστ[ῶν].

Inscr. 788. Scale 1:10.

In (the) consulship of Sabinus and Rufinus, the house was built at (the) common expense of all the village, through Alexandros and Victor and Saturnilus, pistoi. (316 A.D.)

Other inscriptions of the earlier part of the fourth century dated according to the consuls have been found in the Ledjā and the neighboring districts; see P. A. m, p. 267, to which should be added our nos. 669 of 350 A. D. (il-Kefr, dated also according to the era of Boṣrā) and 799¹ of 352 A. D. (Djedil). As Professor Brünnow has remarked (l. c.), the method of dating by the year of the emperor is not found in inscriptions of these regions after 295 A. D.; after this time the date is given by the consulship, but no example of consular dating has been found later than 356 A. D.

For Σατορνίλος, instead of Σατορνίνος, see no. 31. On the πιστοί see no. 611.

788¹. Lintel. 316-396 A.D. Over a doorway opening upon the same courtyard·Length 1.63 m.; height 33 cm. The face of the stone is much worn away, and the letters are hardly legible. Height of letters $3-5^{1}/_{2}$ cm, Copied by Magie.

ZANBOCKAI XOCEALCKAIKACCIC KAIKAI OAPEVAICKAI DAM OCKAI CAIA OHKAIMECA POCTICT COIKO

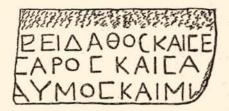
Inscr. 7881. Scale 1:10.

(Ξ)άν(θ)ος καὶ Χοσε(β)ις καὶ Κάσσις καὶ <παὶ> Θαρευδις καὶ Δαμος καὶ Σαιαθη καὶ Μέγαρος πιστ(οἰ) οἰκο[δόμοσιν ἤτο(υ)ς σ·α' (?) ἠπαρχίας.

Xanthos and Khushaib (?) and Cassius and Tarūd (?) and Daḥm (or Daʿm) and Shaiʿat and Megaros, pistoi, built (it) in (the) year 2.1 (?) of (the) province. (316-396 A.D.)

The reading $Xo\sigma_{\epsilon}(\beta)\iota_{\xi}$ is very uncertain, but there is a definitely established Arabic name $Khushaib\bar{a}n$, the shorter form of which, Khushaib, may be represented here. It may be akin to $Xo\sigma\betai\alpha_{\xi}$ and $Xo\sigma\betai\alpha_{\xi}$, found in Joseph. A. I. in 6, 10, § 141 and Suidas, s. v. $\Delta\alpha\mu\sigma_{\xi}$ seems to be for the common name $\Delta\alpha\mu\sigma_{\xi}$; ($\Delta\alpha\mu\sigma_{\xi}$ has been read in an inscription from il-Ghariyeh by MM. Dussaud and Macler, V.A.S. p. 205, n. 98, but the correctness of the reading has been questioned by Professor Lidzbarski, Eph. I, p. 335. The names $\Theta\alpha\mu\nu\sigma_{\xi}$ and $\Sigma\alpha\mu\sigma_{\eta}$ do not seem to be found elsewhere, but the whole inscription is so worn that we feel doubtful as to the correct reading of these, as well as the other names. $\Sigma\alpha\mu\sigma_{\eta}$ may represent the same name as the letters Γ alabel read by Fossey in an inscription from the Djōlân, B.C.H. XXI (1897), p. 41, no. 8; in spite of the apparently feminine form, which our copy shows, the name must be a masculine, since a woman was hardly included among the $\pi\iota\sigma\tau\sigma$. On the $\pi\iota\sigma\tau\sigma$ see no. 611.

7882. Fragments. Built into the southern wall of the house to which is attached the stable where nos. 788 and 7881 were found. Both fragments are broken at the sides and at the bottom; frg. A is chipped at the top, but no letters have been cut away, so that we have the first line of the inscription. Length of frg. A 51 cm., of frg. B 381/2 cm.; height of frg. A 25 cm., of frg. B 22-231/2 cm. Height of letters 4-6 cm. Copied by Magie.





Inscr. 7882. Frg. A. Scale 1:10.

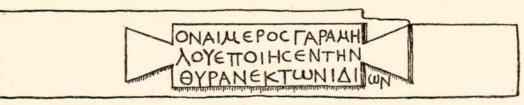
Inscr. 7882. Frg. B. Scale 1:10.

Ο](σ)ειδαθος καὶ Σε[ου]ῆρος καὶ (Α)[β-γαρος καὶ Σα[τ]ορνῖλος κ[αὶ Αυμος καὶ $M[\alpha i]$ ο[ρ] πιστοὶ . .

Usaidat and Severus and Abgar and Saturnilus and Aum and Maior, pistoi,

The inscription is evidently of the same character as the preceding. We have read Οσειδαθος on the analogy of the feminine forms in nos. 73 and 485; for shorter forms of the same name see no. 509. On Σατορνίλος see no. 788. On the πιστοί see no. 611.

7883. LINTEL. Built into the same wall, west of 788^2 A and B. Length 1.38 m.; height $23^{1}/_{2}$ cm. The inscription is on a raised dovetailed plate. Length of the plate, exclusive of the dovetails, 50 cm.; height $16^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Height of letters $3-3^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Copied by Magie.



Inscr. 7883. Scale 1:10.

Οναιμερος Γαραμηλου ἐποίησεν τὴν θύραν ἐκ τῶν ἰδίων.

Unaimir, (son) of Garamel, made the door at his own (expense).

On Γαραμηλος see nos. 35 and 638. The name Οναιμερος does not seem to be found elsewhere.

7884. BLOCK. Found in a stable in the northeastern part of the village. It serves as the springer of an arch. Length 82 cm.; height 42 cm. The inscription is in a raised dovetailed frame. Length of the frame, excluding the dovetails, 37 cm.; height 33 cm. Height of letters $2^{1/9}-5$ cm. Copied by Butler.



Inscr. 7884. Scale 1:10.

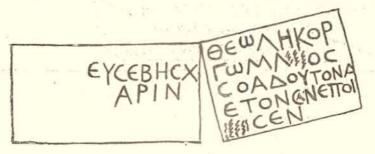
Κόμοδος
Πακάτου
καὶ Βανενα (?)
γυνὰ καὶ Μάξιμος ἀδελφὸ[ς
ἔκτισαν εὕνο[οι
τὸ μνημίον
κ]ἐ (ἡρ)δον (?).
'Ανά(λ)[ω]μα
.... δηναρ]ίω[ν (?).

Commodus, (son) of Pacatus, and Banīna (or perhaps Bunaina) (his) wife and Maximus (his) brother built in affection the memorial and heroon (?). The cost (was) denarii.

The name Βανένη occurs on a stele found near Boṣrā; see R. B. II (1905), p. 602, no. 13 and Lidzbarski, Eph. II, p. 335. The expression εὔνοοι, if our reading be correct, is a variation on the expression εὖνοίας χάριν.

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789. BLOCK. Found about the centre of the southern section of the ruins. It was built into a wall of late construction in the ruins of a small building; see Div. II. A. 7, p. 218. The inscription is on the end and the left side of the block. Width of the end 37 cm.; height 27 cm.; length of the block 50 cm. Height of letters $2^{1}/_{2}$ -6 cm. Copied by Magie



Inscr. 789. Scale 1:10.

Θεῷ Ληκόργῷ Μ(α)[ν]ος
Σοαθου τὸν ἀετὸν ἐνεποίη]σεν,
εὐσεβῆς χάριν.

For (the) God Lykourgos, Man, (son) of Suad, put in the eagle as a mark of piety.

In the interpretation of this inscription the first problem is the significance of ἀετός. The question arises at once as to whether it is to be taken literally as a stone eagle, or whether it denotes, as so often in Greece, the pediment of a building, in this case the shrine of the god. It seems clear that the Syriac word nesrâ, like the Greek ἀετός and ἀέτωμα, was used to designate the pediment of a building, especially a temple; see Clermont-Ganneau, R. A. O. VII (1906), p. 382 f. This fact, combined with the common Greek usage, might be considered a reason for maintaining that the word

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deτός is used in this sense here. Unfortunately, no clue can be obtained from the verb, for the compound ἐμποιεῖν might denote the process either of building in a pediment, or of putting an eagle into a recess. It seems equally impossible to base any conclusion on the appearance of the stone itself. The extension of the inscription to the left side of the block, instead of to the right as one would expect, seems to show that the latter side was in, or against, a wall, but its position might have been either at a corner of the building below the pediment, or at the corner of the base of a votive-offering, one side of which was in a recess or against a wall. On the other hand, the smallness of the letters makes it evident that the stone was near the ground. This points to the belief that it supported a votive-offering, rather than that it recorded the construction of a pediment. The fact that eagles are common as votive-offerings (v. inf.) would strengthen this belief, and it seems to us highly probable that ἀετός, as used here, denotes a stone or bronze figure of an eagle dedicated to the god.

This inscription has a close parallel in an inscription from Dêr idj-Djūwânī (no. 801³) reading: Θεῷ Ληκούργῳ Μανος Σοαθου τὰν Νείκην εὐσεβτζ(ς) χά[ρτν[ἐποίησεν. The name of the donor is identical in both inscriptions, and the fact that both contain the same erroneous formula of dedication and similar mis-spellings of the god's name, makes it evident that the same man dedicated both objects. The distance between Khurēbât and Deridj-Djūwânī is short enough to permit the supposition that one of the stones has been carried from one settlement to the other, and the fact that Khurēbât has long been uninhabited and has evidently been used as a stone-quarry strengthens this hypothesis. On the other hand, other inscriptions from Dêr idj-Djūwânī mention a dedication to a god and a building erected by a ἱερεύς (nos. 801⁶ and 801¹), and hence it seems more probable that the god Lykourgos had temples in both places, and that Maʿn dedicated a votive-offering in each. The god is known, furthermore, from a fragmentary inscription from Hebrân (no. 663), reading Θ]εῷ Λυκούργω and giving the correct spelling of the name. The combined testimony of the three stones makes evident that a deity named Lykourgos was worshipped in at least two places in the Djebel Ḥaurân and Ledjā.

The evidence of these inscriptions agrees strikingly with the statement of Nonnos that there was a cult of Lykourgos in Arabia; see Dionysiaka xx 180 f. and xx1 155 f. This statement is made in connection with the relation of the myth of the conflict between Dionysos and king Lykourgos, and the overthrow of the latter (Dionys. xx-xx1). The myth, as here related, represents Lykourgos as ruler in Nysa, as in the generally current version, but locates Nysa, not in Thrace, but in Arabia. Lykourgos is described, sometimes as son of Ares, sometimes as son of Dryas, and as a μιαιφένος ἀνάρ who kills strangers at the altar of Zeus Xenios; the poet then adds, without much apparent connection: βιαζόμενοι δε πολίται / άντι Διός σπεύδοντο θυηπολέειν Λυκοόργω (xx 180 f.). The narrative then proceeds to tell how this Lykourgos attacked Dionysos on his triumphal progress to India, and forced him to take refuge in the sea, but was finally overcome by becoming entangled in a vine, into which the nymph Ambrosia was changed. Lykourgos then succumbed to Dionysus, but Hera rescued him, ὅπως ἐναρίθμιος εἴη / άθανάτοις· "Αραβες δε πολυκνίσσων έπὶ βωμών, / ώς θεόν, υἶα Δρύαντος ἐμειλίξαντο θυηλαῖς, / ἀντί Διωνύσοιο μελιρραθάμιτγγος όπώρης / λύθρον έπισπένδοντες άβακχεύτω Λυκοόργω (XXI 155 f.). Zeus, however, punishes the presumptuous Lykourgos with blindness.

In this narrative the poet seems to have combined two things — the well-known myth dealing with the conflict between the king Lykourgos and Dionysos, and the Publications of the Princeton University Archaeological Expeditions to Syria, Div. III, Sec. A, Pt. 7.

description of an Arabian Lykourgos-cult, in which libations of blood were customary. The transference to Arabia of the conflict and the subsequent blinding of Lykourgos is not the innovation of Nonnos, but goes back to a much earlier period; see Diodoros III 65,7: τῶν δὲ ποιητῶν τινες, ὧν ἔστι καὶ ἀντίμαχος (apparently Antimachos of Kolophon), ἀποραίνονται τὸν Λυκοῦργον οὐ Θράκης ἀλλὰ τῆς ἀραβίας γεγονέναι βασιλέα, καὶ τῷ τε Διονύσω καὶ ταῖς βάκχαις τὴν ἐπίθεσιν ἐν τῷ κατὰ τὴν ἀραβίαν Νύση πεποιῆσθαι.

The localisation of the myth in these regions appears also in two etymological stories in which the name of the city of Damascus is derived, in the one case, from Askos, a giant who fought with Lykourgos against Dionysos, in the other, from the wine-skin (2006), with the contents of which the god overcame his adversary; see Steph. Byz. s. v. Δαμασεές and Damascius in Phot. Bibl. 242, p. 348 Bekker. In view of the wide-spread fame of Antimachos and the great influence of his poetry, it may be inferred that his version of the myth became popular in the Hellenistic period and found its way into the works of the later writers. To Nonnos it gave an opportunity of connecting the actual cult in Arabia of a deity called Lykourgos with the classic myth of Dionysos' combat with his opponent of this name. This procedure is thoroughly in accordance with the aetiological method of the Alexandrian poets, as well as with Nonnos' manner of introducing into his epic reminiscences of contemporary customs and ceremonies (see Christ-Schmid, G. L. G. II, p. 782 f.), and there is no reason for supposing any real connection, hostile or otherwise, between this deity and the god Dionysus.

Nevertheless, the episode as related by Nonnos has served as the means for an identification of the Arabian Lykourgos with the Nabataean deity Shais al-Kaum; see Clermont-Ganneau R. A. O. IV (1901), p. 396 f. M. Clermont-Ganneau bases his argument on an inscription from Palmyra, which records a dedication made by a Nabataean to Shai' al-Kaum (Littmann, J. A. xvIII (1901), p. 383 f.). Among the epithets applied to the god is די לא שתא חמר 'he who drinks no wine'. On the basis of this epithet, taken in combination with the biblical tradition of abstinence from wine on the part of the Kenite Rechabites (Jeremiah xxxv 6 f.) and the statement of Diodoros (XIX 94) that the Nabataeans drink no wine, M. Clermont-Ganneau contrasts this deity with the god Dusares, regarded as the Arabian equivalent of Dionysos, and infers the existence among the Nabataeans of two "dieux antinomiques, pour ne pas dire antagonistes; un Dusarès nettement bacchique, et un Shais al-Kaum non moins nettement anti-bacchique". Then, assuming that the myth as contained in Nonnos has a real connection with the Arabian deity Lykourgos, he identifies the "anti-bacchic" Shai' al-Kaum with the god Lykourgos, whose cult is described by Nonnos, and who is honored in the inscription from Hebran.

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Unfortunately, there is no means of ascertaining whether Lykourgos is to be regarded as an importation from Europe, or, on the other hand, as a native deity who received a Greek name after the influx of Hellenism in the fourth century B. C., and who, prior to this time, had an Arabic name or was perhaps merely known as the god of the locality or even of some individual (see no. 793). The former alternative is supported by the apparently well established tradition that there was a cult of Lykourgos on Pangaion in Thrace, in which he was associated with Dionysos; see Eurip. Rhes. 973 and Strab. p. 471. It might be supposed that this cult was carried from Thrace to Arabia, perhaps even that the veteran who set up the votive-offering at Ḥebrân may have been a Thracian. On the other hand, the purely Semitic names on the stones from Khurēbât and Dêr idj-Djūwânī suggest that the god is a native deity who had received a Greek name.

The objects dedicated in these two inscriptions are the usual dedications made to to the local deities throughout these regions. Under the influence of Hellenism these gods, which were commonly regarded as sun-gods, began to receive the attributes, and even the name, of Zeus. Chief among these attributes was the eagle, which, as the emblem of the deity, was placed on coins and was employed as part of the ornamention or dedicated as a votive-offering in many a temple; see Dussaud, R. A. I (1903), pp. 130 f. and 369 f., Ronzevalle, Mél. de la Fac. Or. de Beyrouth, v (1912), pp. 11* f. and 35* f., and Div. II. A. p. 378 (Sî'), p. 416 (Mdjêdil), and p. 436 (Djisreh). Statues of Victory, as commemorated in the inscription from Dêr idj-Djūwânî, were similarly dedicated to the various deities more or less assimilated to Zeus. Thus at iṣ-Ṣanamên, according to two inscriptions (see no. 6553), a νίκη and νικάδια were dedicated to Zeus Kyrios, the Hellenised Ba'al of the locality. At il-Haiyât, where, apparently, a similar Zeus-Ba'al was worshipped, (see Wad. 2097) a νίκη was presented as a votiveoffering; see Wad. 2099 = A. A. E. S. III 364 c. At Ba albek there was a votive statua Victoriae auro illuminata; see C. I. L. III 14386 d. At Beirût statues of Νίκη served as the acroteria of the temple, and they appear elsewhere holding the solar disk, the emblem of the sun-god; see Dussaud, l. c. p. 138. The same close association is also expressed by a relief on an altar at Rome, where the Palmyrene god Sol-Malakbel is represented as being crowned by a νίχη; see C. I. L. VI 710. Accordingly, as far as any inference can be draw from the character of these votive offerings, the conception of Lykourgos was similar to that of the Hellenised Ba'als worshipped in the various localities of these regions.

KHARSAH.

790. BLOCK. Found in the southern part of the town. The stone is over the door of a *medâfeh* attached to the public lounging-place. Length 95 cm.; height 52 cm. The inscription is in a raised dovetailed frame. Length of frame 43 cm.; height 36 cm. The surface of the stone is badly weathered and many letters are completely obliterated. Height of letters $2^{1}/_{2}-3^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Copied by Butler and Magie.



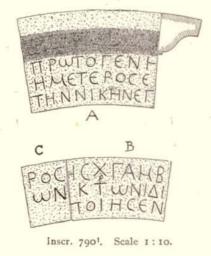
Ασσαρος Ραεσου
Τ[α]ν[ενο]υ (?) ΒΟΝ . ΤΟ
ΙΜ . . . [ί]δίο(ι)ς ἀν[αλώμα]σιν
τὸ μ[νημεῖο]ν ὅλο]ν ἀνέθηκεν μνη(μ)[ο]σύνης ἕνεκεν

Inscr. 790. Scale 1:10.

Ash'ar, (son) of Ra'īs, (the son) of Thānin, at (his) own expense erected the whole memorial for the sake of remembrance . . .

The block evidently came from a tomb, but nothing but this fact and the name of the builder can be gotten from the inscription. Arrapos is found in the form Arapos in nos. 392 and 409, Passos occurs in Wad. 2203 a and in the list of soldiers from Ashmunên, Cat. gén. des Ant. Égypt. du Musée du Caire, J. G. Milne, Greek Inscrs. (Oxford 1905), p. 25 f., no. 9296. On Taxevos see no. 778.

790¹. Voussotrs. Three voussoirs once side by side in an ancient arch. They were said to have been taken from a well built structure in the centre of the village, which has a square arched niche, facing north. The voussoirs were probably over the niche. Block A was in the arch of the public lounging-place; blocks B and C were in an arch in a new building near the centre of the town. Height of block A 16¹/2 cm.; width 33¹/2 cm.; height of blocks B and C 15¹/2 cm.; width of B at base 24¹/2 cm., ot C 10¹/2 cm. Copied by Butler in 1905.



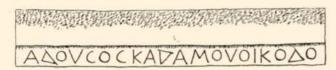
Πρωτογένης, (έκατόνταρχος), γαμβρός ήμέτερος, έκ τῶν ἰδίων τὴν Νίκην ἐποίησεν.

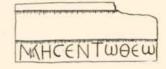
Protogenes, centurion, our kinsman by marriage, made the (statue of) Victory at his own (expense).

The statue doubtless stood in the niche from which the voussoirs seem to have been taken.

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790³. Blocks. Two blocks found in different portions of the town, but apparently containing parts of the same inscription. Block A was found in the western part of the town, and was serving as the lintel of the entrance to a courtyard. Block B is built into the wall of a courtyard in the southern part of the town, directly north of the public lounging-place; it is upside down. Length of A 1.64 m., of B 74 cm.; height of the blocks 30 cm. The inscription is on a band, which is below a moulding; on A the moulding has been cut away. Height of letters $5^1/_9$ -9 cm. Block A was copied by Butler, B by Magie.





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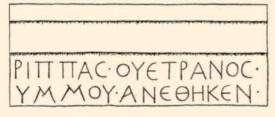
Inscr. 7902 B. Scale 1:20.

Αδουσος Καδαμου οίχοδόμησεν τῷ θεῷ.

Adus (?), (son) of Kadam, built (it) for the god.

The name Adoutes does not seem to be found elsewhere, either in the Greek or the Arabic form, but Arabic names formed from the same root are common, e. g. 'Udus, 'Udas, 'Addas.

790⁸. Cap of a pier. Found in a room opening on a roof above a courtyard situated about forty feet east of the courtyard in which no. 790⁸ B was found. The stone faces north. Height 27 cm.; length 68 cm. The inscription is on a band beneath a moulding. Height of letters $3^{1}/_{2}-4^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Copied by Magie.



Inscr. 7903. Scale 1:10.

'Αγ]ρίππας οὐετρανὸς Σο]ύμ.μου ἀνέθηκεν.

Agrippa, a veteran, (son) of Summus, dedicated (it).

7904. FRAGMENT. Found in the southern part of the town a few yards northeast of the courtyard in which no. 7903 was found. The stone is in the east wall of a tower and is close to the ground. Height 34 cm.; width $9^1/_2-14$ cm. Height of letters $4^1/_2-6$ cm. Copied by Magie.

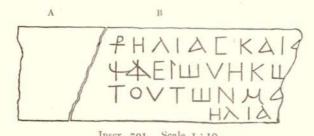


 This is evidently a fragment of an inscription which recorded the erection of some building and specified the cost. We have read the latter as in no. 787^{14} , rather than in the normal way, as $\mu(\nu\rho\nu\alpha\partial\varepsilon)$ φ' seems too large an amount to have been expended on the building into which a stone of this character was built.

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791. Fragments. Fragments, apparently of a lintel, found lying on the ground just outside the southeast corner of the ruins. Frg. A, the left end of the stone, is uninscribed, frg. B contains the left end of the inscription; the break at the right end of frg. B was quite fresh, but the right end of the stone could not be found. Length of frg. A 13¹/₂-23 cm., of frg. B 51-55¹/₂ cm.; height 25 cm. Height of letters 4-4¹/₂ cm. ll. 1-3, 3-3¹/₂ cm. in l. 3. Copied by Magie.

Waddington, no. 2436.



- Ἡλίας Καια[μωυ τῶν Χαειωυ ἀκω[δώμεσεν τοῦτων μα[ρτίρον "Αγις Ἡλία[ς.

Elias, (son) of Kaiyām, of the (sons) of Kaiy (?) (or Ka'akhīh), built this chapel (of) St. Elias.

Line 2: + ΔΕΙШ V x. τ. λ., Wad.

In Waddington's time the stone was intact, and the restorations are made from his copy. The stone was then in situ "sur la porte d'une petite église antique, qui a servi plus tard de mosquée, mais qui est restée a peu près intacte".

At the beginning of 1. 2, Waddington read $[\Delta]\alpha$ iw, noting with regard to the first letter, that it is "si mal faite qu'on ne sait pas trop quelle valeur lui attribuer". The character in question is hardly more easy to interpret in our copy than in Waddington's, but it seems to us to resemble X more than anything else, and we believe accordingly that $X\alpha$ wo, or perhaps $X\lambda$ siw, should be read. These seems to be little warrant for the reading Σ suggested by Gildemeister; see Z. D. P.–V. XI (1888), p. 45. For other instances of the mention of the family or clan see the commentary to no. 160. On the cult of St. Elias in Syria see no. 783° .

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792. ALTAR. 140 A.D. Found in a courtyard immediately south of an ancient tower in the centre of the village. The entrance to the courtyard is under the tower. Height of the altar 1.07 m.; width of the cap 38 cm. The inscription is partly on a bevel above the die and partly on a raised dovetailed plate on the die. Height of

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the plate 24 cm.; width $21^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Height of letters on the bevel $2^{1}/_{2}$ -5 cm., on the die $3-3^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Copied by Magie.

Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 141, no. 73.



"Ετους γ' 'Αντωνί(ν)ου. (Γ)αφαλος Αμερου ἐπόησεν τἤ 'Αταργάτης.

In (the) 3d year of Antoninus. Gahfal, (son) of Amir, made (it) for Atargatis. (140 A.D.)

Line 1: TWNIOE, Ewing.

Line 2: TOVEFAN, Ewing.

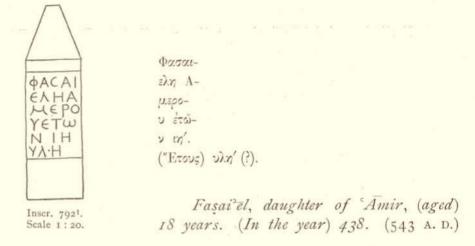
Line 3: FADAA, Ewing.

Line 4: /ATAPF, Ewing.

Messrs. Wright and Souter, in interpreting Ewing's copy, were misled by the incorrect spelling of the name of the emperor, and did not perceive that the first line of letters on the bevel is the continuation of l. 2. The date is not an early one for this part of the Ledjā, for a stone from il-Ahreh (Wad. 2437 = Ewing, p. 151, no. 94) is dated in this same year, while another stone from il-Ahreh (Ewing, p. 150, no. 89), as well as two altars from Msêkeh (nos. 795⁷ and 795⁸) are dated in the principate of Hadrian.

In 1. 3 we have followed Ewing's copy in reading Γαραλος, since this is a common name, whereas Σαραλος does not seem to occur. The erroneous dative form 'Αταργάτης is confirmed by Ewing's copy.

792¹. Stele. 543 A.D.(?) Found at the base of a wall on the eastern side of the village. Height 1.02¹/₂ m.; width 29 cm. The top is pointed. The face is well finished. Height of letters 5-9 cm. Copied by Butler.



On the name Φασακλη see no. 210. The record of the date is unusual on a stele, and the omission of Έτους is also uncommon, but it is hard to explain the letters in 1. 6 in any other way than as a date.

792². LINTEL. Over the door of a building in the southwest part of the village, now used for storing straw. Length 1.62 m.; height 35¹/₂ cm. The stone is broken at the right end. There were originally three crosses on the face of the stone, but those at the centre and the right end have been erased. Height of letters 7¹/₂-11 cm.; height of the extant cross 14 cm. Copied by Magie.



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A $(\varkappa \alpha i)$ Ω . A $(\varkappa \alpha i)$ $[\Omega]$.

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793. LINTEL. 213 (?) A. D. Over the entrance to a courtyard in the eastern part of the village, and about 100 metres south of the large church; see Div. II. A. 7, p. 419. When Waddington saw the stone, it was "devant la porte de l'église", and this was confirmed by the natives who said that the block had been brought from the church. The stone is broken at the top and at the right corner. At the left end of the face is a roughly incised cross, which was doubtless added when the block was used in the construction of the church. Length $1.37^{1}/_{2}$ m.; height at the left end $27^{1}/_{2}$ cm., at the right end $24^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Height of letters $4-8^{1}/_{2}$ cm.; height of the cross $17^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Copied by Magie.

Wetzstein, no. 114; Waddington, no. 2455 = I. G. R. III 1146; Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 140, no. 70; cf. Dussaud and Macler, M. S. M., p. 242.

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TOKOLNONA FPAINHCETTOIHCENOWAYMOVAIA AYP TOKOLNONA FPAINHCETTOIHCENOWAYMOVAIA AYP TAATWNOCB APB A POVKAI A BO V NOVXAI PANO IEPOTAMEWN

Inscr. 793. Scale 1:20.

"Ετους (κ)α' κυρίου Μ(άρκου) Αὐρ(ηλιου) 'Αντ[ωνείνου Σεβ(αστοῦ) τὸ κοινὸν Αγραινης ἐποίησεν Θ(ε)ῷ Αυμου, διὰ Δὐρ(ηλίου) Πλάτωνος Βαρβάρου καὶ Αβούνου Χαιρανο(υ) ἱεροταμέὧν.

In (the) 21st (?) year of (our) lord Marcus Aurelius Antoninus Augustus, the Community of Agraina constructed (this) for (the) God of Aum through the agency of Aurelius Platon, (son) of Barbaros, and Abūn, (son) of Khairān, temple-treasurers. (213 A.D.)

Line 1: ETOYCI//AKVPIOV, Wetzstein; ETOVCIAKVPIOVMAVPANTO///N///, Wad.; ETOVCI/AKVPIOV///A, Ewing.

The changing of the name of this village has given rise to considerable confusion. Wetzstein and Waddington knew the place, which was then uninhabited, as Djrên, evidently a corruption of Appana, the ancient name, which is preserved in this and the following inscriptions. On the other hand, MM. Dussaud and Macler point out that these stones, in spite of the mention of Appana, are not at Djrên, but at Lubbên. The present Druse inhabitants, on being questioned about the name of the place, said that the old name of the village was indeed Djrên, but that their fathers who settled here were told by the Bedawin that the name of the ruins was Lubbên, and that they accordingly adopted this name. Afterwards, when they settled the neighboring ruined village (now Djrên), they learned that this had the name of Lubbên, but having utilised this name already, they gave to the new settlement the name which they then learned was the true name of their own village.

The correct date of this stone has been the subject of some discussion, due to the fact that the following inscription records a dedication to the same god made by the community through the agency of the same men, and clearly dated in the year 233 A.D. Accordingly, Wetzstein, who did not succeed in deciphering the name of the emperor, assumed that 'Αλεξάνδρου was to be restored in l. I, and that the date of the inscription was 232 A.D. Waddington, on the other hand, reading M(άρχου) Αὐρ(ηλίου) 'Aντ[ωνεί |νο[ν], dated the inscription in 208, the eleventh year of Caracalla reckoned from 198, when the tribunician power seems to have been bestowed on him. To this date, however, there are two objections. The first, raised by Professor Brünnow (P. A. III, p. 324), is that the same men are named as acting for the community in no. 7931, and that therefore the interval between the two inscriptions could not have been as long as twenty-five years. The second is that in 208 Septimius Severus was still alive and was leaving Rome with Caracalla and Geta to take the command of the operations in Britain, and hence it is most improbable that the name of Caracalla alone should be used in dating. Professor Brünnow holds that the emperor is not Caracalla but Severus Alexander, and that accordingly the date is 232, a year prior to that of no. 7931.

But there is no evidence that the name Antoninus was ever borne by Alexander, and from the testimony of the various copies it is clear that this name, and not 'Aleξάνδρου was contained in 1. 1. Therefore, since the shortness of Elagabalus' rule precludes him, the only possible emperors are Marcus Aurelius and Caracalla. Messrs. Wright and Souter did, indeed, act on the supposition that it is the former who is meant here, but any such possibility is, of course, precluded by the evidence of no. 7931. Accordingly, the stone must be dated in the reign of Caracalla. There was, however, considerable divergence and confusion in the computation of the years of this emperor. It was observed by Wilmanns (Exempla Inscr. Lat. p. 519) that in several inscriptions the tribunician years seem to be reckoned from 197, when Caracalla was Imperator destinatus. However, it has since been shown by Mommsen (St. R. 118, p. 801, n. 3) that so many errors appear in the computation of Caracalla's tribunician years, as they appear in inscriptions, that no conclusion can be drawn from the observation of Wilmanns. On the other hand, on Alexandrian coins and in Egyptian inscriptions and papyri, the years of Caracalla are reckoned continuously, not from 198, but from 193, the beginning of the rule of Severus; see Eckhel, D. N. IV 82 f., Dittenberger I. S. O. G. 209, and B. G. U. 64, 275 et pass. The question at once arises whether this method was used in Syria also, at least in non-official inscriptions, but the reading uz gives the year 203 as the date, which is, of course, open to the same objections as 208. It will be noticed, however, that on all the copies except Waddington's there is an indication of a blur or of an obliterated letter immediately after the stroke which represents the first letter of the date. We are therefore inclined to believe that KA, not IA, is the correct reading. This date, of course, cannot be reckoned from 198, since Caracalla was killed in 217, but could be reckoned from 197, did it seem justifiable to base a computation on the observation made by Wilmanns. It seems to us more reasonable, however, to suppose that the same method of dating the years of Caracalla is used here as in the Egyptian documents, and that accordingly the date is 213. This year, while not altogether free from the objection raised by Professor Brünnow, since it presupposes an interval of twenty years between the present inscription and no. 7931, is at least not open to the objection that the name of Severus should be included.

The deity known as the Θεὸς Αυμου was worshipped, not only at Lubbên, according to the testimony of this inscription and no. 793¹, but also at other places in the Ledjā and the immediate neighborhood. The most important seat of this cult was probably at Dêr il-Leben, where a number of inscriptions recording dedications to him were found in the large temenos; see Wad. 2392-2395. He was worshipped also at Harrân (no. 794), at Dâmit il-ʿAlyā (nos. 800² and 800⁻), and apparently at ʿÂhireh (Wad. 2441 = Ewing, P. E. F., 1895, p. 149, no. 88). It was formerly supposed that the form Αυμου was the actual name of the god with the characteristic Nabataean ending ou, but it was shown by Nöldeke that the name was in the genitive and that the expression signified the 'god of ʿAum', the god not being otherwise characterized; see Nöldeke C. I. S. II 176. Nöldeke also pointed out that there were various Nabataean analogies.

Other deities, similarly characterized only by the addition of a proper name in the genitive, were worshipped in various places in these regions. Thus a Θ $\delta \delta \xi$ Maleixabov was worshipped at Djedil (no. 799) and at Sûr (Ewing, P. E. F., 1895, p. 136, no. 61 = I. G. R. III 1143); a Θ $\delta \delta \xi$ Ovagalabov at Atîl (Wad. 2374 and 2374 a = C. I. G.

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4609 and add. p. 1181 = I. G. R. III 1238); a Θ eòş [A] μ epov at il-Gharîyeh esh-Sherkîyeh (Dussaud and Macler, V. A. S., p. 205, no. 96); a Θ eòş 'Apxerilàzov at Frîkyā (C. I. G. 4464 + 9899 = Wad. 1834 = A. A. E. S. III 242); and a Θ eòş Γεννέα is honoured in an inscription now in the Louvre (Clermont-Ganneau, R. A. O. V (1903), p. 160).

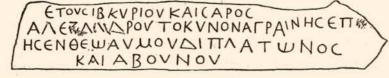
In all these instances the god was called by no name of his own, but was merely designated as the god of some individual, and under this designation received the worship of both communities and individuals; see Clermont-Ganneau, E. A. O. II (1897), p. 33 and R. A. O. v (1903), p. 160 f. It would seem, then, that the cults of these "nameless gods" arose from the Semitic custom of avoiding the bestowal of a definite name on a deity and of regarding him and referring to him as the god of a certain person or tribe or of a definite place. In these cases the use of a man's name seems analogous to the designation of Jahveh as the 'God of Abraham', 'God of Israel', etc. In some cases, the "nameless god" seems to have remained the object of a private cult, but generally he was worshipped by the community and dedications were made to him by the xoxxiv. Evidently, as was the case with the 'God of Abraham', the "nameless god" of an individual became the god of the tribe or the community. Thus, according to these inscriptions, the cult at Lubbên was a public one, and this was also the case at Dâmit il-Alyā. Moreover, the great temenos at Dêr il-Leben was evidently a generally recognized and much frequented sanctuary. The cult of the Θεός Μαλειχαθού at Sûr was also a public one. On the other hand, the Θεός Ουασαιαθου at Atîl and the Θεός 'Αρχεσιλάου at Frîkyā are characterized by the dedicator as his Θεός Πατρώος.

Gradually the tendency seems to have developed, as in the case of purely local Ba als (see no. 789), to assimilate a "nameless god" to a more generally recognized deity. This is certainly the case with regard to the Θεὸς Αυμου, who is honoured in the inscriptions at Dêr il-Leben as Ζεὺς ἀνίκητος "Ηλιος Θεὸς Αυμου and "Ηλιος Θεὸς Αυμου.

The name Abounds seems to occur only here and in no. 793^1 . Xaipanns is found in no. 793^9 and in A. A. E. S. III 370; the form Xaipos is common.

793¹. LINTEL. 233 A.D. Over the door of a house immediately south of the same church. The stone faces east. Length 1.98 m.; height 35 cm. Height of letters 4–8 cm. Copied by Magie.

Wetzstein, no. 116; Waddington, no. 2456 = I. G. R. III 1147; Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 139, no. 69 cf. Dussaud and Macler, M. S. M. p. 242.



Inscr. 7931. Scale 1:20.

"Ετους ιβ' κυρίου Καίσαρος 'Αλεξάνθρου τὸ κυνὸν Αγραινης ἐπ[όησεν Θεῷ Αυμου δι(ὰ) Πλάτωνος καὶ Αβουνου.

In (the) 12th year of (our) lord Caesar Alexander the Community of Agraina

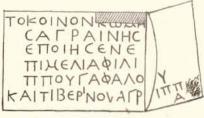
constructed (this) for (the) God of 'Aum through the agency of Platon and 'Abūn. (233 A.D.)

Line 2: ΑΛΕ-ΔΙΝΡ V Χ. τ. λ. ΕΠV, Wetzstein; ΑΛΕΣΑΝΔΡΟΝ Χ. τ. λ. ΕΠ, Wad.; ΑΛΕΡΑΝΣΥΟΥ Χ. τ. λ. ΕΝΠ, Ewing.

The name of the Emperor was evidently erased in ancient times. For the names of the god and the builders see the commentary to no. 793.

 793° . Voussoir. Built into the entrance of the same church. It is the lowest voussoir on the north side, and immediately over the cap of the pier. Length $75^{1}/_{2}$ cm.; height $52^{1}/_{2}$ cm. The right end of the top of the face has been cut away. The last two lines of the inscription are continued around on the right end of the block. Height of letters, which are deeply cut, 4–6 cm. Copied by Magie.

Wetzstein, no. 115 = Waddington 2457 a; Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 139, n. 68; Dussaud and Macler M. S. M. p. 242.



Inscr. 7932. Scale 1:20.

Τὸ κοινὸν κώμης Αγραινης
ἐποίησεν ἐπιμελία Φιλίππου Γαφαλου
καὶ Τιβερίνου 'Αγρίππα.

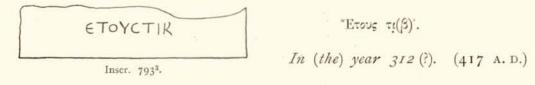
The Community of (the) village of Agraina made (it) under (the) supervision of Philippos, (son) of Gahfal, and Tiberinus, (son) of Agrippa.

Line 1: TOKOINON z. T. A., Wetzstein; TOK/INOKI z. T. A., Ewing.

Line 6: ΤΙΒΕΡΝΟΥΑΓΥ ΠΙΠΑ, Wetzstein; ΤΙΒΕΡΝΟΥΑΓΥ, and on the end of the block ΥΠ ΠΙΑ, Ewing; ΤΙΒΕΡΝΟΥ, D. and M.

Wetzstein's conjecture in l. 6, $\text{Tibe}[i] \circ \cup \text{Ap}[\rho i\pi] \pi \alpha$ was questioned by Messrs. Wright and Souter, who were unable, however, to propose any other restoration of the last name. MM. Dussaud and Macler, on the basis of their reading, observed that $\text{Tibe}[i] \circ \cup$ could not be read, and compared the name as read by them with $\text{Tibe}[i] \circ \cup$ which is found in C. I. G. 8609 = Wad. 2158.

7933. Beam. 417 A. D. (?). Over the apse of the same church. The stone was so far above the ground that no measurements could be made. The letters are very faint. Copied by Magie.



7934. BLOCK. Built into the wall of a high building, resembling a tower, a few

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metres southwest of the same church. The stone is in one of the lower courses, and faces east. Length $1.65^{1}/_{2}$ m.; height $38^{1}/_{2}$ cm. The inscription is in two dovetailed frames formed by incised lines and placed side by side. The last line of the right dovetail has been cut away, and a name inscribed afresh. Height of letters 3–5 cm. Copied by Magie.

Wetzstein, no. 113; Waddington, no. 2457; Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 139, no. 67; cf. Dussaud and Macler, M. S. M. p. 242.



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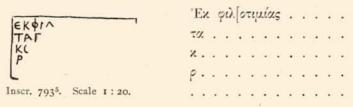
Τὸ κυνὸν Γραινης:
Βερνικιανὸ(ς) Συμμάχου, Σαμσου Εισεου,
Νιδρος Ἡρόδου,
Αβδος Οὐιταλίου,
Μάξιμος Τ . . . ,
Βερνικιαν[ὸς . . . ,
Αμερος Α . . . ,
Πρόκλο[ς ,
Σύμαχος ,

The Community of Graina: Berenikianos, (son) of Symmachos, Shams, (son) of \overline{Isa} (?), Nidhr, (son) of Herodes, 'Abd, (son) of Vitalius, Maximus, (son) of T...., Berenikianos, (son) of ..., 'Amir, (son) of A..., Proklos, (son) of ..., Symachos, (son) of

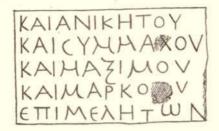
Line 3: CAMEOV, Wad.; CAMCOV, Ewing. Line 4: APAOC, Wad., Ewing.

Γραινα is probably another form of the name of the village, rather than an error for Αγραινα. It seems like a transition from the form Αγραινα to the modern Djrên. The change from Αδραα to Der'a is somewhat similar. In l. 2 we have read Σαμσου ('sun') with Ewing; for kindred forms see nos. 60 and 8034. For Εισεος see no. 668. Νιδρος occurs also in nos. 7939 and 79310.

793⁵. Block. Built into the wall of a house about 25 metres northeast of the same church. The stone is at the right of the door of the house and is lying on its face, so that only the upper left corner could be read without demolishing the wall. Length of the block 65 cm.; height 32¹/₂ cm. Height of letters, which are well executed, 3¹/₂-6 cm. Copied by Magie.



7936. BLOCK. Built into the outside wall of the same house, about 25 metres northeast of the same church. The stone is at the left of the door of the house and faces south. Length 51 cm.; height 30 cm. Height 31/9-7 cm. Copied by Magie.



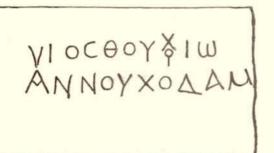
καὶ 'Ανικήτου καὶ Συμμάχου καὶ Μαξίμου καὶ Μάρκου ἐπιμελητοῦν.

Inscr. 7936. Scale 1:10.

..... and Anikētos and Symmachos and Maximus and Marcus, overseers.

The first part of the inscription was evidently on some other block, perhaps no. 7935, although the fact that the latter block is considerably longer would tell against such a belief.

793⁷. BLOCK. Found in the house of the *Shèkh*, in the northern part of the village. This house was at one time a chapel; see Div. II. A. 7, p. 420. The stone is built into an arch which spans the main room, and is so far above the ground that no accurate measurements could be made. Length about 74 cm. Copied by Magie.



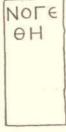
Inscr. 7937.

Υιὸς Θ(ε)οῦ Χρ(ιστός). Ἰωάννου Χοδαμ..

Christ, (the) son of God. (The offering) of Ioannes, (son) of Khidhām (?).

The patronymic is very uncertain, but it may represent an Arabic $Khidh\bar{a}m$ or $Kid\bar{a}m$, perhaps pronounced $Khudh\bar{a}m$ or $Kud\bar{a}m$.

7938. Stele. Built into the wall of a stable in a courtyard west of the house of the Shêkh. The slab faces west. Height $33^{1}/_{2}$ cm.; width $15^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Height of letters $2^{1}/_{2}-3^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Copied by Butler.



i. e. Nugcat.

Νογεθη.

Inscr. 7938. Scale 1:10.

The form Noyeln does not seem to occur elsewhere, but the name is the same as Noyn in no. 78.

Lubbên 411

793⁹. Altar. Found in a house facing on a courtyard about 100 metres west of the house of the *Shêkh*. The altar was standing upside down in the middle of a room. The base is broken off. Height $61^{1}/_{2}$ cm.; width of the die 20 cm. Height of letters $2^{1}/_{2}$ -4 cm. Copied by Magie.



Χαιρανης Νιδ(ρ)ου Οτουου Αιατου
ἐτ(ῶν) ο΄, πρωτ[οκ[ωμήτ[ης (?).

Inscr. 7939. Scale 1: 10.

Khairān, (son) of Nidhr, (son) of Ḥoṭ \bar{u} , (son) of ʿAiyāt, (aged) 70 years, chief of the village.

On the names $X\alpha\mu\alpha\eta\eta$ and $Ni\partial\rho\sigma$, see nos. 793 and 793⁴ respectively. Otoros does not seem to be found elsewhere; it probably represents $Hot\bar{u}^2$, for $Hat\bar{u}^2$, a root from which there are various well established names, e.g. $Hatt\bar{u}^2$. Alatos is a possible Greek name, but in view of the Semitic character of all the other names in this inscription, we believe that this also is Semitic, and the equivalent of $Aiy\bar{u}t$, an intensive from of $\bar{I}t$ (Itos), no. 286. We are very uncertain about the restoration of $\bar{u}\rho\omega\tau\alpha\omega\mu\dot{u}\tau\eta$. The word is common in the later writers, and it is probably to be read in an inscription from Asia Minor (see J. H. S. XXII (1902), p. 358, no. 119), but its use in Syria is not definitely established; see no. 38.

793¹⁰. Block. Found in a *medâfeh* about 25 metres south of no. 793⁹. The stone is embedded in the pavement by the hearth. Length $88^{1}/_{2}$ cm.; height at the left end 23 cm. The lower half of the stone has been broken off irregularly. The inscription is in a raised dovetailed frame. Length of the frame, exclusive of the dovetails, $58^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Height of letters $2-3^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Copied by Magie.

NILPOYPOTEIKOYMETA KAHBICAMATTATPOCKAIANE NOWNDIKHNEKDOYMAIEICO OYKHDICAMI	
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Νιόρου Ροτεικου μετακληθὶς ἄμα πατρὸς καὶ ἀδελφῶν δίκην ἐκδοῦναι, εἰς ۉ οὐ κηλὶς ἀνε[νηνέκτο.... Τ......

Inscr. 79310. Scale 1:10.

Nidhr, son of Rutaik (?), having been summoned, together with his father and brothers, to pay a penalty, up to which (time) no blot had been put upon

It is hard to imagine the character of the monument to which this interesting inscription belonged; it may have been something erected, either in expiation of the offence alluded to, or in commemoration of an acquittal. To judge from the appearance of the stone, only about half of the inscription has been preserved.

L. 4 has been restored from the phrase πάσης τῆς κηλίδος εἰς ὑμᾶς ἀναφερομένης in Antiphon, Tetral. II, 3, 11. On the name Νιδρος see no. 7934. Ροτεικός does not seem to occur elsewhere; it may be for a possible Arabic name Rutaik, or it may be an error for Po(σ)τεικός, the Latin Rusticus. The genitive Νιδρου seems to be due to the intention to use a genitive absolute; the construction, however, was changed in the course of the composition of the sentence.

793¹¹. Lintel. Over the door of a modern house near the centre of the village, and about 100 metres southwest of the house where no. 793¹⁰ was found. The door faces north. The face containing the inscription is the soffit of the lintel in its present position, and the lower portion has been cut away in order to permit the swinging of the door. Length of the lintel 1.84 m.; height of the inscribed face 39 cm. Height of letters 3-4¹/₂ cm. Copied by Butler.

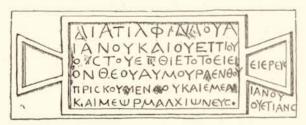
MATOYITA AND ON A METOLOGICAL PROPERTY OF THE PERSON OF TH	ατου Ιτα(ν)ου

Inscr. 79311. Scale 1: 20.

The reading of the patronymic is uncertain. We have thought of $I\tau\alpha\nu\eta\varsigma$ ($\overline{I}t\overline{\alpha}n$), a lengthened form of $I\tau\eta\varsigma$ or $I\tau\varsigma\varsigma$ (nos. 712 and 286). The form $I\tau\alpha\nu\acute{\varsigma}\varsigma$ is found as the name of the Phoenician eponymous founder of the city of the same name in Crete; see Steph. Byz. s. v. On the other hand, it is possible to read $I\tau\alpha(\mu)$ cu, a form which occurs in the name of $I\tau\alpha\mu\acute{\varsigma}\varsigma$ $\lambda\mu\acute{\eta}\nu$, a coast-town of Arabia Felix (see Ptol. vi 7, 18), but this is not known as a man's name.

HARRÂN.

794. BLOCK. Found in the wall of a ruined house in the southern part of the village. The stone faces east. Length $74^1/_2$ cm.; height $28^1/_2$ cm. The inscription is within a raised dovetailed frame. The surface of the plate is badly worn. Height of letters $2^1/_2$ -4 cm. Copied by Magie.



Inscr. 794. Scale: 10.

Διὰ Τι. (Ἡ)φι(αν)οῦ Λιανοῦ καὶ Οὐεττίου
[Ἡ]ο[ὑ]στου ε[γ](έν)ετο τὸ εἰε[ρὸν Θεοῦ Αυμου Ραενθου,
Πρίσκου Μεν(έ)ου καὶ Ἐμε(λ)ιανοῦ Οὐετιανο(ῦ)
καὶ Μέωρ Μαλχίων(ος) εἰερευό(ντων).

Ḥarrân 413

Through the agency of Tiberius Aphianus, (son) of Aianos, and Vettius, (son) of Iustus, was erected the sanctuary of (the) God of Aum ..., Priscus, (son) of Menneas, and Aemilianus, (son) of Vettianus, and Maior, (son) of Malchion, being priests.

The condition of the stone necessitates considerable emendation in order to secure an intelligible reading. However, it is at least clear that the inscription records the erection of a shrine to the God of 'Aum. Apparently, also, the names of the priests are appended, the right dovetail and the space below it being encroached upon because of lack of room inside the frame. Thus in Wad. 2393 two priests are named as participating in erecting an edifice in honor of this same divinity.

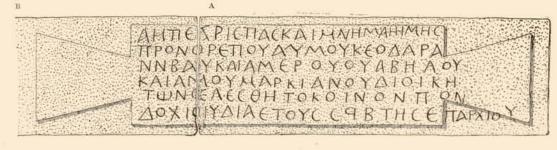
The name Aphianus is cognate with the feminines Apphia (Aphia), Greek 'Απφία, 'Αφφία; see *Thes. Ling. Lat.* Αἰανοῦ may be either the Greek name Αἰάνης or Αἰανός, the Latin *Aianus*, as in *C. I. L.* VI 2381, or the Arabic Ḥaiyān, as in no. 342.

On Θεὸς Αυμου see no. 793; the letters following we have been unable to explain to our satisfiction. If, as the copy would indicate, they represent a proper name, this could hardly be joined with the regular series of name and patronym following. It seems easier to regard it as an epithet or an appositive connected with Θεοῦ. Thus in Wad. 2374 α we have the combination Θεῷ Ουασεαθου πατρώω Θεανδρίω. However, we should hesitate on the basis of our copy to suggest a new name or epithet for this god, called elsewhere simply Θεὸς Αυμου or Ἡλιος Θεὸς Αυμου with the epithets ἀνίκητος, δεσπότης, Ζεύς; cf. no. 793.

Είερευόντων is a solecism for the proper form of ἱεράομαι or ἱερατεύω. On the spelling cf. no. 803° and C. I. G. 5020 είερεύς.

794¹. LINTEL. 397-8 A. D. Lintel, intact when seen by Wetzstein, Waddington and Ewing, but now broken into two fragments. Frg. A was found in the floor of a ruined house west of an open paved space in the center of the village. Length 1 m.; height 26 cm. Frg. B was found in the hearth of an arched medâfeh situated in the northern part of the village and facing west. This medâfeh belongs to the Shêkh. Length 43 cm.; height 31 cm. The inscription is on a raised dovetailed plate. Height of letters 2¹/₂-4 cm. Frg. B was copied by Magie, frg. A by Butler.

Wetzstein, no. 112; Waddington, no. 2463; Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 147, no. 84.



Inscr. 7941. Scale 1:10.

'Αντί ε[ὑχ]αριστίας καὶ μνήμζνημζης, προν(οία) [Γ]ορεπου Αυμου κὲ Οδαραν(ου) Βα[σο]υ καὶ Αμερου Ουαβηλου καὶ Αν[α]μου Μαρκιανοῦ διοικητῶν, ἐ[(τ)]ελέσθη τὸ κοινὸν πονδοχῖο[ν] ἰ(ν)δ(εκτιῶνος) ια' ἔτους σηβ' τῆς ἐπαρχίου.

As a mark of gratitude and remembrance, by (the) plan of Gurf (or Gurp), (son) of Aum, and Udharān, (son) of Bassus (or Bas), and Āmir, (son) of Wahbel, and Anam, (son) of Marcianus, was completed the public inn in (the) 11th indiction, in (the) 292d year of the province. (Sept. 397–March 398 A.D.)

- Line 1: ΔΑΠΕΥ etc., Wetzstein; ANTIEY, Wad.; ΑΜΠΕΥ, Ewing: MNHMHC, Wetzstein and Wad.; MNHMIHIMC, Ewing.
- Line 2: KEODAPA, Wetzstein; KE....., Wad.; KEODAPA, Ewing.
- Line 3: NNBACOY, Wetzstein; ANNHAOY, Wad.; NNBACOY, Ewing: OYABHAOY, Wetzstein and Ewing; OYATIANOY, Wad.
- Line 5: εΥΕΛΕ(ΘΗ, Wetzstein and Ewing; εΤΕΛΕ(ΘΗ, Wad.: ΠΟ IN, Wetzstein; ΠΑΝ, Wad.; ΠΟΝ, Ewing.
- Line 6: | | Y Δ | A, Wetzstein; | N Δ | A, Wad.; H Y Δ | A, Ewing: επΑΡΧΙΟΥ, Wetzstein and Ewing; επΑΡΧΙΑς, Wad.

We have published our copy of this inscription for the purpose of showing how it agrees with Ewing's in substantiating the correctness of Wetzstein's readings as against Waddington's. The mason who cut the letters seems to have been quite ignorant of Greek.

Οδαρανης does not seem to be found elsewhere, but it is merely the lengthened form of the well established name "Udhar. On Γορεπος, Βάσσος, and Ουαβηλος see nos. 714, 281, and 787 respectively.

The construction of this inn is also commemorated in Wad. 2462, dated $\tilde{\epsilon}_{1000}$ $\sigma_{9}\beta'$ τ_{75} Bost(ρ) $\eta_{9}\tilde{\omega}_{9}$, ind. i. On the importance of these two inscriptions in determining the date of the beginning of the year see Waddington's commentary.

MSEKEH.

795. BLOCKS. Now used as lintel and superlintel over the north door of a tower, situated on the eastern edge of the ruins and 100 yards south of the mosque. Length of upper block 1.17 m., height 41 cm. Length of lower block 2.12 m.; height 51 cm. Six lines of the inscription are within a raised dovetail frame; the last two lines are carried over to the lower block. The letters are well cut. Height of letters on upper stone 3–5 cm.; on lower stone 5–6 cm. Copied by Magie.

Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 353, no. 184 = Cagnat. I. G. R. III 1148.



Τούλιος Μάξιμος (σ)τρατιώτ[ης
λεγ(ιῶνος) γ' Γαλλ(ικῆς)] καὶ
'Ροῦφος ἀδελφὸς ἀνέκτισαν Διὶ πατρώω θεῷ εὐσεβείας χάριν.
'Αγου(β)ηνός (?).

Inscr. 795. Scale 1:10.

Julius Maximus, soldier of (the) Third Legion, Gallica, and Rufus, (his) brother, built (this) to Zeus, (their) ancestral god, as a mark of piety. Agoubēnos.

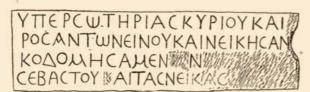
Line 3: KAW=, Ewing.

Line 8: AFOV-HNOC, Ewing.

In line 3 Messrs. Wright and Souter restored wrongly λεγ. III Κυρ.; this legion never suffered damnatio memoriae. Cagnat loc. cit. has corrected the error. At the end of the line Wright and Souter restored κα[ὶ Μάξιμος], Cagnat κα[ὶ Ἰούλιος]. Our copy shows no traces of a name preceding Ῥοῦρος; there is, indeed, no space for such an insertion unless the right dovetail was encroached upon.

Previous editors have left the last line of the inscription unexplained. Apparently we have here a proper name, presumably that of the builder. An obvious explanation is that Αγουργίος is a defective transliteration of Augurinus, correctly written in Greek Αὐγουρίος or Αὐγουρίος. However, the ending -ηνος is strongly suggestive of an ethnicum. In Ptol. v 18 mention is made of a tribe of Arabia Deserta, the Αγουβηνοί, who lived near the border of Arabia Felix. It is tempting, therefore, to read Αγου(β)ηνός and to assume that the tribal name had developed into a personal name, as is frequently the case in Latin and Greek; cf. Syrus, Ρωμανός, Λύδη et cet.

795¹. Block. Built into the west wall of the same tower. The stone is too high to be accessible, and no measurements could be made. Copied by Magie and Butler.



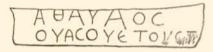
Inscr. 7951.

In behalf of (the) safety and victory of (our) lord Caesar Antoninus we restored (or built) the of Augustus and the Victories

The paucity of titles would indicate that the emperor here named was Antoninus Pius or Marcus Aurelius rather than Caracalla. The same titles, with a change in order, occur in *I. G. R.* III 1060, an inscription of Antoninus Pius.

The character of the dedication to which the block belonged cannot be determined with certainty. The word Σεβαστοῦ succeeding the break in 1. 3, and such inscriptions as C. I. G. 4039 = I. G. R. III 157 ἀνδριάντας ἀνέθηκε Καίσαρος Σεβαστοῦ (Tiberius) καὶ Ιουλίας Σεβαστῆς (Livia); Domaszewski, Arch.-Epig. Mitt. IX (1885), p. 119, no. 81 = I. G. R. III 162 τὴν εἰκόνα τοῦ κυρίου Σεβαστοῦ (Antoninus Pius) . . . ἀνέστησε suggest the restoration τὸ [ν [ἀνδριάντα, which fits the space well. However, the verb ἀνοικοδομέω, even in the sense of 'restore', is not strictly appropriate to such a context. The difficulty may perhaps be obviated if we suppose that a portrait-statue of the emperor and the Victories were architectural members of a building of which mention was made in the lost part of the inscription, and that the verb was meant primarily to apply to this building.

795°. BLOCK. Found lying in the doorway in the north side of the same tower. The stone is under no. 795. Length 97 cm.-1 m.; height 19¹/₂ cm. at left edge, 21 cm. at right. Height of letters 6-10 cm. Copied by Magie.



Αθαυαος Ουασου έτους...

Insc. 7952. Scale 1: 20.

Atwah (?), (son) of Wahsh, in (the) year

We have found no other instance of the name $\Lambda 9 \alpha \nu \alpha \sigma \varsigma$. It may represent Atwah, $Atw\bar{a}$, or $Athw\bar{a}$, but none of these are known as names. The patronymic does not seem to be found elsewhere in Greek inscriptions.

795³. Block. On the west side of the same tower. The stone is beneath a cap which supports an arch in the interior of the tower. Height $64^{1}/_{2}$ cm.; width $28^{1}/_{2}$ cm. The inscription is on a raised dovetailed plate. Height of letters 3–5 cm. Copied by Magie.



Σομαιος Μαλεχου έποίησεν τον βωμόν

Sumaiy (or Sumai'), son of Malik, made the altar.

Inscr. 7953. Scale 1:10.

Σομαιος is found also in Wad. 2506.

Msêkeh 417

795⁴. Block. 247–249 A.D. In the east wall of a private house situated 25 yards southwest of the tower. The block faces east. Length 1.41 m.; height $51^1/_2$ cm. The inscription is within a raised dovetailed frame, 74 cm. long and $39^1/_2$ cm. high (inside measurements). The name of the emperors has been lightly erased. The rest of the block was never inscribed. Height of letters $3^1/_2$ -5 cm. Copied by Magie.



Inscr. 7954. Scale 1:20.

Υπατεία τῶν κυρίων ἡμῶν Φιλίππων Σεβ(αστῶν) ὡκο-(δομήθη) Λ

In the consulship of our lords
Philippi Augusti was built

The younger Philip entered his first consulship as his father's colleague on Jan. 1, 247 A.D. and in this same year the title Augustus was conferred upon him. The date of this inscription, therefore, lies between this year and the death of the father and son in the autumn of 249 A.D.

The inscription was left unfinished, the greater portion of the surface of the plate having never been inscribed. We may surmise that the news of the fall of the emperors reached the stone-cutter during the progress of his work. The idea of dating the building for which this was intended according to the principate of the Philippi would naturally be abandoned in favor of a new inscription which should commemorate the victorious Decius. The fact that the name $\Phi i \lambda i \pi \pi \omega \nu$ was partly erased also betokens a deliberate damnatio memoriae. The single A at the end of l. 3 was probably inscribed for the purpose of computing the space necessary for the letters.

795⁵. Block. Built into a house situated on the eastern edge of the ruins, 50 yards south of the ruined mosque. The block is above a lintel and faces south. Length 64 cm.; height 31 cm. The inscription is on a sunken plate within a raised dovetailed frame. Length of plate 44 cm.; height $23^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Height of letters $2^{1}/_{2}$ –3 cm. Copied by Magie.



Inscr. 7955. Scale 1:10.

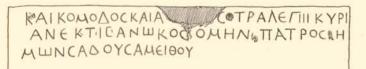
Σολεμος (έκατόνταρχος) λεγε(ῶνος) τρίτη(ς) Κυριν(αϊκῆς) οἰκοδόμησεν ὑ(π)ἐρ ᾿Αρα(β)ιανοῦ ὑιοῦ ὀφ(φικιαλίου) τῆς ἡγεμο(νίας) τὸ μνημῖον, ἐτῶν κο΄.

Sulaim, centurion of (the) Third Legion, Cyrenaica, built the memorial in behalf of Arabianus, (his) son, member of the governor's staff, (aged) 24 years.

On the name Σολεμος see nos. 209 and 451. The word ήγεμονία in l. 4 is apparently

used with the same meaning as in Wad. 2225: β(ενε)ρ(επάριος) καὶ ἀκομενταρήσιος καὶ κορικουλάριος καὶ ἐκατόνταρχος γενόμενος τῆς ἡγεμο(νίας). The word was explained by Waddington as the equivalent of τῶν ἡγεμόνων, a meaning which it sometimes has in papyri, where, by a sort of polite circumlocution, it is used to designate the prefect of Egypt, instead of the usual ἡγεμών; e. g. P. Oxy. 237 and P. Strassb. 41. However, there is no analogy between these papyri and the present inscription, and such a use of the word seems quite out of place here. Moreover, the holders of the various posts mentioned in Wad. 2225 were regularly members of the officium of the governor of the province, and the expression ὀφρικιάλιος τῆς τάξεως is common in papyri; see P. Teb. 335, P. Lips. 17, 23, 34. Accordingly, in these two inscriptions ἡγεμονία seems to be used in the sense of officium, instead of the usual word τάξις.

7956. BLOCK. In a house on the west side of a courtyard, situated about 100 yards southwest of the ruined mosque. The stone is used at a lintel. Length 1.79 m.; height 38 cm. Height of letters 4-7 cm. Copied by Magie.



Inser. 7956. Scale 1:20.

Και. (?) Κόμοδος καὶ Μά[ξιμος] στρα(τιῶται) (οτ -τιώτης) λεγ(εῶνος) ΙΙΙ Κυρι(ναϊκῆς) ἀνέκτισαν ὡκο[δ]ομὴν πατρὸς ἡ-μῶν Σαδου Σαμειθου.

Caecilius Commodus and Maximus, soldiers (?) of (the) Third Legion, Cyrenaica, built (the) edifice of our father, Sad, (son) of Shamit.

Line 1: KAI MA, so our copy; M omitted in drawing.

In the absence of any indication of any break at the top of the stone, except for the chipping at the centre of the upper edge, there seems to be no reason to suppose that the inscription is incomplete. Accordingly, it seems more plausible to regard the first three letters as an abbreviation for a name, such as Καιχίλιος οτ Καίλιος, rather than as the conjunction καί. Οἰκοδομά, in the sense of οἰκοδομήμα, is found in Matt. XXIV 1, Mk. XIII 1, C. I. G. 4449, 4595 et al.

The confusion in person between the verb-form and the pronoun is similar to the converse shift ἐαυτῆ ἐποίησα in no. 699.

795⁷. Fragment of Altar. 133 a. d. Found in the arched portico adjoining the southeast corner of the long building with the painted ceiling, situated in the southwestern part of the village; see Div. II. a. 7, p. 424 f. The stone was lying near no. 795⁸. Height at the left edge 55 cm., at the right 41 cm.; width 28 cm. The inscription is on a raised dovetailed plate. Height of letters 11/2-3 cm. Copied by Magie.



Λοαιθεμος Σαδου ἐπόησεν τὸν βωμὸν θεῷ πατρόμῷ ἐκ τῷ[ν
ἰδίων ἀσεβείας ἔνεκε, ἔτους ιζ΄ 'Αδριαν[ου Καισαρος.

Lu'aithim, (son) of Sa'd, built the altar to (his) ancestral god, at his own (expense), as a mark of piety (?), in the 17th year of Hadrian Caesar. (133 A.D.)

The Greek form Λοαιθεμος does not occur elsewhere, but the Arabic Lu'aithim is a well established diminutive of the name La'tham; the two forms occur in Safartic as מַנְתְּמֵן and לַנְתְמֵן. We have restored Λοαιθεμος in 7958.

The formula ἀσεβείας ἕνεκε seems to be an error for the usual εὐσεβείας χάριν; a dedication "in expiation of impiety" would hardly be couched in such a phrase.

7958. ALTAR. 136 A.D. Found close to no. 7957. Height 55 cm.; width 32 cm. at base; width of die 26 cm. The inscription is on a raised plate. Height of letters $1^{1}/_{2}$ -3 cm. Copied by Magie.

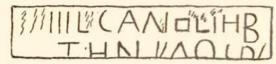


.... α]ν[έθη](κ)α(ν) Θεφ Λο]αιθε[μου έτο(υς) είκοστοῦ κ[υρ]ίου 'Αθριανο[ῦ Κ]αίσαρος.

of Lu aithim, in the 20th year of (our) lord Hadrian Caesar. (136 A.D.)

The word-order declares against reading a nominative $\Lambda o \alpha t \theta \epsilon \mu \sigma \epsilon$ in line 3. We have therefore restored the genitive form. The 'God of Lu'aithim' is doubtless the ancestral divinity referred to in no. 7957. On such gods see no. 793.

795°. Fragment. Used as the keystone of an arch in the same portico. Length 66 cm.; height 14 cm. Height of letters $4-6^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Copied by Magie.

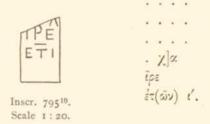


.... α(ν)ος ΙΗΒ την χάβ[αρσιν (?)

Inscr. 7959. Scale 1:10.

We have restored κάθ[αρσιν merely as a suggestion based on the presence of the word in no. 694.

795¹⁰. Stele. Fragment of a stele found in the same portico. Height 26-33 cm.; width at base 21 cm. Height of letters 5-6 cm. Copied by Butler.



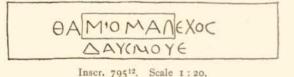
79511. BLOCK. Used as the lintel of a low door in the north wall of the village. Length 1.43 m.; height 37 cm. Copied by Magie.



Γερμανός.

Inscr. 79511. Scale 1:20.

795¹². Block. Used as a lintel over the door of a stable in the eastern part of the ruins. The stone faces east. Length 1.43 m.; height 29 cm. Height of letters 5–9 cm. Copied by Butler.



possible by-form of the name Daisam.

Θα(t)μομαλέχος Δαυσμου έ

Taimu-Malik, (son) of Dausam,

Θαιμομαλέχος is a theophorous name, analogous to Θαιμαλλας and Θαιμοδουσαρης; see nos. 318 and 508. The name means 'Servant of Malik'; on the name of the god see Littmann, *Entzifferung*, p. 77. Both the reading and the interpretation of the patronymic are doubtful. Δαυσμού, if the reading be correct, suggests *Dausam*, a

'IL-UBÊR.

796. BLOCK. Built into the wall of a small chapel near the centre of the town, see Div. II. A. 7, p. 427. The block is on the inside of the south wall, and quite

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close to the ground. Length 86 cm.; height $40^{1}/_{2}$ cm. The letters are poorly cut. Height of letters $3-4^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Copied by Magie.

VTTEPEYCEIBIACTWN FUPI WNHMWNEEBACTWN MAKABICMOHPOY KEOW COCCOEDOYKECWOPDN ICE YNOMOVKEOMEIOC KECEOCANEMOVEEA

Υπέρ εὐσειβίας τῶν κυρίων ήμῶν Σεβαστῶν Μακάρις Μοηρου κὲ Ο[τασος Σοεδου κὲ Σωφρόνις Εὐνόμου κὲ Ομειος . . . νε[ι]ου κὲ Θεότιμος κὲ Σεος Ανεμου κὲ 'Α[γρί]πας

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Insc. 796. Scale 1:10.

In behalf of (the) mutual love of our lords, (the) Augusti, Makarios (son) of Mughaiyir, and Otās, (son) of Suwaid (or Su'aid), and Sophronios, (son) of Eunomos, and Umaiy, (son) of ..., and Shai, (son) of Ghānim, and Agrippa

In the formula of dedication, E) 75 few has obviously not its usual meaning, as ordinarily expressed in such phrases as εὐσεβίας χάριν, but is used in a technical sense, on the analogy of the use of the adjective Excepts as the equivalent of Pius in the titles of the emperors. The legend Pietas Augusti or Augustorum is common on the reverse of imperial coins, and the present formula is evidently an attempt at a Greek rendering. Except in this instance, the Pietas Augusti or Augustorum does not seem to have been regarded as sufficiently concrete to serve as the object of vows, but dedications to it are not uncommon; see C. I. L. vi 563 (Trajan), iii 6807 (Augustorum nostrorum), and II 1663. The legend, as stamped on the coins, had various meanings, indicated in part by the accompanying type; see Wissowa in Roscher, Lex. III, p. 2503 f. In the third century, however, a new type appears on the coins of emperors having sons as associates in power. Here, the legend Pietas Augustorum stands on the reverse with the heads of the associates; see the coins of Philip with the heads of Philip the younger and Otacilia (Eckhel, D. N. VII, p. 321, Cohen, Méd. impér.2 nos. 4-6); of Decius with heads of Herennius and Hostilianus (Eckhel, VII, p. 345, Cohen, no. 2); and, in the fourth century, of Valens with Valentinian I and Valentinian II (Eckhel, VIII, p. 154, Cohen, no. 24). A slightly different type appears on the coins of Valerian and Gallienus (Cohen, nos. 5 and 10) and Valerian and Saloninus (Cohen, no. 1), where Pietas Augustorum is on the obverse with the heads of the two ruling emperors. In all these cases it seems most natural to regard the legend as signifying the affection existing between father and son, analogous to the phrase Pietas mutua Augustorum which, accompanied by clasped hands, appears on the coins of Balbinus and Pupienus (Eckhel vII, p. 306). We believe that the formula in the present inscription has this same significance, and that the dedication was made to ensure the continuance of this feeling. The prominence given to the phrase on the coins of Valerian and Gallienus, suggests the conjecture that they may be the Augusti here commemorated.

On the usual forms of the name Mongos see no. 347. For Otoros see no. 76. Publications of the Princeton University Archaeological Expeditions to Syria, Div. III, Sec. A, Pt. 7.

Oμειος does not seem to be found elsewhere, except in the forms Ομειαδη and Ομειαδη; see no. 132, and, for an Arabic equivalent, Lidzbarski, Eph. 1, p. 219.

796¹. Lintel. Built into the low wall which surrounds the Mohammedan prayingplace in the northern part of the town. The stone is on the south side of the small enclosure and is upside down. Length 1.22 m.; height 41 cm. The inscription is in a dovetailed frame with bevelled edges. Length of frame, exclusive of the dovetails, 71 cm. Height of letters 2¹/₂-4¹/₂ cm. Copied by Magie.

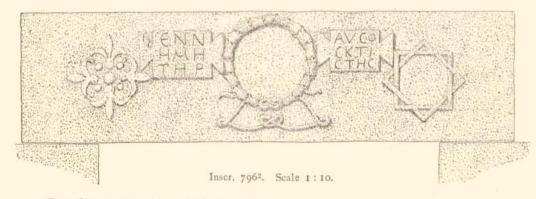


Inscr. 7961. Scale 1:-10.

Θεόδωρος Μάλχου κτίσεν τόδε μνῆμα, μειμού-(μ)ενος πατέρ[α] έδν, δς κτείσεν αὐ(τ)ῷ δώμα · (οὕ)το παῖδες γεννηθειεν έαυτῷ καὶ τέκνοις. Μαλεχα(θη) (μ)ή[τηρ.

Theodoros, (son) of Malchos, built this memorial, making a likeness of his father, who built for him a house; so may children be born to himself and to (his) offspring! Malikat, (his) mother.

796°. Lintel. Over a door in the monastery which is in the eastern part of the town; see Div. II. A. 7, p. 426. The door leads into the room on the southeast corner of the ground floor from the room which is immediately west of it. Length 1.29 m.; height 34 cm. In the centre of the face is an elaborate wreath, at the right and left are two ornamental panels. The inscriptions are on dovetailed plates between the wreath and the panels. Length of the plate at the left, exclusive of the dovetails, 15 cm., height $13^{1}/_{9}$ cm.; of the plate at the right $12^{1}/_{9}$ cm., height $11^{1}/_{9}$ cm. Height of letters, at the left $3^{1}/_{9}-4$ cm., at the right 2-3 cm. Copied by R. B. Barnes and H. W. Bell.



Εννη μήτηρ. Αυσος κτίστης.

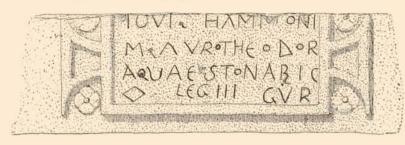
Aus (was the) builder, Hinn (his) mother.

On the name Evvn see no. 30.

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797. LINTEL. Built into a modern wall on the eastern edge of the town. The block is quite close to the ground and faces north. It has been trimmed off roughly at the top and has been broken at both ends. Length at the top 1.92 m., at the bottom 2.12 m.; height $31^{1}/_{2}$ cm. The inscription is in a raised dovetailed frame, with rosettes at the corners. Length of the frame, excluding the dovetails, $54^{1}/_{2}$ cm.; height $23^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Height of letters $2-4^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Copied by Magie.

Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 136, no. 62 = Ann. Ép. 1895, no. 77 = C. I. L. III 13604.



Ioui Hammoni.

M(arcus) Aur(elius) Theodor(us)
a quaest(i)onario

Leg(ionis) III Cur(enaïcae).

Inscr. 797. Scale 1:10.

To Jupiter Ammon. Marcus Aurelius Theodorus ex-quaestionarius of the 3d Legion, Cyrenaica.

Line 1: | OVES, etc., Ewing.

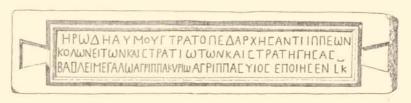
Line 3: AQUAE/STONARIC, Ewing.

In I. 3 the editors of the C. I. L. read from Mr. Ewing's copy [q]uae[s]t[i]onarius (?), but our copy confirms the reading a quaest(i)onario. The correct form of the expression is ex quaestionario, as in C. I. L. VIII 20251, but it is impossible to read this here, and the form in the present inscription may have arisen through the resemblance of a to $\partial \pi \dot{z}$, the Greek equivalent of ex, or perhaps through confusion with the form a quaestionibus. Quaestionarii are mentioned as specifically attached to legions in other inscriptions: C. I. L. II 4156, III 10458 and 12401; they were also attached to the officium of the legatus of an imperial province, and to the various cohorts stationed in Rome; see von Domaszewski, Rangordnung d. röm. Heeres, Bonner Jahrb. CXVII (1908), pp. 9, 17, 21, 34 et al. Among the principales they ranked immediately below the beneficiarii. It was supposed by Marquardt (Staatsverw.2 II, p. 552) that they were not torturers, as had been generally assumed, but judges in military courts, inasmuch as legionary soldiers were, as Roman citizens, exempt from torture. On the other hand, Mommsen pointed out (Eph. Ep. IV, p. 421) that many of the legionaries were not citizens, and, in the belief that legionary quaestionarii are found only in connection with imperial legates, inferred that they could not have been used solely for conducting the trials of soldiers. The inscriptions, however, which mention legionary quaestionarii (v. supra), do not indicate that these officers were especially attached to the staff of the governor, as was the case with the five quaestionarii in the officium of the governor of Numidia (C. I. L. VIII 2586). Nevertheless, the comparatively low rank of the *quaestionarius* among the *principales* would go to show that he was not a judge at trials, but rather occupied a much humbler position, if not actually that of torturer.

For other inscriptions showing that Jupiter Ammon was worshipped in these regions see no. 523.

797¹. LINTEL. 75 or 80 A.D. Over a door fronting on a courtyard near the centre of the town. The lintel faces south and is upside down. Length 2.03¹/₂ m.; height 44 cm. The inscription is in a raised dovetailed frame having solid dovetails. Inside length of the frame 1.57 m.; height 25 cm. The letters are well executed and regular. Height of letters 5¹/₂-6 cm. Copied by Magie.

Kersanté, Bull. de la Soc. Nat. d. Antiq. de France, 1894, p. 227 f.; Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 138, no. 65 = Ann. Ép. 1895, no. 78 = Dittenberger, I. S. O. G. 425 = I. G. R. III 1144; Dussaud and Macler, M. S. M. p. 242.



Inscr. 7971. Scale 1:20.

Ήρώδη Αυμου, στρατοπεθαρχήσαντι ίππέων Κολωνειτών καὶ στρατιωτών, καὶ στρατηγήσας βα(σι)λεὶ μεγάλω 'Αγρίππα κυρίω, 'Αγρίππας υίδς ἐποίησεν. ("Έτους) κ΄.

For Herodes, (son) of 'Aum, who was commander of (the) cavalry of (the) Koloneitai and (the) soldiers, and who was general for (the) great king, lord Agrippa, Agrippa (his) son made (this). In (the) year 20. (75 or 80 A.D.)

Line 1: HPWAAYMOY, Ewing. Line 2: KOAWNEITON, Ewing. Line 3: BACIAEI, Kersanté, Ewing.

The date was fixed by the editors of Ewing's copy in 69 A.D., but this error was corrected by Dittenberger, who also pointed out that, owing to the double system of dating the years of Agrippa II, the exact year could not be determined.

The nationality of the troops commanded by Herodes is doubtful. The editors of the *I. G. R.* supposed them to be the *Ala I Augusta Gemina Colonorum*, which was in service in Judaea in the time of Hadrian; see *P.-W.* I, p. 1238. The commander of such an *ala*, however, would not have such a name as Herodes son of Aum, but would, of course, be a Roman. Nor is the suggestion offered by Messrs. Wright and Souter, that the troops were from the colony of Ptolemaïs, more convincing, since the leader of a troop furnished by a colony of veterans would have a Roman name. The name κολωνίται was applied in Athens to those who gathered at the Κολωνές in the Agora; see Hyperides *ap*. Poll. VII 132 and Suidas, s. v. Κολωναίτας. Accordingly, it seems probable that the Κολωνείται of the present inscription were natives

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of some town or region which was known by the Greek word Κολωνός. It was presumably in the kingdom of Agrippa II, but its location, unfortunately, cannot be determined.

797°. Block. 326 A.D. Built into the wall of the Nabataean temenos which is in the northwestern corner of the town; see Div. II. A. 7, p. 428 f. Length 1.25 m.; height 46 cm. The block is broken vertically. Length of frg. A at the base $41^{1}/_{2}$ cm., of frg. B $83^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Height of letters, in l. I 4–5 cm., in the other lines $3-3^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Copied by Magie.

Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 135, no. 60; Dussaud and Macler, M. S. M. p. 242.



Inscr. 7972. Scale 1:10.

Α]γαθή Τύχη.

Ή οίχοδομή τοῦ οἴχου ἐπετελέσθη διὰ Γορα Σαιανου συνδίχου
καὶ "Ισου Αννηλου καὶ Πρίσκου Φιλοκάλου καὶ Ζορεου Μάγγου,
διοικητών τῆς μητροκωμίας,
ἔτους διακοσσιαστοῦ εἰχοστοῦ
πρώτου τῆς ἐπαρχείας.

Good Fortune! The building of the house was completed by the agency of Gurāh, (son) of Shai an, syndic, and Isos, (son) of Hannel, and Priscus, (son) of Philokalos, and Zurai, (son) of Magnus, administrators of the finances of the metrokomia, in (the) 221st year of the province. (326 A.D.)

Line 2: HOΚΟΔΟΜΑΤΟΥΟΙΚΟΥΕΠΙΤΕ, Ewing.

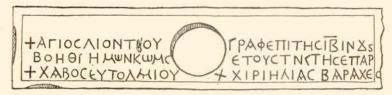
Line 3: AECOHDAFOPACAIANOYCYNDKOY, Ewing.

The inscription shows that Sûr, like some of the neighboring towns in the district, Mismîyeh, Zor ah and Brêkeh, was a metrokomia, or community having a rank between a $\pi \delta \lambda \iota \iota$ and an ordinary $\kappa \delta \iota \iota \iota$; see Wad. note to no. 2414. The ancient name is given as $\Sigma \alpha \iota \iota \iota \iota$ in Ewing, no. 61 = I. G. R. III 1143. On the $\delta \iota \iota \iota \iota \iota \iota$ see Prentice, Trans. Am. Philol. Assn. XLIII (1912), p. 122 f. The word was also used to designate the procurator of the district of Alexandria; see Magie, de Rom. Iuris publ.

sacrique Vocabulis, etc., p. 108. The term σύνδικος seems to be used here in the sense of ἔκδικος, as in the lex portoria Palmyrenorum; see Dittenberger, I. S. O. G. 629. The names in 1. 3 were read as Αγορᾶς Αἰανοῦ by Messrs. Wright and Souter. However, since it is not probable that the final letter of διά would be elided in an inscription of this character and date, we are inclined to read here a name Γορας, perhaps representing an Arabic Gurāh. It is necessary to read a genitive here, and so we would propose the reading Γορα Σαιανοῦ, regarding the patronymic as a lengthened form from the common name Σαιος (Shai), analogous to Αουιδος – Αουιδανης, etc. For Αννηλος see no. 53. Ζορεος does not seem to occur elsewhere.

797³. Lintel. 458 A. D. Over a door in the same wall. Length 1.95 m.; height $43^{1}/_{2}$ cm. In the centre of the face is a sunken disk, surrounded by an incised line. The letters are thick and shallow. Height of letters $5-6^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Copied by Magie.

Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 138, no. 66.



Inser. 7973. Scale 1:20.

+ "Αγιος Λιοντ[ί]ου.
Βοήθ(ι) ήμων κώμ(η).
+ Χαβος Εὐτολμίου
γράφ(ει) ἐπὶ τῆς ιβ΄ ἰνθ(ικτιώνος),
ἔτους τνγ΄ τῆς ἐπαρ(χείας),
+ χιρί Ἡλίας Βαραχεο[υ].

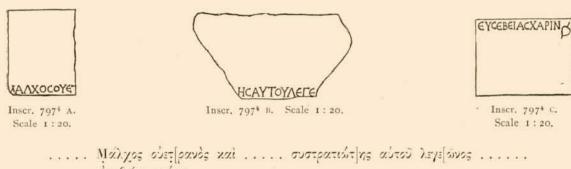
(The chapel) of St. Leontios. Help our village! Ka²abūh, (son) of Eutolmios, writes (it) in the 12th indiction, in (the) 353d year of the province, by (the) hand (of) Elias, (son) of Berechiah. (458 A.D.)

Line 2, at right of disk: ETAYCYN < THCEΠAP, Ewing. Line 3: + XMBOC, z. τ. λ., Ewing.

The date was read by Messrs. Wright and Souter as $v_{i}[f]$, i. e. 564 A.D., corresponding to the 12th indiction. The third letter, however, according to both Mr. Ewing's copy and ours is clearly a Γ , and our reading $\tau_{i}f'$ is confirmed by the fact that the 12th indiction began in September, 458 A.D. In l. 1, Messrs. Wright and Souter, read $\Lambda \iota v_{i} v_{i}[s]$, and regarded it as a vocative. The genitive, however, is clearly on the stone, and it has seemed to us better to treat it as such, and to read as above. The church of St. Sergius at Dâr Kîtā is similarly designated merely by the Saint's name in the genitive; see A. A. E. S. III 61. The characters after the words in l. 2 seem to be marks of abbreviation, but perhaps they are to be read as I and I respectively. Messrs Wright and Souter read $\tau v_{i} \rho_{i} \rho_{i} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}$

797⁴. Fragments. Found in different parts of the town. Frgs. A and c are built into the north wall of a courtyard in the northern part of the town; A forms part of the right jamb of a door. Frg. B is built into the north wall (partly ancient) of a stable in the western part of the town, and about 100 feet east of a large complex with ceiled rooms; see Div. II. A. 7, p. 430 f. Length of A 34¹/₂ cm.; height 45 cm.; height of letters 4-4¹/₂ cm. Length of B 39 cm. at the base, 83 cm. maximum; height 45 cm.; height of letters 4-4¹/₂ cm. Length of c 48¹/₃ cm.; height 40¹/₂ cm.; height of letters 4¹/₂ cm. The letters in all are beautifully formed. Copied by Magie.

Dussaud and Macler, M. S. M. p. 242, no. 9 (A and C only).



.... ευσεβείας χάριν.

Malchos, a veteran, and his comrade, of (the) . . legion as a mark of piety.

Line 1: AAXOCOYE, D. and M.

The height of the blocks, as well as the similarity in shape and size of the letters, indicates clearly that they are fragments of the same inscription. The original inscription was evidently quite long, and carved on two courses; frg. c was the last inscribed stone in the lower course. Any restoration must be very uncertain. The last four letters in frg. B are most plausibly explained as the beginning of λεγεών, and αὐτοῦ, since it cannot be read in connection with this, must depend on the previous word ending in -ης, and so refer back to Μαλχος or some other name. We have restored [συστρατώτ]ης as the word which seems to suit the context best. The phrase εὐσεβείας χάριν indicates that the inscription was dedicatory, probably, in view of the most common usage of the phrase, recording an offering to a god. In this case, the blocks formed part of the base. For similar dedications made by a centurion and his commilitones see C. I. L. XIII 7699, 7709, 7727.

797⁵. Altar. Found in a deserted courtyard in the southeastern corner of the town. It is built into the wall at the right of a doorway which leads into a room on the south side of the courtyard, and is lying on its left side. Height $93^1/_9$ cm.; width of cap 33 cm. The inscription is on the die. Height of die $44^1/_9$ cm.; width 22 cm. Height of letters $4-5^1/_9$ cm. Copied by Magie.



Inscr. 7975. Scale 1:10.

Ραββος Αμμου.

Rabb, (son) of Amm.

For the names see nos. 159 and 143 respectively.

7976. Fragment. Fragment of an altar built into the same wall at the left of the doorway. Height 42 cm.; width of extant portion of the die 21 cm. The inscription was on the die, but it has almost all been cut away. Height of letters 3-4 cm. Copied by Magie.



Inscr. 7976.

Perhaps:

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i. e. Khair.

For the name see no. 330.

7977. Fragment. Built into the wall on the south side of a courtyard in the southeastern corner of the town. It is lying on its left side. Height 52 cm.; width 35 cm. Height of letters 4-41/2 cm. Copied by Magie.



Inscr. 7977. Scale 1:20.

7978. LINTEL. Found in a house in the southern part of the town. It is over a door in the second story on the north side of the courtyard of the house, and faces east. Length 1.29 m.; height 25 cm. The inscription is on a raised dovetailed plate, with solid dovetails, formed by merely cutting away the face of the stone at the four corners. Height of letters 4-41/2 cm. Copied by Magie.



Inscr. 7978. Scale 1:10.

Υπέρ σωτηρίας Ἡρώθου Βερενεικιανοῦ. Ἡρακλείθης Αλαφαλλου ἀρχιτέκτων.

For (the) preservation of Herodes, (son) of Berenikianos. Herakleides, son of Khalaf-allah, master-builder.

The name Αλαφαλλας seems to be new. It is a compound formed in the same way as Θαιμαλλας and other theophorous names. For the simple form Λλαφος see no. 90.

7979. ALTAR. Found in a room, used as a stable, in the southern part of the town. The altar serves as the lower portion of a pier which supports the roof; the base is embedded in the ground. Height above the ground 991/s cm.; thickness of the base 38 cm. The inscription is on the side of the altar, on the die and on a band below it. Height of the die 31 cm.; thickness 32 cm. The back of the altar has been chipped, and the ends of the lines thereby destroyed. The letters are much worn, and many are almost illegible. Height of letters $3^{1}/_{2}-4^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Copied by Magie.



εποίησ εν $0\pi \hat{\epsilon} \rho = \sigma \omega(\tau) | \eta \rho$ tas Malet yαθου υίο υ εύσεβεία ς (χάριν).

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Scale 1:20.

Mabboghay, (son) of Hani, made (it) for (the) preservation of Malikat, (his) son, as a mark of piety.

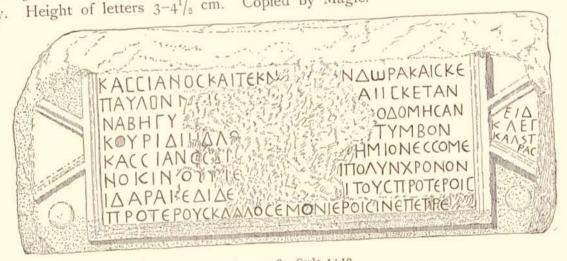
This inscription is of interest as strengthening the evidence for the use of Maßbayaus or Μαμβογαιος as the name of a person. It is the Syriac form of the ethnic adjective of the city of Bambyke-Hierapolis (Membidj), and was read as a personal name in two Nabataean inscriptions from Petra by M. Clermont-Ganneau, who compared this name with Μαμβογαίος in Wad. 2554 and 2555; see R. A. O. IV (1901), p. 99 f. The name had been restored previously by Messrs. Wright and Souter in an inscription from Iş-Şanamên (Ewing no. 46), with the note that the form Μαμβογεώ (dat.) was found in a Cappadocian inscription. This restoration was accepted by Professor Ditten-

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berger (I. S. O. G. 426), who also cited the two inscriptions of Waddington's. The form Annos does not seem to occur elsewhere; Annos in A. A. E. S. III 333 has been regarded by Prentice as an error for Avvaios (Hannai). On the other hand, Avios (Hanni) is common.

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798. LINTEL. Found lying on the ground just inside a doorway which leads into a courtyard in the southeastern angle of the ruins. Length 1.42 m.; height 58 cm. The inscription is within a raised dovetailed plate. Length of frame (inside) 98 cm.; height 38 cm. The upper edge of the block and all the centre of the face are worn away. Height of letters 3-41/2 cm. Copied by Magie.



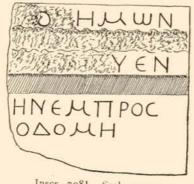
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Κασσιανός καὶ τέκν[α]νδωρα καὶ CK Ε ΠΑΥΛΟΝ	
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The inscription is evidently from a tomb, and at least the last four lines are metrical in the doggerel verse usual in these tomb-inscriptions. Ll. 6-7 are taken, or adapted, from Anth. Pal. VII 228, ll. 3-4; l. 6 is repeated in a sepulchral inscription from Rîmet il-Luhf, Wad. 2419 = Kaibel, Ep. Gr. 449, and l. 7 in an epigram from Lebka'a, Arch.-Epigr. Mitt. viii (1884), p. 182 = B. C. H. XXI (1897), p. 55. For other expressions of the same wish see no. 5728. The end of the last line is in the right dovetail, but we have not been able to make anything out of the letters. The name Tarming occurs frequently in Waddington.

7981. Fragment. Built into the north wall of a tower situated near the eastern

edge of the ruins. Height 37-45 cm.; width at top 47 cm. Some doubtful traces of a dovetailed frame, formed by incised lines are visible on the stone. Height of letters 3-4 cm. Copied by Magie.

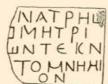


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If some form of xύριος is to be restored before ήμων, the stone may be regarded as a fragment of a dedication containing allusion to some emperor or emperors. The fourth line has been deliberately effaced.

798². Fragment. Found about 100 ft. north of the same tower, on the eastern edge of the ruins. The stone is used as a part of the left jamb of a door in the second story of a modern wall and faces south. Height at right edge 47 cm.; width at top 47 cm., at base 44 cm. Height of letters $5-10^{1}/_{2}$. Copied by Magie.

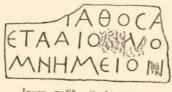


. . . . κ](αὶ) Ατρη μητρὶ μετὰ (ἐ) τ]ῶν τέχν- ων . . .] τὸ μνημῖ-

Inser. 7982. Scale 1:20.

On the name Arpn, Atr, see no. 283.

7983. Fragment. Found north of an open space near the centre of the ruins. A flight of steps ascends from the west side of the space. The block faces east. Height 15-20 cm.; width at base 43 cm. Height of letters 3-5 cm. Copied by Magie.

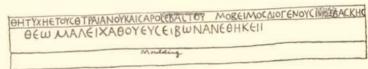


Inscr. 7983. Scale 1:10.

Atos, Arabic Haiy, is found also in Wad. 2160 and V. A. S. p. 189, no. 66; see Lidzbarski, Eph. 1, p. 333, 66.

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799. CORNICE. 106 A.D. Piece of cornice now over the door of a building, used as a stable, in the southwestern angle of the ruins. Length 1.82 m.; height 27 cm. The inscription is in two lines above a moulding. Height of letters $3^1/_2$ -5 cm. Owing to the threatening attitude of the natives, this inscription and no. 7991 were copied hastily and amid disconcerting interruptions, so that the correctness of the copies is open to question. Copied by Magie.



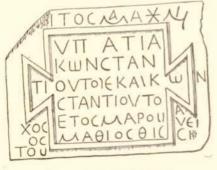
Inscr. 799, Scale 1:20.

'Αγα]θῆ Τύχη. "Ετους θ' Τραιανοῦ Καίσαρο(ς) Σεβαστοῦ, Μο(κ)ειμος Διογένους ... βασκησ ... Θεῷ Μαλειχαθου εὐσειβῶν ἀνέθηκεν.

Good Fortune! In (the) 9th year of Trajan Caesar Augustus, Mukīm, (son) of Diogenes, ... baskes..., dedicated (this) to the God of Malīkat, expressing his piety. (106 A.D.)

The word following the patronymic was probably either the name of the grand-father, perhaps preceded by the usual τοῦ or an ethnic adjective. It would be tempting to read Δαμ]ασκη[νός, but the broken letters at the beginning and end cannot be restored in such a way as to make this reading plausible. It may be that this is the ethnic adjective from Βασκά, a town situated somewhere east of the Jordan (Joseph A. I. XIII 6, 6, § 210), and that τοῦ] Βασκησ[ίου, analogous to the adjective Φαινήσιος from Φαίνα (see no. 800¹) is to be read. On the Θεὸς Μαλειχαθού see no. 793.

799¹. BLOCK. 352 A.D. Standing on the top of a modern wall about 50 feet north of no. 799. Length 53 cm.; height 39 cm. The inscription is partly in a raised dovetailed frame, partly at the sides of and above the frame. Length of the frame, excluding the dovetails, 30 cm.; height 28¹/₂ cm. Height of letters 3-4¹/₂ cm. The inscription was copied amid the same difficulties as no. 799. Copied by Magie.



Inscr. 7991. Scale 1:10.

Υπατία Κωνσταντίου τὸ ε΄ καὶ Κωνσταντίου τὸ α΄ Χοσετος Μαρου ὑειὸς (?) Μαθιος θῖος [αὐτοῦ τος ἀ(νάλω)μα (δηναρίων) μ(υριάδες) ι΄. In (the) consulship of Constantius for the fifth (time) and of Constantius for the first (time), Kusait, son of Mar, (and) Matīy his uncle the cost (was) 100,000 denarii. (352 A.D.)

In reading the date, it seems to us necessary to regard the stroke after $\tau \delta$ in l. 3 as a scratch on the stone, since Constantius II did not have fifteen consulships, and his fifth consulship coincided with the first of Constantius Gallus in 352 A.D. We should be inclined to suggest the reading $\tau o(\tilde{v})$ ε' , were it not for an inscription from iṣ-Ṣanamên (B. C. H. XXI (1897), p. 56, no. 59 = R. B. II (1905), p. 604, no. 22), which is dated, in a manner similar to this, $\dot{\varepsilon}v$ \dot{v} πατεία τῶν δεσποτῶν τἡμῶν Κωνσταντίου Αὐγρύστου τὸ ξβδομον καὶ Κωνσταντίου ἐπιφανεστάτου Καίσαρος τὸ τρίτον (354 A.D.).

The reading of the end of the inscription is difficult, partly owing to the presence of what seem to be abbreviations written above the frame, and partly owing to the fact that, on account of the circumstances in which the inscription was copied, no note was made as to whether there were ever any more letters below the frame. We have supposed that the close of the inscription would not have been written above the frame had there been room below it, and have accordingly assumed that there were originally letters in this space. As it seems impossible to regard the large M before the denariussign as the customary abbreviation for μυριάθες in view of the fact that this follows, we have supposed that it is to be read with the letters above and at the side as an abbreviation for ἀνάλωμα, which usually accompanies the figures recording the cost. The letters which immediately precede are presumably the genitive ending of the word designating the building, the cost of which is recorded, e. g. uvqualtos or dualtos. However, perhaps another proper name ending in -tos should be read. X002t0s seems to be Kusait, a diminutive form of Kasit (Xasstos see no. 94). Magou (Mar, 'man') occurs also as a genitive in an Arabian inscription, C. I. G. 4668 a, and Magaz (Mara, 'lord') was a Syrian name; see Suidas, s. v., and Sozom. III 16, and an inscription from Hama in Z. D. P.-V. VII (1884), p. 124, no. 5. The use of vis with the patronymic is, indeed, rare, and the spelling veios is strange in view of the presence of such forms as ὑπατία, but it seems to us hard to read these letters in any other way, especially as Modos is a well established name (see Wad. 2372, 2413 k, 2546 a). Perhaps, however, Μαρού(ν)ειος for Μαρώνιος, analogous to Αμμουνίος for Αμμώνιος (no. 668), should be read, and regarded as an erroneous use of the nominative for the genitive. For other instances of the participation of an uncle in the work see no. 724.

DÂMIT IL-ALYĀ.

800. BLOCK. 432 A.D. Built into the wall at the side of the entrance of the courtyard attached to a modern house near the centre of the village. The right end of the stone has been broken off. Length at the top 75 cm., at the bottom 73 cm. Height 44 cm. The inscription is in a raised dovetailed frame. The rows of letters are separated by incised lines. Copied by Butler in 1905.

Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 144, no. 79.



Inscr. 800. Scale 1:10.

Σαθθος Δανουβίου καὶ Αμερος Έκότου [περά(ν)αντες τὸν βίον καλῷ[ς καὶ ἐν ἐπιε(ι)κία καὶ εὐθοκία ἐκ τῶν ἰδ(ί)ων ἔκτισ[αν μνήματος χάρι[ν. Ἔτ(ει) τκζ΄.

Sa'd, (son) of Danubius, and 'Amir, (son) of Hekotos (?), completing life nobly and in righteousness and good repute, built (it) at their own (expense) to serve as a memorial. In (the) year 327. (432 A.D.)

Line 1: ADDOCDANOYBIOK, Ewing.

Line 2: KAIOMEPOC, x. T. A., Ewing.

Line 3: A/ANTECTONNONKAA, Ewing.

Line 5: EKTWNIAWNEKTIE, Ewing.

Line 6: MNHMATOCXA/, Ewing.

Messrs. Wright and Souter assumed that a considerable portion of the inscription was lost, and read in l. I Αθθος Δανου βιοχωλότης. It seems quite clear from our copy, however, that not more than two or three letters have been lost from each line, and there is therefore no possibility of restoring so long a word as βισχωλότης. Moreover, the last letter in l. 1 is clearly γ. Δανούβιος occurs as a man's name in an inscription from Uyûn, Wad. 1984; the Latin form Danuvius also occurs, e.g. Cod. Iust. vi, 59, 10 and C. I. L. III 3581. Σαδδος is usually spelled Σαδος, but this form seems to occur in M. S. M. p. 263, no. 70; on the doubling of the consonant see Lidzbarski, Ерh. п, р. 328, no. 26. In l. 2, Ехотой is plain in Mr. Ewing's copy as well as in ours. As there is no Semitic name of which this can be considered the equivalent, it seems best to regard it as an attempt at "Exarcs, or some form like Exarcs, found in two inscriptions from Erythrae, Ditt. Syll.2 210 and 600. In ll. 2-3, Messrs. Wright and Souter read | κατασκευ|ά|σ|αντες τὸν ν|α|όν, but our copy shows beyond all question that τὸν βίον is on the stone. This word, as well as the phrase μνήματος χάριν, suggest that the inscription is from a tomb, and we have restored the participle in ll. 2-3 accordingly. On the expression μνήματος χάριν see no. 784.

800¹. ALTAR. Found in a house near the centre of the village. The base is embedded in the ground. Height above the ground 50 cm.; width of the cap 37 cm. The inscription is on a raised plate on the die, and above and below the plate. Height of the visible portion of the die 37 cm.; width 24 cm. Width of the plate 20 cm. Height of letters 3–4 cm. Copied by Butler in 1905.



'Επηχόφ Διὶ Φατυησίφ εὐχἢ (Σ)έ(λ)-(ε)υκος Οχορα-(ν)ου [εὐσε(β)ῶ[ν.

To Zeus of Phaina, Hearer of prayer. Seleukos, (son) of Akaran, (fulfils) a vow, in piety.

Φαινήσιος is the ethnic adjective of Phaina-Mismîyeh; see Wad. 2524 et seq. The god is, then, the local Baʿal of Phaina, and the donor perhaps a native of the same place. In the same way, $Z_{ε}$ $U_{ε}$ $U_{ε}$

800°. Block. Found in a courtyard in the eastern part of the village. Length at the top 96 cm., at the bottom 83 cm.; height 38 cm. Height of letters 3-5 cm. Copied by the servant Bshâra in 1905 and revised by Butler.

C WANIKHT WAYMO YO MO COMPOSITION ON KO WO AN A POYXACETOY KEXACETOC YABHΛΟΥΚΕΦΙΛΙΠΠΤΟ (CAAM EXTOC

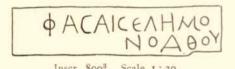
Inscr. 8002. Scale 1:10.

This inscription and no. 800^7 are interesting as showing that the ancient name of Dâmit il-Alyā was Damatha, a neuter plural analogous to Kanatha, the ancient name of Kanawât. They also show that there was at this place a cult of the $\Theta\epsilon\delta$, August (see no. 793). On the names $A\beta\chi\rho\rho\rho\sigma$, $X\alpha\sigma\epsilon\tau\sigma\sigma$, and $O\nu\alpha\beta\eta\lambda\sigma\sigma$, see nos. 659, 136,

and 787 respectively. The reading of the patronymic in l. 3 is doubtful. It seems impossible to read $0\mu\alpha\beta$, for although the name $0\mu\alpha\beta$ is found in no. 95, it is purely a woman's name. The name must, therefore, be emended to $0\mu\alpha\beta$, Amat, or to $0\mu\alpha\beta$, Omar. The omission of the Greek case-ending is very strange, for, although it is sometimes omitted in patronymics, as in nos. 363, 92, and 7937, all the other patronymics in this inscription have the regular genitive ending.

8003. LINTEL. Serving as the lintel of a modern house near the ancient church in the eastern part of the village. Length 1.10 m.; height 24-25 cm. Height of letters 5-8 cm. Copied by Butler in 1905.

C. Graham, Trans. Roy. Soc. of Lit. vi, p. 285, no. 10; cf. p. 318.



• Φασαιζσ>ελη Μονοαθου.

Fasai el, (daughter) of Mun'at.

Line 1: IACAICENHMO, Graham.

The lintel may have come either from the house or the tomb of Φασακλη. On this name see no. 210. In the present instance the ζ after the fifth letter is probably only an indentation on the face of the stone, which, according to Butler's field-notes, is very porous. Μονοαθος is the same name as Μοναθος, Wad. 2429. The latter would be the usual rendering of the Arabic name; in the present form the O represents the Arabic sain.

8004. BLOCK. Built into the wall of the same house. Height 45 cm.; width 40 cm. The lower left corner has been broken off. The face is badly weathered. Height of letters 3-7 cm. Copied by Butler in 1905.



 $X\alpha(\sigma)$ ετος ('A) $\gamma(\alpha)$ πάο[υ] ἢτ \tilde{o} [ν] $\varkappa(\eta')$.

On the name Xageros ($K\bar{a}sit$) see no. 136. The patronymic suggests the Greek name $A\gamma anaios$ more than anything else, but this name and the letters that follow are so worn that any restoration is most uncertain.

800⁵. Block. Found on the top of a house in the southeastern part of the village. Length 66 cm.; height 32 cm. The inscription is on a raised dovetailed plate. Length of the plate 45 cm.; height 27 cm. Above and below the dovetails are small disks which contain crosses. Height of letters 3¹/₉-4 cm. Copied by Butler in 1905.



Αὐρ(ήλιος) Μιλιχο(ς) κὲ Σαγαθεος κὲ Εὺτρόπις πιστοὶ ἐτελίοσαν τὰς θύο ἀψὶθας.

Inscr. 8005. Scale 1:10.

Aurelius Milichos and Skagadīy (or Sagadīy) and Eutropios, pistoi, completed the two apses.

The name $\Sigma \alpha \gamma \alpha \delta \omega \varsigma$ is not found elsewhere in Greek, but it is evidently the transliteration of $Shagad\bar{\imath}y$ ($Shagad\bar{\imath}y\bar{\alpha}$) or $Sagad\bar{\imath}y$ ($Sagad\bar{\imath}y\bar{\alpha}$) found in a Sinaïtic inscription, C.~I.~S.~896. In Euting's copy of this inscription the third consonant is doubtful, and the present inscription is of interest in determining that this letter is Δ . It also establishes the vowels to be read in the Sinaïtic form. On $\pi \iota \sigma \tau \omega$ see no. 611.

8006. BLOCK. Built into the wall of a house in a group of buildings just outside the southwestern corner of the village. The block faces south. Length 1 m.; height 50 cm. The inscription is within a raised dovetailed frame and is continued above the frame. Length of the frame, excluding the dovetails, 52 cm.; height 34 cm. Height of letters 3–5 cm. Copied by Butler in 1905.

Waddington, no. 2452; Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 142, no. 75.



Inscr. 8006. Scale 1:10.

Αὐρ(κλιος) Οὐράνις Ουαβηλου ἐξ οἰχίων πόνων τὸ μνῆμα καὶ τὴν αὐλὴν καὶ (τ)ὸν ἐνόντα λάκον καὶ σ(υκ)ῶνα ἐφύτησεν καὶ τοῖς νίοῖς μετάπαρέθωκεν καὶ ... Ŋ ∈ Λ Δ ∈ , σπουδῆς Μασαχνης συμβίου.

Aurelius Ouranios, (son) of Wahb-el, from (the results of his) own toil (con-Publications of the Princeton University Archaeological Expeditions to Syria, Div. III, Sec. A, Pt. 7. structed) the memorial and the enclosure and the pool which is within (it), and plantea the fig-grove, and made (them) over to his sons and, under (the) supervision of Masaknā (?) (his) wife.

Line 4: NAYAHNKAITONENON, Wad.

Line 5: TANAKONKAICKWNAE, Wad.; TANAKONKAIRWINAE, Ewing.

Line 6: PYTEYCEN, z. T. A., Wad.

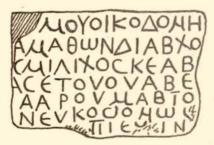
Above the frame: //ΝΕΛΔΕ(ΠΟ/ΔΗς, κ. τ. λ., Wad.; INΕΛΔΕ(ΙΤΟ V ΔΗς, κ. τ. λ., Ewing.

The correct reading of 1. 5 must remain in doubt. We have adopted Waddington's συχώνα because it seems assured by the verb. His copy suggests that Y was omitted and then added to K, forming a sort of ligature. The combination of a pool and grove with the tomb is similar to that provided for in the will of a Gaul (C. I. L. XIII 5708), who ordered the construction of an aedificium et pomaria et lacus, and also to Trimalchio's order, omne genus enim poma volo sint circa cineres meos et vinearum largiter (Petron. Sat. 71). A munimentum sive pomariolum is mentioned in C. I. L. X 3594, and instances of gardens in connection with tombs are common; see Dessau, Inscr. Lat. Sel. 8345 f. The form ἐφύτησεν seems to be merely an error for ἐφύτευσεν.

The letters above the frame were read by Waddington, ...νελδε? σπο[ν]δῆς Μασαχνης συμβίου. Messrs. Wright and Souter suggested: Ἰενδ(κατιῶνος) δ΄ [ἐκ] σπουδῆς, etc. This reading, however, leaves entirely unexplained the καί at the end of 1. 7, and leaves out of account the many instances where the inscription is too long for the frame and has to be completed above it. Moreover it is most improbable that the inscription began merely with the number of the indiction and without the number of the year. We believe, therefore, that these letters carry on the inscription from 1. 7 and that the first five represent a verb connected by καί with μεταπαρέδωκεν.

On the name Ουαβηλος see no. 787. The name Μασαχνη has been restored in an inscription from il-Hît, R. B. VII (1898), p. 104, but it does not seem to occur elsewhere. The Semitic Masaknā means 'we have seized', and the name may be explained as indicating what the parents may have said when the child was born; compare Genesis IV I.

8007. FRAGMENT. Built into the east wall of the same group of buildings. Length 47 cm.; height at the left end 30 cm., at the right 32 cm. The letters are roughly formed, and the incisions are deep and broad. Height of letters 3-5 cm. Copied by Butler in 1905.



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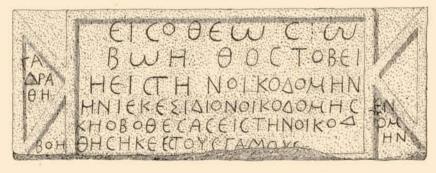
Θεώ Ανικήτω Αυμου οἰκοδόμη[σεν τὸ
κοινόν κώμ(ης) Δ]αμάθων δι(ά) Αβχο[ρου
κὲ]ς Μίλιχος κὲ Αβ[γαρου
Χασετου (?) κέ Χ]ασετου Ουαβε[λου
]ααρου Μαθιο[υ κέ
TIC//IN

To (the) Unconquerable God of 'Aum, the community of (the) village of Damatha built (this), through the agency of Abkur, (son) of, and of, (son of) Milichos, and of Abgar, (son) of Kāsiṭ, and of Kāsiṭ, (son) of Wahb-el,, and of aaros, (son) of Matīy, and the builders

This inscription is a parallel to no. 800°, and ll. 1–4 have been restored accordingly. On the names in these lines see the references there cited; on Mαθιος see no. 799°. We cannot offer any plausible restoration of ll. 5–7. It seems most natural to read (α) αοδόμω[ν in l. 6, and the plural demands at least two names in conjunction with it. On the other hand, it seems improbable that this word applies to all the names in the inscription. Accordingly, we are inclined to believe that some such word as πιστών or προνοστών is to be restored in l. 5, referring to the four names which precede. An instance of the construction of a building ἐπὶ προνοία of four πιστοί and one σίασθόμος is found in Wad. 2022 α. The letters in l. 7 may represent a date or some sort of a formula.

8008. BLOCK. Over the lintel of a doorway which leads into an ancient courtyard in the southwestern part of the village. The stone is broken at the bottom. Length 1.10 m.; height at the right end 40 cm. The inscription is within a raised dovetailed frame. Length of the frame, excluding the dovetails, 77 cm. Height of letters in 11. 1-3 4-6 cm., in the other lines $2^{1}/_{2}$ -4 cm. Copied by Butler in 1905.

Wetzstein, no. 118; Cyril Graham, Trans. Roy. Soc. of Lit. vi, p. 284; Waddington, no. 2451; Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 141, no. 74.



Inscr. 8008. Scale 1:10.

Είς ὁ Θεώς ὡ βοηθὸς Τοβείη εἰς τὰν οἰκοθομάν, ἀνίεκ(α) ἐξ ἰδίον οἰκοθόμησεν, κὰ ὁ βοθέσας εἰς τὰν οἰκοθόμην, βοηθήση κ(ἐ) ἐς τοὺς γάμους. Γαθραθη.

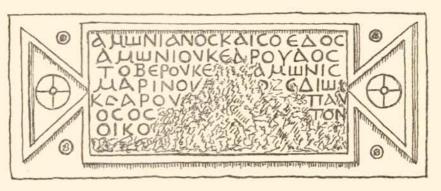
(There is) one God, the helper for Tobias for the building, when he built at his own (expense), and he who helped for the building, will help also for the marriage. Gadrat.

Line 2: BWHOOO, Wetzstein; BWHOON, Ewing. Left dovetail: Letters omitted by Ewing. In l. 4, Wetzstein read n = [p]; Waddington, as well as Messrs. Wright and Souter, read n = [p] if n = [p]; Waddington, as well as Messrs. Wright and Souter, read n = [p] if n = [p]; Waddington, as well as Messrs. Wright and Souter, read n = [p] which appear in their copies as plainly as in Wetzstein's and ours, and may therefore be regarded as certain. We would suggest n = [n] for n = [n]. This gives the necessary connection between the thought in ll. n = [n] and the verb n = [n] and the spelling is not surprising in an inscription in which the orthography is as thoroughly bad as it is in this one.

The name $\Gamma\alpha\delta\rho\alpha\delta\eta$ occurs also in no. 345. The presence of this feminine name on the stone seems to be an indication that Tobias' expectation was fulfilled.

DÊR IDJ-DJŪWÂNĪ.

801. BLOCK. Built into the wall over the north door of the mosque, which is near the centre of the ruins and immediately north of the monastery; see Div. II. A. 7, p. 436. Length 1.10 m.; height 43 cm. The face of the stone is much worn, especially in the centre and the lower portion. The inscription is within a raised dovetailed frame. Length of the frame, excluding the dovetails, 67 cm.; height 33 cm. In the dovetails are disks, and above and below are raised knobs. Height of letters 3-4 cm. Copied by Magie.



Inscr. 801. Scale 1:10.

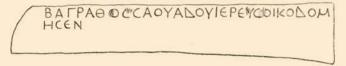
Ammōnianus and Suwaid (or Suʿaid), (sons) of Ammōnios, and Arwad, (son) of Dhubair, and Aurelius Ammōnios, (son) of Marinus, and ... ediōn, (son) of Clarus, and Domitianus, (son) of Os , (built) the house

Our restoration of ll. 4-5 is intended only as a suggestion. Another possibility is ς Διωκλάρου; the name Διόκληρος is recorded as the name of one of King Solo-

mon's officers in Joseph. A. I. VIII 2, 3, § 35. For the feminine form of Αρουαδός see no. 71. Τοβερος does not seem to occur elsewhere, but the Arabic equivalent is known.

801¹. Lintel. Over the doorway of a building situated a few metres south of the monastery. The stone faces north. Length at the top 1.66 m., at the bottom 1.70 m.; height at the left end 25 cm., at the right 33 cm. There are traces of black paint in some of the letters. Height of letters $4^{1}/_{2}-5^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Copied by Magie.

Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 144, no. 79 A.



Inscr. 8011. Scale 1:20.

Βαγραθος Σαουαδου έερευς οίκοδόμησεν.

Bagrat, (son) of Sawad, (the) priest built (it).

BAFPAOOOCEAOYADOY and OIKIODOM | HEEN, Ewing.

Messrs. Wright and Souter read Βαγραθούς Εαυναθού, which was corrected by M. Clermont-Ganneau to Βαγραθοίς) Σεαυναθού, the latter name probably to be read Σελουανοῦ, an error for Σιλουανοῦ; see É. A. O. II (1897), p. 34 = P. E. F. 1896, p. 81. Our copy, however, seems to give the correct reading of the patronymic; for the name see nos. 522 and 801^4 . The name Βαγραθος is found in the form Βαγρασος in C. I. G. 4518 and 4519 = Wad. 2562 h and 2562 i; on the Semitic form see Clermont-Ganneau, R. A. O. I (1888), p. 56. Βαγραθος was probably the priest of Lykourgos, to whom no. 801^2 is dedicated.

 801° . Block. Found lying on the ground in a room entered from a courtyard in the northwestern corner of the ruins. The entrance to the room is at the south end of the east side of the courtyard. Length of the face of the stone 41 cm. at the top, 38 cm. at the bottom; height 19 cm.; thickness 48-53 cm. The inscription is continued on the right end of the stone. Height of letters $2-3^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Copied by Magie.



Θεῷ Ληκούργω Μανος Σοαδου τὰν Νείκην εὐσέβη(ς) χά[ριν ἐποίησεν.

Insc. 8012. Scale 1:10.

For (the) god Lykourgos, Ma'n, (son) of Su'ad, made the (statue of) Victory as a mark of piety.

On the god and the donor see no. 789, which is a close parallel to this inscription.

8013. Block. Built into an arch in a low room entered from the same courtyard. The room is at the east end of the south side of the courtyard. Length 67 cm.; height 26 cm. Height of letters $4^1/_2-6^1/_2$ cm. Copied by Magie.

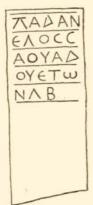
MUZIMOCIOVAI

Μάξιμος Τουλιανού έκτισεν.

Inscr. 8013, Scale 1:20.

Maximus, (son) of Julianus, built (it).

801⁴. Stell. Built into the west wall of the chapel at the northern end of the ruins; see Div. II. A. 7, p. 436. The stone faces outwards. Height at the left side 1.02 m., at the right $96^{1}/_{2}$ cm.; width 40 cm. The base is broken off. The face is well finished, and the rows of letters are separated by incised lines. Height of letters, which are well cut, $5^{1}/_{2}$ -6 cm. Copied by Magie.



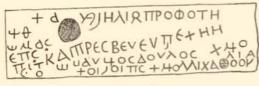
Λαδανελος Σαουαδου έτων λβ'.

i.e. Ladana-'el (son) of Sawad.

Inscr. 8014. Scale 1:20. The first name, if the reading be correct, is interesting as having the meaning 'with us is God', corresponding to the Hebrew 'immānū-'ēl (Immanuel). For Σαουαδος see nos. 522 and 8011.

801⁵. Lintel. Over the door of a ruined house in the southeastern corner of the ruins. The stone faces north. Length 1.23 m.; height 32 cm. There are numerous blemishes on the face, and the alignment of letters is irregular. Height of letters 3-6 cm. Copied by Magie.

Ewing, P. E. F. 1895, p. 145, no. 79 B.



Inscr. 8015. Scale 1:20.

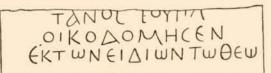
"Αγιε "Ηλία, προφότη και πρέσβευ, ευ ποῖε + ήμῶ(υ). Αυμος δούλος,
+ οἱ λοιπ(οἱ) + Μ(α)λιχαθο(ς)
+ Μολιμ(ος).
+ Θωμᾶς ἐπο(ίησευ).

O holy Elias, prophet and intercessor, bless us! Aum, a servant; the others, Malikat, Muhlim. Thomas constructed (it).

The letters are so badly formed and so irregularly placed on the stone that it is difficult to make anything out of them, and our reading must be regarded only as a

suggestion. The size and evident importance of the zzi and the following letters indicates that they are to be read with the letters in l. 1 rather than with those at the left end of the stone, and we have accordingly proposed the reading as above. The interpretation of the letters at the lower left corner is especially problematical.

8016. LINTEL. Over a doorway entered from a ruined courtyard about 50 metres northwest of the house where no. 8015 was found. The doorway is in the wall on the north side of the courtyard. The top of the stone has been trimmed off. Length 1.37 m.; height at the left end 34 cm., at the right 36 cm. Height of letters $5^{1/2}$ -10 cm. Copied by Magie.



Inser. So16. Scale 1:20.

Τανος (Γ)ου(ρ)α οίχοδόμησεν έκ τῶν εἰδίων τῷ Θεῷ.

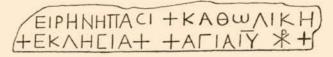
Thann, (son) of Gura, built (it) at his own (expense) for the God.

The god is probably Lykourgos; see no. 801°. On the name Τανος, elsewhere spelled Ταννος, see no. 628. For the name Γουρας see no. 797°.

KRÊM

802. LINTEL. Over a doorway entered from a courtyard in the northwestern part of the ruins. The doorway is in the wall on the south side of the courtyard. The shape of the stone is somewhat irregular. Length at the top 1.45 m., at the bottom 1.57 m.; height 23-24 cm. Height of letters 5-10 cm. The letters contain traces of red paint. Copied by Magie.

Waddington, no. 2519.



Inscr. 802. Scale 1:20.

+ Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.

+ Έκλησία + + καθωλική + άγία Ί(ησο)ῦ Χρ(ιστοῦ) +.

Peace (be) to all! (The) holy catholic church of Jesus Christ.

Line 2: IY &+, Wad.

In l. 2 Waddington read $[K] \circ \rho(i\circ v)$, but the character following $\alpha \gamma i\alpha$ is evidently an $i\circ t\alpha$, and the chrismon is also plain. The letters IY are evidently the abbreviation for 17700 as elsewhere, e.g. A. A. E. S. III 70.

SHA'ÂRAH

803. BLOCK. 161–169 A.D. Built into the front wall of the mosque, which is on the brow of the hill and on the right side, as one ascends the long main street of the ancient city. The stone is over the lintel of the doorway. The face had at one time been covered with plaster but this had been scraped off except at the upper right corner; here a piece was removed by the Expedition, and the two letters at the end of l. I thus brought to light. The block is broken at the upper edge. Length 961/2 cm.; height 41 cm. Height of letters 31/2-4 cm. Copied by Magie.

C. I. G. 4560 (copies by Burckhardt and Seetzen); Waddington, no. 2520 = I. G. R. III 1125.

AYPHAIOVANT WNEINOYKAI ĀΑΥΡΗΛΙΟΥΟΥΗΡΟΥ ΤΤΡΟΚΛΟΟ ΓΕΡΜΑΝΟΥΚΑΙCAIOC ZOBAIΔΟΥ ΚΑΙΑΔΕΙΟ CABABOYCT PATH ΓΟΙ ΑΝΕΘΗΚΑΝ

Ύπερ σωτηρίας Αὐτοκρατόρων Μ(άρκου) Αὐρηλίου Άντωνείνου καὶ Λ(ουκίου) Αὐρηλίου Οὐήρου Πρόκλος Γερμανοῦ καὶ Σαιος Ζοβαιδου καὶ Αδειος Αβαβου στρατηγοὶ ἀνέθηκαν.

Inscr. 803. Scale 1:10.

For (the) preservation of (the) Emperors Marcus Aurelius Antoninus and Lucius Aurelius Verus, Proklos, (son) of Germanos, and Shai^e, (son) of Zubaid, and Adīy, (son) of Ḥabāb, (the) strategoi, dedicated (this).

Line 1: "Punctis distinguit Burckhardtus"; ΙΙΙζΛΨΙΗΙΙΑζΑΝΙζΑΊΑ, Seetzen; ΥΠΕΡΟΨΤΗΡΙΑζΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΟΡΟς, Wad.

Line 4: /AIOCZOBAIAOY, Burckhardt; FAIOCZOPAIAOY, Seetzen.

Line 5: A DEIOCA/ABOY, Burckhardt; A DAIOCABABOY, Seetzen; A A EIOCABABOY, Waddington.

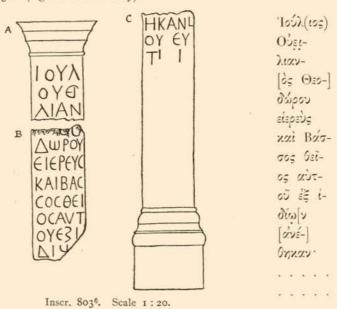
Our copy serves to correct Waddington's, showing, as it does, that Αὐτοκρατόρων is to be read in l. 1, applying to the names of both emperors, as is usual. The use of the singular, on the other hand, would be contrary to all custom.

The στρατηγοί were presumably the chief magistrates of the community. The title of στρατηγοίς is found in inscriptions from other places in these regions; see Wad. 2071 = A. A. E. S. III 392 (Shehbā), Wad. 2114 (il-Hît), A. A. E. S. III 150 (Maʿarrit Bêṭar). In all of these, however, there is but a single στρατηγοίς, who would seem to be eponymous, since the name and title are used with ἐπί, probably to indicate the time of the erection of the building; similarly a dedication for the preservation of Maximinus Thrax was erected at Kefr-Lahâ στρατηγείας Οὐλ(πίου) Σκαυριανοῦ, Wad. 2399. At Palmyra, on the other hand, this title was used by the duumvirs of the colony; see Wad. 2601 and commentary. At Shaʿarah, according to this inscription, the στρατηγοί seem to have been a board, as in Athens in the pre-Roman period and in the cities of Asia Minor; see Liebenam, Städteverw. p. 286 f. Λοῦιος is found in the form Λοῖος

makes it impossible to claim with certainty that it was a part of the same inscription. However, the general appearance of the stone and the character of the letters seem to warrant the assumption that it is to be connected with the other fragments. If the first five letters are to be read, as seems most natural, as bello, the last two are most plausibly regarded as some form of the verb ovare. It is tempting to read ov[anti, referring to an ovatio of Constantine, held after one of the civil wars by means of which he made himself master of the Empire, but in the entire lack of knowledge of any such ovatio, held either by Constantine or by any other emperor after Augustus, such a reading is hardly justified. Perhaps ov[antes is to be read, applying to those who erected the monument after the completion of some war.

803⁶. Column. Fragments of an hexagonal column with concave faces found east of the mosque. Frgs. A and B were lying in the street immediately inside the gate which is on the brow of the hill. Frg. c was standing close to the wall of the mosque. Height of frg. A 51¹/₂ cm.; of frg. B 69 cm. at the left edge and 55 cm. at the right edge; of frg. C 1.47 m. Width of the faces, of frg. B 27 cm., of frg. C 26 cm. Height of letters, in frgs. A and B 7–8 cm., in frg. C 6–7 cm. Copied by Magie.

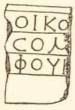
Waddington, no. 2522 (frgs. A and B only).



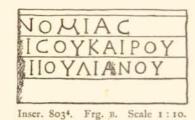
Julius Villianus, (son) of Theodoros, priest, and Bassus his uncle dedicated at their own (expense)

Line 2: OYO/, Wad. Line 3: \triangle IAN, Wad. Line 4: OCOEO, Wad.

In Waddington's time the upper part of the column, now represented by frgs. A and B, was unbroken and l. 4 was intact. The name in ll. 2-3 was read by Waddington $O\mathcal{O}(v) \partial (w) \partial (w) \delta s$ (?), and the third character in l. 2 does indeed look more like Θ than anything else. However, such a name as this seems impossible, and we have







Οίκογομίας Σομισου καὶ Ῥούφου κ[α]ὶ Ἰουλιανοῦ.

In (the) administration of Shumais and Rufus and Julianus.

The inscription is complete, for the manner in which the fragments fit together shows that the full width is preserved; also the upper and lower edges of the block seem to be unbroken. The inscription must therefore simply record the date, as in no. 803¹. The function described by οἰκονομία is evidently the same one that is alluded to in nos. 803¹ and 803², and the inscription must come from the same temenos. The form Σομισος does not seem to be found elsewhere; the Arabic form is a diminutive of Shams 'sun', which is found as a name in no. 793⁴. Shamasai (Σαμασαιος) in no. 60 is also an hypocoristic form.

803⁵. Fragments. Built into the walls of the mosque. Frgs. A, C, D are in the south wall, frg. B is in the east wall and upside down. Length of A 45 cm.; height 38 cm. Length of B 84 cm.; height 31 cm. Length of C 55 cm.; height 37 cm.; width of uninscribed space at the right end 16¹/₉ cm. Frg. D was too far above the ground to be measured. There are traces of red paint in the letters of B and D. Height of letters, of A 19–20 cm., of B 15–20 cm., of C 19–21 cm. Copied by Magie.

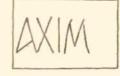
Waddington, no. 2523.



Inscr. 8035. Frg. A. Scale 1:20.



Inscr. 8035. Frg. B. Scale 1:20.



Inscr. 8035. Frg. C. Scale 1:20.



Inscr. 8035. Frg. D.

D(omi)n(o) n(ostro) Constantino Maxim(o)

Frg. A: ANNWN, Wad. Frg. B: TANTINOM, Wad. Frg. D: BELLOOY, Wad.

Waddington's sole comment is: "il n'y a rien à tirer de ces fragments, dont deux sont en grec et les deux autres en latin". Our copy, however, shows that, in spite of the initial Δ , they are all in Latin, and that three, at any rate, form part of an honorary inscription of Constantine. In the case of frg. D the lack of measurements unfortunately

We have restored τεμ[έν]ους in ll. 2-3 on the analogy of no. 803¹. The letters preceding the word are very uncertain, but it seems impossible to read πρώτου, as in no. 803¹, or indeed any other numeral adjective. They may represent either the name of the deity or deities to whom the enclosure was consecrated, or the name of the community to which it belonged. The fact that the names in ll. 4-7 are nominatives precludes the possibility of reading οἰκονομίας), as in nos. 803¹ and 803⁴, and we have accordingly deemed it necessary to regard the letters in l. 4 as the abbreviation for οἰκονόμοι, supposing the three dedicators to have performed the function which is referred to in no. 803¹, and probably in no. 803⁴, as οἰκονομία.

On the names $N\alpha\sigma\rho\sigma_{S}$ and $A\lambda\alpha\sigma\alpha\sigma_{S}$ see nos. 122 and 299 respectively. On $O\sigma\alpha\sigma_{S}$, of which $O\sigma\alpha\sigma_{S}$ is a theophorous compound, see no. 509. The feminine form of $\Phi\alpha\sigma\sigma_{S}$ is common; the masculine occurs in Palmyrene inscriptions; see A.~A.~E.~S.~IV,~p.~59~f.

803⁸. Fragment. Built into the south wall of the mosque. The stone is upside down. Length at the lower edge 51 cm.; height $32^{1}/_{9}$ cm. The inscription was within a dovetailed frame formed by incised lines. Height of the frame 17 cm.; length of the extant portion $27^{1}/_{9}$ cm. Distance between the top of the block and the top of the frame 3 cm., between the bottom of the frame and the bottom of the block $12^{1}/_{9}$ cm. The rows of letters are separated by incised lines. Height of letters $3-3^{1}/_{9}$ cm. Copied by Magie.

Waddington, no. 2521.



Inscr. 8033. Scale 1:10.

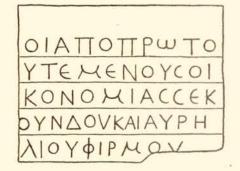
The inscription evidently recorded a dedication made by the community. Waddington read εὐτυχο[ῦς] in l. 2, but it is difficult to see what the construction of such a word would be. It seems more reasonable to regard the word as agreeing with τὸ κοινόν and expressing the reason for the dedication, analogous to the dedication in Wad. 2427, οἱ ἀπὸ φυλῆς Μανιηνῶν εὐτυχίσοντες (i. e. εὐτυχήσαντες) ἐτελίωσαν. In l. 3 Waddington restored θεᾶς, and it is indeed tempting to restore here the name of some goddess, to whom the temenos, mentioned in nos. 803^1 and 803^2 , was dedicated.

803⁴. Fragments. Built into the walls of the mosque. Frg. A serves as the east jamb of a window in the north wall. Height 26 cm.; width 17 cm. Frg. B is in the west wall; the face is somewhat worn. Height 25 cm.; width 45¹/₂ cm. The rows of letters in both fragments are separated by incised lines. Height of letters 3–4 cm. Frg. A copied by H. W. Bell, frg. B by Magie.

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in no. 366. Αβαβος is found in Wad. 2420; on this form of the name see Lidzbarski, Eph. 11, p. 22.

803¹. Block. Inside the mosque, built into the east wall of the *mihrab*. Length 54 cm.; height 41 cm. The rows of letters are separated by lightly incised lines. Height of letters 4–5 cm. Copied by Magie.



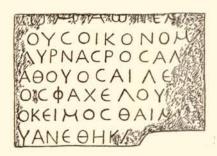
Οί ἀπὸ πρώτου τεμένους: οίκονομίας Σεκούνδου καὶ Αὐρηλίου Φίρμου.

Inscr. 803'. Scale 1:10.

Those in charge of (the) first temenos. In (the) administration of Secundus and Aurelius Firmus.

The appearance of the stone gives every indication that the inscription is complete. It seems to have been erected by the officials whose office is indicated in II. I-2. The description of their office is peculiar, for the preposition regularly used to denote a function is $i\pi i$. This use of $i\pi i$ suggests the Latin ab, which is regularly employed in this way. The erection of the monument is dated in the $i\pi i \nu \nu \nu \mu i \alpha$ of two officials, who are evidently eponymous. No. 803^4 is dated similarly. Here too the grammatical construction is unusual, for we should expect the dative. However, in no. 788, Wad. 2215 = I. G. R. III 1263, and Wad. 2399 = I. G. R. III 1213 $i\pi \alpha \tau \epsilon i\alpha \epsilon$ and $i\pi \rho \alpha \tau \gamma \gamma \epsilon i\alpha \epsilon$ are similarly used.

 803° . Block. Built into the inside wall of the mosque, immediately at the right of the entrance. The stone is standing on its right side. The block is broken at the upper and lower edges. Length 50 cm.; height 35 cm. Height of letters $3^{1}/_{2}$ -4 cm. Copied by Magie.



[Οί]
.. μαω(ν) τεμ[ε'ν]ους οἰκονόμ(οι),
Αὐρ(κίλιος) Νασρος Αλ[ασαθου, Οσαι(δ)ε[λος Φα(σε)ελου, [Μοκειμος Θαιμ[ου ἀνέθηκα[ν.

Inscr. 8032. Scale 1:10.

The administrators of the temenos of, Aurelius Nasr, (son) of Khalasat, Usaidel, (son) of Phasaiel, Mukīm (son) of Taim, dedicated (it).

Publications of the Princeton University Archaeological Expeditions to Syria, Div. III, Sec. A, Pt. 7.

thought it more probable that the character in question represents a ligature for ϵ_1 , and have accordingly read Οὐειλιανός for Οὐιλλιανός, the use of the diphthong being consistent with the spelling of εἰερεύς: the forms Οὐείλιος and Οὐειλία occur in C. I. G. 4283 = I. G. R. III 664. On the other hand, perhaps Οὐερ(δ)ιανός is to be read as in Wad. 2538.

The connection of frg. c with frgs. A and B is, of course, not certain, but the fact that it contains the end of the verb necessary to complete the dedicatory formula, as well as the similarity in size of letters and width of face, has led us to believe that it is a fragment of the same column. Unfortunately our copy does not permit the restoration of the end of the inscription.

803⁷. Lintel. Over a door on the southern side of a courtyard in the modern village which is on the edge of the plain north of the ancient town. The courtyard is east of the *Tell* which is east of the ancient bath; see Div. II. A. 7, p. 439. The right end of the lintel has been broken off, and the left edge has been trimmed down. Length of extant portion 1.15 m. on the upper edge, 1.21 on the lower; height 35 cm. The face is very rough and full of small holes. Height of letters 7–10 cm. Copied by Magie.



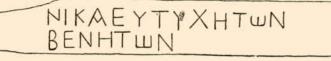
Inscr. 8031. Scale 1:20.

Flavius Eutropius, (son) of Khulās (?), (built) and the gate, from (the) foundations

The word $\pi \acute{\rho} \tau \alpha$ is frequently found in Byzantine writers, and it also occurs in an inscription from Egypt, *C. I. G.* 8661, which seems to be the same as the one published by de Ricci, *Arch. f. Pap.-Forsch.* II (1903), p. 570, no. 149 = *Ann. Ép.* 1903, 230. On Olazos see no. 443.

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804. LINTEL. Found over a door on the west side of a courtyard at the eastern end of the ruins. The stone seemed to be in situ. Length 1.91 m.; height at the left end 20 cm.; at the right 29 cm. Height of letters 6-11 cm. Copied by Magie.



Νίκα, εὐτύχη τῶν Βενήτων.

Conquer, Fortune of the Blues!

Inscr. 804. Scale 1:20.

On the formula see no. 256.

804¹. Lintel. Found over the door of a room in the second story and immediately south of no. 804. Length 1.21 m.; height $27^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Near the centre of the face is a disk with enclosed cross in very low relief. Height of letters 5–7 cm.; diameter of the disk 23 cm. Copied by Magie.



Νίκα. Κύρις, κώμης, κα[ὶ] ἀδε(λφός), πωλὰ τὰ ἔτ(η).

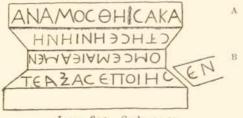
Inscr. 8041. Scale 1:20.

Success! Kyrios, Comes, and (your) brother, many be your years!

The reading of the inscription is somewhat uncertain, but it is hard to read $z\omega\mu\eta_5$ as the genitive of $z\omega\mu\eta_5$, and the spelling of $\pi\omega\lambda\alpha$ seems to justify us in regarding it as an error for $z\omega\mu\eta_5$. $\Pi\omega\lambda\lambda\lambda$ the spelling of $z\omega\lambda$ seems to justify us in regarding it as an error for $z\omega\mu\eta_5$. $\Pi\omega\lambda\lambda\lambda$ the spelling of $z\omega\lambda$ seems to justify us in regarding it as an error for $z\omega\mu\eta_5$. $\Pi\omega\lambda\lambda\lambda$ the usual acclamation; see Wad. 1900, 1830 and 1831 = C. I. G. 8681 and 8897, Wad. 2358, 24130, and Jahresh. d. Oest. Inst. x (1907), Beibl. p. 70. For a votive-offering dedicated by a man and his sister see C. I. G. 8869.

SAHR.

805. Base of Statue. Found in the temenos of the temple; see Div. II. A. 7, p. 441 f. The base consists of a cap, a broad bevel, a very low die, another broad bevel, and a base. Total height $28^{1}/_{9}$ cm.; width of cap $45^{1}/_{9}$ cm. Height of die 5 cm.; width $35^{1}/_{9}$ cm. There are letters on the cap and the lower bevel; the last two on the latter extend over on the right side. There are other letters upside down on the die and upper bevel, the position of which leads one to believe that the base was used twice, and that when used for the second time it was placed upside down. Height of letters on the cap and lower bevel $2^{1}/_{9}-4^{1}/_{9}$ cm., of those on the upper bevel and die $2-2^{1}/_{9}$ cm. Copied by Magie.



Αναμος Θησακα. Τεαξας ἐποίησεν. Ο(α)σεμαιθ Αμ(ου) (?) στῆσε(ν) Νί(κην).

Inscr. 805. Scale 1:10.

Aναμος (An am) is a very common name, but the other names are difficult to explain, and, owing to the haste in which the copy was made, they will admit of almost any emendation. The first name in B suggests Ονασιμαθος (Wasīmat) in no. 733. The torso of a Nikē was found not far from this inscription and may be the one to which the inscription refers.

8051. Base of Statue. Found in the temenos of the temple. It is the base of a fully-clothed male life-sized statue of which head and shoulders are missing; see

Div. II. A. 7, III. 387. The right end of the base is broken. Original length of the base $45^{1}/_{2}$ cm.; height $9^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Height of letters $2^{1}/_{2}$ -3 cm. Copied by Magie.



Inscr. 8051. Photograph.

Fig. 1	
ODOY MECE	C D C STANSON
1 WILLIAM	「この接続側
10 A OY LHECK	- TTO 经细胞的
1-7-11-11	

Inscr. 8051. Scale 1:10.

Γάμος Νασρο[υ. Οδουμ[ο]ς έπο[ίησεν.

Gamos, (son) of Nasr. Odum (?) made (it).

Odospos is evidently the name of the sculptor, as seems to be the case in no. 805 also; the Greek form of the name is not found elsewhere, but it seems to be a rendering of Odūm, a form of the name Adūm. $\Gamma \alpha \mu \sigma s$ is a common Greek name; it is found also in an inscription from Djerash, M.N.D.P.-V. 1897, p. 39, no. 3 = P.A. II, p. 255, no. 8 = M.N.D.P.-V. 1901, p. 54, no. 14. For Nations see nos. 122 and 803° .

 805^2 . Fragment. Found in the temenos of the temple. Height 15 cm.; width at the top 10 cm., at the bottom $19^{1/2}$ cm. Height of letters $3-3^{1/2}$ cm. Copied by Magie.

FA	P	AA	
影	A	IAZ	1
	\ \ \	VΘ	3

Inscr. 8052. Scale 1:10. 805^3 . Fragment of Altar. Found immediately southwest of a tower-like structure about 200 metres north of the temple. Only the lower left corner of the die, the bevel, and the base are preserved. Height of the fragment $41^1/2$ cm. Height of letters $3^1/2-4$ cm. Copied by Magie.



Inser. 8053. Scale 1:10.



Inscr. 8054. Scale 1:10. [εὐσεβ-] ῶν [ἀνέ-Θηκεν.

 805^{4} . Fragment of Column. Found with no. 805^{3} . The only legible letters are on the base. Height of the base $10^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Height of letters $2-2^{1}/_{2}$ cm. Copied by Magie.

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Found with nos. 8058 and 8054. Height of the inscription 805⁵. Fragment. Height of letters 3-4 cm. Copied by Magie. 17 cm.; width 19 cm.



Inscr. 8055.

Β] άσσος ... [.... Xø-] σετου Βη-. ου εὐσ(ε)-[βών ἀνέ-ONNEY.

Scale 1:10. Bassus, (son) of ..., (son) of Kāsit, (son) of Be ... dedicated (it) in piety.

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