

These papyri form the second and larger part of the whole collection, on the first part of which I reported in June last. The total price asked for the whole collection was originally £3500, which Nahman has now reduced to £3250. This includes the £2325 asked for the first portion and £175 which Prof. Kelsey agreed to give for two waxed tablets (Nos. i and iv of Lot 10, below) if delivered in perfect condition and passed as genuine; thus the price for the second instalment, without the tablets, is £1000 on the original price, £750 on the revised one. As the second instalment is certainly the more valuable and indeed an unusually good collection, £750 is comparatively cheap, whereas £2325 for the first is quite exorbitant. Thus it will be better (apart from the waxed tablets, which have been the subject of special negotiations and are earmarked for Michigan) to ignore Nahman's prices altogether and fix separate prices for the single documents, having regard, on the one hand, to the total sum, and, on the other, to the intrinsic importance of each piece. As however the papyri of the first instalment are unusually well preserved and therefore probably cost Nahman much more than the others, so that his prices represent a higher^{actual} monetary value, I have thought it well to price them higher proportionately than those of the second instalment. I have marked with a star papyri which seemed to me to be, or to be likely to prove, specially interesting; but the absence of a star is not necessarily to be taken as implying that a papyrus is of inferior value. The literary papyri have been examined and identified by Mr. H.J.M. Milne, the Coptic ones by Mr. Crum, the single Demotic one by Sir Herbert Thompson, the bronze tablets by Mr. A.E. Smith. Literary (including theo-

logical) papyri are marked with a large L in the margin. One or two documents I have copied and, if desired, should be glad to send transcripts for the use of the eventual editor. I may add in conclusion that even after the reduction by £250 and the pooling of the whole collection, the prices seem to me very high, and it is only the great historical importance of the more outstanding pieces which justifies the purchase.

- * Lot I. Two leaves of a vellum codex of Demosthenes, 3 Phil.
L → In good condition. 4th cent. From Akhmîm. $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- * Lot II. 18 leaves of a papyrus codex of Hermas, Pastor; by far the largest amount of this work yet discovered
L → on papyrus. The identified portions range from Sim. III.1 to Sim. VIII.4. Some leaves are fragmentary but others are in very good condition. 3rd-4th cent. From Batn el-Harît.
- * Lot III. School exercise-book, with writing exercises of the usual type. Codex: several leaves (not examined in detail, for fear of damaging the brittle papyrus). Perhaps 4th, less probably 3rd, cent. From Batn el-Harît.
- * Lot IV. Two very broad leaves (2 cols. to a page) of a Coptic papyrus codex. Magical; a curse on a woman or on (or by means of) her blood. 5th or perhaps even 4th cent. From El-Araba el-Madfuna.
- * Lot V. Demotic lease of temple land, dated Mesore, 15 Ptolemy Epiphanes [- B.C.190]; of an interesting kind. Perfect, with good seal. From Darb el-Gerza. $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- Lot VI. A collection of papyri all found together at Darb

el-Gerza in a small basket and most of them relating to a family of Roman citizens who were also citizens of Antinoopolis. The dates range from about the reign of Commodus to that of Severus Alexander. Other documents evidently belonging to this lot are found in Lot VII. The single pieces are :-

- * (1) Agreement conc. a debt of money, with enclosures.
In one of these the date Hathyr 30, 16 Severus, Caracalla & Geta [-A.D. 207] occurs. Imperfect on the left. $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- * (2) Certificate of the epicrisis of an epebus, M. Lucretius Diogenes, of the Hadrianian tribe. A.D. 196-7. In red ink. Slightly imperfect in the lower part. $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8".
- * (3) Certificate of birth of the son of M. Lucretius Diogenes, of the Hadrianian tribe and Zenian deme. A.D. 209. In red ink. Practically perfect. $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10".
- * (4) Certificate of birth of M. Lucretius Diogenes, son of M. Lucretius Minor, of the Hadrianian tribe and Zenian deme. A.D. 186. In red ink. Perfect. $10\frac{1}{4}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (5) Small fragment of another, no doubt official, document in red ink. Not the same kind as (2) but no doubt belonging to the series (2)-(4). $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2".
- (6) Three fragments, 2 perhaps from the same document. All at present uncertain in character. 2nd-3rd cent.
- (7) Recto. Much defaced document. 2 cols.
Verso. Much defaced document, complete but only partially legible. 3rd cent. Dated in the 5th year. 8" x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (8) Much defaced document of uncertain character. A will is mentioned. Antinoopolis. 2nd-3rd cent. $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5".
- (9) Apparently a receipt for money. Dated in the reign

of Severus Alexander. One of the parties is from Nilopolis. $8\frac{1}{4}$ " x 4".

- * (10) Will of L. Ignatius Rufinus, in Latin. Dated A.D. 210. Slightly imperfect on the right. 9" x $8\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- * (11) Birth certificate of the son of M. Lucretius Diogenes. Antinoopolis. Dated Phaophi 20, 18 Severus, Caracalla & I Geta I [=A.D. 209]. In black ink, not red. Imperfect on the right. $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x 9".
- (12) Application for a lease of land at Philadelphia. Dated Hathyr 1, 5 Severus Alexander [=A.D. 225]. Complete. $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- * (13) Extract from the *τόμος επικρίσεων* of C. Valefius Eudaemon, prefect, probably for the 7th year of Antoninus Pius [=A.D. 143-4]. Much damaged. $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (14) Fragments of a document in red ink, no doubt from Antinoopolis. Hand similar to that of (5).
- (15) Much defaced money account. Early 3rd cent. 8" x 4".
- (16) Loan of money. 2nd cent. Imperfect on the right. 8" x $3\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- (17) Apparently a petition. Imperfect on the left and somewhat defaced. Long document. Early 3rd cent. $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5".
- (18) Tax-receipt. Tanis. Dated Hadrianus 1, 25 Caracalla [=A.D. 216]. Perfect. $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (19) Fragment of an extract from the *τόμος επικρίσεων* of the prefect Fl. Titianus for the 17th year of Hadrian [=A.D. 132-3]. 3" x $4\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (20) Conclusion (very imperfect) of a document dated Epeiph 8, 5 Severus Alexander [=A.D. 226]. $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x $4\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- (21) Four fragmentary documents, not yet read, as they require damping out.
- (22) Two documents, viz.:—(a) Application to the *βιβλιοφύλακες δημοσίων λογών* by an inhabitant of Philadelphia. Considerably defaced. Early 3rd cent. $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{4}$ ".

- (b) Small and defaced fragment of a document in red ink. 2nd-3rd cent. $8\frac{1}{4}$ " x $2\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- (23) Receipt, probably for the *ἐγκύκλιον*-tax on a transfer of landed property at Philadelphia. Dated in Pachon, 20 Caracalla [=A.D.212]. Slightly imperfect. $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $11\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- (24) Fragmentary and defaced contract conc. landed property. Philadelphia. 2 fragments, probably of the same document. 2nd-3rd cent.
- (25) Fragments of one or more documents, which require damping out. Probably not of much value.
- (26) Fragments of various documents. Little continuous text remains. 2 in red ink, very imperfect.
- (27) Small and much defaced fragments of a document or documents.
- (28) Fairly large but much damaged and defaced papyrus containing an account of corn and perhaps other texts. Requires damping out before much can be read.
- (29) *Μετρία* of landed property. The parties are from Nilopolis (presumably that in the Fayum) and Antinoopolis. Very imperfect. Dated 22 Caracalla [=A.D. 213-4]. $8\frac{3}{4}$ " x $8\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (30) Account (?). Imperfect at the top. Early 3rd cent. $8\frac{1}{4}$ " x $2\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- (31) Uncertain, but probably a contract or petition. Imperfect and much defaced. Early 3rd cent. $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (32) Miscellaneous fragments, one fairly large, the others very imperfect.
- (33) Fragments of various documents.

Lot VII.

Miscellaneous papyri from various localities. Probably the majority are from the Fayum, and a good many are from Philadelphia (Gerza). Of these several relate to the same family as Lot VI and should therefore go with that lot. I have marked such documents VI.

- L → *(1) Two leaves (a single sheet) of a papyrus codex, well preserved, late 3rd or early 4th cent., in a good hand. One is from Aristides, Apology; the text on the other ^{is from the Song of Songs.} ~~does not seem to occur in that work. Either therefore it is a portion of the Apology not else where preserved or the codex contained more than ^{one} work.~~
7½" x circa 11".
- L → *(2) Coptic homily, recalling Chrysostom. Imperfect at the top but otherwise well preserved. 4th-5th cent. 12½" x 7".
- (3) Account. Perhaps imperfect at the top, otherwise well preserved. 4th cent. 10½" x 7¾".
- *(4) Census return. Dated Thoth 14, 10 Antoninus Pius. Imperfect at the top and somewhat damaged. 1 ft. 1½" x 4".
- (5) The following pieces:- (a) Tax-receipt for $\chi\omega\mu\alpha\tau\alpha$ closely similar ^{to} P. Basel 10, Socnopaei Nesus. Dated Epeiph 2, 12 M. Aurelius [=A.D. 172]. Perfect. 3" x 4"
- *(b) Agreement conc. land. Philadelphia. A citizen of Antinoopolis (Athenian tribe) occurs. Dated in the reign of Pescennius Niger, whose name has been deleted, and that of Septimius Severus substituted, in red ink. A.D. 194. Imperfect on both sides and at the foot. 7½" x 2½". *(c) Piece from the middle of a document of uncertain character, probably a homologia of some sort. Dated in the reign of Carus, Carinus & Numerianus [A.D. 282-3]. The parties are Antinoopolites. 7½" x 2". (d) Two other fragments, one from an application for a lease of land at Philadelphia, 3rd cent.
- *(6) Coptic letter, to the same persons as in (11) below, with which papyrus therefore it should go. Middle of 4th cent. Slightly imperfect. 10¼" x 6".
- *(7) Collection of copies of census returns at various dates in the reigns of Hadrian and Antoninus Pius. One column complete ⁱⁿ breadth, one the same but some-

what damaged, two very imperfect. Folded from left to right. 2nd cent. $8\frac{3}{4}$ " x 1 ft. $6\frac{1}{2}$ ".

- L →
- * (8) Coptic papyrus, complete; contains a Psalm or Psalms, apparently unknown. $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10".
 - * (9) Letter of [the strategus of Oxyrhynchus] to more than one person enclosing a letter to him from a higher official, with enclosures. The letter of the strategus is dated in the reign of Gordian. Imperfect at the top and on the left. 11" x $9\frac{1}{4}$ ".
 - (10) Miscellaneous papyri, viz.:— (a) Lease of land, probably at Philadelphia. 5th cent. Nearly complete but a good deal damaged and very badly mounted (needs damping out and remounting). $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{3}{4}$ ". (b) Receipt or loan of corn. 2nd cent. Nearly complete but a good deal damaged. 6" x 4". (c) 4 2nd cent. fragments.
 - * (11) Long letter, closely written on both sides of the papyrus and practically complete but somewhat rubbed on the verso, from a partisan of Meletius at Alexandria to two Meletian priests, describing an affray at Alexandria between the Meletians and Athanasians and several times referring to St. Athanasius himself. The Greek is bad. Middle of 4th cent. (6) shows that the recipients lived at Tohe in Middle Egypt. 11" x $9\frac{1}{2}$ ".
 - * (12) Christian letter, perhaps addressed to one of the persons addressed in (11). Middle of 4th cent. Imperfect on the right. $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{1}{2}$ ". With a small fragment of a 2nd cent. letter.
 - * (13) Deed of warranty for a surety; interesting. Arsinoe. Dated 8 Phaophi, 15 Maurice [=A.D. 596]. Almost complete. 1 ft. 1" x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ".
 - * (14) Lease at Arsinoe; interesting. Dated 23 Thoth, [year after the consulship] of Fl. Longinus [=A.D. 487]. Imperfect on the left. 1 ft. x 8".
 - * (15) Contract (not read through) dated 18th Ptolemy

[Epiphanes: =B.C.188-7]. Two pieces wrongly joined together; the lower should go on the right (the reverse way up) of the higher. At present $3\frac{3}{4}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ".

- (16)Accounts; two fragments, writing on both sides. Very rough, illegible hand and much defaced. 2nd-3rd cent.
- (17)Application for lease of land. Philadelphia. Dated Mesore 30, 3 Hadrian [=A.D.119]. Complete. $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (18)Nine fragments of miscellaneous documents, 2nd-3rd centt. Two (not continuous) are from a loan, dated Mesore 14, 9 Antoninus Pius [=A.D.146], Theadelphia.
- (19)Apparently a petition. Very imperfect (on right and at the top). Dated in the reign of Commodus. 11" x $5\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- *(20)Petition, apparently of a distinctly interesting kind, but much damaged, and imperfect on the left. 4th cent. About 10" x 9" (not damped out).
- *(21)Receipt from the ἀποδέκται ὄρμου Λευκογιούτο certain men of Karanis for wheat for sowing. Preceded by another (dated) receipt in a different hand and by the date (in a third hand) in the second consulship of Constantine and Licinius [=A.D.312]. Cf. P.Thead. 31. Complete but somewhat damaged. 10" x $12\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- (22)Portions of a composite roll (τόμος συγκολλησίμος) of documents from Oxyrhynchus, with docketts. At least 4 are represented, 2 by substantial portions. These two are loans; the first is dated Payni 22, 22(?) Antoninus Pius [=A.D.159]. $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x circ. 9".
- (23)Recto. Uncertain and peculiar; perhaps notes for documents. 1st cent. Verso. Lease, presumably a draft or copy. 1st cent. Complete but somewhat damaged. $7\frac{1}{4}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- *(24)Report of a law-case in secretario; with Latin heading. Oxyrhynchus(?). Imperfect on the left. 5th cent. 10" x 9".
- VI → *(25)Copy of application to the strategus of the Div. of

Heraclides, enclosing petition to the acting prefect, with his reply, for appointment of guardian to ἀφήλικες. With copy of reply by strategus. Early 3rd cent. Complete but somewhat damaged. 8½" x 1 ft. 2½".

*(26) Application for lease of palm-grove. Philadelphia.

First half of 3rd cent. Almost perfect. 9" x 5".

VI → *(27) Agreement at Ptolemais Euergetis (Arsinoe) conc. property. Dated Hadrianus, 22/Caracalla [=A.D.213]. Nearly complete. 8½" x 7¼".

(28) Two tax-receipts (on a single sheet) from the πράκτορες ἀργυρικῶν of Philadelphia. The first dated Payni 3, 15 Severus, Caracalla & Geta [=A.D.207]. A third document, much faded, is uncertain. 8½" x 8¾".

(29) Similar receipt in the same village, dated Payni 26, of the 16th year [=208]. Also a shorter and defaced text (on the same sheet). Complete but slightly damaged. 8¾" x 7¼".

(30) Three papyri, viz.:— (a) Agreement (or private letter) about agriculture. Imperfect at bottom and on left and perhaps (but improbably) at the top. 4th cent. 7½" x 5¼". (b) Petition to the strategus. Dated Phamenoth 12 (?), 9 (?) M. Aurelius [=A.D. 169]. Imperfect on the right. On the verso a builder's account. 4¼" x 4¾". (c) Uncertain. 9" x circ. 3½".

(31) Recto. Portion of a land register. 2nd cent. (year 21 of Divus Hadrianus mentioned). Verso. Agricultural accounts. 2nd-3rd cent. 11" x 6½".

*(32) Contract of loan at Oxyrhyncha (Fayum). Dated Mecheir 10, 3 Tiberius [=A.D.17]. Nearly perfect. Cancelled by lines across it. 10¼" x 7½".

*(33) Petition to Luceius Ofellianus the epistrategus from a man of Bacchias conc. an attempt to force him to work on the embankments though he had been exempted owing to weak eyesight by Sempronius Liberalis, 18

Antoninus Pius. In duplicate. Imperfect at the foot.

Circa A.D.166. $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x circ. $9\frac{1}{2}$ ".

- (34) Three papyri, viz.:— *(a) Return of landed property at Theadelphia to the censitor. Dated A.D.298. Imperfect on the left. Cf. P.Thead. 54, 55, Flor. 32, Lond. 1647. Folded from right to left. $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{4}$ ". *(b) Contract with Zeno, apparently a loan. Imperfect on the left. Dated Pharmouthi 9, 36 Ptolemy II [=B.C.250-49]. $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $3\frac{1}{4}$ ". (c) Letter. Imperfect at the top but complete in breadth. 2nd cent. B. C. $3\frac{1}{4}$ " x 3".
- (35) Four fragments, none of which seems likely to be of much value, viz.:— (a) Fragment of land register, 2nd cent. $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{4}$ ". (b) Fragment of account, much defaced, 2nd cent. 7" x $4\frac{1}{4}$ ". (c) Fragment of account, early 3rd cent. $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". (d) Uncertain (letter or contract), 2nd cent. 6" x 3".
- (36) Application for lease of land at Philadelphia. 21st year [of Caracalla; =A.D.212-3]. Slightly imperfect at the foot. Folded from left to right. $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (37) Five papyri, viz.:— *(a) Private letter on agricultural matters. Slightly imperfect at the foot. 1st cent. Folded from the top downwards. 7" x $3\frac{1}{4}$ ". (b) Private letter. 1st cent. Nearly complete. Folded from right to left. $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5". (c) Much defaced fragment of a receipt for money. 2nd cent. 8" x $2\frac{3}{4}$ ". (d) Uncertain fragment. 2nd cent. 6" x $2\frac{3}{4}$ ". *(e) Presentation of claim for money. Alabastr(ine), Antinoopolite nome. Imperfect at foot. From ἀπόμνηστος συγκολλησίμωσ ; a small portion of a second document remains. 3rd cent. 4" x 3".
- *(38) Application for a lease of an orchard. Hermopolite nome. Dated in the consulship of Imp. Theodōsius [II] and Cynegius [=A.D.388]. Practically complete. On the verso an account, probably agricultural. $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5".
- *(39) Register of corn-payments (?) Two cols., one slightly imperfect on the right. Philadelphia or the neighbour-

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hood. 2nd-3rd cent. On verso a receipt, considerably defaced. Early 3rd cent. $9\frac{3}{4}$ " x $7\frac{3}{4}$ ".

*Lot VIII. A set of seven Christian letters of about the middle of the 4th cent., all addressed to a certain Paphnuthius (Paphnuthius, etc.). No title is given him, nor do any of his correspondents give themselves titles, but he was evidently a man of standing and is addressed in terms of extreme respect. Most of the letters are requests for his prayers, and almost all are well written and in good Greek, clearly coming from an educated circle (or from well-to-do people, who employed secretaries). The person addressed is almost certainly the Paphnuthius of Deissmann, Sept. - Pap. No. 6 (where the present series shows that *Χρηστοφόρω*, a title, not a name, is to be read for Deissmann's *Χρηστοφόρου*). The last letter is from [Ath]anasius, is well-written, in Greek of a distinctly literary type, and mentions an Antiochus as among the writer's household. St. Athanasius mentions (*Hist. Ar.*) among bishops, etc., exiled by the Arians a Paphnuthius, a Heraclides, and an Ammonius; the latter two names occur among the correspondents of the present series. One of Athanasius's extant letters is addressed to an Antiochus. It is possible therefore that Paphnuthius was the bishop mentioned by Athanasius, now in exile (which would account for the omission of any title) and that the writer of the last letter is St. Athanasius himself. In any case the series is a unique one and extremely interesting for religious history.

The methods of folding are indicated in each case below and with more particularity on the sheets of blotting-paper in which the letters are placed. It is clear however that the letters (which were all found together) had already been opened and examined, so that it is possible the original method of folding or rolling has been obscured. When received there were 12 pieces, but several were found to fit together. They had been numbered previously,

iously, and these numbers are here preserved.

The single letters are :-

- (1) Letter to Papnuthius from Ammonius. Complete but slightly damaged. Folded from left to right and once from top to bottom. 11" x 4".
- (2) Letter to Papnuthius from Ausonius (hardly the poet, though the name is not common and the date suits ?). Horus, Philonicus, and Gallus are mentioned. Complete. Folded from right to left and once from left to right, and then from top to bottom. $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- (3)+(6)+(8) Letter to Papnuthius from-anius. Complete in height but with many lacunae. Folded from right to left and left to right, then from top to bottom. $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (4)+(7) Letter to Papnuthius from Valeria, a married woman, asking for his prayers in sickness. Complete but with some small lacunae. Folded inwards from both sides and once each from top and bottom. $10\frac{3}{4}$ " x 5".
- (5)+(10) Letter to [Papnuthius ?] (name not given) from Dorotheus. 2 cols., both imperfect at the foot, the second less so than the first. In literary uncials of the "theological" type. The writer is from Oxyrhynchus. Folded inwards from left (chiefly) and right. $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (9)+(11) Letter to Papnuthius from Heraclides. Nearly complete but a lacuna in the middle. Folded inwards from right (chiefly) and left, then once from the top downwards. 11" x 10".
- (12) Letter to Papnutius from [Ath]anasius. Much damaged and many lacunae. [I have transcribed this letter.] Folded from right (chiefly) and left inwards. $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x circ. $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Lot IX. A box of miscellaneous "fragments". Most are imperfect, but some are complete or nearly so. They are not usually of great importance, but a fair number are quite good.

- *(1) Long and interesting Coptic letter, written on both sides of the papyrus. Probably from the Fayum. 6th or

7th cent.

7th cent. 1 ft. 8" x 8½".

- (2) Coptic papyrus. Not complete. 1½" x 4½".
- (3) Coptic tax-receipt. Not complete. 1¾" x 2½".
- (4) Incomplete leaf of Coptic codex. 3½" x 6½".
- (5) Coptic papyrus. Nearly complete. 6" x 7".
- (6) Coptic papyrus. Imperfect on right. 2½" x 10½".
- (7) Coptic papyrus. Imperfect on left. 4½" x 3½".
- * (8) Astronomical tables; with lines ruled in red ink. 3rd cent. (?). 2½" x 4½".
- (9) Memorandum (list) of garments in the Praetorium; probably ecclesiastical. 6th cent. Imperfect at foot. 6½" x 4½".
- (10) Recto. Money account. 2nd cent. Verso. Iliad XI circ. 517-30, 550-67, 572-98. 2nd cent. 2 frags., 5" x 8½" and 6¾" x 6½".
- (11) Recto. Private letter. 5th cent. Imperfect at the foot. Verso. Money account, much defaced. 5th cent. Imperfect. 6½" x 5".
- (12) Petition to a magistrate whose title is lost from an inhabitant of Tanouth[is]. Imperfect on the right and at the foot. 3rd-4th cent. 5½" x 2¾".
- (13) Petition. Perhaps Lycopolite nome (which is mentioned). The petitioner comes from Krekis. Imperfect above and below and on the left. Early 4th cent. 4" x 4".
- (14) Order from a strategus to the nomophylakes and arche-phodi for the despatch of certain persons. Imperfect on right. 3rd-4th cent. 4½" x 4".
- (15) Tax-receipt. Dated - 12, 2 Caligula [-A.D. 37-8]. Almost complete. 3½" x 5½".
- (16) Report on cultivation by representatives of the comogrammateus of Ision Anô. 3rd cent. Imperfect at the foot. 6¾" x 4½".
- (17) Private letter. Late 5th cent. Imperfect on both sides. 6¾" x 8½".
- (18) Fragment of a land register. 2nd cent. 5¾" x 5½".

- (19) Latin fragment, apparently a list of names. 2nd-3rd cent. $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2".
- (20) Petition to Agathodaimon, strategus of Oxyrhynchus, with reference to the petitioner's wife's dowry. Beginning only. [Perhaps circ. A.D. 127-8, when Agathodaimon was strategus (Oxy. 1422, 1452), but the hand suggests a date rather later in the century.] $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (21) Account of receipts. 1st cent. B.C. (?). Imperfect at foot. $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x 4".
- (22) Petition or return to 2 prytaneis of Oxyrhynchus with reference to house property. Imperfect on the left and at the foot. 3rd cent. $5\frac{3}{4}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (23) Uncertain, perhaps a petition with official subscription. 4th-5th cent. Imperfect at top and on right. $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (24) Recto. Fragment of uncertain document, perhaps a petition or return. 2nd cent. *Verso. Commentary on the Iliad. End of book 7 and beginning of 8. Early 3rd cent. (?). 4" x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- * (25) Letter from Sarapas to his daughter. 2nd cent. Nearly complete. 10" x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (26) Beginning of a document of uncertain character issued by the necrotaphi of Oxyrhynchus and the Serapeum. Early 2nd cent. $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $9\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (27) Fragment of contract. 2nd cent. $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (28) Uncertain. Two fragments, badly written; wrongly stuck together but now separated. 3rd cent. (?).
- (29) Recto. Official document relating to the taxes; left side only. 5th cent. *Verso a horoscope (complete) dated in the year 148 of the Era of Diocletian [=A.D. 431-2]. Cf. P.S.I. 23-25. 12" x $3\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- (30) Recto. Fragment (part of 1 col.) of a register, apparently of land-holders. 2nd cent. Verso. Account of corn (?). 2nd-3rd cent. 6" x $6\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- (31) Petition to the Praeses of Aegyptus Herculia by 3 in-

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habitants of Karanis. Only the beginning is at all complete. Early 4th cent. 5" x 5".

- (32) Probably a contract for work; the left side only. Late 3rd cent. $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- L → (33) Small scrap of a literary work, of uncertain character. 2nd cent. $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x $1\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- L → (34) Fragment of a literary work (prose) of uncertain character. Parts of 2 cols. on the verso of a document. 2nd cent. $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (35) Fragment of a lease of land. 3rd cent. $5\frac{3}{4}$ " x $2\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- (36) Fragment of a contract of uncertain character. 2nd cent. $6\frac{3}{4}$ " x 2".
- (37) Strip from the left side of a finely written lease of land. Oxyrhynchus. 2nd cent. (the name *ΑΥΤΩΝΓΕΙΝΟΥ* occurs in the Imperial title). 8" x 2".
- (38) Two imperfect and much damaged fragments.
- (39) Beginning of a private letter. 2nd cent. (?) .B.C. $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- (40) Fragment of a contract, probably a sale or lease. Oxyrhynchus. 2nd cent. $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (41) Contract conc. land (?). Very imperfect. 3rd cent. (8th year, perhaps of Gallienus). $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (42) Accounts (both sides). Imperfect and somewhat defaced. 2nd cent. 4" x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (43) Receipt for corn. Beginning (1 or 2 lines) lost. Dated Epeiph, the 19th year, perhaps of Caracalla and Geta [= A.D.211]. $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (44) Private letter. 4th cent. Lower part lost. $3\frac{3}{4}$ " x 7".
- (45) Uncertain fragment. $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x 5".
- (46) Beginning of document (names etc. of 2 persons only). 2nd-3rd cent. $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x $2\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (47) Two fragments, incorrectly joined but now separated. Recto. Portion of a well-written document of uncertain character, possibly a register or account. *Ερμπολίτου* occurs. 1st half of 2nd cent. Verso. Prose epitome of

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- the Iliad. 2nd cent. Not identified with any particular work. $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{3}{4}$ " and 5" x 2".
- (48) Recto. Uncertain, perhaps a register. 2nd cent. Verso. Private letter. 2nd cent. $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (49) Letter from the priests of the 5th tribe of Oxyrhynchus to - (in the plural). Late 2nd cent. Imperfect on the right. $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x $2\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- (50) Document, perhaps an undertaking with oath, issued by 3 men of Oxyrhynchus described as ἀμφιβολεῖς κώμης - , addressed to the strategus Asclepiades. Numbered at the top θ. Circ. A.D. 129 (cf. P.Oxy.1024). Beginning only. $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3".
- (51) Private letter. 3rd cent. Imperfect at foot and slightly at top. $5\frac{3}{4}$ " x $2\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (52) Municipal accounts for the ? = 5th year. Oxyrhynchus. If the first number can be read 15 (17) the year is A.D. 308-9, but this ^{is} doubtful. Parts of 2 cols. $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7".
- (53) Fragment of a petition. 3rd-4th cent. $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (54) Two fragments, wrongly stuck together and not yet divided, of an account. 2nd cent. At present 8" x $3\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- (55) Report to the strategus of the Div. of Heraclides by the sitologi of Philadelphia of receipts on the 8th Pachon. Circ. A.D. 180-192. Imperfect at foot. $3\frac{3}{4}$ " x $2\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- (56) Recto. Portion of a land register. 2nd cent. Verso. Account or register. 2nd-3rd cent. $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{1}{2}$ ". With this a defaced fragment of another (probably not the same) register. Probably ^{the} fragment is not from the same roll as either (57) or (58), but it may be.
- (57) Recto. Much defaced land register. Apparently 2nd cent. Verso. Account of corn. 3rd cent. $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (58) Two fragments, $7\frac{3}{4}$ " x $5\frac{3}{4}$ " and $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6". Recto. Register of payments, perhaps for poll-tax or some other personal tax, as the amounts are uniform (4 [drachmae]). Late 2nd cent. Verso. Money account. 3rd cent.
- *(59) Account of expenses; almost certainly from the Zeno

archive. Mid 3rd cent. B.C. Imperfect at the top. $11\frac{3}{4}$ "
x $3\frac{3}{4}$ ".

- *(60) Private letter from Nilus to his brother Nemesion. Dated
Sebastus 5, 12th year, very likely of Claudius [=A.D.51]
or possibly Tiberius [=A.D.25]. Practically perfect. $6\frac{1}{2}$ "
x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- *(61) Private letter from Zoilus to his "sister" (i.e. wife ?)
Philumene. 1st cent. Imperfect at the foot. 7" x $4\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (62) Document relating to the finances, issued by a hypo-
dectes of Oxyrhynchus to more than one person. Dated in
the consulship of Theodosius for the 3rd time and Fl.
Abundantius [=A.D.393]. Imperfect on the left and much
damaged. $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6".
- (63) Receipt for wheat. Dated Mesore 2, 17 Severus, Caracalla
& Geta [=A.D.209]. Hephastias. Practically perfect. $8\frac{3}{4}$ "
x $4\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (64) Receipt for *δημοσία*. Issued for the pagarchs by a hypo-
dectes. 6th cent. Perfect. $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x $11\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (65) Receipt for money, apparently the price of a house.
Dated Tybi 12, 15(?) Severus, Caracalla & Geta [=A.D.207].
Imperfect on the left. $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4".
- (66) Letter from Isis to her "brother" (i.e. husband) Sera-
pion. A good deal damaged. 3rd cent. $5\frac{3}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (67) Agreement about land; three (or more) fragments wrongly
stuck together; not separated. 3rd cent. May be of inter-
est. At present $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (68) Geometrical(?) text, on verso of a document. Apparently
complete; qu. an extract? 3rd cent. $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (69) Official document of uncertain kind, in various hands;
3 lines are in the "Chancery script" used in the chan-
ceries of the higher officials, and proceed from Aurel-
ius Timagenes ο' κρᾶτιστο[s]. May be interesting. 3rd cent.
Imperfect and much damaged. $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (70) Christian letter. Late 4th cent. Imperfect on the left

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and at the foot. 10" x $5\frac{3}{4}$ ".

(71) Oath, addressed to the royal scribe, acting - strategus of — , by two persons of the village of Seithote(?), nominated to a liturgy. Reign of Hadrian. Lower part imperfect. 7" x $2\frac{3}{4}$ ".

*(72) Loan (in duplicate, or two loans; they have not been read through), cancelled by lines drawn across both texts. The first was written in the 39th year of Augustus [=A.D.9-10]. The second imperfect on the left, the first somewhat worm-eaten and defaced by rubbing. $12\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".

*(73) Fragment of a report of a law-case, in Latin & Greek. Oxyrhynchus. Dated the day before (?) the Ides of March in the year after the consulship of Theodosius [which?]. [I have a very imperfect transcript of this.] 4" x $9\frac{3}{4}$ ".

(74) Receipt for land-tax ($\delta\eta\mu\acute{o}\sigma\iota\alpha$). Arab period. Perfect; with well-preserved seal. $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".

(75) Certificate of labour on the embankments. Theadelphia. 4th year of Nero [=A.D.57-8]. Imperfect on the left. 3" x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".

(76) Receipt for money. Early 6th cent. Complete but damaged in places. $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{4}$ ".

(77) Subscription to a sale of house property. 2nd-3rd cent. Much damaged. $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7".

(78) Lease of house property for 1 year. Hefacleopolis. 4th cent. Two fragments, which together make up the greater part of the contract. Together circ. $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".

(79) Order for payment. 5th cent. Imperfect on the right. $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5".

(80) Recto. Sale(?) of land. 3rd cent. Imperfect on the left. Verso. Fragment of document of uncertain character. Late 3rd cent. At the foot 3 lines of shorthand (? - or fictitious writing). $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{4}$ ".

(81) Fragment of a contract relating to land, perhaps a division of property; probably interesting if it were less imperfect. 6th cent. $4\frac{3}{4}$ " x $6\frac{3}{4}$ ".

- * (82) Engagement for six days of a (female) castanet-player. Philadelphia. Dated Payni 3, 14 Severus, Caracalla & Geta [=A.D.206]. Practically complete. 8" x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (83) List of irenophylaces. Late 3rd cent. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Another fragment in a very similar (perhaps the same) hand may come from a tax-receipt.
- (84) Three fragments:- (a) Receipt for successive money payments from Hathyr to Epeiph of 4 Elagabalus [=A.D.220-1]. Almost complete. 3" x 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". (b) Conclusion of an uncertain document, dated Phamenoth 1 in a year of Aurelian after the assumption of the title Carpicus Maximus. i.e.A.D. 272-5. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". (c) Small scrap from the conclusion of a contract dated in the reign of Gordian.
- (85) Fragment of a land register. 2nd cent. 7" x 4".
- (86) Fragmentary conclusion of a *ὁμολογία*; dated in the reign of Diocletian & Maximian. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6".
- (87) Beginning of uncertain document, perhaps a petition; dated in the consulship of Furius Placidus and [Tacitus] [=A.D.273]. Perhaps therefore a translation from the Latin. 4" x 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (88) Two columns of a private account, both imperfect at the foot, the first also on the left. Late 3rd cent.(?). 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". With this a much damaged and defaced fragment of another (2nd-3rd cent.) document.
- (89) Account. Almost complete. 5th cent. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5".
- (90) Recto. Fragment of a register, perhaps of landed property or of legal transactions. Very imperfect. 2nd-3rd cent. Verso. Scanty remains of a register of uncertain character. Early 3rd cent. 11" x 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- (91) Fragment of a lease of land, including or consisting of a vineyard. 3rd cent. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". With a small fragment in a very similar but rather smaller hand; hardly from the same contract.
- (92) Part of a *τόμος συγκολλήσιμος* of financial officials, probably those of a municipality, as the senate is mentioned

tioned. Portions of 2 receipts remain. 3rd cent. $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{1}{2}$ ".

- (93) Fragment of an account of payments; chiefly to churches or monasteries. 6th cent. $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7".
- (94) Fragmentary contract relating to landed property but mentioning a *ἔδνον* and a *νύμφη*; perhaps a marriage contract or marriage settlement. 6th cent. Circ. $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5".
- * (95) Recto. Account of building operations on the estate of Sphêx, addressed to a *neocorus* of Sarapis, etc. End of 2nd cent. Imperfect at the foot. Attached to another document, of which small traces remain on the left. Verso. Register or report on work. 3rd cent. Remains of 3 cols.; the middle one complete in width but imperfect at the foot. $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (96) Private letter. Imperfect at the top. 3rd cent. 5" x 4".
- (97) Private letter. Imperfect at the foot. Early 2nd cent. $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (98) Receipt for money. Imperfect at the top. 5th cent. $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (99) 5 fragments and some small scraps. The largest is an account of expenses (parts of 2 cols.), 3rd cent. *One is an imperfect leaf from a codex of a work of Christian literature, perhaps a vision (not Biblical and not any text indexed in Goodspeed's Index Apologeticus or Index Patristicus), 3rd-4th cent.
- (100), (101) 11 and 12 fragments respectively. None of much value.
- (102) 7 fragments, 2 fairly large. One of these has accounts on both sides. One small one is Demotic.
- (103) 8 fragments. 1 is a petition of the Ptolemaic period (1st cent. B.C.?) to the strategus [of the Arsinoite nome], and 3 others in somewhat similar hands may belong to about the same time.
- (104)-(112) Collections of miscellaneous fragments.

All these have been taken out and placed in folded

sheets of blotting-paper or tough paper. A few worthless scraps remain in the box.

Lot X. A collection of waxed tablets from various sites.

*(1) Diptych from Darb el-Gerza, containing a Latin birth certificate (copy of a professio liberorum) of Herennia Gemella daughter of C. Herennius Geminianus and Diogenis; in duplicate, on wax inside, with ink on boards outside. Dated in the consulship of L. Nonius Torquatus Asprenas II and M. Annius Libo [=A.D.128]; the original professio in the consulship of M. Claudius Squilla Gallicanus and T. Atilius Rufus Titianus [=A.D.127]. Perfect. The state of preservation is so extraordinary that doubts as to its genuineness have been raised, but forgery seems out of the question. [I have a complete transcript.]

(2) Wooden board waxed on both sides; probably a single "leaf" from a "codex!" On one side a female portrait head, very suspicious and probably a modern fake. On the other side unintelligible signs and scribblings, possibly shorthand but perhaps more likely modern; but the board itself seems to be ancient. From Akhmîm.

*(3) Waxed tablet, probably from a diptych, containing a grant by T. Flavius Titianus the prefect of a tutor; closely parallel to the diptych in the Bodleian published by Grenfell. Imperfect, but the main portion of the Latin in the scriptura interior remains. The duplicate on the exterior is very imperfect. Circ. A.D.126-132. No locality named. [I have a transcript of the scriptura interior.]

*(4) Waxed tablet, probably ~~of~~ the outside tablet of a "codex", containing in Greek Prov. vii. 3-13. Not later than 4th, perhaps even 3rd, cent. From Akhmîm.

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*Lot XI. Two bronze tablets, tabulae honestae missionis, both of A.D. 76. One somewhat imperfect, both a good deal damaged. The eponymous consuls are apparently unknown to the Fasti.