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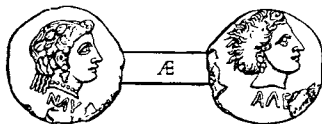
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PREFACE.



It is a golden principle to let each year see the publication of the year's work, in any research; but a writer places himself thus at the disadvantage of showing how his information may have been defective, or his views requiring change, as year after year goes on. Such a course, however, is the most honest and the most useful, as half a loaf is better than no bread. This volume, therefore, with all its imperfections, its half-gleaned results, its transitory views, comes forth to show what is already ascertained; and to supply a mass of certain facts for the assimilation of scholars, who may accept or not the way in which they are built up.

It may be said that further research in what is already known ought to have been made, before placing results in such a form. I think not. So long as enough study is given to the materials to present them in an intelligible and usable form, it is better to let them be at the disposal of all students, without waiting for a final summing up at the close of the excavations; for no results can be final until we have completed all that modern civilization will do toward preserving the history of Naukratis. It is this book or nothing that is the choice; for my time has been so occupied in the lengthy work of unpacking over seventy cases of antiquities, arranging them, and preparing most of the plates which accompany this volume, that I had to be content with far less research than I had wished for and intended; and further, many unexpected affairs connected with this Fund have unavoidably swallowed up my remaining days, so that I have had to write the greater part of this volume at a hurried pace and without power of referring to the antiquities themselves.

Had it not been for the special labours of those who have assisted in working out the present results, Mr. Head, Mr. Ernest Gardner, and Mr. Cecil Smith, it would have been impossible to make the account as complete as it is; for neither time nor technical knowledge would have sufficed me to treat

these sections in an adequate way. It has therefore been most satisfactory to me that so much has fallen into the best hands, and that they have made so large a part of the work their own.

The work of excavating was jointly superintended by Mr. F. Ll. Griffith and myself; and in those parts of it which I was prevented from attending to by other work, I have had to rely largely on Mr. Griffith's notes. Those portions which he attended to principally were the latter part of clearing the chambers in the Great Temenos, and the clearing of the Temenos of Apollo. That his name does not appear to any part of this volume is due to his having been more congenially occupied since his return, in work upon some of the Egyptian papyri which I brought from Tanis the previous year.

In the preparation of the plates I have had the assistance of most willing volunteers, whose initials will be seen on their work. Eight plates have been drawn by Mr. Percy Newberry, three by Mr. Gerald Horsley, and one by Mr. Ernest Gardner on his own subject: of the other plates, four are produced by the Autotype Company, and thirty are my own drawings.

My best hope is that the present volume will prove to have been but the first taste of a deep draught of the history of the early Greeks; drawn from a country which even in their days was worn and aged, with the remembrance of conquests and disasters, of cycles and dynasties, dimly seen in the past behind it.

W. M. FLINDERS PETRIE.

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NOTE.

FURTHER exploration at Naukratis with Mr. Ernest Gardner and Mr. Griffith since this volume was written, obliges me to add a note. It is found that the area which I had supposed to be possibly the Palaistra is—in part at least—the Heraion, also that some remains of the temple of the Dioskouroi existed in their temenos; that some of the street lines at the S.W. of the town should be slightly altered around the massive building of which the E. side had not been found when making the plan here given, and that that building is the temple of Aphrodite; that far greater quantities of the Naukratite pottery were obtainable there, quite eclipsing the plate of specimens here illustrated; also that an approach to the Great Temenos existed on the canal side, where we found portions of marble rams, and a large sphinx in red granite. Further examples of combinations of mud, brick, and stonework, which I have examined elsewhere, indicate that it is at least possible that the building in the gateway of the Great Temenos lay wholly within the thin brick wall there; that wall perhaps being only a retaining wall to the foundation.

W. M. F. P.

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