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First report on papyri sent by Nahman July 1923.

This consignment consists (a) of four packets sent through the post, (b) of two wooden boxes sent separately. Of the latter one contains exclusively Demotic papyri, the other a large collection of miscellaneous Greek and (apparently very few) Coptic papyri, chiefly fragmentary. As the last mentioned are clearly of minor importance and, owing to their number and imperfection, will take some time to describe, and as I am leaving for my vacation on August 1, I have thought it best to make a separate report on the four postal packets, which contain the best of the Greek and Coptic papyri. A second report, on the papyri in the box, will be sent later, after my return.

In damping out and flattening the papyri the covers of packets III and IV seem to have been accidentally confused. As the mistake was not discovered till my descriptions had been written it seemed better not to alter the numbers here affixed. It must therefore be understood that in this Report Packet III = Nahman's IV and Packet IV = Nahman's III.

The papyri are a very good lot on the whole, but the prices asked seem to me very high and, in the case of I, quite fantastic. Those in Packet I are the residue of the archive of the *yeaqiaw* of Tebtunis, of which other portions were acquired by Michigan in 1921 and 1922.

These, like the former ones, are in wonderful preservation, and are of much the same character as the others. Unfortunately, as before, more than half of them are subscriptions only, the actual contracts never having been written, so that in many cases much of the

papyrus is blank.

Packet II is described as from Batn el-Harit (Theadelphia), and this appears to be correct. It must not be supposed however that these papyri are from a recent find; eight out of the ten rolls were offered to the Museum, along with two or three ~~others~~, as long ago as 1911-12, but were not bought as the price was too high. These rolls are mostly tax registers but are valuable; three, which form parts of a *τόμος συγκλητύσιμος* of receipts addressed to a state bank, are specially noteworthy.

Packet III consists of miscellaneous papyri. At least one Coptic and several of the Greek papyri come from the Meletian archive acquired by the British Museum last year, and are distinctly interesting. It is obviously desirable that these should be secured; one actually completes a B. M. papyrus. Others (Greek) come from a find made at Darb el Gerza (Philadelphia) and consist chiefly of documents of the reign of Diocletian and his immediate successors.

Packet IV is also miscellaneous. A considerable portion of it consists of papyri from the Gerza Diocletian archive; these include a very interesting set of letters of the household of a certain Paniscus, at one time a Christian but in one letter (either before conversion or after relapse during the Persecution) a Pagan. There are also some 1st and 2nd cent. papyri from Theadelphia and elsewhere, and a very good Latin document. Finally, there are a few Zeno papyri, all imperfect and none of them of any special interest.

In fixing prices I have borne in mind the high prices now prevailing, and in most cases my prices err, if at all, upwards

rather than downwards, though in one or two cases I have perhaps priced a papyrus rather lower than, at the present time, it might be expected to fetch. Yet in every case my price is below that asked by Nahman. The following is a table of prices:-

| Lot | Nahman | H. I. B. |
|-----|-----------------------------|---------------|
| I | £ 800 | £ 185 |
| II | £ 350 | £ 235 |
| III | £ 300 | £ 264 |
| IV | £ 300 | £ 219 |
| V | (box of fragments) £ 250 | not yet fixed |
| VI | £ 900 | " " " |

The discrepancy is greatest in the case of packet I, on which the natives evidently placed an exaggerated value owing to the fine preservation of these papyri. I do not think I have in general priced these below their intrinsic value (I have reckoned £ 3 - £ 6 for subscriptions only, £8 for completed contracts, with higher prices for nos. 6, 10, 16 and 21, which are specially large or interesting), but it is perhaps not wholly unreasonable, in view of the exceptionally fine preservation and the desirability of adding these papyri to those previously bought, to increase these prices by £2 for the smaller, £4 for the larger documents. That would bring the total price to £265, which is still far below Nahman's £800. It is for the Michigan authorities, to whom these papyri, if bought, should certainly go, to decide whether the desirability of securing the rest of the archive justifies the payment of a price which I cannot but regard as quite exorbitant.

The other prices are less unreasonable, and it may be possible to arrive at some agreement. In particular it may prove that the contents of V may be of more value than appears, so that an adjustment of prices will be possible. But I am not too sanguine as to this last point.

In the following inventory papyri which seem to me, for any reason, specially noteworthy are marked with an asterisk. Literary ones (including magical and theological) are distinguished with an L in the margin.

The Coptic papyri were very hastily examined by Mr. Crum on a flying visit to the Museum, and the descriptions are due to him. Mr. Lamacraft has, as usual, done most valuable work in damping out many papyri and identifying fragments.

(Signed: H. I. Bell.)

British Museum

July 20, 1923.

Packet I. Papyri from the Tebtunis Archive.

- 1262* (1) Sale of sacred land at Tebtunis. Dated - (month not inserted), 22 Tiberius = A.D. 35-6 . Perfect. $11\frac{3}{4}$ " x 6".
- 1263 (2) Subscriptions to a division of property. Perfect. $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x 9".
- 1264 *03) Division of property at Tebtunis. Dated Xandikos * Mecheir 29, 7 Claudius = A.D. 47 . Perfect. 11" x $7\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 1265 *(4) Release of property at Tebtunis. Dated Epag. 1. 1. Gaius = A.D. 37 . Almost perfect but rubbed in places. 11" x $10\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- 1266 (5) Subscription to a contract of service at Tebtunis. Perfect. $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- 1267 *(6) Demotic sale of house property at Tebtunis, with Greek subscription. Almost perfect. 1 ft. x $7\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- 1268 (7) Subscription to a sale of a kleros. At the top described as an $\epsilon\kappa\ \delta\omicron\upsilon\lambda\omicron\mu\omicron\tau\omicron$, and there and at the bottom are notes of the date (Germanicius - Pachon 27) and descriptions of the parties for use in drawing up the contract. Perfect. $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x 1 ft. $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 1269 *(8) Petition to Asclepiades, strategus of the Div. of Polemon, from the priests of Cronus at Tebtunis. Temp. Tiberius. Perfect. One of the subscriptions is in Demotic. $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 1270 (9) Sale of land at Tebtunis. Dated Peritios = Choiak 30, 22 Tiberius = A.D. 35 . Perfect. $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 1271 *(10) Abstracts of documents. Part of a long roll; 3 cols. remain on the recto, of which the first is imperfect on the left; one complete col. on the verso, Temp. Tiberius. Almost perfect so far as preserved. $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x 1 ft. 4".
- 1272 (11) Subscriptions to a sale of house property. Perfect. $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x 1 ft. 8".

1273 *(12) Division of property at Tebtunis. Dated Xandikos - Mecheir 29,
7 Claudius = A.D. 47 . Perfect. 11" x 8½".

1274 (13) Subscription to a Demotic sale (never written) of a share in
a building site at Tebtunis. At the foot notes as in no. 7.
Complete. 10½" x 1ft. 1".

1275 *(14) Subscriptions (but they occupy almost the whole papyrus, which
seems complete; was the contract to have been written on a
separate sheet?) to a sale of a share in house property.
Complete. 11½" x 11½".

1276 *(15) Subscriptions to a sale of shares in building sites. Almost
perfect. Note of date (Germanicus 2) at the top. 11" x 1ft. 8".

1277 *(16) Agreement between a number of ἀπολύσιμοι οὐσίας Τιβερίου Κλαυδίου
καίσαρος
^ for the appointment of one of their number as their representative
for the payment of poll-tax, etc. Interesting. Dated Epag. 3,
3 Claudius = 43 . Almost perfect. 11½" x 12 ¾".

1278 *(17) Subscription to a sale of house property. At the top notes as in
No. 7 (date Mecheir 8, 8 Claudius = A.D. 48). A note inserted in
the middle of the space left for the contract perhaps means that
the transaction was never completed. Complete but slightly
damaged. 11½" x 1 ft. 8¼".

1279 (18) Subscription to a release of a building site at Tebtunis. At
the top note of the date (reign of Claudius). Complete but
damaged on top margin. 11½" x 8".

1280 (19) Subscriptions to a division of property. At the top a note of
the date (Pachon 5, 4 Gaius = A.D. 40). Perfect. 11½" x 9½".

1281 (20) Subscription to a sale of house property. Practically perfect.
11½" x 8".

1282 (21) Division of property at Kerkesouchon Oros. Pharmouthi 11, 8
Claudius = A.D. 48 . Perfect. 11½" x 2ft. 1".

1283 (22) Subscription to a sale of shares in building sites. Complete.
11½" x 1ft. 5 3/4".

1284 (23) Subscription to a sale of sacred land. Ptolemais Melissourgon.
At the top ἐκδούλομο[v] and note of the date (Pachon 1, 7th
year = probably A.D. 47) and on the verso notes of ages, etc.,
of the parties. Complete. 11½" x 1ft. 6½".

1285 *(24) Subscription to a division by a father of his property among
his sons, to take effect after his death. In the left margin
notes for the contract; the contract itself was begun at the
top of the sheet (5½ lines) but never finished. Tebtunis.
Dated Ἰουλιῶς (NB!) - Choiach 5, 3 Claudius = A.D. 42 . Almost
perfect. 11½" x 1ft. 4½".

1286 *(25) Subscriptions (both by the same man) to (a) a sale of a house,
(b), a loan. The whole described on the verso as a
With notes at top left corner. Perfect. 11½" x 1ft. 4 3/4".

1287 (26) Subscription to a release of catoecic land at Talei. Com-
plete. 11½" x 1ft. 9".

1288 (27) Subscriptions to a sale of shares in a building site at Kerkesouchon
Oros. Perfect. 11½" x 1ft. 8½".

Packet II. From Batn al-Harîr (Theadelphia). All of the
and cont.

*(1) Recto. 3 cols. (numbered 54-56), the first much damaged, of a
tax register (money), alphabetically arranged. The names in
this part begin with Π (col. 1) and Σ (2 and 3). Verso. 6 cols.,

the last much damaged, of another account (corn.), Π to Ω. Offered in 1912. 8½" x 2ft. 3".

- *(2) Recto. Cols. 57-61 of the same account as the preceding, with traces of col. 62. Letters Σ to Χ. Verso. 12 cols. the first imperfect; letters Λ to Π. Offered in 1912. 8½" x nearly 4 ft.
- *(3) Recto. 5 cols. of a tax register (money). Verso. 5 cols. (the last very imperfect) of a different tax register (money), headed *ἔχθεις μνηστῶν (πολιτῶν) ?*). 8½" x 1ft. 8¼". See no. 9 below.
- *(4) Recto. 4 cols. of a register of donkeys. Verso. 2 cols. of a register of (taxes on land?). 8 ¾" x 1ft. 1".
- *(5) Recto. 10 cols. (the last imperfect) of a tax register (money) like nos. 1 and 2, but not the same roll. Letters H - M. Verso. Account of arrears in money. 19th year, perhaps of Antoninus Pius = A.D. 155-6. Also a different and longer money account. Offered in 1912. 8¼" x about 4 ft.
- *(6) Recto. 12 cols. of an account of taxes (corn), alphabetically arranged. Letters A - H. Verso. Cols. 35-42 of a tax register (money), with an extra col. at the end. Not alphabetical. Offered in 1912. 8 ¾" x 3 ft.
- *(7) Recto. Composite roll of 8 receipts for payments of public money paid to various persons, chiefly public transport agents (*δημόσιον κτηνοτρόφον*) from villages in the Fayum, addressed to the firm of Sabinus & Co., public bankers, in the 18th year of Antoninus Pius = A.D. 154-5. Verso. 4 broad cols. of a land and corn-tax register. Theadelphia. Offered in 1912. 9" x 2ft. ¾".
- *(8) Further portion of preceding. Four receipts on the recto, the first imperfect on the left. Offered in 1912. 8½" x 1ft. 6 ¾".
- *(9) Recto. 7 cols., with part of an 8th. of a tax register (money).

Philadelphia. 19th year of Hadrian = A.D. 134-5 . Verso. 7 cols. of an account of arrears (cf. no. 5 verso) for the 23rd year of Antoninus Pius = A.D. 159-60 . The same roll as no. 3. Offered in 1912. 8½" x 2ft. 11".

*(10) Further portion of the roll nos. 7 and 8 Recto, 7 receipts; verso. 3 cols. Offered in 1912. 8 ¾" x 1ft. 9".

Packet III (Nahman IV). Miscellaneous documents. Coptic and Greek.

- L *(1) Coptic roll. Two practically complete cols. on recto, 1 (unfinished) on verso. Apparently the end of the roll; the beginning is lost. Chap xi of the Didache. Late 4th cent. A curiously mixed dialect. Probably important. 11½" x circ. 1ft. 6".
- *(2) Coptic letter. Imperfect on the right. 4th cent. Interesting for script and idiom. 9" x 7".
- *(3) Coptic letter to Paeieou (apparently), i.e. from the Meletian archive acquired by the B. M. last year. 4th. cent. Slightly imperfect and rubbed. 9 ¾" x 7 ½".
- P. 1290
L (4) Part of a Coptic codex, 1 leaf with 2 cols. to the page or 1 sheet forming 2 leaves. A round handsome hand. 6th (?) cent. Ink rather faint. Perhaps Job. 11" x 1ft.
- 1298 (5) Coptic letter. 6th/7th cent. Damaged. 3½" x 11½".
- 1307 (6) Coptic list of names. Complete. 7th cent. 9" x 3¾".
- 1308 (7) Coptic letter. 7th cent. Perhaps Hermopolis. Apparently almost complete. 5" x 6 ¾".
- 1299 (8) Coptic letter. Imperfect at the top and perhaps on the left. 6th/7th cent. Perhaps Hermopolis. On the verso another text. 4" x 6½".

- 1300 (9) Fragment of Coptic letter; another text on verso. 6th/7th cent.
Perhaps Hermopolis. $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- 1302-1306 (10) - (13) Coptic letters, all fragments. 4th-7th cent.
- 1291 L (14) Fragments of a Coptic martyrdom. Middle Egyptian. 6th cent.
- 1301 (15) Coptic letter. 6th/7th cent. Semi-Fayyumic dialect. Complete.
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 1295 (16) Coptic contract. 6th (?) cent. Probably Hermopolis. Much damaged
and in bad condition. $5\frac{3}{4}$ " x 10".
- 1294 L (17) Coptic magical fragments, probably from the same lot as those
acquired by Michigan in 1921.
- Pap. 1289 (18) Fragments of a Coptic codex containing theological works; blue
slips have been inserted by Mr. Crum indicating the subjects of
single leaves. When received the leather cover was folded over
the portion and over a number of loose fragments; but it is
L evidently one cover of a larger book, and was so folded to de-
ceive. With the book were 3 good seal-impressions showing a
bearded head turned to R., probably Christian. There were also
numerous fragments not belonging to the book itself; some of
these have been taken out and fitted on to larger pieces. Date
of the book itself perhaps 6th. cent.
- 1292 L (19) Coptic fragments, ink much faded, probably Biblical. One fragment
in very old idiom.
- 1293 L (20) Further Coptic fragments. Biblical?.
- 1396 (21) Small Greek fragments, found in the wrapper with the Coptic
book (no. 18) but apparently of various periods. One fragment is Arabic.
Qu. fakes copied from genuine documents??.

(22) Documents (receipts or orders?) relating to payments or deliveries of articles; all on the same sheet of papyrus. Dated in the year 14 = 12 = 4 (of. no. 31). Early 4th cent.; I have not succeeded in identifying the year. Complete but damaged.

9 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

(23) Lease of vine-land. Very imperfect. Perhaps dated in the 8th consulship of Galerius and 2nd of Maximinus = A. D. 311

5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

(24) Fragment of letter. On the verso address and an account or list in a different hand. 6th/7th cent. 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

(25) Fragment of a letter. 1st cent. (?). 6" x 3".

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(26) List of names. 1st cent. (?). 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". With 3 small fragments.

(27) Deed of warranty. Imperfect, having lost the lower part.

Hermopolite nome. Dated in the consulship of Constantius IV and Constans III A.D. 346 . 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 7".

*(28) Imperfect and much damaged and defaced agreement, the parties to which included a monk of a monastery in the eastern desert of the upper Cynopolite nome. The preamble refers to the departure, in consequence of orders from? the Emperor Constantine and the Bishop, of someone with? "priests and many others" to Caesarea in Palestine *πρὸς δίακροασις* ., and the document is perhaps concerned with the preliminaries to the Synod of Tyre in A.D. 335; it may probably belong to the Meletian archive acquired by the B. M. last year. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 1ft. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

(29) Lower part of a letter. 5th cent. 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

(30) Letter. 6th cent. Practically complete. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

(31) Receipt for rent for the 12th indiction, dated Thoth 6, 19th = 17th = 9th year (of. no. 22). With a second, for the 13th ind. Complete. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6".

- *(32) Christian letter to a brother. Early 4th cent. Apparently imperfect at the foot. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 4".
- *(33) Letter to Apa Paleou; one of the 4th cent. Meletian letters of which three were acquired by the B. M. last year. Imperfect at the foot. 9" x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- *(34) Letter to the same and to others appealing for financial help for a brother whose children had been seized by his creditors. Imperfect in the top right corner. 9" x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- *(35) Letter to the same on the same subject. Imperfect at the foot. 8" x 7".
- *(36) Letter to the same; the missing half of P. Long. Inv. No. 2489. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- *(37) Christian letter, to Psimon this? . Two columns, of which the first is mostly imperfect. 4th cent., perhaps late in the century. There is no definite evidence to connect it with the Meletian letters. 10" x 1ft. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Packet IV (Nahman III) Miscellaneous papyri.

- 1320 *(1) Record, in Latin, of a law suit between Dionysius Manlii f., eques missicius (represented in his absence by his son M. Trebius Heraclides, eques ala Apriana turma Acamantis), and M. Apronius and M. Manlius, equites ala Uocontiorum turma Domestici, conc. right to the inheritance of Dionysius Manlii f., eques ala Apriana, who died intestate. The case was referred by L. Selius (sic apparently; l. Silius?) Laetus, praefectus castrorum, to P. Mattius, J. (I cannot interpret this symbol or abbreviation) of the Legion Tertia Cyrenaisca, who associated with him M. Marcus P. f., Fal(acer) Optatus deq(ue) ala Xoitana (apparently a new ala), L. Herennius Ual.... us deq(ue) ala Apria(na), and Octavius

Domesticus de(ue) ala Uocontiorum. 2nd cent. (?) Slightly imperfect, having lost a piece of papyrus from the left side at the foot. $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $10\frac{1}{4}$ ".

- (2) Petition to Herodes al. Tiberius, strategus of the Div. of Themistes, by an inhabitant of Theadelphia. Dated Hathyr 7, 12 Hadrian = A.D. 127. Imperfect on the right. 8" x $3\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- * (3) Petition to ^lAscepiades, royal scribe of the Div. of Themistes, by an inhabitant of Theadelphia. Dated Phaophi 13, 33 Augustus = A.D. 3. Complete. lft. $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- (4) List of tenants of public land with, apparently, rent quotas, for the 13th and 14th years of Tiberius = A.D. 24-26. Imperfect at the top. lft. x $2\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- (5) Acknowledgement of a lease of land. Dated Phaophi 9, 16 Tiberius = A.D. 29. Complete. $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4".
- (6) Application for a lease of catocic land at Apias and elsewhere. 1st cent. Damaged and imperfect in the lower part. 8" x $3\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- (7) Petition (*ὑπόμνημα*) to an official whose name and title are much defaced. Karanis is mentioned. Dated in the 4th year of Vespasian = A.D. 71-2. $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- * (8) Document relating to landed property in many places, including Philopator Apiados and the metropolis (Arsinoe). The parcels are specified, with dates of acquisition and previous owners. Reign of Domitian. Imperfect at the top and on both sides. $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8".
- 1317 L * (9) (a) Imperfect leaf from a papyrus codex; apparently an apocryphal Gospel. 3rd or early 4th cent. $7\frac{3}{4}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 1318 L (b) A collection of unconnected Homeric lines, probably for magical purposes (cf. P. Lond. 121), on the verso of a document. Fragmentary. 3rd cent. $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{4}$ ".

- 1350 (10) Document of uncertain character; people from various Fayum villages occur. Imperfect on the left and defaced in places. At the foot a date in a different hand which is difficult to reconcile with any known formula but seems to suit Maximinus (A.D. 235-8) best. $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 1335 (11) Agreement at Tebtunis, dated Phaophi 20, 10 Hadrian =A.D.125 . Imperfect at the foot. $3\frac{3}{4}$ " x 11".
- 1316 L *(12) Composite roll of documents (τόμος συγκολλησίμου). Two documents remain, both imperfect at the top, the second also on the right. On the verso a prose work of literary criticism; one imperfect col. 3rd cent. $9\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (13) Beginning of a contract conc. landed property. No doubt Oxyrhynchus, as the village of Taempencu is mentioned. 2nd cent. 4" x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- *(14) Fragment of an account. 3rd cent.B.C.; undoubtedly from the Zeno archive. $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 1321 (15) Fragment of an account. 2nd cent.B.C. (?) $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (16) Letter from ---- to Zeno. 3rd cent.B.C. Imperfect on both sides. $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10".
- 1361 (17) Receipts (in two different hands) for payments in kind. Philadelphia Year 17 =16=9 =A.D.300-1 . 10" x 6".
- (18) Probably a tax-receipt. Philadelphia. Dated in the reign of Diocletian and Maximian. Imperfect on the right. 8" x $4\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (19)(20) and (21) Probably a receipt for corn, perhaps seed corn. Philadelphia. 3rd/4th cent. Imperfect at the foot and badly damaged. $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{3}{4}$ ". With (20) a small much defaced fragment, and (21) conclusion of a letter. 3rd/4th cent. $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- (22) Two documents wrongly stuck together (not separated). *(a) Account, apparently rather interesting, though very imperfect. Temp. Diocletian. (b) Conclusion of a receipt for corn.

Dated Phaophi 20, 12 and 11 Diocletian and Maximian =A.D.295 .
Combined sheet measures 8" x 4½".

- *(23) Considerable remains of a long composite roll made up of original returns of house property at Oxyrhynchus to the prytaneis in the 14th year of Severus Alexander =A.D.234-5 . The roll is in bad condition and only two or three of the returns are approximately complete, but the remains of the others may help to complete the readings mutually. Of some importance.
- (24) Sale of a donkey. Philadelphia (vendor from Memphis). Dated Epag.3, 1 8 M. Aurelius and Commodus =A.D.178 . Slightly imperfect on the left. 6½" x 2½".
- (25) Sale of a donkey. Slightly imperfect on the right. Peitou in Memphite nome (purchaser from Philadelphia). Dated Thoth 7, 19 M. Aurelius and Commodus =A.D.178 . 8" x 2½".
- *(26) Agreement between a comarch & another person for the latter to be comarch in the ensuing year. Almost complete, but the ~~graph~~ fragments have been clumsily and incorrectly joined by pieces of papyrus stuck on the back and another document has been pasted (the wrong way up) on the right bottom corner. Dated apparently in the 3rd-2nd year of [#]Diocletian and Maximian =A.D.286 . Philadelphia. 9" x 6".
- 1353 (27) Loan of money. Arsinoe (borrower from Philadelphia). Dated Dystros - Tybi 21, 4-3 Diocletian and Maximian =A.D.288 . Practically complete but the fragments have been unintelligently joined together. 9" x 6".
- L *(28) Magical papyrus; with figures. 4th cent. 5" x 8½".
- *(29) Official document issued by the *βιβλιοθήκη ἐγκτήσεων* of the

Arsinoite nome respecting a notification of a gift of catocic land at Philadelphia. Framed in an ornamental border[#] in red ink and with red ink subscription. 17th year, perhaps of Sept. Severus, Caracalla and Geta -A.D. 208-9 . Slightly imperfect on the left. $8\frac{3}{4}$ " x $8\frac{1}{4}$ ".

- 1370 (30) Letter from Philadelphus al. Dioscorus, probably at Philadelphia to Heron, strategus. Temp. Diocletian. Complete but damaged, and worm-eaten in places. $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- 1362 *(31) Christian letter from Plutogenia (at Alexandria) to her mother. Interesting. Complete. Temp. Diocletian. $10\frac{1}{4}$ " x $4\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- 1363 *(32) Letter from Heliodora to her mother. Temp. Diocletian. Slightly imperfect at the top right corner and with lacunae in the middle. 10" x $6\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- 1364 *(33) Letter from Paniscus to his wife Plutogenis (sic; but cf. 39). Interesting. Temp. Diocletian. Slightly imperfect on the left in the lower part. 10" x $5\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- 1365 *(34) Christian letter from Paniscus to his wife and daughter. Considerably damaged. Temp. Diocletian. $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". With a fragment in the same hand but probably of another letter.
- (35) Upper part of a loan of corn from a man of the Memphite nome to one of Philadelphia; stuck on to the lower part of a different document. Both temp. Diocletian. $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- 1371 (36) Left side of a letter. Temp. Diocletian. 8" x $2\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- 1366 *(37) Letter from Paniscus to his wife. Temp. Diocletian. Almost complete. $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 1354 (38) Apparently a loan of corn at Arsinoe to an inhabitant of Philadelphia. Almost complete but damaged and clumsily repaired. Dated Hathyr 23, 6 Diocletian and Maximian -A.D. 289 . $8\frac{3}{4}$ " x 4".

- 1367 *(39) Letter from Paniscus to his wife Plutogenia. Interesting. Complete.
NB! Letters 31 and 34 have the Christian formula $\text{Ἐν ὀνόματι τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ}$ but here $\text{Ἐν ὀνόματι τοῦ Θεοῦ Πατρὸς}$ occurs: have we in this family an instance of conversion to Christianity or (more probably) of relapse to paganism during Diocletian's persecution? . Temp. Diocletian. $9\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- 1368 (40) Composite papyrus made by clumsily sticking together several fragments of private letters, probably from the Paniscus archive. Temp. Diocletian. $8\frac{1}{4}$ " x 5".
- (41) Recto. Strip from an official document in a large handsome hand of "Chancery" type. Verso. Letter from a mother to her son. Slightly imperfect on the left in the upper part. 3rd cent. 9" x 3".
- 1352 (42) Proposal for a lease of land at Tanis (the lessee from Philadelphia) Practically complete. Dated Phaophi 13, 5-4 Diocletian and Maximian =A.D.288 . 9" x 3".
- 1369 *(43) Letter from Paniscus to his wife Plutogenia. Nearly complete but with lacunae. Temp. Diocletian. $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- 1341 (44) Upper part of 2 columns in a well-formed literary uncial; but the contents appear to be a letter (or less probably a petition), not a literary work. 2nd cent. (?) 5" x $5\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (45) Receipt for a share of an inheritance. Early 4th cent. (probably dated by a consulship but I have not read the very cursive date at the top). Slightly imperfect on the left. $10\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- (46) Long strip from a roll of accounts. Only figures. 7th cent.
- 1315 *(47) Recto. Land register; one whole column, one imperfect, and small traces of another. 2nd cent. Verso. Prose argument of the Iliad I and (in part) II. 1 whole, 1 imperfect col. 2nd cent. 11" x $11\frac{1}{2}$ ".

(48) 1 imperfect col. of Iliad VI, 236ff., with small remains of preceding col. 3rd cent. 8" x 4".

(49) Letter from Nikon to Panakestor (Zeno archive). Imperfect on the right. $3\frac{1}{4}$ " x 11".

(50) Letter from ---- to Zeno. Dated Pharmouthi 29, year 29 -B.C. 257-6 . Imperfect on both sides. 3" x 11".