Lydian Inscriptions
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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

It was at first my intention to publish what follows as a preliminary article or essay, because the novelty of the subject and the fresh light which is sure to be thrown on it by other scholars will cause many of the views here expressed to need modifications and additions.

It has seemed best however to issue these chapters on the Lydian alphabet and on those Lydian inscriptions which I believe to be able to interpret with a certain degree of probability, together with this commentary in the series of monographs describing the results of the American Excavations at Sardis. The new texts can thus be presented in a form more worthy of their importance.

In future parts of this volume I hope not only to publish all Lydian inscriptions found at Sardis and elsewhere but also to embody the results of criticisms and discoveries contributed by other workers in this new and difficult field. Many problems in this connection are such that we can look forward to their being solved only by the joint labors of many different specialists.

I have already had the help of several scholars, to whom I wish to express my sincere indebtedness. Above all, it was my friend and colleague W. H. Buckler who with his never resting zeal not only supported me in the material preparation of this Part but also contributed many a valuable note to the deciphering and interpretation; his name will be found quoted often on the following pages. Moreover I wish to express my gratitude to Professors J. Wackernagel, G. Herbig, A. Torp and J. Keil. A number of suggestions made by Professors Wackernagel and Herbig have been added to my commentary. Prof. Torp recognized the meaning of the negative particle μι, although he differs from me in the interpretation of the formula vıssis nivisq. Let us hope that his rich knowledge on all questions of Asia Minor and Etruscan Philology will soon be made available for "Lydian Philology" also. Prof. J. Keil very kindly sent me drawings and squeezes of two Lydian fragments discovered by him and von Premerstein in 1911. These fragments have been quoted here as "Arably Hadjili" and "Falanga"; they correspond with No. 16 and 132 in the publication of the results of the Third Voyage made by Keil and von Premerstein, see below the List of Lydian Inscriptions heretofore published, No. F. Although these fragments are
very short they have nevertheless thrown some new light on several Lydian words
and forms.

The inscriptions published here are those which can be interpreted and translated
to some extent; they are almost all of them funerary inscriptions. Out of the 34 texts
found by the American Excavations only 15 have been edited here. Of the remaining
19 texts a good many are small fragments or give only a few letters representing
masons' marks or the like. But about half a dozen of rather long, well carved Lydian
inscriptions, some of which are in perfect condition, have been reserved for the future
publication since they cannot be translated as yet. The numbers which all these in-
scriptions were given at Sardis, i.e. L(ydian) 1–34, have been kept in this Publication
because the vocabulary of all Lydian words and the lists of endings and forms which
I made at Sardis in 1913 were made on the ground of this numbering; it was there-
fore impossible to rearrange the inscriptions according to their ages or their contents
and to change all the numerous quotations in my vocabulary and in my lists of
forms and endings.

During the year of 1913 I was entirely occupied by other work so that I could
not devote any time to the Lydian inscriptions. The present Part was prepared and
written during the months from May to August 1914. Its publication has been delayed
for so long a time by the War.

In the meantime Prof. Hrozný published his new theory on the Hittite language.
It seems to me safe to postpone a definite judgment on his theory of the Indo-
Germanic origin of the cuneiform Hittite language until more of his material will have
been made accessible. I hope all considerate and thoughtful scholars will approve of
the way in which I have presented the "Comparisons" in Chapter VI of this Part.

It remains to acknowledge here also the great care which the Publishing House
of Late E. J. Brill devoted to the making of the Lydian type, which for the first time
are used in this Publication, and to the entire setting up and printing of this Part.

Göttingen, March 1916.

E. Littmann.
LIST OF LYDIAN INSCRIPTIONS HERETOFORE PUBLISHED.

(By W. H. Buckler.)

A. Fragment of inscription from column-drum of Kroisean temple of Artemis at Ephesos. — See below, p. 66.
C. Three fragmentary inscriptions from Lydia, with commentary by Kretschmer. — Keil-v. Premerstein, Denksch. Wiener Akademie LIII, 1908, No. 9, 11, 208.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS.

Kirchhoff: Geschichte des griechischen Alphabets.
## Chapter I.

### The Alphabet.

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- Α, Β, Γ, Δ, Ε, Φ, Η, Ι, Κ, Λ, Μ, Ν, Π, Ρ, Σ, Τ, Υ, Φ, Ω, Π.
The Values of the Lydian Letters.

The bilingual inscription to be discussed below in Chapter II contains a number of proper names; these names represent the first starting point and the only safe foundation for the deciphering of the Lydian alphabet. They are in the Aramaic part as follows:

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<td>מָנְי</td>
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<td>צַרְי</td>
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<td>סַרְיוֹרְזוֹ</td>
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<td>אַרְמְעִי</td>
<td>3RTMW</td>
<td>Artemis.</td>
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<td>כָּלִל</td>
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<td>Koloë.</td>
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<td>אֶפְסֶשֶׁשֶׁש</td>
<td>3f̄ŚŚY</td>
<td>(of?) Ephesos.</td>
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It was seen at once that the first two names, viz. Artaxerxes and Sardis, are not given in the Lydian part of the inscription. It is possible that they were never written there, and that the first Lydian line now lost contained a different date. Both of them however occur in other inscriptions as we shall see below where the single letters are discussed, under § 3. 8. But we find in corresponding places the following names:

1) ללֶלְלְלְלְל = MNY
2) ללָלְלָלְלָל = KMLY
3) ללֶלֶלֶלֶלֶל = SRWK(Y)
4) ללַלַלַלַל = 3RTMW
5) ללַלַלַלַל = 3f̄ŚŚY
6) ללַלַלַלַל = KLW

These names enable us to determine with certainty the values of several Lydian letters. They are:

- מ = m, because it corresponds with מ (m) in 1, 2, 4;
- n = n, because it corresponds with נ (n) in 1;
- ק = k, because it corresponds with ק (k) in 2, 3, 6;
- ל = l, because it corresponds with ל (l) in 2 and 6;
- ס = s; because it corresponds with ס (s) in 3;
- פ = š (or š), because it corresponds with פ (š) in 6;
- ר = r, because it corresponds with ר (r) in 4;
- ט = t, because it corresponds with ט (t) in 4.
A. The Values of the Lydian Letters.

The short vowels are, of course, not written in Aramaic, but $N (?)$ stands in two cases at the beginning of a word, where the Lydian text has $A$ and $I$ respectively. The letter $\gamma$ ($y$) stands where the Lydian has $i$ (No. 1) and in Aramaic it may indicate the vowels $i$, $u$, or the diphthong $ay$ ($at$). The letter $\gamma$ ($w$) stands in 3, 4, and 6 where the Lydian has $i$; in Aramaic it may indicate the vowels $a$, $u$, or the diphthong $aw$ ($au$). Now I think there is no doubt that $A$, $I$, $I$ must represent the vowels $a$, $e$, $i$, $u$. Since the letters $A$, $I$, and $I$ occur also where the Aramaic has no vowel sign, we must infer that long and short vowels were probably not distinguished in Lydian. Moreover $I$ and $I$ occur where the Aramaic has $Y$, and $I$ stands in 4 and 5 where the corresponding Greek forms have $z$; this leads us to the conclusion that the short $i$ in Lydian must have been an open vowel.

In 3 Lydian $I$ is found where the Aramaic has $\gamma$ ($r$). As the value of $I$ is certainly $l$, we must infer that $l$ and $r$ sometimes interchange in Lydian.

In 5 Lydian $A$ is found where the Aramaic has $D$; this may be, of course, either $p$ or $ph$. Now $A$ is probably a $b$ as we shall see below from other examples. It seems therefore that the Lydians had no $p$ or $ph$ (i.e. tenuis and tenuis aspirata) and replaced it by their $b$.

The endings of the Lydian words, $\mathbf{E}1$1, in 1–3, $\mathbf{E}11$ in 4, $\mathbf{E}11\mathbf{E}$ in 5 and 6, will be spoken of in Chap. II, A.

These six names have yielded thirteen Lydian letters, i.e. about half of the whole alphabet: a good beginning! The letters are $A = a$, $E = b$, $I = c$, $I = \delta$, $A = k$, $I = l$, $\gamma = m$, $A = n$, $B = o$, $\gamma = p$, $A = s$, $\gamma = \varsigma$, $I = \tau$, $I = u$.

I shall now attempt to determine the values of the other letters found in the Lydian inscriptions and to give the material on which the table of the alphabet, above p. 1, is based. At the same time I shall give a few more examples in the case of those letters whose values are already known from the proper names in the bilingual inscription. I follow the order of the Greek alphabet, placing the additional Lydian letters at the end.

\[A = a.\]

This letter is of very frequent occurrence in the Lydian inscriptions. Several times $A A$ is found; this doubling may perhaps indicate a long 'a'. The $A$ occurs quite often in proper names; besides $\mathbf{E}1\mathbf{I}1\mathbf{A}$ (Artemis) and $\mathbf{E}1\mathbf{A}1\mathbf{E}$ (Mane) it is found in $\mathbf{E}1\mathbf{I}1\mathbf{A}$ (Alu, which is a short form of the name $\Lambda \nu \alpha \varsigma$), $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{A}$ (Artaxerxes), $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{A}$ (Ata, $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{A}$, $\Lambda \nu \alpha \varsigma$, cf. Kretschmer, Einleitung, p. 349 f.); $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{M}$, which is rendered in a bilingual inscription published in Chap. II, B by $\mathbf{N} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{N} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{S}$ (cf. $\Lambda \nu \alpha \varsigma$ etc. in Kretschmer [f, c, p. 341 f.]); and in several other names.

In a few Lydian lines written from left to right the $a$ has of course the form $A$. 
8 = b.

The Greco-Lydian bilingual inscription from Sardis, below, Chap. II, B, has ᾦῠΑῦΑῦᾦᾦΑ corresponding with ΔΙΟΝΥΣΙΚΛΕΟΥΣ. It is easy to see that the first part, -ΙΑΙ, must be a rendering of Διονυσι; therefore -ΙΑΙ is nothing else but Бασъψ̣̣ and 8 is δ, β̣, as in Oscan and in those lines of ancient Greek inscriptions that run from right to left. Another example is the name Α_errno_ΙΑ Α仂α (Inscr. 9, l. 5) which is obviously the Persian name Artabanes. Above on p. 2 it was pointed out that -ΙΑΙ must be the Lydian for Ephesos. And in the Greco-Lydian inscription from Pergamon, published in Altertümer von Pergamon, II, p. 76 and VIII 1, p. 1, we find ΑΑΑΑΑΑ as the equivalent of ΠΑΡΤΑΡΑΣ. In the Lydian inscr. 29, l. 1 a word ΑΑΑ is found. I think it highly probable that this word is the same as the Semitic Ba’al, although one cannot be sure of it, because the interpretation of the passage is unknown; it would seem not at all impossible that a Semitic god should have been worshipped at Sardis, for Lidzbarski has shown in his Ephemeris, III, p. 192 f., that on the stele of Oerdekburnu, inscribed in an unknown language of Asia Minor, names of Semitic gods are found.

We should then have the Lydian 8 as an equivalent of β̣, π, and ρ̣ or of β, ρ, and ρ̣. Another example of this fact might perhaps be recognized in one of the “Lydian glosses” (Lagarde, Gesammelte Abhandlungen p. 271, No. 16; p. 286, No. 17), in which Βςβ̣ς and Φςβ̣ς are identified. See however Kretschmer, p. 229. The Lydians therefore had only one labial explosive sound. Whether it was voiced or voiceless, I cannot say. For it is possible that all θ-sounds had been changed to ρ, and that the 8 had been chosen for the labial explosive sound instead of a sign corresponding to Greek π. Modern West-Armenian, i.e. the Armenian spoken in Asia Minor, and the rendering of Turkish with Armenian characters might furnish certain parallels to this. However, I keep δ as a transliteration of Lydian 8.

In the single instance where this letter occurs in a line running from left to right (No. 24) the form 8 has been written, not Β.

Γ.

A letter representing the γ-sound has not been found so far, unless it be 4. This sign occurs only twice, viz. in inscr. 2, which contains only the letters Σ as a mason’s mark, and in the word ΤΙΟΚΤΑ (No. 12, l. 4). The latter may be compared with the word ΤΙΟΚΤΑ (in No. 12, l. 8). But this is very uncertain. Perhaps 4 is only a second form of 4, a sign which is discussed at the end of the alphabet.

If 4 be really γ (g), its form may be compared with Α in Greek inscriptions from the Islands and from Athens, and above all with ɣ and Ǯ in Western Greek alphabets, forms which gave rise to the Latin C. Or, on the other hand, it may have been created in Lydia as a differentiation from 1 (l).
\[ i = d. \]

The name .crt., which occurs no less than seven times, in Nos. 7 and 30, both of which, however, may refer to the same person, serves to determine the value of the sign \( i \). For to my mind this name is to be read Mitrizastas. At first I thought this to be a rendering of the name Mithridates, taking the \( st \) as an attempt to represent Persian \( z \); but the Persian has a \( l \), not a \( z \) in \( data- \) "given". Prof. Andreas moreover is of the opinion that Mitrizastas can only mean "hand of Mit(h)ra". In Old-Iranian zusto- and dusto- = "hand" are used of men and of gods; cf. Bartholomae, Wörterbuch, col. 1685. The vowels \( u \) and \( o \) have been chosen according to Prof. Andreas. As a parallel to this name we may cite the Abyssinian names Bā'eda-Māryām, "through (in) the hand of (the Virgin) Mary", and Yamāna-Krestos, "right hand of Christ".

Again the identification of 19a63 with "reed (S_or.D), i.e. Sardis, seems to me certain. On this see below p. 12, under the letter \( S \). And in all Lydian words in which \( i \) occurs nothing prevents us from reading it as a \( d \).

Professor Herbig suggested to me that \( i \) might represent a dental sibilant, i.e. \( d \) or even \( z \); in that case the endings of the subjective case (see below Ch. V, C) would be \( /s, -t, -z \) instead of \( -s, -i, -d \), and such endings would perhaps stand in closer relation with each other. As a matter of fact, the name .crt. might be read Mitrizastas; this would be the Old North-Iranian form which is missing elsewhere. But we cannot be sure of this. The reasons why I keep my rendering \( i = d \) for the present are the following: 1) The name of Sardis certainly had a \( d \), not a \( z \). 2) Although the Iranian word for 'hand' is zust in the Avesta and should be the same in all other Iranian dialects except the Persian, i.e. Southwest-Iranian, yet the truly Persian form dust (dast) is found, according to Professor Andreas, in all other later Iranian dialects, and it must have spread there at a comparatively early date. 3) The Achaemenian, i.e. Southwest-Iranian, form should be expected in Asia Minor: this would be, it is true, *Miptodusto, but Miipro, the name of the god, often kept its archaic form in proper names, and then we would have *Mipto_udo, or since about 400 A.D., Miipro_udo = crt. 4) In Lydian we find the corresponding forms 111111 'this tomb' and 11111 'this stelae'; see below Ch. II, A. It seems most likely that es-y vana-š stands for *es-y vana-š and es-t mru-d for *es-d mru-d.

\[ i = e. \]

In No. 8, ll. 1-2, the names 11111 and 11111 occur. The first is Kumti as we have seen above, p. 2. The second must be Ate; on ᾳa, ᾳe, ᾳe, etc. cf. Kretschmer, l. c., p. 350. The name Ates is probably the second part of ᾳa, being a short form or hypocoristicon of the longer name. The first part of it is found above on p. 3 in the name Alu-. Again in 11111 (Mane), above p. 2, \( i \) is \( e \).
Chapter I. The Alphabet.

\[ \begin{align*}
\text{I} & = \nu.
\end{align*} \]

The letter I occurs very frequently in Lydian. Of proper names that contain this letter \( \text{A\text{I}T\text{A}} \) and \( \text{A\text{I}T\text{I}} \) are the most striking. I do not hesitate to connect the former with \( \text{K\text{a}d\text{r}} \)- a very well known element of proper names in Asia Minor; see Buckler-Robinson in Amer. Journ. Arch. 1912, XVI, pp. 33-35. There is, however, a difference between \( \text{A\text{I}T\text{A}} \) with \( t \) and \( \text{K\text{a}d\text{r}} \) with \( \delta \). The Lydian form \( \text{ka\text{d}w\text{\=a}t} \) also has a \( d \); cf. Sundwall, p. 93. But the corresponding Italic names have a \( s \) or a \( t \); see Herbig, p. 18.

In \( \text{A\text{I}T\text{I}} \), a name occurring in four places, I recognize an element \( \text{tiv} \) which is perhaps the same as the Etruscan \( \text{tiv} \) "moon"; cf. Gott. Gel. Anz. 1914, p. 512, and below, Chap. III, F, (L. 13). The I may have represented a labio-dental or a bilabial sound. But I think the latter is the more likely, since I seems to interchange with 1; cf. this letter below.

\section*{Z.}

It would be very natural to connect Lydian I with Greek Z, since the oldest form of Z is \( \Xi \) both in Greek and in Phoenician. But in Lydian I is undoubtedly a voiceless s.

It is probable that I was originally a voiced s, and became later a voiceless s, and that the letter I should really have its place in the alphabet where Z stands. For in an ancient Berber inscription the letter \( \Xi \) which is derived from Phoenician \( \Xi \) is used as a sign for s; cf. Lidzbarski, Sitzungsber. d. Berl. Akad. d. Wiss. 1913, XV, p. 297. And Prof. Wackernagel called my attention to the fact that \( \Xi \) is a voiceless s in Oscan and Umbrian. But on the other hand I (s) may perhaps have been derived from \( \Xi \) (s) by omission of one of the horizontal bars, as e.g. I was derived from \( \Xi \). I have placed I below together with the other sibilant I. The form \( \Xi \) occurs in Lydian in a very few cases.

\section*{H.}

I have found no sign for the long \( \zeta \) in Lydian. The names \( \text{M\text{e}n\text{u}z} \), \( \Lambda\text{t\text{e}z} \) have I where the Greek forms have \( \xi \). It should be remembered also that \( \Lambda\text{t\text{e}z} \) occurs as well as \( \Lambda\text{t\text{e}z} \); see Kretschmer, p. 350. And in those ancient Greek inscriptions in which H was used as the sign of the spiritus asper, \( \varepsilon \) was used not only for \( \varepsilon \) and \( \eta \), but also for \( \eta \).

The question arises whether the sign derived from the Phoenician \( \text{h\text{e}p} \) might have been used in Lydia to render \( h \). This would a priori not be very likely since the Lydians most probably received their script from the Ionians. No H or \( \Xi \) has so far been found in the Lydian inscriptions.
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\( \Theta \).

Again the letter and sound \( \Theta \) seems to have been lost in Lydian. No sign resembling the Phoenician or Greek \( \Theta \) etc. occurs in our inscriptions. The name of the god Mithras is written with a \( t \) (\( 19\text{r1} \)), but this is not an absolutely conclusive proof of the fact that the Lydians had no \( \Theta \); the North-Iranian form is \( Mi\text{p}\text{r}-\), and this form has found its way also into Greek literature, cf. \( \text{Mip}ox\text{t}\text{n} \), etc. But we should expect to find here in Lydia the Old Persian form; see above p. 5. I believe therefore that \( 19\text{r1} \) was written because the Lydians had no \( \Theta \). It must also be said here that in Greek renderings of indigenous Asia Minor names \( \Theta \) is extremely rare,\(^1\) that the foreign sound \( p \) is generally written \( \tau \) in Greek, and that in Etruscan \( \Theta \) very often interchanges with \( t \), especially in later inscriptions.

\[ 1 = \text{i} \]

This identification scarcely needs proof. As an example the name \( 1\text{A}T\text{F}\text{A}\text{A}\text{I}\text{R}\text{A} \) may be cited.

\[ 1 = k \]

Instances of \( 1 = k \) are given above in the names \( 1\text{A}1\text{I}\text{I} \) and \( 1\text{r}\text{r}\text{r} \). To these may be added here \( 1\text{A}1\text{O}\text{TA} \) and \( 1\text{O}\text{R}\text{A} \), \( \text{K}p\text{p} \). The latter occurs several times with different endings.

\[ 1 = l \]

That \( 1 \) equals \( l \) was shown above on p. 2 by the names \( 1\text{r}\text{r}\text{r} \) (\( K\text{um}l\text{t} \)) and \( 1\text{r}\text{r} \) (\( K\text{olo} \)). It is possible that \( 1 \) became voiceless at the end of a word, especially after a voiceless consonant, as e.g. in \( 1\text{A}\text{O}\text{R}\text{A} \) (No. 12, l. 8). But one cannot say which special kind of \( l \) was expressed by \( 1 \), whether it resembled more the German \( l \) or the Slavic \( l \) or the Armenian \( L \) or the Armenian \( \text{L} \).

In the lines that run from left to right this letter is turned in the other direction, viz. \( r \). In No. 23, l. 3 a sign \( \Lambda \) is found, which I take to be intended for \( l \). But this is uncertain, because the word in which it is read does not occur elsewhere. If it be \( l \), it is only accidentally carved in this form, probably because the chisel slipped from the hand of the carver; for in other words of this inscription \( l \) is represented by \( 1 \).

\[ 1 = m \]

Again the names \( 1\text{r}\text{r}\text{r}, 1\text{A}\text{A}\text{A}, 1\text{A}T\text{F}\text{A}\text{A}\text{I}\text{R}\text{A} \) are sufficient proof for this reading. In a line running from left to right \( m \) has the form \( m \).

\[ 1 = n \]

The names \( 1\text{A}\text{A}\text{A} = \text{NANNA}\text{S} \), and \( 1\text{A}\text{A}\text{A} \) speak for themselves.

\(^1\) The same fact was also stated by Mr. Askwright in his very important article "Notes on the Lydian Alphabet"; see Journal of Hellenic Studies, Vol. XXXV, Part I, 1915, p. 100.
In the same way as the sign for $w$, the letter $\nu$ is also turned to the right in a line running from left to right, viz. $\nu$.

Perhaps the $n$ lost its voice when placed at the end of a word after a voiceless consonant; cf. e.g. $\text{TA\text{I}A}$ in No. 12, l. 11.

$$\nu = \bar{n}.$$  

The letter $\zeta$ occurs not infrequently; but it seems to have been used especially in inscriptions written in a lofty style. In the ordinary funerary inscriptions it is very rare, but in No. 4, which seems to be a votive stele, and in Nos. 12, 19, 27, 29, which are written in poetry, it is much more frequent. Perhaps it went gradually out of use and was later on employed in inscriptions that affected an archaic style.

In determining its value we may eliminate at the outset its Greek meaning, viz. $\zeta$. For the sound $\zeta$ is rendered by $\text{I}$ in $\text{T\text{I}A\text{I}A\text{I}}$ (Artaxerxes) and by $\text{I}$ in $\text{T\text{I}A\text{I}A\text{I}}$ which cannot be anything else than some rendering of Alexander.

Now in No. 19, l. 11 we find $\text{I}\text{I}\text{E}\text{I}$, but in No. 27, l. 5 we read $\text{I}\text{I}\text{I}\text{I}$. The ending $\text{I}$ occurs in $\text{I}\text{I}\text{O}\text{A}\text{A}$ (11, l. 2) and $\text{I}\text{I}\text{A}$ (12, l. 10), but in No. 11, l. 3 it is written with $\text{I}$ in $\text{I}\text{I}\text{A}\text{I}\text{I}\text{A}\text{I}$. This points to the fact that there must be a certain relation between $\zeta$ and $\nu$.

But the decisive words are $\text{T\text{A}\text{E}}\text{M}1$ in No. 12, l. 2, $\text{T\text{A}\text{E}}\text{M}1$ in 12, l. 11, and $\text{T\text{A}\text{E}}\text{A}$ in l. 2. For a discussion of these words we must take for granted what is said below on the letter $\text{M}$, namely that it means $\ddot{a}$, i.e. a nasalized $a$. One of the most common words in our Lydian inscriptions is $\text{T\text{A}\text{M}}1$, which I read $\text{v\text{a}n\text{a}s}$ and translate by "(sepulchral) cavern, tomb". Almost always it is written $\text{T\text{A}\text{M}}1$, but in 12, l. 2 a $\zeta$ is added after the $\text{M}$. Again in 13, l. 2 we read $\text{T\text{A}\text{E}}\text{A}$, but in line 4 $\text{T\text{A}\text{E}}\text{M}1$. The conclusion is inevitable that $\zeta$ must be a nasalized $n$, i.e. the guttural nasal sound ($\nu$). This should perhaps be transliterated rather by $\nu$ than by $\bar{n}$; but since it has become customary to indicate the nasal vowels by $\ddot{a}$, $\ddot{e}$, $\ddot{i}$, $\ddot{n}$, the closely guttural $n$ may be written $\bar{n}$ for the sake of convenience. Thus $\text{T\text{A}\text{M}}1: \text{T\text{A}\text{E}}\text{M}1$ on the one hand, and $\text{T\text{A}\text{M}}1: \text{T\text{A}\text{E}}\text{A}$ on the other, would be only orthographic variants. The former would be pronounced $\text{v\text{a}n\text{a}s}$ or $\text{v\text{a}n\text{a}s}$, the second $\text{k\text{a}n\text{a}u}$ or $\text{k\text{a}n\text{a}u}$. This method of spelling has a parallel in Lycian and in modern Albanian orthography. In the latter the nasal vowels are ordinarily written $\ddot{a}$, $\ddot{e}$, $\ddot{i}$, $\ddot{n}$; but if a nasal consonant ($n$, $\text{m}$) follows in the same syllable, the sign of the nasal vowel, i.e. the circumflex accent, may be omitted; cf. Weigand, Albanische Grammatik, § 3, ann. 2.

Another parallel is furnished by the spelling of the nasal sounds in Portuguese.

The variants $\text{I}\text{I}: \text{I}\text{I}$ and $\text{I}\text{I}\text{I}: \text{I}\text{I}\text{I}$ seem, however, to indicate more than a mere difference in orthography. Here I believe that the guttural $\nu$ became an ordinary dental $n$ either in a later period of the Sardian dialect or in the special dialect of the man who had the inscription written or of the mason who carved it. Such dialectic
variants are known to exist in Albanian; cf. Weigand, l.c., 3, ann. 3. In modern European Turkish the guttural ń is usually pronounced like an ordinary n. In Asia Minor the Turkish ń is sometimes kept, sometimes pronounced as n; cf. Giese, Materialien zur Kenntnis des anatolischen Türkisch, p. 8. In the Turkish dialect of Adherbeijan again ṅ has become n.

If then ḍ has been shown to be ń, one can easily understand why this sign occurs very frequently after a ń. For ṇ after k easily becomes guttural; the German word Knie, for instance, is often pronounced kńi or kńt by Germans as well as by foreigners.

I have given the ḍ its place after the ń on account of their close phonetic relationship. It is not impossible that in the alphabets of Lycia and Lydia the Phoenician ḍ (š), which comes directly after the ń, was adopted without its meaning, only as a sign, and was used for an altogether different sound; this sound however was nearest to ń phonetically.

In a few cases the shaft of the letter projects beyond the lowest horizontal bar, and then the Lydian letter exactly resembles the Phoenician Samekh.

\[ \emptyset = 0. \]

The names -AîT A T and ṢîBA T may suffice to prove that the sign which means ø in all Greek and Italic alphabets—except of course the Etruscan which had no O—has the same value in Lydian also. Whether this ø was long or short, open or closed, I cannot say.

\[ \Pi = \pi. \]

No sign corresponding to Greek π has been found in Lydian. And Greek π is rendered by 8, as we have seen above, p. 4. Even in all cases where the small slanting line of 1 (ř) looks rather like a curve, so that the sign resembles a Phoenician ř or ancient Greek π, the sign can be only ń; this is proven by parallels.

\[ \eta = \gamma. \]

This most natural value of the letter ṇ is ascertained at once from 〒〒〒〒〒, 〒〒〒〒〒〒, 〒〒〒〒〒〒 and other names.

\[ \emptyset = \emptyset; \gamma = \gamma. \]

The words on which my identification of these letters is based are chiefly the following:

\[ -1111 = \text{Srdn, } SRWK \]
\[ -111 = \text{Spn, } \emptyset \]
\[ 1111 = \text{RThSS } \]
\[ -11111 = \text{Persian } Mîth(h)ridasta. \]
The Greek ναῦς for יאָוֶא cannot decide the question, since in Greek both ς and Χ would be rendered by the same sign. But I think that the above examples are sufficient to prove that Χ is ς and Χ is ς (or η).

The name of Sardis however seems to furnish an argument against this proof. For in Lydian it is written 19א81, in Aramaic דזזז (SfRD), a word which in the Old Testament, Obad. 19. 20 is vocalized סְפַרְד. This fact, to be sure, presents a difficulty. But I think it is not unsurmountable. For in Lydian itself Χ and ς interchange, as we see from the words 111 and 111 which are often found at the beginnings of inscriptions; see below, Chap. II. A. And such changes from ς to Χ and vice versa are well known in Semitic languages and dialects. These changes are generally regulated by phonetic laws, but not always; to quote one case, in Arabic and Ethiopic ς and Χ always correspond with each other, but Ethiopic יוֹנָּא “beautiful” is certainly the same as Arabic יוֹנָּא, and Ethioic ṯafaṣṣḥα “he rejoiced” is the same as Arabic ṭaḥassaḥa. This may not bear directly on the case under discussion, but we must remember that one half of the 19א81-דזזז problem is Semitic.

Another proof that Χ is a voiceless ς, not a voice ς, is furnished by the word 111. For it is very improbable that a ς should stand directly before a Χ: either the Χ must become a μ, or the ς must become an ς.

On p. 3 above, I said that Χ may be derived either from Phoenician Χ (ς) or Χ (ς). I do not wish to give a definite answer to this question. But since I placed Χ between Χ and Χ, I wish to call attention to the fact that in the alphabet of Vaste, which Mommшен published from the papers of Luigi Cepolla, a Η is placed between Ψ and Ζ; Kirchhoff, p. 157, eliminates this Η, because he believes it does not belong there, and J. Schmidt, in Pauly-Wissowa’s Real-Lexikon s. i. Alphabet, makes a Π of it and places it after the O.

In a very few cases the shaft of the ς does not project beyond the lower horizontal bar, and the letter looks like the Phoenician Χ (ς); again in a very few cases the shaft projects at the top as well as at the bottom, and the letter then becomes Χ, a form which may be compared with Χ in Carian, Etruscan, Oscian, and Faliscan.

The letter Χ has a curious form in two old Lydian inscriptions running from left to right, viz. Χ. Parallels are to be found in Old-Phrygian and in certain Greek alphabets; for Kirchhoff gives in his tables similar forms from Rhodes and Laconia. And curiously enough the same letter received a similar form in a distant country and at a much later period, after it had wandered from Phoenicia to Southern Arabia and then back through the deserts of Arabia northward to the Syrian desert. Phoenician ϊ (ς) became Χ or Χ in Sabaeans, and them Χ or Χ in Safaitic script.

\[
\chi = t.
\]

A number of names contain a Χ, and this is certain to be a Χ; cf. יאָוֶא,
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-ATA and TATAI. In aot and T17111111T however we have a t where the Greek forms have a d. Above on p. 6 it has been said that Katova- has its parallels in Italy. And though the names with ἔδ are so very common in Asia Minor, the second part of Greek names composed with -eip9 has a t in Lycian; cf. alakksantra(ν) Sundwall, p. 4, and lusantH, ib. p. 16.

In an old Lydian inscription the upper crossbar of the T in very short; see Chap. II, l.

\[ t = u. \]

In 11177, in 1117117 and in 11114 the letter t stands where the Semitic equivalents have a w (w); see above. In 1117 it corresponds with a Greek v. And many words, as 11114, 11171 and the like, show that t is a vowel. We are therefore justified in rendering t by u.

In a line running from left to right it is turned towards the right: t.

It is possible that t is sometimes written where we should expect 1. There is a grammatical ending 21 and another one 24, and the latter is found sometimes after consonants; cf. below Chap. V, H. This would correspond to a similar usage in certain Etruscan inscriptions. But I have found no case in which the same word had in the same place once a t and another time a 4.

Prof. Herbig suggested to me that t should be 4 rather than u, comparing prayes and πραιμ, ἀρτιμ and 11177. This is very possible, but I do not wish to decide this question as yet.

\[ 8 = f. \]

The letter 8 occurs quite frequently in Lydian. The value here adopted for it is based on one word which is found in many different forms. This is 14483, which I read fard-, and take to be the indigenous name of Sardis. I shall first give the forms in which this word appears.

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\begin{align*}
14483 & \text{ 12, } 1; 16, 19. \\
14483 & \text{ 4, } 5 \text{ and } 10. \\
14483 & \text{ 12, } 9; 23, 3. \\
14483 & \text{ 4, } 4. \\
14483 & \text{ 4, } 8. \\
\end{align*}
\]

I believe that the first two of these forms mean "Sardis", and the last six "Sardian" or "Sardians". It is not the place here to discuss the meanings of the endings; that will be done in Chaps. II, III and V. But it is necessary to state why I derive the first two forms from the same root. \(14483\) occurs first in inscr. 12, an inscription written in poetry in which the very common word 11171 is given in the form 14483. We have then the parallels 14483: 14483 and 11171: 14483. In both cases the syllable va is added, perhaps as an infix; see below Chap. V, F, 4. Concerning the
form ṬṬA83 the following may be stated. Besides the word ṬṬA7 we very often find the form ṬṬA97. So we have the parallels ṬṬA7:ṬṬA97 and ℼ9A83:ṬṬA83.

Now we know that in the Aramaic part of the bilingual inscription ṬṬA83 (SfRd) is the name of Sardis. We know moreover that in the Greek inscriptions of Sardis the names of the town and of its inhabitants are often mentioned. If then in ℼ9A81 we have determined the letters S.ar.d, I think the conclusion is inevitable that ū must be either an f or a p; for in Aramaic the ū may mean either. But we learned above that p is rendered ū in Lydian: so there remains only the f. It is unnecessary to give here a list of all words in which ū occurs, but I made such a list and found that the value f for ū would be suitable in all cases. Among these words many begin with -81.

The Biblical ṬṬA83 (Sfard) in Obad. 111 20 has always been identified with some part of Asia Minor. Also Sparda (Saparda), a name which occurs in the Persian cuneiform inscriptions, has been located there by most scholars. And Sards has many years ago been actually identified with Sparda. For Lassen said in 1845 (Zeitschr. f. d. Kunde d. Morgenlandes VI, p. 50, a passage to which my attention was called by Prof. Wellhausen): "Nehmen wir nämlich an, dass Sardis, Σάρδις oder Σάρδας in der einheimischen Sprache Çvarda lautete, musste Persisch daraus Çparda werden, im Griechischen aber das v verloren gehen. Es residierten in der alten Hauptstadt Lydiens auch die Persischen Satrapen, und es erklärt sich daher leicht der Name Sardische Provinz." Also Professor Andreas identified Sparda with Sardis; see Beiträge zur Allten Geschichte, III, 1903, p. 505. His note is of special importance.

Lassen was right in his identification, for we now know the real name of the capital of King Kroisos in his own tongue, and we see that the Hebrew and the old Persian form of the name are even nearer to the original than Lassen was able to guess.

Lydian Sfard became Σάρδς in the dialect of the Ionians through whom the other Greeks must have received the name of the Lydian capital. The Ionians probably chose this form because the foreign name had an unusual beginning. Even if they knew the name at a time when their own language still had the digamma, it could in time not become anything else but Σάρδς. According to Thumb (in Indogerman. Forschungen IX, 1898, p. 334 sqq.) the Ionians had both a voiceless and a voiced digamma; the former would be the Lydian ū, the latter the Lydian ū. Both digammas disappeared in time; the voiceless one first, being changed to the rough breathing and then being dropped altogether.

Finally it may here be added that Johannes Lydus (III, 14) gives Ξαράδ as another form of Σάρδς. The Ξα would be an attempt to render the unusual sounds -81. But it is important to know that he gives a form without ū; this would be another proof for my assumption that ℼ9A83 is a derived form of ℼ9A83.
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\[ + = h. \]

I admit that I have found no strict proof that the sign + in Lydian really represents \( h \) or \( \gamma \). No proper names that could be identified with certainty have been found. My assumption that + equals \( h \) is not based on Lydian words, but has been suggested by Lycian and by some of the Greek alphabets of Asia Minor.

Among the words containing + one [seems to] be the name of a deity, i.e. \( \gamma \gamma \mu \mu \gamma \gamma + \). It occurs four times, in every case together with Artemis. In No. 1 B, l. 4/5 we read \( \gamma \gamma + \alpha \theta \tau \alpha \gamma \gamma \sigma \tau \alpha \gamma \gamma + \); this must mean “may Hûdânš and Artemis destroy”; cf. below Chap. II. In 7, l. 1. \( \gamma \gamma \sigma \tau \tau \alpha \alpha \gamma \gamma \sigma \tau \alpha \gamma \gamma + \) must mean something like “is sacred to Hûdânš and Artemis”. In the same inscription l. 3/4 \( \alpha \alpha \gamma \gamma \alpha \gamma \gamma + \) \( \alpha \alpha \gamma \gamma \sigma \tau \tau \alpha \alpha \gamma \gamma + \) probably means “Hûdânš Tavâš and Artemis of Ephesos will punish”; and in l. 10 there is a shorter formula \( \alpha \alpha \gamma \gamma \sigma \tau \tau \alpha \alpha \gamma \gamma + \) \( \gamma \gamma \mu \mu \gamma \gamma + \), “Hûdânš as well as Artemis will punish”. I believe therefore that \( \gamma \gamma \mu \mu \gamma \gamma + \) is the name of some divinity, but I have been unable to identify it. An identification of this name would probably make the value of + definite.

Mr. Buckler very ingeniously identified Hûdânš Tavâš with Zeôs ᾿Iðnuς. He kindly sent me the following note:

“Hyde was the ancient, or one of the ancient names, of Sardes (Plin. n. h. 5, 110), and just as one could make a dedication to Zeôs ᾿Iνας, or to ᾿Iνας, so one probably could speak of Hûdânš Tavâš, or of Hûdânš alone. The Old-Indian god Dyaus (Dyâns) is the same as Zeus, and since \( t \) and \( d \) are in Lydian often interchangeable, Tavâš might represent Dy(â)âns-âs, and this would be very similar to Dyaus.

In the big stele (No. 7) sacred to Hûdânš and Artemis, the god mentioned before Artemis must be an important one. We know that Zeus' temple shared the precinct of Artemis at Sardis, that Tmolos disputed with Crete the honor of Zeus' birthplace, that Zeus was very important in Lydia, being mentioned and depicted on coins of Sardis and many other towns, in short that next to Artemis he was by far the most important local deity.”

He furthermore called my attention to the following facts: “1) The hypothesis Hûdânš = ᾿Iðnuς tends to support the identification of the letter + as = \( \hat{h} \). — 2) A passage in Steph. Byz. (s. v. Têz) illustrates the connexion between \( t \) and \( d \) in Bithynia: \( \gamma \tau \gamma \kappa \iota \sigma \tau \sigma \iota \alpha \iota \tau \sigma \kappa \tau \sigma \iota \kappa \iota \sigma \tau \sigma \kappa \tau \iota \sigma \rho \sigma \tau \tau \iota \). — 3) The termination of Hûdânš does not seem to be found in any other Lydian adjective denoting origin, but we cannot be sure that it is not a proper form, and it certainly suggests the Greek termination Σάκος-άνες, or -άνες. Or perhaps Hûdânš is no adjective, but the original name of the Lydian Zeus, the Zeôs ᾿Iδνος of the coins.”

It seems to me that Mr. Buckler's assumption is a very valuable contribution to the interpretation of our Lydian inscriptions. In Tavâš-âs the ending -(a)s would then
the Lydian termination of the subjective case; see below Ch. V, C. The T in the beginning of the name would have its parallel in the Cretan forms T₂w, T̅₂w, T̅w


BRUGMANN, Grundriss d. vergl. Gramm. d. indogerm. Sprachen I (1897), p. 277. The ending -ān- might very well be compared with the ending -ēn-; for also in Lydian -ānā- is found besides -ānī; see below Chs. V, D and VI, B.

Professor HERBIG compares also the Oscan Honde, Hunte (masc.) Hunte Ṣucie (fem.) and the Umbrian Huntia (fem.?), which is the name of a deity. The Oscan-Umbrian deity would then be Etruscan; but in Etruscan it has not been found.

A discussion of the true relation between Hündāns: 'Yōaz: Honde must be left to Classical and Indogermanic scholars.

The sign + does not occur very often, yet it is not rare. A very common word with + is ṣt. This word means, as we shall see below in Ch. II, A, "somebody". Other derivatives of the same root are 4t (perhaps "something"); ṭ ṭ and perhaps A4t, 4tt ṭt. Again a frequent root is -A4t which occurs in the forms 4A4t, 4A4t, 4A4t, 4A4t. On its meaning cf. the commentary on I. 8 of the bilingual inscription of Ch. II, A. In the middle of words ṭ is found several times before ṣ; this would be in keeping with its character as h. For the combination ṣr seems to be a natural one in Greek (t) as well as in other Indogermanic languages; see Armenian Еt, Icelandic ṣt, and Celtic rh.

Greek ṣ.

I have found no letter in Lydian that can be rendered by θ like the Greek ṣ. There is a letter ṭ in Lydian, but this is, as we shall see below, a nasal vowel. On the other hand the combination 硂 is found in Lydian.

\[ M = \ddot{a} \]

The value of this sign is certain. For -A1M3A14 in No. 9, l. 5 can be nothing else but Artabanes. We see from this word that even vowels in foreign names were nasalized when they were followed by n. In the list of words which contain the letter M there are great many that have ṭ or ṭ after the М. A few examples may serve to illustrate this fact: ṭM, ṭM, ṭAМ, ĤM, ĤM, ĤM, ĤМ, ĤМ, ĤAТA8M1, etc.

\[ \ddot{t} = \ddot{e} \]

There is no doubt that ṭ and ṭ are both nasalized vowels. For (1) they must be vowels because they often occur in words in which all other letters are consonants and none of them sonants; (2) they must be nasalized because they occur in the majority of cases before n, t or k. The question now arises which of the two is ĥ and which is ĥ (or perhaps ŭ). I believe however that there are certain facts which lead to the assumption that ṭ is ĥ and ṭ ĥ.
In No. 13, l. 3 a word ΙΠΙhosts occurs. We shall see below in Chap. II, A, that ΙΠ is an ending often found with proper names. It is highly probable that -ΑΠΙhosts is a proper name. If this is transliterated Μενι(a), one thinks at once of Мενος. But I admit that this is not an absolute proof, since one also might read Μει(a) and compare many of the names that contain the element μενα (cf. SUNDWALL, p. 160-163). However there are also some good reasons why Τ must be ι; see next paragraph. The letter Τ has been found in no other names, except in endings, like ΙΠΙhosts (and ΙΠIhosts etc.; cf. above p. 11. That this ending ΙΠIhosts - (and - ΙΠIhosts) is most likely to be read εινι (and ιδι) we conclude from Lycian εινι, Greek -νις; cf. below Chap. VI, B. Words beginning with ιΠIhosts are among others the following: ιΠIhosts (27, 7), ιΠIhosts (16, 18) and other derivatives of this root; ΙΠΙhosts (23, 2); ΙΠΙhosts (4, 6); ΙΠIhosts (29, 9); ΙΠIhosts (29, 18); ΙΠIhosts (16, 7); ΙΠIhosts or ... ΙΠIhosts (passim); ΙΠIhosts (27, 1); ΙΠIhosts (29, 16); ΙΠIhosts (16, 9) etc. Words beginning with ιΠIhosts are: ιΠIhosts (7, 19); ιΠIhosts (19, 2); ιΠIhosts (13, 4); ιΠΙhosts (13, 4). All these words indicate that ι is a nasal vowel; in many other words ι appears before m or n in the middle of the word. But it would be of no value to give here the list of all words containing ι.

ι = ι.

Words like ιΠIhosts, ιΠIhosts, ιΠIhosts etc. show that ι must be a vowel; words like ΙΠIhosts, ΙΠIhosts and ΙΠIhosts point to the fact that it is a nasalized vowel.

The reason why I at once thought of identifying Τ with ι was its occurrence in the neighbourhood of ι and ι (cf. ΙΠIhosts (7, 1); ιΠIhosts (12, 7); ιΠIhosts (23, 3); ΙΠIhosts (inscription from Falanga, l. 2; (in Sardin inscrs. No. 3, 3: ΙΠIhosts and ιΠIhosts- are probably to be read ... ιΠIhosts).

But there are also a few names containing Τ, viz. ΙΠIhosts (11, 4 and 9), ΤΠIhosts (4, passim; 11, 10), ΙΠIhosts (see above p. 13) and ΙΠIhosts (26, 1). The first of these is the name of a person; if we read it Sabda, the names Σαβδος (SUNDWALL, p. 192) Σαβδος (ibid., p. 163) may be compared. ΠΙΠIhosts (an epithet of Artemis). Therefore ΤΠIhosts is probably the name of a place in Asia Minor; perhaps of Smyrna.

The identification of Σιβραν with Smyrna was proposed to me by Mr. Buckler. He justly suggests that ν, ι and μ are consonants that might easily interchange. In fact, there are many examples of this change from Indogermanic as well as from Semitic languages. For the Lycian Mr. Buckler cites ζεβαν = Greek Σιβαν on coins, telebe = Τελαβες; see Mr. ARKWRIGHT's article in Journ. of Hellen. Studies XXXV, p. 100 and 102. Furthermore he recalls the account in Strabo (XIV, 1, 4), which points to Smyrna as being a native name. Finally he says that Σιβραν is as much like Smyrna as Ιοσις like Ephesus, and that the Smyrna "Mother of the Gods", i.e.
Artemis, was quite worthy to rank with the goddesses of Ephesos and Koloë. I think that also this hypothesis of Mr. Buckler is very probable. We might then suppose an original form like *Sibran- which developed into *Sibran - > *Storan > *Sivra in Lydian, and into *Simiran- > *Smiran- > *Smirn- > Σιμαία in Greek.

But ῬΩΤΑ seems to overthrow my whole theory concerning the value of Ῥ. For with so many of the letters coinciding it would be most extraordinary if this word did not stand for "Alexander". Inscr. 26 begins with the date ΡΩΤΑ. To claim that Ῥ might be a mistake for Ρ would be too easy a solution. And it seems to me almost impossible to make Ῥ a consonant, e.g. τ (i.e. Armenian Ծ). Words like ΤΩ, ΤΤ, ΤΤΤ, ΤΤΤΑ and many others would then too strange a pronunciation. I believe therefore that we must look for some other way out of this difficulty, and I propose to consider Artemis as a Lydian form of Alexandros. It would be very precarious to give a definite explanation of a phonetic change in a language of which almost nothing is known. Still it may be worthwhile at least to suggest certain possibilities. (1) We may think of the change of l > n in Umbrian and in many other Indo-Germanic languages and dialects, see von Planta, Grammatik der Osk.-umbr. Dialekte, p. 285 f. The change of l > n is also well known in Dutch, in English, and in Italian dialects. At Naples the article lo is pronounced yo. (2) In Armenian the Greek Λ is always rendered Ծ; and this letter is commonly pronounced ե (3) in all Armenian dialects. Again ե (3) interchanges with w in certain German dialects. A development Alek- > Agek- > Agek-(or Aïk-) might not be impossible. (3) One might assume that Alek- had been changed to Aïk-, since l and n are closely related and sometimes interchange, especially in Semitic languages. This n might then have been changed to a nasal Ῥ, as probably in Armenian ԫԫԫ "snake" (< ang)- and ԫԫԫԫ "to anoint" (cf. Lat. unguo). In certain Turkish dialects of Northern Persia Ῥ becomes w in the neighbourhood of u; so Dr. H. Ritter tells me.

Mr. Buckler recognized the similarity between inscription L. 7 and L. 30 and saw that ῬΩ in 7, l. 11 and ῬΩ in 30, l. 13 stand in parallel passages; this is a confirmation of the theory that Ῥ is Ῥ. Ῥ is one of the most frequent endings in Lydian; cf. below Chaps. II, III and V. The similarity between Ῥ and Cypriote Ῥ (= u) is probably accidental.

\[ \text{It is hard to form a definite opinion on this curious letter which occurs very often in Lydian, mostly however in endings, and which has many different forms.} \]

\[ \text{No proper names containing it have been found except } \text{Atta} \text{. The Sardians, where } \text{a is a case sign. Nor does comparison with the Phoenician and the} \]
A. The Values of the Lydian Letters.

Greek alphabets help us. For " resembles a Phoenician yod, it is true; but the yod is represented in Lydian by l, and the sign for this vowel cannot have been received by the Lydians twice at different periods, once from the Greeks and once from the Phoenicians. Of the signs occurring in Greek alphabets a certain kind of yod would have some similarity with " and so would a sign for " used at Corinth, Megara and in some Corinthian colonies. But here again we already have a beta in Lydian. We must therefore try to interpret this Lydian letter from the Lydian itself. In 19. l. 5 we read a word ετα ἔτα, in l. 8 ετα ἔτα. It seems that we have here a case in which " and " have the same value. Furthermore a word which I translate "these" (in the oblique case) is usually written εΤινη, but in 13, l. 4 εΤινη seems to be the same word. From these cases it would appear that " has a certain relation to l and to s or δ. Finally another argument may be advanced. The very frequent endings in " represent the oblique case of the plural in Lydian, as will be seen below in Chaps. II, III and V. It will also there be shown that the nominative or subjective case of the plural very probably ends in "-. Now there is one very well known language that has the nom. plur. in -α, viz. the Armenian. I may add at once that this ending in Armenian is generally not considered to be of Indo-Germanic origin. In Armenian the genitive, dative, ablative of the plural have the ending γ (το), the accusative and the locative the ending ι (α), that is to say always certain sibilants. If then in the nominative Lydian and Armenian have the same ending, it is not unnatural to assume that the endings of the oblique case are also similar in the two languages, especially since the Armenian γ is also not Indo-Germanic. For these reasons I have assigned the value " to the letter "., well aware of the fact that this is a mere hypothesis and that some one else may give a better solution of the problem. I cannot decide whether " should be pronounced ῥα or ή or ῥε, although the last of these possibilities seems to me the most likely. 1

The endings with the letter " are the following: εται, ετι, ετη, ετε, ετη, ετε, ετη, ετε, ετη, ετε. The ending εται occurs more than 40 times in these inscriptions. The endings ετι, ετη, ετε, ετη, ετε may in reality represent only the ending ε; the letters before it would then belong to the respective roots. Words in which " occurs in the middle or at the beginning are the following: ΨΕΠΕΤΑΙ, ΨΕΠΕΤΑΙ, ΨΕΠΕΤΑΙ, ΨΕΠΕΤΑΙ, ΨΕΠΕΤΑΙ, ΨΕΠΕΤΑΙ, ΨΕΠΕΤΑΙ, ΨΕΠΕΤΑΙ. Some of these words, to which may be added εται (sanct) would with their many sibilants resemble Slavic words.

† = q (τ).  

My identification of this sign rests on a single word, viz. τιτιτιτι in inscr. 11, l. 1.

1 Mr. Buckler compared the Lydian letter Χ to which Mr. Arkwright recently has assigned the value ζ; see *Journ. Hellen. Studies* xxxv, p. 100 f. It is quite possible that Lydian " is to be derived from Χ; for it is often written ζ,  i.e. the Lydian Χ without the lower part of the left half circle.

Sardin Expedition VI.
This inscription begins with the words ΤΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑ ΤΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑ ΤΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑ ΤΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑ ΤΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑ ΤΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑ ΤΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑ. These I translate "In the year 15 of the great king Artaxerxes". I assume that quellia is the genitive of the word for "king". And I have chosen the value q for ρ in this word, because one of the Hesychian glosses (De Lagarde, Ges. Abhandl., p. 273, No. 26) says ἡ καλδέων Ανδρί τῆς Πατρίδος. I admit that this argument is not altogether cogent, but for the present I can offer no better explanation.

In almost all words in which ρ occurs a consonantal value might plausibly be predicated for this sign. Words beginning with ρ are the following: ὑπό τα, ρημαί, ρήθη, ρηθῆ, διαρρηθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθῆ, ταραθῆ, ταραθῆ, δειραθêm. The last three of these words need some comment. A word like ἅγερδιδ seems to me impossible. And if my reading of the ρ be correct, I am compelled to assume that there is a mistake in this word. Indeed I think that ρ is a mistake for τ, since τττ occurs half a dozen times in other inscriptions. In the word τττττττ the τ is not quite certain; this had therefore better be left out of the discussion. But ττττττττt is plainly written in inscr. 1, 13, 17 and 26. Its meaning must be "may he (she, they) destroy (disperse)". A reading vqabandENT seems to me somewhat unusual, but not impossible. For if we assume that this word is composed of two elements the first of which may be vqM (cf. ττττ, above l. 12) and that the syllables before the stress sometimes lose their vowels as in Armenian, a word like *vqabandENT would have become vqabandENT. In Armenian we may compare vCl, gen. vGi, or vqstanal with all its derivatives. But in order to make such a word pronounceable, an ρ is generally added: vρvGi, etc. Therefore the word in question may have been pronounced vρvqabandENT.

I need scarcely say that in Lycian we are supposed to believe in pronunciations that look much more impossible than the one which I commend to my readers in this single case.

Nothing can be said on the phonetic side of the question. If ρ was an unaspirated tenuis, τ might have been an aspirated one, but would then in some way interfere with the letter τ and its value. Or finally τ might have been a k with directly following glottal catch (k'), a sound which is not uncommon in Caucasian languages and which is the regular pronunciation of the Abyssinian h. 1

1 Prof. J. J. Hiss called my attention to the fact that ρ', k', gu' etc. are known also in the Maya languages in Central America. These letters have been termed "cut letters", in Spanish tCqas heridas.
B. The Lydian Alphabet in Comparison with Other Alphabets.

Inscription No. 21 which is a mason's mark contains only the letters $\tau \tau$; but these cannot bear on the question under discussion.

\[d = \partial.\]

This letter occurs only in a few inscriptions as a variant of $i$. In 7, l. 2 we read *$\partial$*, but in all other instances this word is written *$\tau \tau$*, even in 7, l. 9 and 18. In 7, ll. 8 and 14 we have *$\tau \tau$*, but commonly the word is spelt *$\tau \tau$*. Other parallels are the following:

- $\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau$ A, B, l. 5; $\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau$ (passim);
- $\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau$ (7, l. 11); $\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau$ (often);
- $\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau$ (7, l. 1);
- $\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau$ (7, l. 2; 27, l. 7); $\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau$ (30, ll. 3 and 16);
- $\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau$ (19, l. 3); $\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau$ (12, ll. 1 and 7);
- $\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau A$ (7, l. 11) and $\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau A$ (7, l. 13); $\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau\tau A$ (30, l. 13).

From all this I think it is sufficiently clear that $\partial$ and $i$ must be very closely related. Perhaps $\partial$ was pronounced like the Armenian $\partial$. This letter too sometimes takes the place of $i$.

B. The Lydian Alphabet in Comparison with Other Alphabets.

The Lydian alphabet is not directly derived from the Phoenician. The mere facts that the $\partial$ occurs, that the letters $\lambda \lambda \lambda \lambda \lambda$ are vowels, and that $i$ is added to the alphabet, are sufficient proof of this statement. For in none of all Semitic alphabets has the lower part of the Phoenician $\partial$ ever been closed as in the Greek and the Italic alphabets. We must therefore assume either (1) that the Greek and the Lydian alphabet were derived from the Phoenician through an intermediate one which is now lost, or (2) that the Lydians received their script from the Greeks and modified it according to their own wants. The latter seems to me more probable; but I must at once add (1) that I cannot prove this theory definitely, and (2) that the Lydians must have received the Greek alphabet at a very early period, probably before $\phi, x, \gamma (\partial, \chi, \psi)$ were invented and before $\Xi$ was used for $\xi$, and also before the Etruscans emigrated to Italy.

If then the Lydian alphabet is a daughter of the Greek, it must, I think, belong to the Eastern group of Greek alphabets. But since the characteristic additional letters (East: $\phi, \chi, \gamma = \partial, \chi, \psi$, and $\Xi (\partial) = \xi$; West: $\chi, \phi, \psi = \xi, \partial, \chi$) are not to be found in Lydian, at least not with values similar to those of the Greek alphabets, it is difficult to treat of this special question at all.

The letters which in Lydian and Greek have the same value and look more or
less alike are the following: A (A), B (B), D (Δ), E (Ε), F (F), I (I), K (Κ), (M), N (Ν), O (Ο), P (P), Σ (Σ), T (Τ), Y (Υ), X (Χ). The signs in parentheses are of course the ordinary Greek letters. The similarity would be much closer if the oldest forms, such as are used in lines running from right to left, were added above. Most of these values were inferred at once by comparing the letters heretofore found in Lydian inscriptions with those of the Greek alphabet. Thus KRETSCHMER in his small paper on ancient inscriptions from Sardis (Denkschr. Wiener Akad. 53 114 2) recognized A = a, Β = b (with certain restrictions), D = v, Ε = e (with certain restrictions), Ι = i, Κ = k, Μ = m, Ν = n, Π = o, Ρ = r, Σ = t, Τ = u. Some of the letters that he saw on the very badly weathered fragments at his disposal, are not confirmed by the inscriptions from Sardis. He stated himself that his 1 (7) and 0 (Ο) were uncertain; the latter is probably 0 with a flaw in the stone. His 7 may perhaps be 8, his Π may be in II, 1. 8 a 9, in II, 1. 11 a 1. From his material he could not conclude that the round and the angular Π are the same letter, viz. v. The letter which he took to be 6 (in 1 1 1 6 6 Α) is very indistinctly written, and I have found no corresponding word in the Sardian inscriptions, therefore I cannot say which letter should be read there. KRETSCHMER’s very important discussion of the letter 8 will be referred to below.

THUMB in his article on the first Lydian inscriptions from Sardis adopted most of KRETSCHMER’s identifications, correcting them in a few details, but he advanced several steps further in deciphering the Lydian script, especially with regard to those letters which are peculiar to the Lydian alphabet. He very acutely suggested that 7, Τ, Τ might be nasal vowels (giving however different values from those assigned to them above), and after having discussed the question with myself, he concluded that > and 3 might be sibilants. He could not know at that time that > in 3 is only a carelessly written 1.

A few of those Lydian letters that have equivalents in the Greek alphabet deserve special attention.

D has a very unusual form; it looks like a minuscule Δ (δ) of which the bottom has been opened (Δ > Δ > Δ). I have not found a similar form in any Greek or Semitic alphabet. It seems that it must have been derived from Δ in some such way as that just indicated.

5 or Σ with only two slanting lines is very rare. KIRCHHOFF has only one instance of a similar form; on p. 176 he quotes Σ = e from Eleutherna. In later Semitic alphabets however one of the three cross lines of Σ is often omitted. In Phrygian and Lycian the three lines are preserved just as in Greek, Latin and Etruscan. Only in one case a Phrygian Σ is found, as THUMB has pointed out on p. 154 of his article.

The letter 6 is always much smaller than the other letters. I think this is a sign of great age. The Semitic 'Ayin was originally smaller than the other letters, and it took some time before this letter was made the same size as the other for the sake
of symmetry. I know of course that a very small o occurs also in late Greek inscriptions, but I do not believe that this has anything to do with the Lydian.

The letters Є and Є have been discussed above on pp. 6, 9 f. I may here add that KRETSCHMER, p. 235 ann. 4 and pp. 313-314 was inclined to conclude that Z in Phrygian and Є in Lycian was a voiceless s. As to the origin of Є there is some doubt; it may be derived either from Є (zayyn) or Ψ (smech). But I am sure that Є is the Semitic Šin. When the latter has the form  as in a few old Lydian inscriptions it resembles the Phrygian s and the s of some Greek inscriptions from Laconia; see above p. 10.

The ordinary Є does not differ from the common Greek form of this letter, but the oldest Є has only a very short crossbar at the top. The latter form is again a connecting link between Lydian and Phrygian. For Є in the Phrygian inscriptions published in CHANTRE'S Mission en Cappadoce, pp. 169 and 176 has the same peculiarity.

The additional letters of the Lydian alphabet are Є (iü), Є (f), Є (u), Є (e), Є (h), Є (e), Є (g), Є (a) and perhaps Є (k). Two of these letters remind us at once of other alphabets, viz. Є of the Lycian iü and Є of the Etruscan f. To my mind these similarities cannot be accidental. Whosever may be the ultimate origin of these signs, they prove that there are common features (1) between Lydian and Lycian, (2) between Lydian and Etruscan. At the present stage of our knowledge it is not safe to go further than a mere statement of these facts.

It is possible that Є (iü) was chosen because in the Phoenician alphabet Є came after Є; see above p. 9. It has also been suggested that Є is a modification of 4. But I call attention to the fact that the oldest form of f in Lydian seems to be ꞑ; cf. below, L. 24, at the end of Chap. III. Some scholars were of the opinion that 8 in Etruscan did not occur before the fourth century B.C.; cf. PAULY-WISSOWA, Real-Encyclopädie, s.v. Alphabet. But KRETSCHMER has shown in his discussion of this letter (Denkschr. Wiener Akad., 53/1, pp. 101 sq.) that this opinion is wrong. The facts which he states and the conclusions which he draws are of great importance.

Of the other letters Є would again be the same as in Lycian, and perhaps the same as the Г of the Eastern Greek alphabets. The sign Г for s may be compared with Carian Г (e), but this is by no means certain.

How and when Lycians and Lydians derived their signs for the nasal vowels is impossible to say. It is not likely that the one people adopted them from the other, since there are remarkable divergences. However, a certain general resemblance cannot be denied; therefore it is possible that in both alphabets these signs were derived from the same source. As a mere suggestion I recall here the fact that the Copts when they adopted the Greek alphabet for their language added some signs that were taken from Egyptian hieroglyphic writing. Would it be possible that the peoples of Asia Minor, when they wrote their native tongues with Greek letters, added some
letters derived from the old hieroglyphic writing of those countries, i.e. the Hittite?

My readings of \( \mathfrak{z} \) ( rpt) and \( \mathfrak{i} \) ( qtr) are uncertain. With the latter may be compared a Phrygian \( \mathfrak{t} \), which Kretschmer, p. 235, ann. 1. thought to be perhaps a variant of the koppa, or perhaps Cypriote \( \mathfrak{t} \) which means ka. Again I am not sure whether \( \mathfrak{z} \) and \( \mathfrak{i} \) might not have had their prototype in the Hittite. The \( \mathfrak{z} \) agrees curiously with the Armenian \( \mathfrak{z} \) ( rpt). This gives rise to the question whether the Armenians did not draw some of their letters from Asia Minor alphabets. But it would lead us too far here to enter into this problem. And Prof. Andreas is of opinion that the Armenian alphabet as a whole was derived from Sasanide Pehlevi.

In conclusion we may repeat that Lydian script is in the main derived from the Greek or from an intermediate source between Phoenician and Greek, and that certain Lydian letters point to a relationship with Lycian, Phrygian and Etruscan. But it is not possible yet to trace every one of these letters back to its origin. And even in the history of the Greek alphabets several problems still remain to be solved.
CHAPTER II.

The Bilingual Inscriptions.

A. 

The Lydo-Aramaic Bilingual Inscription from Sardis.

(L. 17.)

Funerary Stele; dated 445 or 394 B.C. Marble. The stele was broken into two pieces; the break runs through the top lines of the Lydian part. The decorated top is 63 cm. high and 53 cm. wide. Adjoining the top there is a narrow uninscribed piece of the die preserved, 16½ cm. high and 45½ wide. The lower, inscribed piece of the die is 82 cm. high and 46 (top)–47 (bottom) cm. wide. The decorated top is 16½ cm. thick, the die 11½ cm. The Lydian letters are 3/4–1½ cm. high, the additional letters in l. 3: 1/3–1 cm. The Aramaic letters are 3/4–2½ cm. high, the additional letters in l. 4: 1/3–1½ cm. The Aramaic letter N is 2–2½ cm. wide. The stele was found on the northern slope of the Sardian necropolis. Between the two parts of the inscription there is a monogram, probably a mason's mark.

The Aramaic Text.

1. On the 5th of Marhešwan of the 10th year of King Artaxerxes,
2. in the city of Sardis. This stele and the cavern [and] the funerary
3. couches(?) and the fore-court which is above Sardis(?), this its fore-court, [they are] the property
4. of MNY, son of KMLY, of SRWK. And if anybody against this stele or
5. the cavern or the funerary couches(?) opposite the fore-court of this cavern,
6. that is to say, if anybody destroys or breaks anything, then
7. may Artemis of KLW and of Ephesos with regard to his court, his house,
8. his property, soil and water, and everything that is his disperse him and his heir(s) *(sic!)*.

There are still and will probably always remain a number of doubtful words and passages in this inscription. This is mainly due to lack of knowledge of the Aramaic language on the part of the man who translated the Lydian into Aramaic, and partly also to the use of some words not known in Aramaic literature. The translator of this inscription tried to be very literal, and seems even to have followed Lydian syntax mechanically, but he obscured the meaning of several passages. He even used נזר essere as a masculine (in l. 5-6) and used the masculine plural תרדשא referring to two female deities. This indicates that the Lydians had no grammatical gender in their language. Moreover it seems that the mason also made some mistakes when he carved the Aramaic inscription. All this is not so very much to be wondered at if we take into consideration the probability that nobody spoke Aramaic at Sardis. The people spoke Lydian, the higher officials Persian, and Aramaic was only an artificial language in those western provinces of the Persian Empire where no Aramaeans or Jews lived. But it is much to be regretted that the one document on which the entire deciphering of Lydian rests is so obscure.

I wish to state at the very outset that the interpretation of דם is due to Prof. ANDREAS, and that Prof. LIDZBARSKI has been of great help to me, for he recognized the curious usage of , and above all found the true meaning of the words . This brilliant reading of his has been of the highest importance for the interpretation of the last two lines of this inscription.

L. 1: The reading of every letter is certain. Only the first י in the name of the king is a little damaged. The question arises how the name ששרה should be read. It is, as Prof. ANDREAS has shown, in LIDZBARSKI'S, Ephemeris, II, p. 221, ann. 2, a rendering of the truly Persian form of this name, i.e. *Artahšas(s)ā*. In the Old Testament we find the forms *Artahšasta, Artahšaslā* and *Artahšasāt*. The Aramaic papyri of Elephantine have the same form as our inscription from Sardis. In this form Prof. ANDREAS thinks שֵׂשֶּׁ to be a rendering of the Persian sound ss or šš into which the Old-Iranian š had developed at the time of the Achaemenids. This is possible: in that case we should have to read *Artahšasā*, without any ending; for the ending ā would undoubtedly have been expressed by N. But שֵׂשֶּׁ might also be transcribed *Artahšassaš*, a form which would be very natural at Sardis; for there we find in Lydian *AΣΔΩΣΑΤΑΨΑ*, In the latter the Iranian š is certainly rendered by šš, and the last š must be a Lydian ending.

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1 This form (cf. 4, 7) has an N at the end, which proves that the original had a vowel there; it may be due only to an artificial vocalization by a man who wanted to make a difference between Hebrew and Aramaic. The usual Syriac form is *אָרָתַּה* (*Artahšaš*).
L. 2: On the name נְדַרְאָת see above p. 12. I have translated the word נְדַרְאָת by "city". This word generally means in Aramaic "palace, castle, fortress", and is sometimes also applied to small towns. Here it cannot mean "palace" or "fortress", since the palace was in the plain beyond the Paktoles, and the fortress, i.e. the Acropolis of Sardis, on the other side of the hills. It is therefore probable that נְדַרְאָת was used for the whole of Sardis because it was a fortified city. The word נְדַרְאָת is of Persian origin (stūna). We should expect ל instead of פ, since in Syriac as well as in Arabic the l of this Persian word is rendered by ل. But in Graeco-Phoenician words פ and ל also correspond with each other, especially in the early centuries. The Persian word

means "column", and the same meaning has been kept in Syriac and in Arabic. But here נְדַרְאָת must mean "stel", because "this נְדַרְאָת" can only refer to the monument on which the inscription is written.

After the נְדַרְאָת, i.e. the first thing that a man reading the inscription would see, follows the נְדַרְאָת. This Aramaic word means "cave, cavern" etc. There is no doubt that the cave in the rock, the Lydian tomb, was meant. Drawings of such rock tombs by Prof. H. C. Butler are given in the illustrations on p. 25 and p. 27.

The last word in l. 2 is נְדַרְאָת. The נ at the end is smaller than the other letters, because the space for it was too narrow, and the mason did not wish to put...
it at the beginning of the next line. Before this word a 
may be supplied as it 
seems to me; for in ll. 4-5 also three different things, (1) ר"מ (2) ר"מ (3) ר"מ 
are separated by נ. In l. 2 this curious word is combined with ר"מ "places", in 
l. 5 it stands by itself. Its meaning can only be guessed. As ת and ת are in this 
inscription absolutely alike, we do not know whether we should read ר"מ or ר"מ 
so long as the word has not been identified. The Arabic word מַדָּא is scarcely to be 
compared here. Nor do I believe that our term might be an Aramaicized Lydian word; 
the corresponding word in Lydian is מַ"מ. Since in similar funerary inscriptions 
the different parts and belongings of the tomb are mentioned, I propose to translate this 
expression by "funery couches". For the most characteristic feature of these tombs 
is their couches (see ה on p. 27), and it would have been very natural that the owner 
of a tomb should make special mention of the fact that all couches belonged to his 
family, so that no stranger should be buried on them. Of course ר"מ ר"מ might also mean "tomb-niches", like ר"מ ר"מ (ר"מ) in Nabataean and Palmyrene inscriptions. At all events it seems to me most probable that the term denotes the 
loculi where the dead were buried, of whatever kind these loculi may have been.

L. 3: The plural ר"מ is unusual. We should expect ר"מ or possibly as in 
Syriac ר"מ. The word might of course also be read ר"מ or ר"מ. In writing ר"מ I follow a suggestion of Prof. Andreas. He took as a base for 
explaining this word the Armenian מַתִּיָּהוּ (htraparad), for which he postulates 
an old Persian מ"ד. This Armenian word means "place, court". Its derivation 
from the Persian is certain. For Persian מ"ד becomes in Armenian מ"ד-; cf. the 
examples in HUBSCHMANN, Armen. Gramm. pp. 181 sqq. And Persian or Syriac מ often becomes מ in Armenian; cf. for instance מַתִּיָּה = מַתִּיָּה (הֹדוֹד). The word מ"ד is not found in Old Persian; but this is probably due only to 
an accident. The word מ"ד must have existed; for Modern Persian מ (מ"ד) is the 
same word in a later stage. And for מ"ד the meaning "Standort, Heimstatt" is 
given by BARTHOLOMÆ, col. 887. This combined with מ"ד (Latin מ"ד), is exactly 
the word required for our מ"ד.

Prof. G. HOFFMANN called my attention to the Biblical מ"ד (מ"ד), which 
occurs in I. Chron. 26, 18, and which is supposed to be an annexed building on the 
west side of the temple at Jerusalem. Now Prof. Andreas suggests that מ"ד is a 
mistake for מ"ד and that here also a sort of fore-court is meant. The word מ"ד, 
which has sometimes been connected with מ"ד, would then have had a different origin.

If מ"ד in our inscription is the Persian מ"ד, i.e. "fore-court", it can here 
mean only the open space before the tomb. Most of the tombs at Sardis have such 
a small "fore-court", corresponding to the dromos of Greco-Roman tombs. In this 
"fore-court" our stele was standing, just as Nabataean and Greek stelae stood in the 
dromoi of the tombs of Umm idj-Djimal; cf. my Nabataean Inscriptions, Leiden 1914,
p. xii and p. 53. It might very well be that the man who owned the tomb inside the rock wished also to declare his claim on the area leading up to it, so that nobody should trespass upon his rights.

The following words, in the original יִלָּל מַשְׂרַת which are to me unintelligible. Since I have not been able to find in Aramaic or Persian anything that would throw light on the word מַשְׂרַת, I think there must be some mistake. Seeing the letters מַשְׂרַת one thinks at once of מַשְׂרַת, and if the lower crossbar of the מ may be considered to have been carved by mistake, the reading מַשְׂרַת would be assured. These words would then be translated "the fore-court which is above Sardis". As a matter of fact the tombs near which the inscription was found are high up on the hill whence the town in the plain could be seen. A Greek inscription from Si' in the Hauràn, published in my Nabataean Inscriptions, pp. 81-82 says Ἰουνία ναυτά  ἀνάκτος ἰστερεῖα, because the statue of the goddess Set stood in a place from which the Hauràn country could be overlooked. But of course this parallel does not prove much, and my interpretation of the words מַשְׂרַת still remains very doubtful.

Now with the words מַשְׂרַת the anacoluthic constructions of our inscription begin. They can only mean "this its מַשְׂרַת", i.e. "this its fore-court", if our translation be correct. Why these words were repeated I do not know. Perhaps emphasis was laid upon them because the inscription stood in the fore-court, and the people who read it were within the מַשְׂרַת.

The last word in this line may be מַשְׂרַת or מַשְׂרַת. I think it is the former and means "property". The translator may have thought of some derivative of the root מַשְׂרַת, cf. the Syriac מַשְׂרַת "property"; for this root might very well be spelt with a י, although we read מ instead of מ, since the same is to be observed in the Aramaic papyri of Elephantine. But it seems to me almost certain that the writer chose this word which he probably pronounced akad, (or perhaps akad, if the Lydians,
had no һ), because at the very same place in the Lydian part of our inscription ㊑㊑ is the word used.

L. 4: The names of Mane and Kumli are recognized without difficulty. But the additional word is indistinctly written. The letters אָדַוְּרַיִנָא are almost certain, but the letter before the last has a very unusual form. Its top looks like that of ׃, ך, _coupon, or ׃, but at the bottom it has a small curve towards the right which is never found in any of these four letters. This curve brings the letter into near relation with ׃ and א, and I believe therefore that it is nothing but an incomplete ה. This would be well in keeping with the meaning that the added word seems to have. Greek inscriptions from Asia Minor, especially those from Lycia, Lydia, and Phrygia, very often mention, besides the name of the person and his father, that also of the denos, the tribe or the place from which he came. At certain periods this seems to have been a very popular fashion. A noun derived from the name of a place would in Aramaic very properly have the ending -aya. And אָדַוְּרַיִנָא would then mean “a man from Sirūka” or “Siluca”; cf. the Lydian text. It is significant that the mason should have left out the gentilicium both in the Lydian and in the Aramaic text, so that a correction was considered necessary. The facts were probably these: the man who gave the Lydian copy to some Persian official for translation had omitted the word. The Persian naturally did not write it in the Aramaic text. Then the mason received both copies and carved them on the stone. Later on when the man who had ordered the inscription looked at the finished work and discovered his mistake he caused the correction to be made in both texts. This serves as a valuable hint to us modern interpreters; for hence we may infer that the two parts of the inscription must correspond with each other very closely.

After the gentilicium follows the second part of the inscription, containing the curse against him who should try to interfere with the monument: these curses are known from so many Oriental and Occidental inscriptions and manuscripts that it is not worth while to quote parallels. The syntax of our formula is not quite clear, but I can see no other way out of the difficulty than to assume that the construction is anacoluthic and that the first ר י נ מ is taken up again by ר י נ מ ר ה. If this be so, the first relative clause would have no verb. Prof. Lidzbarski was of opinion that יני contains the verb, and he proposed a verb יני “to wrong”, which the translator of the inscription would himself have created, thinking of ʿawwel and ʿawwal. Although I do not deny the possibility of this interpretation, in view also of the Ethiopic לובם which is used in the ground-stem, I think that אָדוֹרַיִנָא אָדוֹרַיִנָא is the real verbs that were intended to be connected with the first ר י נ מ, and that the second ר י נ מ ר ה was used partly because the verb would have been too far separated from its subject by the interposed objects, and partly also because in the Lydian original the corresponding words were used twice,
L. 5: The preposition דְּנֵּב means "in front of, opposite". The funerary couches opposite the fore-court would then be those in the first room of the cavern. For the tombs generally contained two rooms, one at the back, probably for the man and his wife and sometimes for his children, and one in the front destined for more distant relations or for other members of the household such as freedmen or the like (see p. 27). Persons of the latter class are sometimes included in the funerary inscriptions of Asia Minor.

L. 6: וַדְּנֵּב is an Aramaic word, but the Aramaeans scarcely ever used it in the sense which it must have here. Prof. LIDZBARKI called my attention to the use of Persian pasla(eta) which he thinks was the prototype of this וַדְּנֵּב, and to the fact that in Pehlevi דְּנֵּב and pas correspond. The Persian paslëta is often used to introduce the apodosis or even merely to connect sentences. Originally meaning "afterwards" it gradually came to be used for "then, furthermore, thus, and". I think LIDZBARKI is undoubtedly right in this suggestion. The word וַדְּנֵּב meaning in Aramaic "from rub to pieces", would scarcely have been employed here by a man whose native tongue was Aramaic. Again we see that the translator had but a slight and superficial knowledge of that language.

L. 7: The words יַלְדוּת and נֵבָשֶׁנְא certainly denote the lake of Koloe and the town of Ephesos, at each of which places there was a famous sanctuary of Artemis. But here we have again a linguistic difficulty. The words יַלְדוּת and נֵבָשֶׁנְא are perfectly good Aramaic. After them we should expect נֵבָשֶׁנְא or, even better, נֵבָשֶׁנְא נֵבָשֶׁנְא, or even better, since they were different deities. But the stone bears the letters נֵבָשֶׁנְא. This can to my mind mean only "and the Ephesian one". Now in correct Aramaic "the Ephesian one" referring to Artemis should be נֵבָשֶׁנְא. Our worthy translator, however, knew very little of the status emphaticus and the status absolutus, and certainly nothing of grammatical genders. I think he was perfectly capable of translating "the Ephesian Artemis" by נֵבָשֶׁנְא נֵבָשֶׁנְא.

L. 8. The word יָבַדָּה would literally mean "his anythings". This is not good English; neither is it good Aramaic. The plural of the indefinite נָעָבֲעִי together with a suffix is very conspicuous in Old Aramaic. The form נָעָבֲעִי with -u the suffix occurs in the papyri from Elephantine, and the masculine plural is found in later dialects; cf. NOLDEKE, Mandäische Grammatik, p. 186 and ann. 4. — That we should expect יָבַדָּה instead of יָבַדָּה has been said above on p. 24. The last word is יָבַדָּה which is the singular, whereas from parallels in other inscriptions we should expect the plural. Perhaps this is another mistake of the translator. The choice of the verb יָבַדָּה meaning "disperse" is also very strange. What the writer intended was probably "may the gods drive him away from his property", or "may the gods disperse his property". The translation given above is an attempt to imitate the curiously worded Aramaic phrase.
Chapter II. The Bilingual Inscriptions.

The Lydian Text.

Unfortunately the beginning of the Lydian text was destroyed when the stone was broken. This lost part contained the date. The end of this date consists of the words T111TA8 T111 TA9. The words which then follow are also partly destroyed. But the missing letters can be restored with approximate certainty from a few other funerary inscriptions that will be discussed below in Chap. III. By comparing these inscriptions, especially No. 9, we find that we should here read the following words: T019ATT8 [TAN]M1 T111 TA9 [TAN]M1 T111 TA9 T111 T111 TA9. At the end of l. 3 we should supply the word T111 TA9 which generally follows T111 TA9 (or a derivative of the same root) and which is here found in l. 6 after T111 TA9. In l. 5 parts of an 9 are to be seen over the 4, and as the word T019ATT8 is a very common one, almost always combined with TANM1 or TANM1, there is no doubt that here too it must be read. Now taking these restorations for granted I shall try to present in parallel columns what appear to be the corresponding words of the two parts of the inscription. In the first column I give my English translation of the Aramaic, subject to all reservations pointed out in my commentary, in the second the Lydian text.

1. This stele
2. and the cavern
3. [and] the funerary couches (?)
4. and the fore-court which is above Sardis (?)—this its fore-court—
5. [they are] the property of MNY son of KMLY of SLWK.
6. And if anybody against this stele
7. or the cavern
8. or the funerary couches
9. opposite the fore-court of this cavern—
10. that is to say, if anybody destroys or breaks anything,
11. then may Artemis of Ephesos and of Koloë
12. with regard to his court, his house, his property, soil and water, and all that is his disperse him and his heir(s).

We cannot expect that absolutely every word in the two parts of a bilingual inscription of this kind has been literally translated. But comparing the columns we soon notice that the translation is as a whole accurate enough to allow us to identify most

1 For a possible restoration see the end of the commentary on this inscription.
of the Lydian words. Only in §§ 4, 9 and 12 we cannot as yet be sure of the meaning of every word. I shall now give those Lydian words of which the meaning seems to be established with reasonable certainty.

\[\text{4}1\text{9} 7 \text{7} \text{7} \] is in Aramaic אֶנַשְׁאֶב "this stele". In Lydian therefore est means "this" and mrud "stele". A number of other inscriptions begin אֶנַפֶּשׁ ה (No. 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 26); three (No. 1 A, B, and 6) have אֶנַפֶּשׁ ח. Now we know from § 7 on p. 30 that אֶנַפֶּשׁ is in Aramaic אֶנַפֶּשׁ ה "cavern", and we find another word for "this", viz. est or es, employed when the word vānaš "cavern" follows. We conclude therefore that when a word ending in -d is used, the demonstrative pronoun is est, but with a word ending in -ś it is esś. Furthermore in § 6 and 7 we have אֶנַפֶּשׁ ח and אֶנַפֶּשׁ ח. Judging from the context, ח is the sign of the oblique case, whereas א and ח are the signs of the subjective case. Now all four words esś, est, mrud, and vānaš have the same sign in the oblique case: esś (derived both from esś and est), mrud, vānaš. The stem of the demonstrative pronoun is therefore es-, but when ś, the ending of certain substantives in the subjective case, is added, the s is assimilated by the ś, and we have esś or es. Our first results then are three Lydian stems: es- "this", mrud- "stele" and vāna- "cavern".

§ 2 reads אֶנַפֶּשׁ ח, in Aramaic אֶנַפֶּשׁ ה "and the cavern". The demonstrative pronoun is omitted in the Aramaic. Nor is there any rule in Lydian with regard to the use of this pronoun; generally it is used with every word denoting a different part of the tomb, but sometimes it is omitted in Lydian also. Here however to the pronoun another letter is added, viz. ח; this corresponds with the Aramaic ח "and". We know then that in Lydian "and" is expressed by the suffix -k.

In § 3, ח have placed only the word אֶנַפֶּשׁ ח. It is very probable however that before this we should supply ח. The word lahraisak is here rendered in Aramaic אֶנַפֶּשׁ ה, but in § 8 by the first of these two words alone. Above on p. 26 I inferred the meaning "funeral couches" for this term. The word is in the plural in Aramaic, and must be in the plural if my translation is correct; for there were always several couches in every tomb. But what is the sign of the subjective case in the plural? I think, but cannot be absolutely sure that it is the ח. For it appears that when the ח "and" is added the case-ending is dropped; cf. esk mrud 5, l. 1 "and this stele" (for est-k), and mruk 11, l. 2 "and the stele" (for mrud-k). If we read אֶנַפֶּשׁ ח this -k in esk might be the conjunction "and", and the -(a)k in lahraisak would be the subjective case of the plural. The oblique case of the plural which has the ending ח is much better known. In § 8 we read אֶנַפֶּשׁ ח, and in the other inscriptions there are over thirty instances of words with the ending ח. Inscription 9 has in the first part the words אֶנַפֶּשׁ ח and in the second אֶנַפֶּשׁ ח. In the form lahris-k an a is perhaps omitted, so that lahrisak should be read. From the formula es-k lahrisa-k one might conclude that the demon-
strative pronoun was the same in the singular and in the plural, if used as an adjective, as for instance in modern Persian and Turkish. But the form estaf with lahrisal shows us that this is not the case. I believe therefore that the form es-k meaning "and these" should really be *es-k-k, and that where two -k came together at the end of the word only one was written. The paradigm of the demonstrative pronoun, so far as we now know it, would be:

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In estaf the t has been reduplicated; for *esaf or *est would be the form expected from the analogy of other plural forms.

In § 4 there seems to be a divergence between the Lydian and the Aramaic. We must compare with one another § 4 and § 9; the former reads helak kudait ist esū vānāu) būtarvod, the latter read bukit kud ist esū vānāu būtarvod. The translation of the former is very uncertain in the Aramaic ("and the fore-court which is above Sardis, - this its fore-court--"); the latter is reasonably certain ("opposite the fore-court of this cavern"). We know that esū is the oblique case of "this", that vānāu is that of vāna-š "cave". The word ist occurs twice in No. 4 together with Sfarū; I am tempted to translate ist Sfarū "here in Sardis", since T9A81 is the oblique case of 49A81, as T1971 is of T1941. Now the word "fore-court" occurs three times in the Aramaic, twice where the Lydian has vānaū būtarvod, and once where the Lydian has helak. The latter may stand for hela-d-k, and helad might then be the word for "fore-court", whereas vānaū būtarvod might be a synonym, meaning "that which is before the cavern". But we cannot as yet reach a solution of these questions. The same is to be said about kudait and bukit kud which in all probability are equivalent to the Aramaic יְבִּי "opposite". A definite opinion on the grammatical character of these words, their prefixes and suffixes, cannot be given. The only equivalent of Sardis in the Aramaic passage— if this be correctly read—would be T11, "here".

§ 5 again is, plain and acquaints us with several important facts as to Lydian grammar. It reads akad Mane-lid Kumli-lid Siluka-lid and is to be translated "(they are) the property of Mane the son of Kumli of (the town of) Siluka."

The words "they are" are not found in Aramaic; for in most Semitic languages the "verbum substantivum" or the "copula" or whatever it may be called is omitted. I presume that this is the case also in Lydian, for sentences like es vānaš Mane-lis Alu-lis, "this tomb (is) that of Mane, son of Alu", or "this (is) the tomb of Mane, son of Alu", occur several times in our inscriptions. The word 4A4A is in the same

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1 Cf. "here in Šado" in inscriptions from Aksum, my edition in Deutsche Aksum-Expedition, 1V, No. 10, 24 and 11, 44.
2 As a parallel that may not prove anything, I cite Armenian ais "this", plur. aiseš, and arist "here".
place as the Aramaic 𬀩 vocalist, which above has been translated "the property". I believe this meaning to be quite certain, and I cannot refrain from calling attention to the fact that Pauli in his Altitalische Forschungen, II, 2, pp. 99-100, suggested the meanings "property" for the Etruscan word acil and "he appropriated, dedicated" for acilune in the Lemnos inscription.¹

The three words following have the ending -lid. The most natural supposition would be that this was the ending of the genitive in Lydian. But though genitives of the first and second names could easily be understood, that of the third name which indicates the place whence the man came,² would be difficult to explain. It might however be claimed that the third name is that of the grandfather, or else a title. But even then -lid cannot be the genitive; for it is used only when the preceding word ends in -d, and when that word ends in -s the ending -lis is used instead of -lid. This may be inferred from the following list:

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\begin{align*}
vānas & \text{ Mane-lis Alu-lis} & (1 \text{ A, B)} \\
mrud & \text{ Alikyrid} & \ldots \ldots \ldots (5, l. 1) \\
vānas & \text{ Kumli-lis Ate-lis} & (8, l. 1) \\
akad & \text{ Artabāna-lid} & (9, l. 3-5) \\
akad & \text{ Karo-lid Sabā-lid} & (11, l. 3-4) \\
vānas & \text{ Ata-lis Tiwda-lis} & (13, l. 1) \\
vānas & \text{ Sivāmlis Armāvīs} & (15, l. 1) \\
mrud & \text{ Atrašta-lid Timle-lid} & (26, l. 2). 
\end{align*}
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I believe therefore that -lis and -lid are the endings of adjectives denoting appurtenance or origin, and that akad Mane-lis Kumli-lis Siluka-lid are all three nominatives or subjective cases. The -s of -lis corresponds with the ending s, the -d of -lid with the ending -d. Expressions like Marcus Tullius, Ταμούνος Λίος, etc., are too well known to be here discussed at length. But it is a new feature that the adjective derived from the name of a place should also be added in the same form. It is of course not only possible but even highly probable that these adjectives of appurtenance are derived from the genitive and that l was originally a termination of the genitive.

§ 6 begins ṭi plus ṭa, and these words are the equivalent of י י which means either "whosoever" or "if anybody". In § 10 ṭi plus ṭa is the equivalent of י י关停, "that is to say, if anybody". The ending ṭi must here correspond with י关停 "that is to say, then". The beginning of the apodosis is again marked in the Aramaic by关停 "then", in the Lydian by关停. There are three correlated words in Lydian:关停,关停,关停. The relation between关停 and关停 was also recognized by Prof. Thumb, and he correctly concluded that关停 must be a kind of prefix. The common element in these words is关停. This occurs in Lydian with many different

¹ Professor Hering refers also to Torf, Etrusk. Beiträge, 2, 101.
² See above p. 28.
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suffixes. Besides TTA and TTA we find TTA without addition; furthermore TTA, TTA, TTA, TTA, TTA, TTA, TTA, TTA, TTA. It is not yet possible to say what all these different endings mean. But it seems to me that the meanings of TTA, TTA, TTA (probably for TTA) and TTA can be guessed with some certainty. TTA and TTA evidently mean almost the same. They both occur in similar sentences at the beginning of the second part of the funerary inscriptions. I take TTA to be a sort of particle either connecting the two parts and leading over from one to the other, or having a generalizing idea well suited for a conditional clause; its meaning would be either like that of the English "now", German "nun" (wenn nun . . .), Greek ἄν, or ἄν (ἀν ἄν!), Ethiopic -ḥi and the like, or of the English "-soever", German "nur immer". The Aramaic here gives "and", a word that in Hebrew, Aramaic, Arabic, has to serve a great many purposes. The suffix TTA must convey, judging from this inscription, rather a consecutive or conclusive idea, like the German "also". TTA on the other hand seems to me to be a "personal suffix", i.e. a suffix taking the place of a personal pronoun. I conclude from this such sentences a aknu-t his sansitiyid f-aknum-ṭ Ḥūdāns Artmun-k vbahent (No. 1). As we shall see below in § 10 and § 12 sansitiyid equals "destroys" and vbahent "may they disperse". Now in the sentence just quoted there is no object whatsoever unless it be -mū, or perhaps -mū-l. A fuller form of -mū, used when it stands by itself, not as a suffix or encliticon, seems to be ēmū; cf. μα and ἐπί. Thus when we take -mū to be a "personal suffix" the phrase makes very good sense and is perfectly complete: "if anybody destroys this, then may Ḥūdāns and Artemis disperse (i.e. punish) him". If this be correct, mū would mean "him" and "it", like the personal suffix in all Semitic languages and in modern Persian. And we have already seen that TTA is the sign for the oblique case.

Returning to our sentence we may translate akīt na-his "if now anybody". Both his and na-his occur after akīt, akin, akmu etc. It appears that his is an indefinite pronoun with about the same meaning as τις, quis, and that na- is a prefix which emphasizes the indefinite meaning: "whosoever", quicumque, etc. Of the meaning of akīt we shall have to speak again in § 11. - The words TTA TTA are the oblique case of TTA TTA.

§ 7. The word TTA is rendered is Aramaic by NA "or". The meaning of buk is therefore established. The -k at the end may be the same as the connecting post-position -k which in other cases means "and". On TTA TTA see above p. 31. § 8. The words buk escat lahrise "or these funeral couches" (oblique case) need no further discussion after what has been said above on p. 31 and in § 7. § 9. I have no satisfactory interpretation to offer. In § 4 we read TTA TTA TTA and in inscr. 9, II. 2-3 and II. 9-10 we have exactly the same reading, with the single difference that TTA is omitted. But here the sentence begins TTA TTA. If the correct formula is kudkit esū vanaḥ batarvod it is possible
that **bukitku** has been erroneously carved by the mason who still had in mind the word **buk** which he had just written twice. But this is very problematic. See also above p. 32 commentary on § 4.

§ 10 is in Lydian aktiu nā-his helāk fənsūibid. The original has ʼibṣīfītīs but the second is certainly a mistake for 8, since the word ʼibṣīfītīs occurs over a dozen times with 8 in the last syllable. For the word aktiu (for *ak-it-in) we have postulated the meaning "wenn nun also". The word helāk is the equivalent of Aramaic ʼayinā "something, anything". The stem of this word is probably hel_; for -ii is the sign of the oblique case. The -k at the end cannot here mean "and", because there is no "and" in the Aramaic and because an "and" would not agree with the context. Nor can it be the sign of the plural, because there -k is used only in the subjective case, and the objective case of the plural ends in -(a)k. I think therefore that -k here has a generalizing meaning, like that of -que in the Latin quidque. We might then, so far as the formation is concerned, compare his: nā-his with quis: ali-quis,1 and helā: helā-k with quid: quidque. The first group has prefixes, the second has suffixes. The verb fənsūibid is rendered in Aramaic by two verbs "he destroys or breaks". In Lydian it probably had a more general meaning than the two special words in Aramaic. It is therefore best translated by "he damages". The word is probably composed of the prefix *f-, another prefix (originally preposition?) *en-, the stem *sū-, the sign of the mood *id- and the sign of the person *id. But this is only guess-work.

§ 11 begins with fakmū. Here we have the apodosis. The conditional clauses are expressed in Lydian by ak-.... fak-.... It is not absolutely necessary that they should mean "if.... then". They may also mean "as.... so" (ut.... ila). The suffix -mū I believe to be a personal suffix "him". In Semitic it would be unusual to find a personal suffix with a conjunction, it is true; cases like ʼinnahu and the like are exceptional. But in Persian we should have a perfect analogy. The name of Artemis in Lydian is Artimuš, in Aramaic *Art(e)mu. We have here again the ending -s as a sign of the subjective case of a certain class of words. But this s is very loosely connected with the stem of the word; for it is dropped not only when formative elements are added like the *lis of the adjectives of appurtenance (*Artimuš occurs in the inscription from Falanga), but also when the particle -k is added (*Artimu-k = "and Artemis"). The words *Ibsimsis and *Kulumsis are adjectives derived from Ephesos and Koloē. The former was probably called in Lydian *Ibšis (<"Ibšis), the latter Kulu (or perhaps Kulus). But why has the ethnicon here the ending -msis, whereas above on p. 33 another ethnicon or gentilicium ending in *lis was discussed? I think that they have different meanings and that between the two there is a difference similar to that between Turkish ʼismir-li and ʼismir-de-ki. Both mean "Smyrniote", but the former means a man who comes from Smyrna or belongs there in general,

1 Hungarian *ki *who?" tőle-ki "somebody".
the latter denotes a man who is or lives at Smyrna. In Lydian then *Ibšimis* would be the name of Artemis, because she dwelt there. This word seems to have a double adjectival ending: the sibilant was repeated as for instance in estat, see above p. 31. The ending -mis occurs also, e.g. in Sivraūmis, another epithet of Artemis. Perhaps *Ibšimis* existed also in Lydian; this may have become *Ibšimisis* and then *Ibšimis*, as akītin became akītin. The forms in -mis would then be a sort of hybrid. If adjectives ending in -lis were derived from a genitive ending in -l, those ending in -mis (-mis) may have been derived from a locative ending in -m.

§ 12 gives a number of nouns in the oblique case; some have the ending -m, some are without it. But there is much doubt with regard to the equivalents in Lydian and in Aramaic. In Lydian we have three pairs: (1) aaraū biraūk, (2) kūidaū kofuūk, (3) hiraū helūk; after these there is the word bītā, which I take to be the missing word for "his". In Aramaic we have (1) his court, his house, (i.e. "Haus und Hof", "house and home"); (2) his property; (3) soil and water; (4) and everything that is his. It is safe to assume that the first two words are the same in Lydian and Aramaic, since they make a good pair, and since they occur together in Inscr. No. 30. We should then have aaraū biraūk "court and house". Which of the two means "court" and which means "house", may be doubtful. If we were to keep the same order in Lydian as in Aramaic, we ought to translate the Lydian "property and soil, water and all that is his". But such a combination does not commend itself. Moreover the word hiraū would mean "water". Now this word is found in several other inscriptions, but never with the word kofuū which would mean "soil", if we keep the same order in both parts of the inscription. On the contrary, I think I can prove that hiraū cannot mean water, but must be something else. Inscr. 13, 1. 5 ends fakmu Artimus hiraū helūk vqbaht. It would be very strange to translate this curse "may Artemis destroy him and all the water", whereas a translation "may Artemis destroy him and all (his) property" would be very natural. I propose as a solution of the difficulty that the order of meanings in the Aramaic may in the Lydian be changed. It would be very plausible to read: (1) "house and home", (2) "soil and water", (3) "property and all that is his", or better (3) "and all property belonging to him". In that case kūidaū kofuūk would be "soil and water". Again I shall not decide the question which of the two words is the equivalent of "soil" and which is that of "water". The third pair would be hiraū helūk. Of these two we know helūk to mean "anything". But not in English only may "anything" also mean "everything". We have quisque in Latin and in all Semitic languages the root kull, which means "all, everything, anybody, anything". We are, I think, entitled to assign here to helūk the meaning "all". And hira- would be "property". It is moreover surely not accidental that the three pairs of words which we have just established are united by alliteration; for we have (1) aaraū biraūk; (2) kūidaū kofuūk; (3) hiraū helūk. These were
probably proverbial sayings like "rhyme or reason", "Kind und Kegel", "house and home".

The word *bilā* I take to mean "his". In the Aramaic part the suffix "his" is found with "court", "house", "property", "all". We cannot here dispense with a word for "his". Now *bilā* is the oblique case; its subjective case would be *bilis*. This is found in No. 7, l. 13 where we have *ṭṭīṭṭ* *ṭṭ* *ṭṭ* *ṭṭ*; and the oblique case of both these words is found in No. 30, l. 13, viz. *ṭṭ* *ṭṭ* *ṭṭ*. It is very tempting to translate the first of these two passages "neither he nor anyone who is his", the second "him and anyone who is his". We should thus have the paradigm:

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Subj. case: *bis* "he" or "this, that"    *bilis* "his"
Obl. case: *bū* "him"                  *bilū* "his"
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The "possessive pronoun" or "adjective denoting appurtenance" *bilis* would be derived from *bi-s* like *Mane-lis* from *Mane-s*. An inflected possessive pronoun of the third person or an adjective of appurtenance derived from a demonstrative pronoun might well have existed in Lydian. Although such forms are not common and their place is often take by the reflexive possessive pronoun, they grow up independently in different languages; cf. for instance Sanskrit *tadiya-*, Latin *quojus*¹ (Spanish *cuyo*, *cuya* etc., Portuguese *cui*, *cua* etc.). Like these last forms *bilis* is probably derived from a genitive.

The last word in the Lydian text is *vybahênt*. This is no doubt the equivalent of *nārānā* "may they disperse (him)". The exact meaning of the verb is not clear. As I said before, we should expect "may they drive him away from his property" or "may they scatter his property". Since there is this uncertainty in the Aramaic, there is all the more in the Lydian. However we might take the *mūn* in *fakmūn* as a sort of dative denoting "to somebody's advantage" or "to his disadvantage" (dativus ethicus), since personal suffixes may signify either the accusative or the dative, especially if it be true that there is only one oblique case in Lydian. Then a literal translation of the Lydian in ll. 6–8 would be: "now then, may to his disadvantage Artemis of Ephesos and Artemis of Koloê scatter his house and home, soil and water, all his property".² If this is right, the *ṭ* in *helūk* is not taken as a conjunction "and" but with the same meaning as in § 10. What verb-form *vybahênt* is I cannot say. It seems of course to be a plural form of the third person in some imperative or jussive mood; but in No. 13 it occurs with *ṭṭṭṭṭ*, a singular.

There is however in the word *nārānā* "and his heir" one objection to my interpretation. In the Lydian I have discovered no similar expression, but it is not impossible that the Aramaic has an addition not contained in the Lydian; a similar case seems to occur in § 4, where the Aramaic has perhaps the name of Sardis, which

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² Cf. in German "die Feinde zerstörten ihm sein Haus".
is not found in the Lydian. I repeat that my interpretation is only tentative, but it is the best that I can now offer.

For a restoration of the beginning of the Lydian text W. H. Buckler suggested to me the following:

1. [bōrē X quvellē Artaksassaŋ]
2. [ɔᵊraŋ islē Bakillē]

Year 10 of King Artaxerxes during (or in the course of) the Dionysiac month.

The restoration of 1. is based on L. 11; see below Ch. III, E. However, I should rather propose to read [bōrē X Artaksassaŋ quvellē ɔᵊraŋ] “In the year 10 of Artaxerxes, the great king”; for quvellē (gen.) “king” and ɔᵊraŋ (gen.) “great” see the commentary on L. 11.

Bakillē [means undoubtedly] “Dionysiac”, as Mr. Buckler suggests; he has recently compared also kave-k Bakillis in L. 4, l. 9 “and priest of Dionysos”. We learn from the Greco-Lydian bilingual inscription, p. 39, that ñ₄ equals AΩΩΩ. The “Dionysiac month” would then, of course, be the Lydian equivalent of “Marhešwan”. The latter corresponds to our October-November. That would be the time when the vintage is over and the first wine is drunk, a month very apt to be called “Dionysiac”. The custom of calling certain months after the name of a god or a saint or of a festival is very widely spread. At the same time we would have here a new word for month, viz. islē.

B. The Greco-Lydian Inscriptions.

(L. 25).

Greco-Lydian Bilingual from Sardis.

Small marble pedestal found at Sardis 1913 on the north side of the temple of Artemis. In the flat top of the pedestal are holes into which the base of a statue seems to have fitted.

Line 1 (Lydian) is 26³/₄ cm. long; l. 2 (Greek) 33 cm.

The Lydian letters are 1³/₄ cm. high, the Greek 1³/₉ cm.
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Naunnas Bakivalis Artimui.

"Naunnas, son of Bakiva (Dionysikes) NANNAS DIIONYSIKLEOSAPTEMII (dedicated this) to Artemis".

From this inscription we learn that Bakiva is the Lydian for Διονύσις and that Artimui is the equivalent of Αρτέμις.

That the Ionic form Διονύσις should be used is only natural at Sardis. But are we to conclude that *Bakis was the Lydian name for Dionysos and that Παζαν - Bacchus are derived from the Lydian? It is known that Dionysos was not only at home in Thrace, but also on the Tmolus mountains, the Boz Dagh, in Lydia. I leave this question to those who know Greek mythology and Greek etymology.

The second part of the name, -λές has its equivalent in -valis. We have seen that -lis is the ending of the adjective of appurtenance. The meaning of the root *λεός must then be contained in Lydian va-. But this va- may be an abbreviated form of some longer word. It is not safe to draw conclusions with regard to etymology from proper names in an unknown language.

It is likely that Artimui has the meaning of a dative, because the Greek has Άρτέμις. But perhaps the Lydian supplied a verb that takes the accusative. Above we saw that the ending -a seems to have the meaning of an accusative. We can therefore not do more than state that -a is the ending of the oblique case in Lydian.

On the name Naunnas see Kreitschmer, pp. 341 sqq., Sundwall, p. 273.

Pergamon. (Inscr. v. Pergamon No. 1). My attention was called to this inscription by W. H. Buckler. It was published by Bohn in Altertümer von Pergamon II, p. 15 f., by Fränkel, ib. VIII, 1, p. 1 f. I endeavoured to get a squeeze of it, and when in Berlin in 1913 I enquired at the Museum, but it was impossible for me to have access to it. From the photograph of the squeeze published by Bohn I have made the following drawing.

The Greek reads Παρταρας Αθηναίη. Of the Lydian only the name Bartraras can be read with certainty from the drawing. On Lydian $ = $ Greek $ see above p. 4.

My drawing of the Lydian text indicates what I believe to see on the photograph of the squeeze. It may be read:

\[ \text{esu taaq} \text{ Ata...} \]
\[ \text{Bartaras orait} \]

This column (?) for Atana (?) Bartaraς erected.

1 One of the Hesychian glosses (Lagarde, p. 273, No. 35) has ἀνδρός μάλα Ανδρό τον τον. Might there be a relation between this word and the name of the mountains?
The words esu taqű are distinctly read in the inscription from Arably Hadjili. The meaning "column" for taqű is merely guessed. — I have been unable to read the last letters in l. 1 with certainty. The word seems to contain the name of Athena; its first three letters are probably Ata-. The last word I take to be a verb. The letters T1·A90 are reasonably certain. If we consider -it to be the ending, oara- would be the stem. This root may be connected with the word oraiû for which I conclude the meaning "great"; see below Ch. III, p. 50. The verb might then mean "to make great", or "high", i.e. "to erect".
CHAPTER III.

Unilingual Inscriptions.

In this chapter I shall give a number of Lydian inscriptions of which I am able to offer tentative interpretations based on the bilingual inscription published in the fore-going chapter. I follow the order of the numbers (which these documents were given) at Sardis according to the order in which they were found.

A.

(L. 1)

Stele of limestone found in the dromos of a tomb facing East, on the hillside West of the temple. In the interior of the tomb there was a single couch on the
right, another on the left, and a double couch at the back. The top line contains black colouring matter in the letters, while those of Inscription b have red colouring matter. The stone measures 59 x 71 cm. (maximum measurements). Thickness: 19 cm. The face of the stone is smooth, the back very rough, the sides are fairly well finished. The letters are in a: 1 - 3 3/4 cm., in b: 1 3/4 - 3 cm. high. This inscription was published by Prof. Thumb, Amer. Journ. of Archaeol., t^XV (1911), No. 2.

I take b first, since its interpretation presents no difficulty.

1. e¢ vanaś Manelis
2. Alulis. akmui̯t
3. his sensübid
4. fakmu̯t Hūdānš
5. Artomuk vgbaèn̯t

This tomb (is) that of Manes, the son of Alus. If it anybody destroys, then him may Hūdānš and Artemis punish.

The letters of this inscription are all certain, but not very well carved nor regularly written. The letter ıt occurs twice without the projecting part of the shaft (= I). In the ı of ἡμητημα (l. 5) the upper part is a winding line without angles. The ı in ἡμημα has a curved top; this word is a proof of the fact that there is no difference between ı and ı.

On ıı for ıı see above p. 31. - The word akmu̯t is composed of ak, -mu and it. The fuller form akmu̯t occurs also, e.g. 7, l. 9. From the forms akmu̯t and aktin (above p. 34) we learn that the suffix -it does not bear the accent. I have tried above on p. 34 to interpret -mu and -it. On the 0 in ἡμητημα see above p. 19. The deity Hūdānš has been mentioned above on p. 13.
A. (L. 1).

a.

1. ēs aānas Manelis Alulis akmǖt his fensūbīd
2. buk escāé antolāc buk
3. ēsū karovū̄ fakmū Sānnās
4. Kuoadk (?) Marivdāk
5. ensībibid.

1. This tomb (is) that of Manes, son of Alus. If anybody destroys it
2. or these anol- or
3. this karov- (daros?), then may Sānnās
4. and Kuad- and Marivdās
5. destroy him.

This inscription contains several unknown words and forms.

L. 1: The 1 is written /ā/. This was of course very apt to lead astray the first interpreter. The second word AllWindows may be a mistake for AllWindows. The latter is given also in b, l. 1. Moreover I have not found AllWindows anywhere else, whereas AllWindows occurs more than twenty times. There is no proof yet that the digamma was dropped in Lydian; unless it be the stem -All which occurs a few times and which perhaps may be derived from the same stem as AllWindows.

L. 2: The meaning of antolāc is not known. In 15, l. 3 and 20, l. 2 there is a word antolāc which I firmly believe to be the same as this word. I think the 1 here is a mistake for t, caused by the 1 directly following. Now antolāc cannot be a synonym of lahrisat, since they both occur together in No. 15. Perhaps antolāc means “the bodies”; for the word occurs only in the second part of funerary inscriptions (– if anybody destroys the antolāc –), not in the first part (– the antolak are the property of –).

L. 3-4: The second word may be read -karosū, karovū, karoliū, darosū, darovū or darolū. None of these words is found elsewhere except karoliū; but this seems to be in all cases the oblique case of an adjective derived from a proper name, whereas here a common noun is needed.

The word fakmū corresponds with akmǖt in l. 1. I have not found this form anywhere else; but fakmü is not rare. I am inclined to believe that fakmū is a mistake for fakmü, especially because of the corresponding form in l. 1. The absence of the ending -(i)t in fakmǖ shows that -(i)t may be left out without making much difference in the meaning.

Sānnās, Kuad- and Marivdās) I take to be names of deities. The first, I think, is rather the Cilician god Sandon than another form of Sawazios (Sabazios). For Sānnās might easily stand for Sandas, and Sandas, Sandes etc. are variant forms of Sandon; cf. Ed. Meyer, Geschichte des Altertums, I, § 484. In Kuad- we may recognize the elements kuova- and -ad- (ata?), which occur frequently in names from.
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Asia Minor; cf. Kretschmer, p. 368, Sundwall, pp. 127 ff. The name Marivdas may be the same as the second part of the Carian personal name Σεμα-μεσσενς, cf. Kretschmer, p. 366, and see similar names in Sundwall, pp. 142 ff.

L. 5: It just possible that there is a 8 before -8ITITIT, but it is not very likely. The form ᵆnsu[i]bid without the f- at the beginning occurs once more (26, l. 3). Perhaps the verb ᵆnsu(i) is used, when the deity “destroys” man, and f-ensu(i) - when man destroys a thing. In this inscription such a difference might very well be recognized.

B.

STILE OF LIMESTONE, found in situ before a tomb on the hillside West of the Paktolos, about ½ km. from the river, opposite the South part of the South Village. The tomb had one double and two single couches. The stone is 96½ cm. high, 33 cm. wide, 27 cm. thick. The letters are 1½-2½ cm. high. There are traces of the stone cutter’s guiding lines. Below the inscription there is a single letter which is probably a mason’s mark.

1. es vanaš esk lahriša(k)
2. esk helad bavafu—
3. akit nāhis esu vanaui b(uk)
4. lahrišač buk helan
5. ᵆensu[i]bid fakač višis
6. nivisqc varboid.

1. This tomb and these couches
2. and this fore-court (?) are sacrosanct (?)
3. If anybody destroys this tomb or
4. the couches or the fore-court,
5. then may a god take
6. vengeance upon the godless.

The letters of this inscription are somewhat indistinct; for the limestone has not preserved their outlines so well as the marble. In l. 1 at the end a - is probably obliterated. In l. 2 after bavafu- there may be M (ā) or 11 (ni), but after this nothing is certain; my copy made from the stone indicates TAA as being very uncertain. At the end of l. 3 the letters 11 are easily restored. At the end of l. 4 I drew an uncertain ə in my copy, but I rather believe now for grammatical reasons that there never was another letter after TAA4.

L. 1: 11 stands again for 114.

L. 2: On 1A114 see above, p. 32. The last word, howsoever it may be read, must mean something like “is sacrosanct”, “is protected by the gods”, or “is inviolable”.
We have here one of the very few cases in which the owner of the tomb is not mentioned. The word 18A1A8 cannot be analyzed. In 7, l. 15 it occurs in the form T18A1A8, but there the meaning of the context is altogether uncertain.

L. 3 and 4: The words occurring here are known from the bilingual inscription.

L. 5 and 6: Here we have a new formula which must contain a curse or a menace. This formula occurs complete in three other cases. They are the following:

\[\text{11111} \text{11111} \text{11111} \text{11111} (9, \text{ l. 11-12})\]
\[\text{11111} \text{11111} \text{11111} \text{11111} (15, \text{ l. 5-6})\]
\[\text{11111} \text{11111} \text{11111} \text{11111} (16, \text{ l. 22-23}).\]

We see that 11111 stands for 11111 and that 11111 again stands for 11111. It seems to me that višis stands for viš-sis, and that we have here the same adjectival ending as above in Kulu-m-sis. The first s was assimilated because it was directly preceded by s. The form viš-qē was probably always pronounced viš-qē, because of the coming together of so many consonants; the spelling višqē in No. 15 is probably only an etymological spelling. But višis also became višis, since it seems that double consonants gradually came to be pronounced like single ones in Lydian. Thus višis would be historical, višis phonetic orthography. If varbtod in No. 16 is not a mistake, we learn also that varbtokid and varbtod are synonymous. Probably -ki- is the sign of the mood, like -bi- in fensūbid. The -d may be the ending of the third person singular. The stem of the verb may be varb; for the syllable -lo- I believe to be the sign of a derived stem, like -lo- in katsarlokid, a verb which stands three times after the name of the deity and probably means "may he (she) punish".

The meaning of fakač višis nivišqē varbtokid can only be guessed. We know f-ak to be the conjunction of the apodosis and -at to be the ending of the oblique case of the plural. It is possible that the suffix -at is an abbreviated form of -mač, and this I take to be the plural of -mā. Then -at would mean "them" or "to them, to their disadvantage"; cf. above p. 37. A plural in the apodosis would not be improbable; for the protasis, although grammatically in the singular, is varbtod Tmii in the plural. In Syriac "everybody that" (حِلَاء) often takes the plural. The two words following are undoubtedly derived from the same stem, viš-. The prefix of the second word is ni-; cf. also nin: ni-nin; hesis: ni-hešik; haaslā: ni-hasllā. Again ni- occurs in the word ni-k; cf. nik bis nik bilis, above p. 37. It would be most natural to consider ni- a negative and to translate nik...nik by "neither...nor". Now viš(s)is is in the subjective case of the singular, while nivišqē on account of its final ē is in the oblique case of the plural. But I cannot explain the q in ni-viš-qē. However this may be, we shall not be far from the truth if we suggest as a translation of the formula something like the following: "may a just one punish the unjust ones"; or perhaps rather: "may a divine one (a Deity) take vengeance upon the non-divine

1 The form fakmač occurs also.
ones" (the mortals, or better "the godless"). If ŭviš(š)is means divine, the stem ŭviš-recalls the Etruscan ais-a(r), "god(s)"; but this comparison is very doubtful.

C.
(L. 8)

FRAGMENTS OF A FUNERARY STELE, which were found in different places built into a wall on the hillside near the tombs. These fragments have been stuck together and the whole now measures as follows: Height (maximum): 41 1/2 cm.; width, at the top: 32 1/2 cm.; at the bottom 28 1/2 cm. Thickness: 8 cm. Height of letters 2 3/4 cm.

This tomb (is) that of Kumli, son of Ate, a man from Samûs(?) and [also] the couches.

If anybody destroys [this] tomb or [these] couches, [may then] [a god upon the godless] [take vengeance].

My restoration of this inscription I take to be reasonably certain. There are enough traces of words left at the end to indicate which formula must have been employed. Only the two letters in l. 3 cannot be restored, since this proper name occurs nowhere else. Neither can we be sure whether Sam- might be the beginning of a gentilicium derived from Samos. This was suggested to me by W. H. Buckler who recalled a passage of Herodotos (I, 51) in which are mentioned bronze caldrons made by Theodoros of Samos; these caldrons were given by Kroisos to the temple at Delphi. However, Mr. Buckler is now of opinion that the third names are not
names of places but of persons. He wishes therefore to withdraw his suggestion with regard to Ῥιλσi. — All other words of this inscription have already been discussed.

Funerary Stele. This stele was found at the same place as L. 8. Above the inscription there is a decorated top; see the photograph. The two fragments fit perfectly; there can be only one line missing. The decorated top-piece has the following measurements. Height: 51 cm. Width: 39 cm. Thickness: 18.5 cm. The lower part (die) measures as follows. Height: 128 cm. Width: 32 cm. Thickness 17.5 cm. The inscription is 50 cm., the letters are 3/4–2 3/4 cm. high.

1. ess vanaš esk mrud es[k]
2. lahrisk kuškit esu
3. (vān)au bītarvad akad
4. . . . . . . . . .
5. Artabanalid Katoval-
6. -ik Atrasalid akit nāhis
7. fensii bid esu vanau
8. buk esu mruh buk es-
9. aé lahrisac kuškit
10. esu vanau bītarvad
11. fakač visis nivišqé
12. varbkid.

1. This tomb and this stele and these
2. couches opposite this
3. fore-court (?) (are) the property
4. of . . . . . . . . . .
5. son of Artabanes, and of Katovaš,
6. son of Atrasas. If anybody
7. destroys this tomb
8. or this stele or these
9. couches opposite
10. this fore-court,
11. then may a god upon the godless
12. take vengeance.
There is some doubt about the arrangement of names, since we do not know how many of these were lost in l. 4. The above translation supposes that only one long name was contained in l. 4. Moreover I am not certain whether the *-“and” was added to the name of the second person or to that of his father.

Below the inscription there is again a mason’s mark.

E.

(F. III)

Funerary stele found at the same place as L. 8. Parts of the top and of the right hand side are broken off. The stone in its present size is 72 cm. high, 54⅔ cm. wide, 12 cm. thick. The inscription is 31 cm. high, the letters are ⅓–2⅔ cm. high. The slab is smoothly finished on the face and the back.

1. [b]orlû XV oraû guvellû Artaksassauš
2. [h]âmnûnu dâl eš vanaš mruk ūasakin
3. hid katač il lahrisakin hi(d) ṣtošš akad
About two thirds of the inscription can be translated either from internal evidence or on information derived from other inscriptions.

1. In the year 15 of the great king (?) Artaxerxes,
2. in the days of the month...(?). This tomb and the stele and also the
3. which...
4. and also the couches, which (are) inside (?), (are) the property
5. of Karos, the son of Sabuas, a man from Ištubeu-. If
6. anybody destroys these.............
7. .. or this tomb or this stele or
8. this būaso(d) or the couches or even aude
9. aqūat, and whosoever buries (?) here in this tomb of Karos,
10. the "Artemides" of Ephesos and of Koloe and of Smyrna (?)
11. if anybody destroys............. (13.) scattered.
First the corrections and restorations in this inscription are to be justified.

L. 1: Of the first word only -rlu is entirely preserved; the o is half destroyed.
Before the o I restore a 8 because the fragment L. 3 has the word T1908 and
because the fragment from Falanga begins: Aπα III III T1908.
L. 2: The + at the beginning is again restored from the Falanga fragment where
in line 2 we read Ⱑ}'.
L. 3: Instead of III I read III, a Lydian word that occurs quite frequently, which
would here have its correlative in the III at the beginning of the line. From x18
in l. 6 for X18 we know that in this inscription small lines are sometimes omitted.
L. 5: mūvend(a)c I read A instead of A, (1) because the latter is not a Lydian
letter and (2) because -ac is a most common ending. Here the slanting cross-bar was
left out by the mason. The last word in this inscription would as it stands have to
be read ihkon. But I read i(s)kon (1) because the small cross-bar is not exactly in
the middle as ought to be the case with Ć (h), and (2) because ἢούν (12, l. 2), and ἢούν (12, l. 10 and 29, l. 6) are Lydian words.

L. 6: The correction ἢού for ἢοί is evident.\footnote{It is barely possible that ἢοί was a variant pronunciation for ἢού. The sounds u and i sometimes interchange, e.g. in modern Persian and Arabic dialects.}

L. 8: Instead of ἢούν I read ἢούν; see above p. 18. The correction ΤΑΥΜΙ for ΤΑΥΜΙ is self-evident.

L. 10: In Ibdin(α)ε again a A has been carved in lieu of A, cf. l. 5. I may add that in Greek and Latin inscriptions from Syria I have often noticed A for A.

On the interpretation and translation of this interesting document the following may be said.

L. 1: I think there is no doubt that ἄρωτι must mean "in the year". The oblique case seems to serve not only for the dative, but also like the Greek dative and the Latin ablative to indicate time and place. - If ἄρωτι, of which I have spoken above on p. 18, means "king", ὀράντων can scarcely mean anything else but "great". Both words are in the oblique case which here has the meaning of a genitive. The word Αρτακάσασσας in noticeable because of its ending. For the s, which usually indicates the subjective case, is here added after the sign of the oblique case. In other cases, like ὀνάσι - ἔνασι etc., the ἀ takes the place of the s. There are two possible explanations for the form in question: (1) the s is here not the sign of the subjective case, but indicates determination like u (s) in Armenian; (2) the sign of the oblique case was not "affixed" to the form Αρτακάσασσας, but "infixed" before the s which was considered as a part of the name, not as the Lydian ending of the subjective case.

L. 2: (h)ταῦμιν is an oblique case; it seems to me that it is a genitive here dependent upon the following noun. This is δατί, a short noun in the oblique case of the plural. It is of course not necessary that after the year the month should also be mentioned, but it is likely to be the case, as above in the bilingual inscription. There is no figure giving the exact day; therefore δατί would stand in the plural and mean "in the days of the month . . . ." A certain similarity between δατί and Etruscan lintī "days" cannot be denied. For in Etruscan d must needs become t; and if we take *din as the root, we might say that this became *dā- in Lydian by a similar development to that which turns Latin in- into ā (en) in modern French; the intermediate stages in both languages would be cn- ā, and we know that in Lydian the i was an open vowel, since it corresponds with Greek s. The name of the month - if ταῦμιν represents it - is unknown to me; the eight known names of Etruscan months furnish no point of comparison. - In būasokīn we have -k and -īn added to the same word; we found a similar case in aktīn above, p. 34. The noun may , be būasot or būasod; but the latter is more likely, because hid follows. What the būasod is I do not know. Since we have the words for tomb, stele, fore-court, couch,
is not much choice left; of the parts of a Lydian tomb—only the door, the front or rear chamber, the steps or the inscription are at our disposal.

L.  3. The word hid is probably a relative pronoun here. We know his as an indefinite pronoun. I think hid stands in the same relation to his as Manelid to Manulis. Relative, interrogative and indefinite pronouns are closely related in many languages. The word katač is probably in the oblique case of the plural; il may be a postposition or a conjunction. For ̄etoʃr̆̆ I have suggested the meaning “inside”, because the lahrisak are in the interior of the tomb.

L.  5: The word məwəndač may be a general term for the whole tomb and may at the same time include the meaning “sacred”.

L.  8: The word hisk is composed of the pronoun his and the conjunction k. I take his to be the relative pronoun. It seems to me very likely that the verb dət̆id means “buries”; for “burying” in the tomb is often forbidden. Moreover the following words ıst es̆̆ (v)anau would be quite in keeping with that meaning, if ıst means “here”, as I suggested above on p. 32.

Ll. 9 ff.: Very little is clear in the sentences that contain the curse or menace or punishment of the infringer, because most of the words are unknown. In l. 10 Artimuc is in the oblique case of the plural; for there are two or three “Artemides” but her name is given only once. Above in the bilingual inscription we had Artimus Ibsinsis Artimek Kulumsis in the singular because the name was repeated. From Ibsimcač Kutumčak (for *Kulunčač-k) we conclude that in the adjectives terminating in -sis the other endings are likewise doubled (-ɛ-ac). A parallel may be found in the Armenian where instead of ink’n “he himself” ink’n-in may also be said, or in the Turkish, where bir-i-si “some one” and baz-y-sy “some” etc. have a double suffix of the 3. person. – The last word of the inscription is -qbuhid. This may be restored as vqbuhid; for vqbahent seems to be of the same stem.

Funerary stele found in the same place as 8. The stone is 101 cm. high, 36 1/2 cm. wide, 9 1/4 cm. thick. The top is smoothly finished. The inscription is 13 1/2 cm., the letters are 1/2-2 cm. high.

1. ıst es̆̆ vanač Atalis Tivdalis Tarvnal̆lis
2. akin kudkanačak Tešaštis Šıvatmliq
3. mūola Şrəaštis Mənulid mùola ak nūhis
4. ̄emu (v)anau kileu buk ̄eminač əsəq gitalad
5. ̄adin fəkmu Artimus hirač helik vəbahent

F.

(L. 13)
In l. 4 \textit{TAMM} is on the stone, but this may be a mistake for \textit{TAIM}. However the words near it are not certain, and in l. 2 we read \textit{kud-kanaires},

The tomb is that of \textit{Ata(s)}, the son of \textit{Tivda(s)}, from \textit{Tari'ias(\textit{\textdegree})}. On the name \textit{Ata(s)} see Kretschmer, p. 349 ff. In \textit{Tivda(s)} the first element may be \textit{tiv} which in Etruscan means "moon, month". In Asia Minor the names Menodoros, Menodotos, Menogenes, Menophilos etc. are very common. They show that the moon-god (or goddess) was worshipped there. This \textit{Men} is in my opinion to be distinguished from the Lydian Manes. Perhaps the goddess \textit{Theta} was the same as \textit{tiv}. And the names \textit{Tvis}, \textit{Tvis} and others may be derived from the name of this goddess.

In \textit{akin} and \textit{ak} of l. 2 the conjunction \textit{ak} "if" cannot be recognized; the \textit{ak} must here have some other meaning. Perhaps it is an independent word for "and" used between the words that are to be connected; cf. Latin \textit{alique} and \textit{-que}.

The word \textit{kudka\text{"a}ires} probably means relatives or persons in some way connected with the owner of the tomb. Perhaps this word is derived from the same root as \textit{kud\text{"a}it} "opposite".

Then follow two groups of three words

\begin{align*}
\textit{tes\text{\'a\text{"a}tid siv\text{"a}mlid mi\text{\"o}la} } \\
\textit{sf\text{\"a\text{"a}tid me\text{"a}talid mi\text{\"o}la} } 
\end{align*}

From 15, l. 1 and 27, l. 1 we know that \textit{Siv\text{"a}m} is the name of a person. The word

\begin{itemize}
\item[1] W. H. Buckler refers to \textit{Torra}, a place name, and \textit{Tarabou}, a personal name; Keil-Premerstein, \textit{Dritte Reihe}, p. 81, No. 113.
\end{itemize}
miōna has already been compared with Miōν; above p. 15. It seems then that teša(t)- and šrfas(t)- are proper names too. The word miōla may signify some grade of relationship. But the meaning is very uncertain. There are besides in these words three problems which I cannot solve as yet: (1) why is the ending -id used here? (2) what does the t in the ending -tid mean? (3) what grammatical form is miōla?

The last two lines contain again the curse, but most of the details escape my knowledge. In l. 5 we have *may then to his disadvantage Artemis destroy all his property*. Cf. above p. 37. There is certainly a connection between ōmū and ōmīnāt; they are likely to be personal pronouns of the 3rd person or demonstrative pronouns. But then ēstāt could scarcely be the same as ēstāt.

**Funerary stele.** This stele was found at the same place as L. 8. Height of stone 75 cm.; width 34½-35½ cm.; thickness 15 cm. Height of inscribed place 6½ cm.; of letters 3½-2 cm. The stone is broken at the top and at the bottom; the back is smooth.

1. ēs- vānač hisredč nimit fēns(uibid)
2. [fa]kmšin sōf.

The inscription may be complete and may simply say "If anybody destroys any of these tombs, may punishment be upon him".

The only certain words are vānač fēns(uibid). The first word, ēs- seems to stand for ēst or ēstāt. The third word must on account of its ending refer to vānač. The fourth word, nimit, has the same suffix as ak-it and his-it. It is not unlikely that nīm is the substantive form of the relative pronoun, like the Arabic man, meaning "he, who" and "whosoever".

**Funerary stele.** This stele was found at the same place as L. 8. Height of stone: 72½ cm. Width: 36 cm. Thickness: 9½ cm. Height of inscription: 17 cm.; of letters: 3½-1½ cm.
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1. ess vā(n)as Sivāmlis Armā-
2. vis. akit his esū vānāu
3. buk estač antolē buk esē-
4. al lahrisāt fēnsūbud
5. fakač višis nivissqē
6. varbōtokid.

This tomb (is) that of Sivām-, son of Armāv-.
If anybody this tomb
or these bodies (?) or these
couches destroys,
may a god upon the godless
take vengeance.

All words occurring in this inscription, except the two names, have been discussed already. The name Sivām- is not known to me from other sources; the name Armāv-
may be the same as ᾳρήματος; cf. Sundwall, p. 54.

Funerary stele. This stele was found at the entrance to a tomb in the northern part of the necropolis of Sārdis, on the hillside facing North. Height of stone 61 cm.;

width 56 cm.; thickness 12 cm., at the top 16 cm. Below the inscription there is a relief of a man lying on a couch to the right, with a woman sitting to the left turning
to the right and apparently conversing with him.
1. brvāc III II Aiōkśāntrū dāē. eś śvānaś ešk mrud
2. Atrastalid Timlelid ardeg alarnē fadol vstaś
3. ak his red fakaś silavad fat nīd ēnsūābid akmū
4. levś sarētaś hisit ēnsūābid esū vānaū
5. buk [sū] vrunū fakmū levś vghahēnt.

The first line undoubtedly contains a date, and it looks as if it ought to mean: “in the fifth year of Alexander”. But there are considerable differences between this date and the date above on p. 50 in No. 11. There we have borlū for “in the year”, and for dāē the meaning “in the days” was suggested. Now it is perfectly possible that in Lydian there were two words for “year”. In Arabic for instance there are three words for “year”, sanah, hōl and ‘ām, and in Arabic documents they alternate with each other. If then borl- and brvā- both mean “year”¹ the passage in this inscription could only be translated “Of the years 5 (i. e. the 5th) in the days of Alexander”, i. e. “in the days of the 5th of the years of Alexander”. Such an expression would seem very strange. Another strange fact would be the omission of the word “king”.

After the date we read:

“This tomb and this stele (are) those of Astraštā(ḥ), the son of Timle(ḥ)”.

Both names are probably Greek. Astraštā(ḥ) seems to be “Ἀστράστας; we even know of an Adrastos, the son of Gordios, who came to Kroisos. Timle(ḥ) seems to be Τιμλός. The name Astraštā(ḥ) seems to indicate that in Lydian d was tending to become t.

Of the second part of l. 2 I do not understand anything. These words may relate to the family of Astraštā(ḥ); or in vst-aś we may recognize the stem viś- “god, divine”.

Again in l. 3 there are several unknown words. It seems that the protasis reaches from ak to ēnsūābid, and that the apodosis consists only of the words akmū levś sarētaś. The word hisred would seem to be composed of his and red; hisredē occurs above p. 53 in L. 14. The ending -taś is also found in vstaś in l. 2. I believe that levś is the name of a deity, since it stands where otherwise Artimūs would stand. There is in Etruscan a nomen divinum which may be compared with this. On the bronze liver from Piacenza, levś is mentioned, and this has been identified with the Lynsa of Martianus Capella; cf. G. KÖRTE, Die Bronzeleber von Piacenza, Mitt. d. K. D. Arch. Inst., Rom 1905, Supplementen 1, XX, p. 365. The general meaning of the words from ak to sarētaś is probably “if anybody preserves these monuments and does not destroy them, to him (may) Levś (be) merciful”. Ll. 4 and 5 are intelligible. From the third word onward we read:

“whosoever destroys this tomb or this stele, may Levś punish him”.

¹ Perhaps they are even both derived from the same root, viz. bor-, if l and v are additional letters.
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K.

(L. 24)

From cast.

From original vase.
Canoe-shaped Vase. This inscription is given in order to show the oldest Lydian characters so far known. The vase will be published and discussed in the Section on Pottery. We are here interested in the inscription only.

This is probably to be transliterated:

\[\text{titišin emēšišā fābil} \]

\[\text{kitāt kītvāt} \]

Several letters have special forms to which attention has been called in Chap. I under their respective headings. The dividing points are also of interest, since they are found in Semitic as well as in Old Greek and Phrygian inscriptions.

The meaning of this inscription is quite obscure. I think however that Atašt and Kitvāt are proper names in the oblique case. We may consider both to have the meaning of genitives and then Atašt might be the son of Kitvāt. We are at once reminded of Ἄτας the son of Ὑτας, in the pedigree of the ancestors of Ἀυδῆς; but this may be accidental. Nor do we know whether Atašt and Kitvāt were divine or human persons.
CHAPTER IV.

Lydian Poetry.

It is a remarkable fact that no less than five inscriptions written in poetry have been found at Sardis. However only one of them is absolutely complete, the others being more or less damaged. In order to give an idea of this poetry I publish here the one complete poem, although very little can be translated. It is on a funerary stele of very fine white marble, which unlike the ordinary Sardian marble contains no traces of blue. The stele has a cap 7 cm. high and 38 cm. wide. The lower part (die) is 102\(\frac{1}{6}\) cm. high; at the top 35\(\frac{1}{2}\) cm., at the bottom 38\(\frac{1}{3}\) cm. wide, and 14 cm. thick. The inscription is 32\(\frac{1}{3}\) cm., its letters are \(\frac{1}{3}-1\frac{1}{3}\) cm. high. It reads, according to the alphabet established above, as follows:

L. 12

1. est mruvaad ḫaristrosū Ṣfarvad aṭrkoû
2. vānūaš viqš ariû | kañareshkās iṣko
3. aṭiš hidad sâq vratû arišānškē kâsho
4. kšētaukiš aṭroloû | lâṣaân sâbaikōl
5. ayaqā ẓaṃũkvednas vâredtâ ū ṣṭaṭō
6. kotaš qât hedkinaad qšād išaânaal umiâd
7. ḫaristroš Ṣrâkāšû | Kâtovališ šiûōš
8. ḫatāsah hašmâqâd | his labtânaâl atrokt
9. Ṣfâdak Artimû ūdē | qahrânu aṭrkoû
10. fākîn est inaâ ašiû ḫaṣâkâû iskot
11. vânuûq diqâ, ṭirâq | his ṣafokīd kaṭośn
12. buk mruvaad fâmûnâtâq | viûs siârūn midi kântrode

The rhyme of this poem is o; No. 19 has the rhyme a; Nos. 27 and 29 again have o; No. 34, which is a very small fragment, has the rhyme i.

I have indicated in my transliteration of these verses (except in ll. 1, 3, 5, 6, 10) that I assume a caesura in the middle of each verse, or perhaps I should rather say that I think each verse consists of two half-verses.

I do not pretend to be able at once to solve all metrical problems in Lydian.
In order to do this one ought to know a good many things some of which will probably never be known. Among other things one ought to know: (1) whether the Lydian accent was more a stress or a pitch; (2) whether the sonants, especially r (cf. aistros, l. 1) were counted as a syllable or not; (3) whether other consonants which seem to constitute a syllable are counted as such or not (cf. ks- in ksbutaiks, l. 4); (4) whether double vowels represented one or two syllables (e.g. mru-va-ad, l. 1, or mru-vad); (5) whether short vowels in open syllables without the accents might be omitted or slurred over in prosody; (6) whether the nasal vowels always counted as a syllable or might sometimes with other vowels constitute a nasal diphthong, e.g. au; (7) whether in prosody syllables that are not written might sometimes be added; (8) whether the caesura always had to come at the end of a word, or whether a part of a word of the first half-verse might be counted as belonging to the second half-verse.

I shall leave the discussion of Lydian metrics to those scholars who are more versed than I in Greek and Latin metrics. However I may venture to call attention to a few points.

From the rhyme syllable in l. 1 it appears that the nasal vowel does not constitute a syllable by itself; for, as we see from the other rhyme syllables, the rhyme vowel must always be in the last syllable. Therefore ou would be almost the same as o. This leads us to assume that perhaps in other cases also au is only one syllable (= au). If we take l. 11 as an example we may read

vānūkt | esāt | efrōl || his fak ofrid | kalōfn |

This would be, quantities neglected, somewhat like an iambic trimeter, i.e. two half-verses, each of which had three feet consisting of an unaccented and an accented
syllable. This order—not the order: accented and unaccented—is given, because the last syllable, the rhyme syllable, certainly had the stress. Now into this scheme the whole poem might be pressed. If we do that we must assume: (1) that the caesura may sometimes come in the middle of a word; (2) that the sonants may sometimes be counted as a syllable, sometimes not; (3) that nasal vowels sometimes constituted a syllable, but generally not; (4) that double vowels are always counted as one syllable; (5) that quantity played no rôle whatsoever. The whole would then look like this:

1. est mru voaad Saristrośu Sfarvad asfrokō
2. vănūaš | viqš āreū | kaṇa'redhuś | iskon
3. aśiš | hiṣad | savél vra'tuč | arš ūnásyś | kaśnuōd
4. kṣētuṇōkš | atṛ'golū | tasaā ū fa'daţukōd
5. avkal | ūtam ēwed'maś va'reditai | šfatoś
6. kotaś | qat he'd ḳhād qē'ład | va'saād | ūmōd
7. Saristrośu | Srkastuś | Katovalis | śu'nos
8. datrośis hau'miųad | his lab'čānaal | atrokl
9. Šfardak | Arti muū dāč | qahr'laai asfrokō
10. fak(i)n est | inal adač'lu | ak saakmi | iskōd
11. vănūak | esētā | isfrol | his fakofořid | kalofn.
12. buk mru voațu fak miuatać | vissi | vaarš nīd | kantrod.

I admit that this is not very inviting or satisfactory. Although the only thing known about Lydian accent is the fact that suffixes had no stress (cf. fak-it-in > faktin, above p. 36; vănūak-it > vănūak here, l. 11), I think that it would be incredible to accentuate Šfardāk | Arti muū (l. 9), unless Lydian had lost its stress altogether. Then this metre would be nothing but a counting of syllables as in the Awesta,¹ in Syriac poetry and in the French blank verse. It seems to me therefore at present more likely that the Lydian verse consisted of two half-verses, each of which had three arses, without regard to the theses. If that is so, this verse would have some similarity with the Latin Saturnian verse.² This would enable us to discard 1) the caesura in the middle of words, which from the beginning seemed to me rather improbable; 2) the regular ictus, and especially the accent on syllables which in all probability never had the stress. Then in l. 1 the caesura would come after Saristrośu; in l. 3 after vratuč; in l. 5 after ētamēwedmaš, unless maš is a word by itself and only erroneously written together with the preceding word; in l. 6 after qēśad; in l. 10 after adalu.

And this metre would have its parallel not only in Old Latin, but also in Old Hebrew, and especially in modern Tigré.

¹ Prof. Wackernagel called my attention to this fact.
² Cf. the latest discussion by C. Thulin, Italische sakrale Poesie und Prosä, pp. 21 ff.
A word is to be said of the rhyme. We here have the earliest rhyme in the history of human literature. Of course, occasional assonances have been observed as an embellishment of poetry in Hebrew, in later Sanskrit artistic poetry, in Latin, perhaps even in Old Egyptian; but in Lydian the rhyme for the first time has been made the distinguishing feature of poetry, and for the first time it is found throughout the poem, as in Arabic and Abyssinian poetry and in the tirades of the Middle Ages. In Etruscan the rhyme was beginning to be used, as we see from verses in the long text from Agram:

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\begin{align*}
&\text{(male) ceia hia etnam ciz vacl trin vel}2re \\
&\text{male ceia hia etnam ciz vacl aissvale} \\
&\text{male ceia hia trin}3\text{ etnam ciz ale} \\
&\text{male ceia hia etnam ciz vacl vile vale.}
\end{align*}
\]

But it did not become a fundamental principle of poetry as in Lydian.

The Lydian rhyme is no rhyme in our modern sense. We should call it but an assonance. It depends entirely upon the vowel; the consonants do not matter at all. The reason probably was that when the verses were sung the last vowel of each verse was lengthened and its note held, so that only the vowel was of real importance. Therefore we have rhymes here like -où, -oš, -ođ, -oł, -ołkl, -oʃn, -ođ, and in No. 19: -ad, -as, -aʊk, -aʃ, -aʃt, etc. The rhymes in the older Surahs of the Koran are very similar; cf. Surah 101: -aįš, -aįsf, -aʃ, -aʃuf; or Surah 113: -aľaŋ, -aŋab, -aŋad, -aʃad. In Tigré we find such rhymes as -uʃ, -uq, (see my Public. of the Princeton Exped. to Abyssinia III, No. 25, v. 10, 11), or -aʃen, -aʃen, -aʃer, -aʃel, -aʃel, etc. (ib. No. 67, 1 ff), or -aʃit, -aʃi, -aʃi, -aʃi (ib. No. 338) and the like. We see that there is much similarity in the form of the rhyme between Lydians, Arabs and Abyssinians. The Abyssinians probably learned the rhyme from the Arabs, but the Arabs did not learn it from the Lydians. However, it is possible that the home of our European rhymed poetry is in Lydia. The Greeks would have learned it from the Lydians, the later Romans from the Greeks, and from Roman church poetry it was passed on to the modern languages. Whether in trying to trace European rhyme back to its origin we should take no account of Arabic rhyme, is a question which cannot here be answered.

The inscription was probably written for a certain Saristroš, son of Katovaš, a citizen of Sardis. The first line may perhaps be translated "This stele (is) that of Saristroš(š), a Sardian citizen". Lines 2–6 probably contain an eulogy of this man. L. 7 gives his name more fully;² if Šušoš means "son", it could scarcely be dissociated from the Indo-Germanic sunu etc. In ll. 8–12 the Sardian Artemis is invoked against infringers, and their punishment is described. It seems that there are two kinds of infringers, and that the former are to pay a certain sum of money (cf. ada-šu

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¹ Cf. Thulin, J. c. p. 5 and p. 11.
² See below Chap. VI, 11.
in l. 10 with the Lycian *ada*, while the latter are to be destroyed by the deity (*vissis* in l. 12). What the former and the latter are supposed to do to the tomb (*vānīas*, l. 2, *vāninakl*, l. 11) or to the stele (*mrūvaad*, l. 1; *mrūvaan*, l. 12) cannot be stated as yet. The forms *mrūvaad* and Ṣfarvad (for *mrud* and Ṣfard) are undoubtedly poetic, archaic forms. A perfect parallel to Ṣfarvad would be the Lycian *tlawa*; cf. Sundwall, p. 279. Perhaps Ṣfardak – if this means Sardian, which is very likely – is also an archaic form; it would then remind us of Etruscan *-α* in rumα* “Roman”. We saw above that in prose different forms of gentilicia are used.
CHAPTER V.

Notes on Lydian Grammar.

On the basis of what has been stated in the fore-going chapters it is possible to form an opinion upon certain grammatical features in Lydian. This chapter is bound to be very meagre. Let us hope that the longer inscriptions will soon be better understood and that our knowledge of Lydian grammar and of the Lydian lexicon will become more complete.

A. Phonology.

§ 1. Consonants.

Lydian has three labial consonants: $b$, $f$ and $v$. In one case $f$ is written for $b$, above p. 35; but this is probably due to a mistake, not to a phonetic change. The sound $b$ takes the place of $β$, $π$ and $γ$; see above p. 4.

There are two dental consonants: $d$ and $t$. But it seems that in foreign names $d$ was changed; cf. Katova(s), Aűksantru(s) and Atrašts(s), above pp. 6, 11 and 55, also est mrud. There is no $δ$ in Lydian, see above p. 7.

There are two or perhaps more gutturals in Lydian: $k$ (?), $q$ (ʔ); perhaps $l$ (ʔ?) and $t$ (if this is the old Greek $χ$, i.e. the aspirated voiceless guttural explosive). On $t$ see above p. 4. If $t$ is $g$, the $g$ interchanges with $k$.

There are three sibilants, $s$ (ʔ), $s$ (i) and $c$ (ʔ), if the last may be placed in this group. Lydian $s$ seems to be rendered by $ס$ in Aramaic in the name of Sardis; cf. above p. 10. And Lydian $s$ becomes $š$ when $s$ and $š$ follow each other directly; cf. $es-š > ešš$, and viš-sis > viššis, above p. 31 and p. 45.

Finally there are the so-called "liquids" $l$, $m$, $n$, $r$, and the guttural $ŋ$ (ʔ). All of them seem to be able to form syllables. For $l$ compare atrokl (12, l. 8); for $m$: akyn (in 4, several times); for $n$: katofyn (12, l. 11), and the ending -mŋ in livraũmy (11, l. 10) and alarnŋ (16, l. 17); for $r$: astrykoũ (12, l. 1 and in several other passages), šqfaštidd (13, l. 3); brvāič (26, l. 1), šrkastuš (12, l. 7), šrmilis (30, l. 3). It may here be added that certain voiceless consonants may also form syllables; cf. kšbutauš (12, l. 4), všlas (26, l. 2), in which $š$ takes the place of a vowel; in vqbaheňt (passim) $q$ seems to take this place, but I think it should really be pronounced vqbaheňt.
The sounds \( l \) and \( r \) seem to interchange; compare \( \text{Σξ} \) with \( \text{חלקא} \) above, p. 2 and 28; furthermore \( \text{ברק} \) (16, l. 3) with \( \text{ברק} \) (30, l. 16). Also \( n \) and \( \ddot{n} \) interchange; but here we may have mere orthographic variants, cf. the ending \( -i\ddot{n} \) (11, 2; 22, 10) and \( -in \) (passim).

It is to be noted that no certain case of a word beginning with \( r \) has been found in Lydian. This reminds us of Turkish; no genuine Turkish words begin with \( r \), and I have heard in Asia Minor from Turks orum for Rûm “Greeks”, orus for Rûs “Russians”, orobalar “clothes” (from Italian roba).

**Annotations.**

1. On the change of voiced and voiceless consonants.

It was noted above that in a few cases \( d \) is changed into \( t \), i.e. that \( d \) loses its voice. In other cases however the use of \( d \) is very consistent, e.g. in the endings \( -ad, -ed, -id, -od, -ud \), in which a change from \( d \) to \( t \) would be most naturally expected. In one case \( -d \) seems to have become \( -t \), viz. est “this”; cf. est mrud “this stele”. It is therefore not very likely that in cases like atrokl and katofn where \( l \) and \( n \) follow at the end after a voiceless consonant, this \( l \) and this \( n \) should lose their voice. But both words are at the ends of verses in No. 12; since the rhyme is based on the vowel and since this vowel was probably emphasized in singing, it is possible that the consonants after this rhyme vowel were not strongly articulated and perhaps became voiceless. I have heard voiceless \( l \) and \( r \) in the Turkish of Asia Minor and of Northern Syria, in the Arabic dialect of Syria and especially in that of Egypt, finally in the traditional pronunciation of Ethiopic at Aksum.

2. On the doubling of consonants.

Double consonants are rather rare in Lydian. This is probably only a difference in writing. Either double consonants were pronounced but not always written; or long consonants were gradually shortened, as for instance in French, in most German dialects and in Jacobite Syriac. There are several words in which double and single consonants interchange; see ess and es, above p. 31; viis is and viis, uvivisq and uvivisq, above p. 45; dumn\( \ddot{m} \)t and dumn\( \ddot{m} \)is, in No. 27; dumn\( \ddot{m} \)is, in 16, l. 3 and dumn\( \ddot{m} \), in 29, l. 1. The last root occurs also in the word dumn\( \ddot{m} \)s (4, l. 2); the original root then is dumn\( \ddot{m} \): dumn\( \ddot{m} \)s is the subjective case, dumn\( \ddot{m} \) and dumn\( \ddot{m} \)a are objective cases, dumn\( \ddot{m} \)is and dumn\( \ddot{m} \)s are probably adjectives. Double \( l \) occurs in sellis (in one case serlis, see above l. 2); qitollad, in 7, l. 9; 30, l. 7 (cf. however qitadal, 13, l. 4); Bakillis, in 4, l. 9, Bakillis, in 17, l. 1 (cf. however Bakivalis in 18 and 25, Bakivaliū in 16, l. 22), quellī in 11, l. 1; perhaps also fellania, in 16, l. 6, but this

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1 Prof. Wackerhaged reminded me also of the fact that no genuine Greek words begin with \( r \) and that the same holds true also of the Basque language.
mây be a mistake for *fēnain, cf. *fēnail, in 34, l. 2. Double ū is found in Nannaš, 25; double ǔ in savasā, 30, l. 21, cf. savē in 12, l. 3. A double ĭ has not been found, but the name Aēz, for which Kretschmer, p. 350, gives a great many references, is spelt -ATA in Lydian; cf. Atalid in 5, l. 2; Atalīs in 13, l. 1; Atān in 24, l. 2.

3. Vowels.

Lydian has six simple vowels, ā, ē, ē, ū, u, o, and three nasal vowels m, ṭ, ṭ (ā, ę, ū, ū, u). The vowel ă is seldom used and is usually replaced by ī, see above p. 19.

We have no means of determining whether these vowels were short or long. In a few cases a double ā is written, and this again interchanges with a single ā, cf. haasū in 27, l. 2, nihaaslad in 29, l. 6; nihaasū in 27, l. 9; mruvaad in 12, l. 1; Śfarvad ib.; mruvaan in 12, l. 12. In one case a double ĭ found; cf. ṭatt in 4, l. 5 and 10. The most natural conclusion from these facts seems to me that where double vowels were written, long vowels were intended, but that in Lydian long vowels were in course of time shortened in the same way as long consonants.

Sometimes a short vowel was probably pronounced but not written, as in Armenian; see above p. 18.

The vowel u seems to interchange with the consonant ǔ; see above p. 11. This may indicate that there was the same relation between u and ǔ in Lydian as in all Semitic languages.

The vowel ī must have been a very open vowel, see above p. 3.

4. Accent.

The only thing that can be said with regard to accent in Lydian is that the suffixes did not have the stress, and that the stress on one of the preceding syllables seems to have been strong enough to suppress the vowel of the suffix; cf. aktin for *ak-ī-in, above p. 36; Ibsīmis for *Ibsīm-is-is, p. 36; akmūt and akmūt, p. 42; vānūkt probably for vānūk-īt (12, l. 11). If Timlelid in 26, l. 2 is derived from Tmēnus, we should have in Lydian *Timleš for Greek Timolaos; this would indicate a strong stress on the first syllable in Lydian, strong enough to elide the ū in the second syllable and to reduce the ū to e. Cf. also *Ibēs for *Ibēs (Ἰβης); Sīvra for *Sīvrai (=Simiran-a Σμηραί). But in words like vēkahēnt and vēlas a short ī seems to have been elided at the beginning on account of the stress on the last syllable.

5. Abbreviations.

At the end of Inscr. 16 there are two words which as they stand can hardly be pronounced and which I take to be abbreviations or sigla. There are two additional sentences written on the side or margin of No. 16; they read

and
The word *mnat* cannot yet be translated. It may be a demonstrative pronoun or mean “the said”. *Bakivali mruud* seems to be a genitive construction, meaning “Bakivalis' stele”. The letters *bnl* may mean “is sacrosanct”; cf. *bavafuni*...., above p. 44.

In the second sentence I believe that *¢* certainly stands for *mruu*. Then the whole would be “now (-it) this stele (*sii mruu*) if anybody (*bis, literally "he, who") destroys, may a god take vengeance upon the godless”.

L. 22 reads *¶* *¶¶¶¶*... and the fragment of an inscription from a column-drum of the Kroisean temple of Artemis at Ephesos, now in the British Museum,1 gives the letters *¶¶¶¶*. It seems that *in* is also an abbreviation of some fuller word, probably a verb meaning “he dedicated”. If the name of Kroisos had been on the column at Ephesos the inscription might be read

1. **Personal Pronouns.**

A personal pronoun of the first and second persons has not yet been discovered; nor is it very likely that such forms will be found in the funerary inscriptions from Sardis, unless it should be proved that in the poetical inscriptions the dead are addressed or speak themselves.

A personal pronoun of the third person seems to be the word *bis*; but this may originally be a demonstrative pronoun. It would not be impossible to assume several demonstrative pronouns; for in Armenian as well as in the Caucasian languages these exist in considerable variety. The exact meaning of the following forms cannot be determined. We should have

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Besides the independent forms there are as suffixes in Lydian

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1 This fragment was communicated to me by W. H. Buckler. It has been published by Newton in *Trans. Soc. Bibl. Archæol.* IV, 1876, p. 334.
5. **Possessive Pronoun.**

According to p. 37 above, we should have

Subj. case  \( \text{bilis} \)  |  his.
Obl. case  \( \text{bili} \)  

3. **Demonstrative Pronoun.**

Subj. case  \( \text{es}(\varepsilon) \)  |  \( \text{est} \)  |  this
Obl. case  \( \text{es} \)  |  \( \text{esta} \)  |  \( \text{these} \).

4. **Relative Pronoun.**

Subj. case  \( \text{his} \)  |  \( \text{hid} \)  |  he who, that which.
Obl. case  \( \text{hu} \)  

It seems that \( \text{his} \) etc. is originally an adjective form like \( \text{ai(y)} \) in the Semitic interrogative. The corresponding substantive form seems to be \( \text{nim} \), which would have the same use as Semitic \( \text{ma} \); cf. \( \text{nim-\varepsilon} \), above p. 53.

But \( \text{nim} \) as well as \( \text{his} \) seem to be originally interrogative pronouns, used in relative sentences only with the meaning \( \text{he who} = \text{whosoever} = \text{if anybody} \); such an use would have its parallels in Semitic, and perhaps in Middle High-German \( \text{swör} \), etc.

5. **Indefinite Pronouns.**

Some of the forms mentioned in § 4 are found by themselves, or with prefixes, or with suffixes, as indefinite pronouns. Such forms are

Subj. case  \( \text{his} \)  |  \( \text{hid} \)  |  \( \text{hisk} \)  |  \( \text{his-it} \)  |  \( \text{nà-his} \)  |  \( \text{nà-hid} \)  |  \( \text{nim-it} \)
Obl. case  \( \text{hu} \)  |  \( \text{hùk} \)  

Besides these forms there is a word \( \text{helik} \) which must have the meaning of an indefinite pronoun or perhaps mean "all"; cf. above p. 36. The subjective case of this word would probably be \( \text{helik}(\varepsilon) \) or \( \text{helik} \) (for \( \text{helid-k} \)).

C. **Substantives.**

So far two cases have been found in Lydian with certainty. I have called these the subjective case and the oblique case; but this is of course only a makeshift. In the singular the subjective case has the ending \( -s \) or \( -d \), the oblique case has the ending \( -u \). The endings \( -s \) and \( -d \) disappear when \( u \) is added; also when other endings such as \( -k \) "and", \( -\ell \), \( -m\ell \) (adjective endings), \( -l \) (probably an old genitive ending) are joined to the stem. We have then the paradigm

Subj. case  \( \text{vānas} \)  "tomb"  |  \( \text{mrud} \)  "stele"
Obl. case  \( \text{vānāu} \)  |  \( \text{mrud} \)  

Whether \( -s \) and \( -d \) denote different genders cannot be decided yet. The demonstrative pronoun \( \varepsilon s \) agrees with the following substantives: \( \varepsilon s \) (for \( *\varepsilon s \)) \( \text{vānas} \), \( \text{est mrud} \).
These endings may just as well be signs of classes as signs of genders. Furthermore I do not wish as yet to say anything with regard to -a-, -e-, -i-, -o- and -u- stems. All five vowels and even some of the nasal vowels occur before the endings -s and d. The words ending in -aš, eš, tš, -iš, -oš, -uš are probably all substantives or adjectives, those ending in -ad, -ed, -id, -od, -ud may be either substantives, adjectives or verbs.

The ending -l, which seems to signify an old genitive, occurs after different consonants, after a, after o and after u. Such forms occur several times, but I have not in a single case been able to determine the meaning of these words with absolute certainty. Many of them may be genitives, others verb forms. The conclusion that -l is an old genitive ending is suggested by the adjectives of appurtenance, viz. -lis, -lid; cf. above p. 33.

The oblique case ending in ā evidently has many different functions. It seems to include the meanings of the genitive, dative, accusative, locative and of a temporal case. The words oraǔ quvellă Artaksassatē in 11, l. 1 and Aūiksanruv in 26, l. 1 are in all probability genitives. The meaning of a dative was suggested above p. 37 for the suffix -mū. The meaning of a dative or an accusative is implied in the words esū vānaǔ buk esū mruvā which occur very frequently, followed or preceded by the verb fensūibid "he destroys". We do not know which case this verb takes; but it is likely that it takes either the dative or the accusative. Again in ist Šfarū and in ist esū vānaǔ the oblique case probably has the meaning of a locative; cf. above p. 32. In borlū, a word which in all likelihood means "in the year", it would have the function of a temporal case.

It is not unlikely that other case-endings will later on be discovered. However the existence of only two cases in Lydian would have its parallels in other languages, e.g. Persian and one of the newly discovered Indo-Germanic languages of Central Asia; for the latter see MEILLET in Indogermanisches Jahrbuch, I, p. 10–11.

In the plural the subjective case very probably has the ending -k, the oblique case certainly has the ending -ē (?); see above p. 31. In the demonstrative pronoun the oblique case of the plural has a double ending, viz. esē-al. The meanings of the oblique case of the singular seem to occur also in the plural. We have brovē "of the years", above p. 55 for the genitive, esē-lahrisē "(to) these funeral couches" for the dative or accusative, dēt "in the days", above p. 50 for the temporal case; all this, of course would only be true if my readings and translations of these words are correct.

D. Adjectives.

Adjectives of appurtenance are formed by the ending -li. A paradigm would be

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Another adjective ending is -is, and reduplicated -sis (for *isis). The simple ending -is occurs quite frequently, but the words containing it cannot be translated. The ending -sis is found in vissis (for *vissis) to which I have tentatively assigned the meaning "divine, deity". Again in occurs in brafrsis (7, l. 7) and mòvèsis (27, l. 3). The same ending -sis is probably contained in misis; for the -m- is rather a remnant of a case ending. The word Ibsī-m-sis means "Ephesian"; cf. above p. 36.

In 12, l. 9 we read Šfardak Artimu. It seems that -ak is an obsolete adjective ending denoting origin or appurtenance. The two words would then mean "to (or: of) the Sardian Artemis". But we cannot be sure of this since the word Šfardak occurs only once more, in the fragment 23 where the following word is lost.

Again from the same word Šfard several forms are derived which may have a meaning similar to the one just suggested. They are Šfardēnū, Šfardētū, Šfardētak, Šfardētik, Šfardētac. It seems that Šfardētak (subj. case) and Šfardētac (obl. case) are plural forms meaning "the Sardians". Šfardētū would then be the oblique case of the singular. Šfardētik may possibly stand for Šfardēntis + k. But I have found no parallel to Šfardenū. Perhaps -ent- is composed of -en- and -t-. Or t is here really d, and t after n should be pronounced d as in Lycian; in that case the d might be a hybrid sound developed from nū. But this is all very uncertain. On the question of -nt- and -nd- cf. Kretschmer, pp. 293 ff.

E. Verbs.

Although there are undoubtedly quite a large number of verb forms in the Lydian inscriptions from Sardis, I have been able to recognize only a very few of them with some degree of probability.

The standard verb of these inscriptions is (f)ensūlid which means "he destroys" or "he damages". There is scarcely any doubt that it is in the third person of the singular. So the -d is probably the ending characteristic of this person under certain circumstances. Furthermore f is a prefix, -en- probably also a prefix, or a preposition; -bi- or -ti- may be a sign of the mood; then sū or sūi would be the root.

Another common form is vyaḥent. In No. 1 it stands after "Hūdāns and Artemis"; in No. 17 after "Artemis of Ephesos and Artemis of Koloē"; in 13 after Artimu, in 24 after Levē. We have therefore the same form in two cases where we expect a plural, and in two cases where we expect a singular, unless Artimu and Levē be also plural forms. If the latter be true, my notes on the plural of the substantives should be revised. Leaving this question aside for the present I venture to suggest that vyaḥent is really a form in the third person of the plural; then -nt, or -ent would be the sign characteristic of this form.

Other verbs are varbtokid and varbtod, katsarlokid, d(e)tdid. It is possible that varbtod is only a mistake for varbtokid; for the former occurs only once, the latter
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four times. The substantive to which this verb refers is always \( \text{vis}(\mid)\text{is} \). Thus we have another instance of \( -\text{d} \) as the sign of the third person sing. The verb \( \text{d}(\mid)\text{did} \) occurs in 11, l. 8, after \( \text{his}-\text{k} \); see above p. 49. This again is a singular. But \( \text{katsarlokid} \) is found in the three following passages:

7, l. 3-4. \( \text{Hudæns} \text{Tavsa} \text{Artimuk} \text{Ibïmis} \text{is} \text{katsarlokid} \)
7, l. 10. \( \text{Hudæ} \text{nk} \text{Artimuk} \text{katsarlokid} \)
30, l. 12-13. \( \text{Artimuš} \text{Ibïmis} \text{is} \text{katsarlokid} \).

In the first two instances it refers to two deities; in the last to one only. Here again there is the same uncertainty as in the case of \( \text{vghâen} \).

**F. Particles.**

The Lydian particles so far recognized are

(1) independent words, (2) suffixes, (3) prefixes.

(1) The independent words are \( \text{ak}, \text{buk}, \text{nik} \).

\( \text{ak} \) is the conditional particle; its place is always at the beginning of the protasis; it corresponds with \( \text{fak} \) at the beginning of the apodosis. Only in one case is the apodosis introduced by \( \text{ak} \); and there the protasis has no \( \text{ak} \), but a relative pronoun with conditional meaning, viz. \( \text{es} \text{it} \text{mr}(\text{u})\text{h} \text{is} \text{fensîbîd} \text{aka} \text{ê viîsis} \text{etc.} \), 16, l. 23 f. Generally however it is found with suffixes, mostly \( -\text{i}t \), sometimes \( -\text{it}+\text{-in} \); if the last two are added the word becomes \( \text{ak} \text{tin} \). Cf. above p. 34 and below the notes on Lydian Syntax. Evidently \( \text{ak} \) has sometimes another function besides that of introducing conditional clauses. For it seems also to be an independent word for "and"; see above p. 52. Perhaps this is even the original meaning of our particle; cf. \( \text{unde} \) with conditional clauses in Middle High German.

\( \text{buk} \) means "or"; see above p. 34.

\( \text{nik} \) seems to be composed of the negative \( \text{ni} \) and the suffix \( -\text{k} \); its meaning is probably "neither". See above p. 37 \( \text{nik} \text{bis} \text{nik} \text{bîlis} \).

(2) The suffixed particles are \( -\text{k}, -\text{it}, -\text{in} \).

(a) \( -\text{k} \) is the usual particle for "and"; see above p. 31. In such cases the endings of the subjective case (\( \text{-s}, \text{-s}, -\text{d} \)) are dropped; cf. \( \text{Artimu} \text{k} \) for \( \text{Artimuš}+\text{k} \), \( \text{hik} \) for \( \text{his}+\text{k} \), \( \text{mruk} \) for \( \text{mrud}+\text{k} \). But the ending of the oblique case is retained; cf. \( \text{Artimu} \text{uk}, \text{hük}, \text{mrûuk} \). Sometimes \( -\text{k} \) is repeated, in the same way as Latin \( \text{que} \) and Greek \( \in \); in L. 7, l. 10 \( \text{Hudänk} \text{Artimuk} \) must mean "\( \text{Hudâns} \) as well as \( \text{Artemis} \). Another meaning of \( -\text{k} \) is that of a generalizing particle; cf. above p. 36. In this case the ending of the subjective case seems to be kept; cf. \( \text{his} \text{k}, \text{hük}, \text{helûk} \) (above p. 67).

(b) \( -\text{it} \) is generally found at the beginning of conditional clauses; it is added to \( \text{ak} \) as well as to other words taking its place, viz. \( \text{his} \) and \( \text{nim} \), or even to any word of the protasis: \( \text{his} \text{it} \text{fensîbîd} \text{es} \text{vâna} \text{u} \text{etc.} \) "whosoever (or: if anybody) destroys this tomb" etc., 26, ll. 4-5. The sentence in 14 \( \text{es} \text{-vâna} \text{é hisred} \text{ê nimit} \text{fen} \text{fisibid} \) is
not absolutely certain, but I believe that nim-it here has the same meaning as his-il, and that the object is here placed before the verb and before the conditional pronoun: "these tombs... if anybody destroys". This order of words reminds us of Turkish, Abyssinian and Bavarian constructions. The same order is found in a case in which -it is joined to another word; cf. ṣweb nr(wi) his fensübid 16, l. 23. When a personal suffix and this suffix -it come together, the former precedes the latter; cf. ak-mu-il and ak-mu-t, above p. 42.

(c) -in seems to have the function of a concluding particle; cf. above p. 34. It occurs almost always together with -it or -k, and follows them; we have then -in and -kin. Perhaps it was originally -iū, for in a few cases we read ʕiʃ instead of ʕiʃ.

(3) The prefixed particles are f- and nā-.

(a) f- occurs chiefly in the apodosis of conditional constructions; cf. above p. 33 sq. In many words beginning with f- it may also be a prefix or a preposition prefixed to a verb or a noun; but we are not able yet to analyze these words. Cf. fensübid and fensübid above p. 44 and fetámcid akš his émi étamé in 7, l. 18–19.

(b) nā- is prefixed to the pronoun his in order to make it an indefinite pronoun; nā-his anybody, cf. above p. 35. It is also found at the beginning of several other words.

(c) It seems that ṝ- (or ṝn-) is also a prefix or a preposition used in compound nouns or verbs. But its meaning is unknown.

(4) Infixes.

A few words are to said with regard to infixes. It seems that a number of syllables are added to verbs or nouns between the stem and the ending. These syllables may be formative elements of declension or of conjugation or so-called "infixes" expressing different shades of meaning not connected with the inflexion. Above pp. 11 and 62 attention was called to the syllable -va- in mruvaad and Ṣfarvad; on p. 45 to the syllable -to- in varbokid; -to- may also belong to this category, an inference suggested by the verb katsarlokid. And if we compare the words savé, savvaš (sav-vaš) and savlarid we conclude that sav- is the stem, -va- is the same element as in mruvaad, and -ta- is another "infixed" element. Nothing can be said of the meanings of these syllables, except that -va- does not seem much to change the signification of the original. Cf. Sundwall, p. 279.

G. Notes on Syntax.

It sounds almost audacious to speak of syntax with regard to such an unknown language. But I intend only to present a few remarks on the order of words in these sentences which are fairly intelligible.

(1) Position of the pronoun.

The pronoun es- "this" stands in our inscriptions always before the substantive,
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Cf. es(6) vānaṣ “this tomb”, est mrud “this stele”; in the oblique esū vānaṣ, esū mrud; estāc lahrisaç, estāc māvādāt, etc.

(2) Position of the adjective.

The adjective seems generally to follow the substantive; cf. akad Manuil Kum-lilid, above p. 33, Artimus Ibsimsis, above p. 35 and elsewhere. But if Špardak Artimūu in 12, l. 9 means the Sardian Artemis we should there have the adjective before the substantive; it is to be noted however that this inscription is written in poetry, so that one might expect the usual order of words to be changed.

(3) Position of the “genitive”.

The oblique case that seems to serve as a genitive may either follow or precede the word on which it depends; cf. bortî XV oraū quvellū “in the year 15 of the great king”, but Aūksantru dāc “in the days of Alexander” (if my interpretation be correct), and Bakivalū mrud, above p. 66.

(4) Order of subject, object and predicate.

So far I have carefully avoided speaking of subject, object and predicate, because we do not know at all the internal structure of Lydian. I have spoken only of the substantive and the oblique cases and of verbs, and these are meant when I adopt here these grammatical categories known to us from Indo-Germanic and Semitic languages.

It seems that the usual order in Lydian is the following: subject – object – predicate. A standard example would be

\[
\text{akit nāhis esū vānaṣ fēnsūibid}
\]

if anybody this tomb destroys

\[
\text{fakaç viṣis niviṣqē varbtokid}
\]

then a deity upon the godless shall take vengeance.

The word f-ak-āc however indicates that we have not yet penetrated all the mysteries of this comparatively simple construction. I assume that -āc is a personal suffix of the third person plural: if it corresponds to the so-called dativus ethicus or dativus incommodi we should here have an “indirect object” besides a “direct object”; but if it has the meaning of a direct objective it may be used with a sort of prolepsis, and a literal translation would be: “then – upon them – a deity upon the godless shall take vengeance”. In this case the object would be expressed twice, once before the subject by a suffix added to the particle, and once after the subject by a substantive in the oblique case.

The rule “subject – object – predicate” has however many exceptions, as may be seen from the following examples.

(a) Order: (1) subject (2) object (3) predicate.

\[
\text{akit (1) nāhis (2) esū vānaṣ buk lahrisaç buk helai (3) fēnsūibid fakaç (1) viṣis}
\]

(2) niviṣqê (3) varbtokid, in No. 6.
H. List of endings.

It is perhaps of some use to give here a complete list of Lydian endings so far as I have been able to recognize them in our inscriptions. In the foregoing pages many of them have been mentioned, and suggestions have been made as to their probable meanings. I shall now give an alphabetical list of them without any reference to their meanings. I have arranged them with regard to the characteristic consonant of the ending.

Endings with d.

-ad (very frequent); -od (very rare); -id (frequent, cf. also -lid below); -ida (very rare, only in hida); -od (frequent); -nd (rare); -lad (? , very rare); -nad (very rare); -kid (rare); -lid (frequent); -tid (very rare); -rd or -ord (only in one word, qivard).
Endings with -v.

Endings with -k.

-k following a consonant is rather rare; but it is very likely that in most of the following endings the -k is the real suffix whereas the vowels belong to the stems.

-ak (frequent); -ek and -îk (very rare); -ok (rare); -uk and -âk (very rare); -âk (rare); -kin and -kîn (rare) = -k + in, (see -in); -ks in ks-lutai-kś, 12, 1. 4; -kit (= -k + it, rare).

Endings with -l.

On -l and -îl following a vowel the same is to be said as on -k. -l (rare); -al (rare); -el (very rare); -îl (frequent); -ol (rare).

-la (only in Mūola); -lad (very rare); -laś (very rare); -lin (?) (very rare, probably -l + in); -lū (very frequent).

Endings with -m.

-m (after consonant); -am; -im; -um; -ām; all of them are very rare. -mn (very rare, perhaps = -m + in); -mś is rather frequent, in most cases the words end in -kms; -mū (frequent); -mūt and -mūt (= -mū + -l; rare).

Endings with n.

-n (after consonant, very rare); -nu (rare); -in (frequent), sometimes written -iñ, cf. -kīn; -on (very rare). -nin (rare, probably -in reduplicated); -lin (rare, = -it + in).

Ending with ň.

Only the ending -enū in Šfardeñū; but cf. also the other forms Šfardeñak etc., above p. 69.

Endings with -s.

-s (after consonants), -as and -âs (very rare); -is (frequent); -îs (very frequent); -mis (rare); -sis (= -is reduplicated, rare).

Endings with ŝ.

-š (after consonants, especially -r, frequent); -as (very frequent); -es (very rare); -iš (rare); -os (frequent); -us (only in Arlimus); -âs, -âs, and -âs (very rare).

Endings with -t.

-t (after consonants, rare; perhaps = -it with elision of the -i-); -at (frequent); -ît (very frequent); -int (very rare); -ot (rare); -ât and -ânt (very rare); -ît and -înt (rare); -ût and -ûnt (rare). -kit (see above under -k); -tū (very frequent).

Endings with -u.

It is not certain whether -u is a separate ending in Lydian; above under -n an ending -nu was mentioned. Here the words kantoru and amu (or amu-k) are to be mentioned, in which -u seems to be an ending.
### I. The Vocabulary.

There are not yet very many Lydian words the meanings of which are firmly established. But in order to give a short résumé of what seems to have been determined with more or less certainty I shall here give an alphabetical list of such words; all of them have been mentioned in the preceding chapters.

| TA98A | "court" (obl. case). |
| 1A | "if" or a particle of comparison; also T14A and T11A etc.—(2) "and".—(3) suffix of appurtenance. |
| 4A1O1A | "property". |
| A107A | "bodies" (?), obl. case. |
| T111A8 | Dionysiac; obl. case T114A8 |
| T116 | "his" (?) — T118 "he" (?) |
| T198 | "house" (obl. case). |
| T198 | "in the year". |
| R198 | "of the years". Both words may have the same stem, viz. bor; one would have been amplified by means of -/;, the other by -va-. |
| 118 | "or". |
| 1099A118 | "fore-court" (?). |

#### Endings with -u.

The ending -u is unusually frequent; it occurs after consonants as well as after vowels; with vowels we should have -a/u, -e/u, -o/u, -u/u.

#### Endings with -e.

-at (very frequent); -ut (rare); -al (frequent); -et (rare); ual (very rare).
-ale (frequent); -el (frequent); -al (very rare); -mel (very rare); -se, -tel, and -te (very rare); -qel (rare).

#### Endings with q.

Only in bitoq and ardeq.
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- suffix (1) “and” — (2) “soever” in ἡθος etc. — (3) sign of the plural.

"priest" (?).

πτωθω "soil and water" (obl. case).

τατασια etc. “funerary couches”.

- suffix, cf. p. 34.

- negative.

ττ ιτ "the godless" (plur. obl. case).

ιτ "neither”.

Πιτ "whosoever”.

τιτιτ etc. “anybody”.

τΑΠО "great" (? obl. case).

τ- ending of the subjective case of the singular.

πτωθω "he destroys”.

τιτιτ etc. “fore-court”.

(3) "all, every one” (obl. case).

τΑΠΙ "property" (? obl. case).

τιτ etc. “anybody”.

θιτ "interior” (? above p. 51.

τ- sign of the obl. case of the singular.

2- sign of the obl. case of the plural.

ττιτ "king" (? obl. case).
CHAPTER VI.

Comparisons.

A. Lydian has very little in common with Semitic and Hamitic languages. The -I suffix forming adjectives of appurtenance occurs with similar import in the Kushitic languages of Abyssinia. Lydian has personal suffixes like the Semitic languages, but in Semitic the suffixes denoting the object are always found with the verbs, whereas in Lydian they are added to the particles as e.g. in Persian. Another point of comparison might be the absence of the verbum substantivum. In Semitic languages the words for "is, are" very often are omitted or replaced by pronouns and the like. In our inscriptions a word for "is, are" has not been found; this is probably due to our imperfect knowledge of the language. But it seems to have been epigraphical style in ordinary funerary inscriptions not to use the so-called copula; this must of course have been in keeping with the rules and the spirit of the language. On the other hand we know that in Greek also ἐστὶ in very often omitted, and, as Prof. WACKERNAGEL tells me, the omission of the copula is also common in Proto-Indo-Germanic. I think we may safely say that Lydian is neither Hamitic nor Semitic.

B. The languages adjoining Lydian were Phrygian, Carian and Lycian. So far as I can see, Lydian and Phrygian have in common (1) a number of letters and, in the old Phrygian, the general aspect of the alphabet; (2) certain proper names; (3) the style and diction of the funerary inscriptions. This indicates that Lydians and Phrygians had intercourse with each other and both probably partook of the same civilization. This is most natural.

The Carian glosses and inscriptions furnish so little material for comparison that I prefer to leave them aside for the present. KRETSCHER, p. 376 ff., thinks that Carian and Lycian had a very important suffix in common; but this suffix I have not found in Lydian.

The Lycian and the Lydian alphabets have certain striking similarities, e.g. 𐀨 = 𐀪. But there are two important differences between the Lycian and the Lydian languages which are noticed at once when a Lycian inscription is compared with a Lydian: (1) Lycian as it were revels in double consonants, Lydian has them very seldom; (2) in Lycian almost all words end in vowels, in Lydian almost all words end in
consonants with the exception of those ending in -n (which of course may be developed from -um or -un). If however the Lydian/7 were 2, the similarity between Lydian and Lycian endings would be somewhat greater, because many Lycian words terminate in 2. However I have given above, p. 15 ff., my reasons for thinking that 7 must be n.

An important feature in both Lycian and Lydian is the frequency of nasal vowels; and this point undoubtedly has considerable weight. But these two languages are not the only ones possessing such vowels. Indian languages (especially Urdu), Albanian, French, Portuguese, Piedmontese, South German and Slavic dialects are full of them, and it has also been suggested that the Etruscan language had them.

Prof. T. Thumb concluded from "the points of agreement between Lydian and Lycian, as shown in their alphabets, their phonetic systems, and the forms of their words", "that we may well be permitted to consider the possibility of the two languages being related". I do not deny this possibility, and I believe even that it is almost a probability. But the word-forms on which he based this conclusion were at that time not correctly read. We may however add a few words which seem to be the same in Lycian and Lydian. The word ada cannot be taken into consideration, since it is probably a foreign word in Lycian and Lydian, cf. above p. 61. But ni- is the negative both in Lydian and in Lycian. And the ending -en in j3ardem, if this means "the Sardian", is probably the same as a\n\na, e\n\n in Lycian; cf. Sundwall, p. 41. It was alleged by J. Jacobsohn in the Berliner Philolog. Wochenschrift, 1914, No. 31, col. 995 ff., that the Greek suffix -\n\n, which Sundwall and Herbig think to be the same as the Lycian ending, is of Indo-European (Thraco-Phrygian) origin. It would not be altogether impossible that the Lydians borrowed this suffix from the Phrygians; for it seems to me certain that there is a connexion between this Greek and the Lydo-Lycian suffix. If Lycian i is read s, as in Lydian, the Lycian demotica ending in a\n\n, a\n\n, a\n\n (i. e. asi, esti) might very well be compared with the Lydian adjectives ending in -is, -sis; cf. above p. 34. The -s suffix is not so frequent in Lycian as it is in Lydian; but it occurs in a few cases, cf. the epichoric name of the Lydians trimili. The -va- suffix is also known to exist in Lycian; cf. Sundwall, p. 279. On the other hand, such a characteristic element as -k "and", is not found in Lycian. But we know that also in Indo-Germanic languages there is a great variety in the words meaning "and".

C. There are no doubt a number of resemblances between Lydian and the Indo-Germanic languages. I wish to leave a fuller treatment of these questions to students of comparative philology. Only a few points may be mentioned here.

The postposition -k "and" reminds us at once of -que, zi, Sanskrit -ca.

The endings of the subjective case -s, -z, -d seem to agree with similar Indo-Germanic endings; est(s) and est "this" recall the Latin iste and istud.
Comparisons.

The pronouns *his* and *hid*, which are probably interrogative, relative and indefinite pronouns, look somewhat like Latin *quis*, *quid* etc.

The fact that so far only a subjective and an oblique case have been discovered reminds us of the same phenomenon in the later Iranian and in Tokharian languages.

The ending of the oblique case is -ə; this would most naturally be a later development of -um or -un. Reading this, anyone would at once think of the endings of the accusative in Greek and Latin. Now this it is also used as a locative. In Old-Armenian the locative in -um is rather rare, but later on it becomes more and more common; in Russian certain classes of nouns have a locative in -u; in Sanskrit -m, and in Lithuanian -iame, are respectively found as the ending of the locative with certain substantives.

The word for "if" is ak; the Greek ἄι ας (in Homer) sounds somewhat like the Lydian word, but is undoubtedly of a different origin. Besides we know only that ak (usually with suffixes) stands at the beginning of conditional clauses. Its original meaning is unknown to us; this may have been "as", or even "and". See above p. 70.

A Lydian word *suuoS*, in 121, l. 6, may mean "son"; Katovalis *suuoS* would very well be translated by "son of Katoval*", see above p. 61. It seems that if this meaning be correct the word must certainly be the same as the Indo-Germanic *sunu*. But accidental coincidences are not uncommon; in a Guatemalan dialect *rubá* means "hand" just as pyka does in Russian; in Coptic *μερίς* has exactly the same meaning as the German "Scheune"; in Telugu *pampu* means "to send"; in Tigré *sinsin* means the same as the German "Zinsen" etc. Secondly even words for relationship are sometimes borrowed by one language from another, as we see from Etruscan *neftés* (nepos) and *prumaţé* (pronepos) German *Onkel, Tante, Cousine, Papa, Mama*; Lydian *obrata*; *ibrata* (for "ibrata") "daughter". But Indian, Gothic and Slavic, the languages in which *sunu* is used, are rather far away from Lydian. The word *mrud* means "stele"; but if it translated "monument", the Indo-Germanic root *mer* presents itself at once.

The only verb-forms recognized with certainty in Lydian end in -ad, -id, -od and -ent. These of course will be at once compared by everybody with Indo-Germanic -iti, (-i, in some languages -d) and with -nti (in several languages -nt). But as I have said above, p. 69 f., there is still some doubt which of the two is singular and which is plural; and perhaps Lydian had a verbal inflexion built on principles totally different from those of other languages.

There are certain parallels between Lydian and Armenian, which have been pointed out in the preceding chapters. Cf. *-k* and *-l* as the endings of the plural, above p. 17; *d* as the equivalent of Armenian *č* and its omission, above p. 19; the probable change from *n* > *u*, above p. 16; the doubling of endings, above p. 51. But these peculiarities are explained with difficulty even in Armenian.

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1 See ARKWRIGHT in *Journ. of Hellen. Studies*, 1915, p. 104.
D. A language very widely spread in ancient Asia Minor was the Hittite. It is probable that more will soon be known of this language when the tablets from Boghaz-kyöy are published. From the description of the Hittite vocabulary published by Prof. DELITZSCH in the Abhandl. d. Berl. Akad. 1914, No. 3 we learn that Hittite nouns have the nominative endings -aš, -iš, -uš exactly as in Lydian. Prof. WINKLER said in Mitteil. d. Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft No. 35, p. 19, ann. *** that in Hittite the nominative ends in -s, the accusative in -n. If this statement be correct, the ending -n may be compared with Lydian -u. Moreover in Hattusil and Mitrašsil we find an ending -sil which reminds us very strongly of Lydian -lis; see also PEISER in Orient. Lit. Zeitung 1915, col. 7. This is of great importance; but it is not decisive. Words common to both languages with the same meaning I have not found. Some of the words that might give us a clue are unfortunately written in Hittite with ideograms. The Hittite word biran, which reminds us of Lydian TAŠI8 above p. 36, is not translated. A very uncertain parallel is Hittite š/sarkuš "the first": Lydian srkastus; for in 12, 1. š srkastus Katovalis šuvus might mean "the first-born son of Katovas".

Perhaps a few other Lydian words may be compared with Hittite forms; but this comparison is very doubtful. DELITZSCH p. 20, l. 1 reads in the Hittite column . . . kuedani dannara, in the Babylonian i-da-a-an ra-kā-a-tūm. The word kuedani recalls at once the Lydian kūidaun which means "soil" or "water"; see above p. 36. But unfortunately the meaning of the Babylonian expression is not certain, and the Hittite equivalent is incomplete. On the same page, l. 2, DELITZSCH gives the Hittite kutti biran as an equivalent of Babylonian šaḫātum. The latter means "Seite, Umgebung". Now we have found above p. 32 that Lydian kud or kudkid means probably "before, opposite" and that birau (obl. case) means "house". Then šaḫātum and kutti biran may possibly be interpreted "what is before, or around, the house". Dr. EHLOFF tells me that šaḫātum is usually translated "arm-pit", but may have a more general meaning "side"; but it seems that šaḫātum is meant to be a part of the body at the passage just quoted. Prof. JENSEN is of the same opinion and thinks that Lydian birau has nothing to do with Hittite biran.

E. The most interesting question is that of the relationship between Lydian and Etruscan. In the course of our discussion several points of agreement between these two languages have been mentioned. These and others are to be presented here.

Etruscan has no double consonants: Lydian has them very seldom, and often a single consonant is written instead of a double one; cf. above p. 64. But of course the Lydian writing may be imperfect in this respect.

Etruscan has no medials and the aspirated tenues often interchange with the simple tenues, showing that their pronunciation was not different: Lydian has the medials b and d, perhaps also g, but d is sometimes changed into t, and g seems to have become k in all cases except one (as far as our inscriptions go); there are no aspirated tenues in Lydian.
Etruscan and Lydian have both the voiced and the voiceless labial spirant (v and f) and express them both by the same sign, ι and ι̅. But ι (v) may be υ in Lydian as well as in Etruscan.

Etruscan had nasal vowels; cf. HERBIG, p. 34 f. On the Lydian nasal vowels see above pp. 8 f., 14 ff., 78.

In Etruscan u and v interchange; for the Lydian see above p. 11.

Etruscan had a very strong stress as near the beginning of the word as possible; this brought about a great many changes in the vocalization of the syllables following. The same seems to have been the case in Lydian. For even if Timles is not Τιμλέσς (cf. above p. 65), the omission of certain vowels in the suffixes shows that one of the preceding syllables had a strong stress; cf. ak-it-in > aktin; ak-mu-it > akmut.

In Etruscan there are two genitive endings: s(ê) and l, with varying vowels. In Lydian the adjectives of appurtenance which are most naturally to be derived from the genitive have l and s as their characteristic consonants. Moreover it seems that Lydian had originally a genitive ending in -l which became absolute and was used only in archaic style, and which was gradually replaced by the oblique case ending in ù, when l became more and more restricted to the adjectives. Although, as I said above, p. 77 the l is used for similar derivatives in other languages, and although the Etruscan l-ending has often been compared with the Latin ending -dis, I think that there must be a nearer relation between Etruscan and Lydian in this matter.

It seems that neither Etruscan nor Lydian originally had a grammatical gender; for the Etruscan cf. HERBIG, p. 23, for the Lydian above, p. 24.

Etruscan had a gentilicium ending in -azë; the same seems to have existed in Lydian, Cf. Etr. rumaz, “Romanus”. Lydian Sjardak “Sardian”(?)

The patronymic is in Lydian almost always used as an adjective. In Latin the use of these adjectives has been considered to be of Etruscan origin, in Greek of “Pelasgian” origin, in Phrygian of pre-Phrygian origin. But according to Prof. WACKERNAGEL these hypotheses are not justified; for the use of the patronymic adjective is Old-Indo-Germanic also.

The particle “and” is in Etruscan -e, in Lydian -k.

In Etruscan there seem to have been verb endings 5 and n5. Cf. PAULI, Alt-ital. Forsch. II, p. 103 f. In Lydian we find the endings ù and -nt; cf. above p. 69.

Etruscan and Lydian seem to have several word-stems in common. Cf. tiv “moon”, above p. 52; akad “property”, above p. 33; vis: ais “deity”(?), above p. 45; dadi: tinsi “days”(?), above p. 50; perhaps even Etruscan ril “year”(?): borla “in the year”. The Lydian deity Levs has been compared above p. 55 with the Etruscan Lusl.

Of proper names Lydian Katova(ê) may be mentioned here; on the stem caê see HERBIG, p. 18 f.

Etruscan in Lydian poetry appear to have the same metrical system; cf. above p. 61.
It seems to me that the relationship between Etruscan and Lydian cannot be denied, unless we are misled and duped by accidental coincidences in the most extraordinary way. And it is also probable that Lydian and Lycian are related. Then Lydian might in time become the connecting link between Lycian and Etruscan.

F. The problem of the relations between Etruscan and Lydian on the one side, and the Caucasian languages on the other side, must be left to future investigation. There seem to be certain prominent features which belong to both groups, e.g. the role played by the *-suffix, or the "verbal infix" *-bi- in Lydian and in Georgian. But I cannot treat of such difficult and intricate questions before I have acquired more knowledge of the Caucasian languages; and even then I am afraid the results will be very scanty, because the local and temporal distances between these groups are exceptionally wide.
CHAPTER VII.

Lydian Proper Names.

In this chapter a short list will be given of those Lydian words which I take to be proper names of deities, of persons and of places. I think it is safe to do this, even before all Lydian inscriptions are published. But I refrain from giving parallels from other Asia Minor languages, because I cannot reach completeness in this respect from the material at my disposal. The most obvious parallels can easily be found in Sundwall's book. What lies beyond this will be supplied by those scholars who have more material at their disposal than myself. Only some Etruscan parallels, which were pointed out to me by Professor Herbig, have been added here. All names will be given in exactly the form in which they occur in the inscriptions, without reference to their grammatical forms. Those names which occur in the third place after two other names I shall mark as nom. loci, although some of them may have another meaning.

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1111A 51. - Etrusc. *aliqu, alip.*
1111A 51.
X1111 (7) 40.
1111119 151-2.
1111111 91.
T11111111 111; T111111111 Fa-langa, l. 1-2.
111191, 111191, T111191, 111191 etc. “Artemis”, *passim.*
TATA 24; T1111TA 51, 152. - Etrusc. *ata.*
111111111 83. - Etrusc. *ate.*
111111111 nom. loci 91.
111111111 261. - Etrusc. *atreshe.*
...TATA 51.
T111111111 261.

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11111111 291.
11111111 18; 25; 111111111 163.
11111111 45; 111111111 171.

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111111111 perhaps nom. propr. 99, 11.

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111111111 “Ephesian” 74, 177, 3013; 111111111 1113.
111111111 (meaning uncertain) 271.
111111111 (meaning uncertain) 191.
111111111 nom. loci 1114.

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111111111 161; 111111111 and other derivatives in 8 places. - Etrusc. *carv.*
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TA1TA1 16; TA1TA1 and other derivatives in 5 places.

TA1TA1 (?); TA1TA1

TA1TA1 "of Koloë" 17; TA1TA1 10.

TA1TA1 8; TA1TA1 17. - Etrusc. cumi-na.

TA1TA1 nom. div. (?) 1 a4.

TA1TA1 nom. div. 26.

TA1TA1 a, b, 18, 28, 28 (?) .

TA1TA1 17. - Etrusc. mane.

TA1TA1 nom. div. (?) 1 a4.

TA1TA1 (meaning uncertain) 19.

TA1TA1 (meaning uncertain) 31.

TA1TA1 7.

TA1TA1 7, 18, 30; TA1TA1.

30; incomplete at the end 30; TA1TA1.

TA1TA1 (uncertain; cf. Maia) 29.

TA1TA1 13.

TA1TA1 41, 8; TA1TA1 42, 18; TA1TA1 48; TA1TA1 44. The word Māim ... is perhaps to be derived from Maion ... This might be the epichoric name for Lydians; for the name *Lud has not been found.

TA1TA1 25.

TA1TA1; TA1TA1 14. - Etrusc. sapu.

TA1TA1 12, 7.

TA1TA1 three times before TA1TA1 in 4; TA1TA1 in 11; TA1TA1 in 29. "Of Smyrna" (?) see p. 15.

TA1TA1 13; TA1TA1 15; TA1TA1 27.

TA1TA1 nom. loci 17.

TA1TA1 13.

TA1TA1 32.

TA1TA1 13.

TA1TA1 "Sardis" in different derivatives; see above p. 11.

TA1TA1 nom. div. 1 a3.

TA1TA1 7. attribute of TA1TA1.

TA1TA1 nom. loci 13.

TA1TA1 13.

TA1TA1 3, 5, 13, 1, 28.

TA1TA1 26.

TA1TA1 (meaning uncertain) 24.

TA1TA1 nom. div. 1 b4, 7; TA1TA1 7.
ADDENDUM.

Dr. Eheolf very acutely suggested to me that the deities Šānuša... Marivdak, above p. 43, might be the Babylonian and Assyrian gods Šamaš and Marduk. He tells me also that these two gods are frequently invoked in imprecations against infringers of boundary lines and the like. The vowels of Marivdak he compared with those of the Biblical Merodak, who is the same as Marduk. Inscription L. 1 would then in one part give the names of Lydian deities, in the other those of foreign deities. This would be by no means impossible. Our Lydian pantheon would contain, as far as it is know, the "Artemides" of Sardis, of Kolon, of Ephesus and of Smyrna, the Lydian Zeus (Tavšas), the Lydian Levs (Etruscan Lovl), the Babylonian Šamaš and Marduk, perhaps the Senniti Ba’al, and one unknown deity Kυαδ.

The existence in Asia Minor of a primitive deity *Kvas, or *Kovas, has been suggested on philological grounds by Prof. ARKWRIGHT, Am. Jour. Arch. XIV, 1913, p. 366.