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Dear Emmett,

Many thanks for post cards. I seem to be neglecting you, but the usual pressures of term are to blame.

The Readership is now official (and back-dated to 1 Oct.)

I presume JPO is keeping you informed of progress; the rate is slowing down, but the Iraklion twins (JPO's description) are doing good work. Index of broken edges is being slowly worked through; results so far negative, but I shall not be happy until we ^{are} have been sure that we have not missed anything which this method could produce.

I have been working on a reorganisation of the KN categories. An esoteric document on this will be sent to you in due course (and I hope to receive similar information for PY). In general I am inclined to regroup the tablets in five or six Archives: North, West, East, South (?), Room of Chariot Tablets, Arsenal. It is surprising how little of importance cannot be fitted into these divisions. I have completed a preliminary list of the sets which can be established, and in due course it will be typed and a copy sent to you. It makes use of existing prefixes plus a numerical exponent, as a temporary expedient, until we can allocate a whole series of new prefixes. I think this arrangement will be useful (I am very doubtful about the S Archive), and will bring together more of the tablets which belong together; though there will have of course to be a lot of cross-referencing (e.g. there is a most interesting link between a B set and a Gg one).

The minutes of the London Seminar are very slow, but this is not my fault; I haven't had a copy yet, so don't expect yours too soon.

I'm sorry I haven't read Robins book (though I know I ought to have done so). There must be information on the divergence of British and American pronunciation - in some respects at least American is just obsolete English (cf. gotten). Our ancestors (and I mean our) certainly rolled their r's.

Yes, it was I who told Billy Taylour to write to you about his pot. He has agreed to let Raison publish it as an additional note in his book; since he has had no proofs yet this should cause no trouble.

I hear to-day (via California) that there is reported to be a Linear B tablet in a Museum in Sydney, Australia. I should not be surprised if it did not turn out to be a cast; but investigations are being made, and if anything happens I'll let you know.

The new Kadmos contains some interesting stuff, though I confess I can't work up any enthusiasm over Para-Carian alphabets.

Copies of Proceedings of the Cambridge Colloquium on Mycenaean Studies are now being distributed to contributors, and offprints should follow shortly. The date of publication is fixed for Dec. 15th (price 84s.) Would you insert this information in NESTOR? If so, please state that it is

published by Cambridge University Press, and that enquiries should be addressed to them (in London or New York), not to me, or to Downing College. We have had several already (mostly from USA) sent to the College, which has of course no part in this publication.

Yours ever,

John

When do you leave for Colorado?

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