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Dear Alice:

At last the page proof is off and I have a few minutes to catch my breath. I didn't feel that it was necessary to explain to you why I didn't write sooner about your opus -inth-. Even now I can't claim to have read it or in fact to have done more than skim through it in the most superficial manner.

To say that I was impressed is to put it mildly; I had no idea that it was such a vast work, since I had seen only part 1 before. I am in a quandry what to do with it: I like what I have seen of it and think that it is an extremely important subject, but it would be out of the question to publish it all at one time in the AJA. Your suggestion that only part 1 is worth printing may indicate the correct solution. Please let me think about it some more and above all let me look it through more carefully, when and if I find time.

Carpenter's new book on Homer has stirred up quite a tempest, as you know. Among its results is a plan to have a symposium on the Homeric question at next year's archaeological meetings, and to devote a whole number of the AJA to papers bearing on the Homeric question. I, for my sins, have been asked to form and head a committee dealing with both functions. I wonder if your work on -inth- can't be made to fit into the picture somewhere. I am particularly anxious to have the emphasis not so much on the old accepted <sup>Homeric Question, with capital</sup> aspects of the <sup>HQ</sup> as on the general cultural background against which the Homeric poems must be placed. I think particularly of archaeological matters which illustrate this; writing, in both its Minoan and its Archaic Greek aspects, is a very important part of the picture, as is language. I would be very glad to have an article on pre-Greek words in the Homeric number; or it may be that you have something else which you would rather put in that, and then we can run the -inth- work somewhere else.

I have a growing feeling myself that Homer fits more nearly into the very beginning of the Orientalizing period than anywhere else. In the most reprehensible Continental scholastic tradition, I have formed my theory and am now looking for evidence to support it. If you have anything up your sleeve which bears on this (or even which refutes it), I would be very glad to hear of it. Furthermore if you know of anyone else who might escape my notice who has something to say on these matters, I would appreciate hearing of him.



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As an editor of the journal you will be interested to know that Luce has resigned from the Archaeological Digest and Bradford Welles has taken his place. I have high hopes for his association with the journal.

I still seem to be rushed, so I will bring this to a close. Do let me know of any ideas you have on the above or anything else that may be on your mind.

Yours truly,

*Franklin*

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