CHAPTER 11

An Honorific Statue Base from Khaironeia

Introduction

This stone, when last I saw it, stood in the garden of the Museum of Khaironeia without apparently any inventory number. Its provenience seemed not to have been recorded, although recent cataloguing work at the museum may have remedied this; it would, therefore, be theoretically possible for it to have come from any of several locations in Western Boiotia (especially Orkhomenos and Lebadeia, as well as Khaironeia itself), in Eastern Phokis and even from places in Doris further up the Kephissos valley—all of which are the sources of various stones in the same garden. It will, however, be seen in the commentary that there is, in fact, every likelihood that this stone at least does come from Khaironeia.

The Inscription

A block of grey marble, c. 1.3 m high × 0.6 m wide × 0.4 m thick, reworked at the bottom right hand corner but otherwise intact; with seven lines of completely preserved text. Letter forms: alpha with curved crossbar, lambda with right hand oblique stroke projecting above junction with left, mu with outwards sloping and curved sides, lunate sigma, phi with hasta projecting above and below height of other letters, omega as a cursive “w”. Letter height: c. 3 cm.

Photo (Pl. 11) and copy.

Σωτηρίχαν Καϊκι-
λίου Ζωϊλου θυ-
γατέρα Κλαύδιος
Διογένης ὁ ἀνήρ
καὶ τὰ τέκνα ψη-
φίσματι βουλής
καὶ δήμου