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THE KINGS OF COMMAGENE AND THE GREEK WORLD

(Pl. CXIX-CXXI, Fig. 1-4)

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The following notes attempt to document a marginal aspect of the history of the Kingdom of Kommagene: its relations with the communities of the Greek world. No new light has been shed on this little known field by the remarkable discoveries and publications of Professor Dörner, and we are confined to a few inscriptions which, though long known, have not hitherto been published collectively. I republish these here, with photographs, and add some considerations of a more general nature.

I. (Fig. 1) From Ephesos. A plaque of mottled, grey-white marble complete on all sides, smooth cut on edges, roughly picked behind, H. 0.68, W. 0.82, Th. 0.11, letters 0.030, found near the aqueduct, and copied by Waddington in Smyrna in the house of Hyde Clark Esq., by whom it was presented to the University of Oxford, in 1866; now in the Ashmolean Museum 1. Le Bas-Waddington, III, 136 d = OGIS 405

\[ \text{Βασιλέα 'Αντίοχον θεόν} \\
\text{Δίκαιον 'Επιφανῆ Φιλορώμαιον} \\
\text{καὶ Φιλέληνα τὸν ἐν βασιλέως} \\
\text{Μιθραδάτου Καλλικίκου καὶ} \]

5 \[ \text{βασιλίσσης Λαοδίκης θεᾶς} \\
\text{Φιλαδέλφου τῆς ἐν βασιλέως} \\
\text{'Αντίόχου 'Επιφανοῦς Φιλομῆ-} \\
\text{τορος Καλλικίκου, εὐσεβῶς} \\
\text{διακείμενον πρὸς τὴν θεόν} \]

10 \[ \text{διὰ προγόνων, ἀρετῆς καὶ εὖ-} \\
\text{νολίας ἔνεχεν τῆς εἰς ἔατὸν} \\
\text{ἀνέθηκεν.} \]

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1 I am grateful to the Visitors of the Ashmolean Museum for permission to publish the photograph reproduced here; and to Mrs. A. Brown and Mr. M. Vickers for making the stone accessible to me.
This dedication to Antiochos I (reigned ca. 69-ca. 38 B.C.) by the people of Ephesos (ὁ δῆμος, not expressed, but implied in τῆς εἰς ἑαυτὸν) is stated to be for his ἀρετὴ and εὔνοια to the demos, but the description of the king as ἐοσεβῶς διακείμενος πρὸς τὴν θεόν, i.e. to Artemis, probably indicates the nature of his benefaction—a gift to the temple of Artemis. The dexiosis-stele discovered in 1974 at Sofraz Köy ², which, like the present dedication, probably belongs to an early period of Antiochos’s reign, contains, for the first time in the inscriptions of Kommagene, a reference to the cult of Artemis, and more precisely to that of Artemis Diktynna, and thus may reflect the ruler’s early interest in the cult. At Ephesos he may, like C. Vibius Salutaris at a later date, have earned the title φιλάρτεμις ³.

II. (Fig. 2) From Athens. A statue-base found on the Acropolis, and still there. H. 0.34, PW 0.52, Th. 0.65, letters 0,0025.


[ὁ δήμος
[βασιλέα] Ἀντίοχον
[βασιλέα] ἦς Μιθριδάτου
[ὑόν, ἄρ] ἐτης ἐνέκα
[καὶ εὐ]νοιας.

Pittakys correctly recorded the last line, but Koehler omitted it from his copy, and it is lacking on that account from Dittenberger’s edition in CIA and again in OGIS, and also from Mommsen’s text. It

² First published by J. Wagner, Neue Funde zum Götter- und Königskult unter Antiochos I. von Kommagene, AW 6 (1975) Sondernummer Kommagene 52ff., esp. 54ff. The epithet is visible on the top line of the right hand face of the stone (57 Abb. 83a); for the inscription see now J. Wagner - G. Petzl, Eine neue Temenos-Stele des Königs Antiochos I. von Kommagene, ZPE 20 (1976) 201ff.