TWO UNPUBLISHED PAPYRI

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I. P. Amsterdam inv. 53: Thucydides V 82, 5-6

Provenance unknown. 10.2 × 5.1 cms. Light brown papyrus of good quality. The papyrus is even broken off at the top, the left side and the bottom. The right side is partially broken, and partially cut, off. The writing runs parallel with the fibres. The verso is not inscribed. The handwriting, which may be dated to the second half of the 2nd century A.D., displays the same characteristics as that of B. M. Pap. 2068 (= P. Oxy. IX 1074) 1). Two accents seem to have been added by a different hand, judging by the colour of the ink (l. 7 ἵνα; l. 9 τῶν). In l. 8 there is a middle stop before the eta of ἤ and a rough breathing above the article ἦ. In l. 11 there is a high stop before ξυνήδεσσαν (see note) and in l. 14 a high stop before τῇ. Between ll. 6-7 at the left side are traces of ink which cannot be identified.

A division of the missing parts of the text over the lines has been tempted, starting from the most probable division in ll. 9-10 and working backwards and forwards. Each line should have accounted for some 18-20 letters. Lower numbers of letters occurring are 16 (ll. 2; 11) and 17 (l. 10).

R. A. Pack 2) mentions 3 fragments on papyrus from the fifth book of Thucydides, viz. Pack 1523; 1526; 1527. None of these publications contains the passage on the papyrus under discussion 3).

1) See E. G. Turner, Greek Manuscripts of the Ancient World (Oxford 1971), pl. 34.
2) The Greek and Latin Literary Texts from Greco-Roman Egypt (Ann Arbor 1965).
3) Pack's list has been brought up to date by P. J. Sijpesteijn, A New Papyrus Text of Thucydides (I 90,3-91,3), Aeg. 51 (1971), 221-223. For the Thucydides papyri see also Fr. Fischer, Thucydidis reliquia in papyris et membranis Aegyptis repertae (Leipzig 1913). For the manuscript tradition see B. Hemmerdinger, Essai sur l'histoire du texte de Thucydide (Paris 1955); P. Focardi, Il testo di Tucidide nei mss Vatic. Gr. 126 e Paris Gr. 1734 in rapporto anche ai papiri Tucididei, Aeg. 35 (1955), 43-62; P. J. Sijpesteijn, o.c., 222.
The text of the papyrus has been compared with the Teubner edition of K. Hude (Leipzig 1898-1901), the O.C.T. edition of H. Stuart Jones-J. E. Powell (Oxford 1942) and the Budé edition of J. de Romilly (Paris 1967). It presents two variant readings (see notes on ll. 5 and 16).

Greek Text (Pl. I)

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L. 5. The papyrus presents an interesting variant reading. The MSS., except for Geor: ὀφελήσω, read ὀφελήσεως. The reading ὀφελήσεως offers an instance of fut. inf with ἄν, which construction has been defended by L. Herbst. Only one instance of ἄν/κεν with the fut. has come down to us on a papyrus text, which un-

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