POLOS OF AKRAGAS: TESTIMONIA

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The testimonia of the pupil of Gorgias and eminent Sophist Polos of Akragas have never been fully collected. He is omitted from Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker, and Ludwig Radermacher’s collection, which had a special focus, is not complete\(^1\). In the course of preparing an edition of the early mythographers, one of whom according to the doubtful test. Ia was Polos, I have had occasion to put these testimonia together; but as they all pertain to his sophistry, and not a whisper of his mythographical activity is found outside of test. 1a, I have followed the excellent advice of friends\(^2\) and offer them separately, rather than among the mythographers where they do not fit and where students would hardly think to look for them. Where “ed.” is written, preceded by a scholar’s name and followed by a year, it means that the conjecture or correction was made in that scholar’s edition of the author in whom the testimonium is preserved.

POLUS ACRAGANTINUS
(FGrHist 7, Art. Script. B XIV)

Testimonia

Audit Polus Ἀκραγαντίνος testt. 1ab, 5, 7, 12; σοφιστής vel ῥήτωρ testt. 1ab, 9, 11, 14a, 15, cf. testt. 3f-i, 4, al.; κάτηλος λόγων test. 11; τῶν πλουσιωτάτων test. 15, cf. 8-11.

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1) Ludwig Radermacher, Artium Scriptores. Reste der voraristotelischen Rhetorik (Sitz. Wien 227.3 [1951]). L. Spengel’s Συναγωγὴ τεχνῶν sive artium scriptores (Stuttgarteriae 1828) offers only a few of the testimonia.
2) R. Kassel and M.L. West, whom I also thank for corrections and supplementary references.

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3 διδάσκαλος] ἱμμὸ μαθητής, cf. test. 2. 5 Neῶν Ἑθνῶν Nauck, cf. Sudam s.v. Δαμάστης = FGrHist 5 T 1; traditum defendit Jacoby coll. Eust. Il. 285.26


4 Ἑλείτου Kuster (1700); Ἑλείτου codd.


2 φράσωμεν B: -σομεν T; <ου> φράσωμεν Schanz (ed. 1882) | ὡς] ὡς T || 3 Λι-κυμνιείων Ast (ed. 1830)

b. Hermias ad loc. (p. 239.12 Couvreur) = Art. Script. B XVI 2. ὁ Λικυμνιος τὸν Πόλον ἐδίδαξεν ὄνομάτων τινὰς διαιρέσεις