

INDICES

Provenience

No index of provenience is offered. As in CMS. VIII, many of these seals were acquired by the Museums from collectors or from erstwhile travellers. In the early days of Aegean travel, provenience, in the modern specialized sense, even were it to be had, was not perhaps considered to be of prime importance. Wherever it appears in the present work, as for example in the case of nos. 34, 108, 158 and 159, it is given in good faith, as it was, when originally registered. An exception to this general observation, however, must be made in the case of the small but important group of seals presented to the City of Liverpool Museum by R. C. Bosanquet at the beginning of the century; as also in the case of the smaller but equally important group presented by Professor J. Ruskin to the British Museum between 1870–1872. With the former, the eclectic nature of Cretan glyptic is underlined by its provenience, general but assured. With the latter a different kind of eclecticism can be seen operating on the fringe of the Aegean; for the Cretan, nos. 111, 149, and Helladic seals, nos. 152, 177 and 192, were found at Ialyssos during the course of the Biliotti excavations. Although the find spots were not meticulously recorded, the group as such show a dispersion, and by inference, the estimation fine glyptic enjoyed in the Late Bronze Age.

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