
A Coptic Syllabary at the University of Michigan



The accompanying Coptic Syllabary, N. 765 of the Michigan Papyrus Collection, was described but not published in *Greek and Coptic School Tablets at the University of Michigan, Classical Philology*, vol. XVI (1921), pp. 189-94. As stated in that description this Syllabary was written on both sides of a waxed wooden tablet, 39 cm. long and 11 cm. wide. The writing, which is in ink, is faint and in places has been obliterated. The letters, which average 5 cm. in height, show both uncial and cursive forms. The recto contains thirteen columns, each 2.5 - 3 cm. wide and 6 cm. long. The left margin measures 3 cm. and the right 2 cm. The writing begins at the upper edge of the tablet, where obvious traces of a break and some faint signs of letters showing just above the upper line of the columns indicate that the tablet was once larger than at present, another section of wood having been attached by gluing along its upper edge. The columns are divided by irregular lines drawn in ink and are closed by similar lines at the bottom. The lower half of the recto is blank. The verso contains a double row of columns, of which thirteen are in the upper and seven in the lower half. The upper columns are from 2.25 to 4.3 cm. wide and average 5.6 cm. long. As on the recto they are separated and closed at the bottom by irregular lines in ink. The left margin here is 1.8 cm. and the right 9 cm. Columns 14 to 20 are arranged so as to cover the lower half of this side of the tablet. The dots indicated after each line in these lower columns appear in the original. The omission of the Coptic letter and the provenance of the tablet indicate that its dialect is Fayûmic.

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