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'Archaeology in Greece' is an annual feature: its increasing length is testimony to the growing amount of excavation and now also publication carried out in Greek lands, and to the great public interest and press coverage for archaeology in Greece itself. The *Reports* also carry accounts of work in other parts of the ancient Greek world: these too are expanding in response to the great pressures on archaeology throughout the Mediterranean. In this issue the report on South Italy and Sicily, last compiled with exemplary scholarship and flair by the late M. W. F. Frederiksen five years ago, has, at his suggestion, been divided in two, in acknowledgement both of the enormously increased amount of work being carried out in these regions and of their distinctive characters; Mr. Ridgway's report includes an innovation in the form of an appendix on the new evidence for Mycenaeans in the West. This year the cumulative growth of these bulletins has been such that the *Reports* have at last burst their normal bounds: rather than hold over any of the material and thereby reduce its immediacy, Council and the Managing Committee have decided this year to allow the *Reports* to expand beyond the limit of 92 pages normally imposed for financial and technical reasons. The 1983 *Reports* will carry an account of work in the Black Sea Region by J. G. F. Hind. Other areas covered include Western and Southern Asia Minor, Central Italy, Etruria and Cyprus, with occasional reports from fringe regions such as Cyrenaica.

In addition there are occasional reports on work by British archaeologists at sites in the Greek world, and on other items of interest to Greek archaeologists. Space does not permit the inclusion of such an article this year, but the next issue will carry the second of Professor Warren's reports on the British School's excavations at the Stratigraphical Museum site at Knossos (see *AR 1980–81*, 73–92 for part 1). A report on the excavations at the silver-mines at Agrileza, near Laurion, by J. Ellis Jones, is promised for 1984. The accounts of acquisitions of Greek material by museums in Great Britain, formerly published in the *Reports* are now to appear as a quinquennial supplement to the *JHS*, but the increased cost of expanding *AR* itself this year means that publication of the first *Supplement* has had to be postponed from 1983 for perhaps two years.

The cover illustration of part I is from the newly studied 'Saffron Gatherers' frescoes from Thera (Akrotiri) (p. 47).

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