



CLASSICAL STUDY ROOM

coins. On the obverse of our dekadrachm [Plate XI, C], is the splendid head of Persephone surrounded by the graceful forms of four dolphins, symbols of Syracuse's position on the sea. The Assinaria, games commemorating the defeat of the Athenians by the Syracusans in 413 B.C. on the banks of the Assinaros, were probably the occasions for the minting of this type of coin. The chariot race was the chief event, and on the reverse we have a victorious quadriga, the driver of which is being crowned by Nike. In the exergue is a trophy of arms.

An interesting feature of the Lysimachan coin from Thrace [Plate XI, A], is the Alexandrine head with the horn of Ammon. The cult of this Egyptian deity was strong among the Greeks, as is illustrated by Alexander's visit to an oracle of Ammon established in the oases of Siwa, Libya, where he was acknowledged the son of the god.

On the cover of the Bulletin is a line drawing of a Syrian coin from the same collection, bearing the head of Demetrios I (162-150 B.C.), within a laurel border.

11. The Classical Study Rooms **I**N the new Sharpe Gallery only the choicest pieces of the Museum's extensive classical collections are on public view. The rest are installed in the Classical Study Rooms, one of which is shown on Plate XII. The rooms are open to any credited individuals whose interest leads them beyond the collections in the galleries, and are being put to immediate use by the graduate students

of the Department of Archæology at Bryn Mawr who meet there for their seminars. It is believed that by thus separating study material from that of more general interest the collections will prove both more stimulating and comprehensible to the general public, and more convenient for the specialist.

12. Recent Accessions to the Collections **I**N addition to the many important objects resulting from the various excavations sponsored in whole or in part by the Museum, the collections have been notably increased in the past half year by certain gifts and loans which have not hitherto been reported.

Among the gifts it is pleasant to acknowledge the following: from Mrs. Hampton L. Carson, twenty-eight North American Indian specimens; from Dr. Constantin Dumbrova (through Dr. Henry G. Bryant), a group of examples of Eskimo fur costumes from the East Coast of Greenland; from Mrs. W. D. Anderson, a tapa cloth and two strings of cowrie shells; from Dr. Judson Daland, an example of African bark-cloth; from Dr. Mathew D. Kelley, a North American Indian medicine bundle; from Mrs. Edward S. Sayres, three pieces of beadwork; through the bequest of Henry Crecy Yarrow, an interesting group of American Indian baskets and other ethnological objects.

A collection of Greek, Etruscan, Babylonian and other archæological specimens totaling three hundred and sixty-four objects has been lent by Miss Elise B. Robinson. Miss Christine Harris has deposited a collection of eighty-three Siamese ethnological specimens.