and slabs in this section. The pail assigned for the next layer was of wall 16 in.

Pail 21 1.3 under pail 20
Brown earth
From 19.17 to 19.04
Sherds: 2140 grs. - some MMIII-LMI; mostly
LMIII A: 1
Other
Inv.

In Rm 0 we find more sherds of a vessel just outside the SE corner of the slab enclosure. It is the bottom of a large vessel of coarse quality. Sherds of another pot, also coarse, appear against wall 24 outside the stone enclosure. Sherds lying flat have appeared here and there at a level some 0.10 m above that of the floor in the west section of the room. We decide to scrape down to the lower level throughout the room as this may be a more definite floor surface. We assign the sherds from this last thin layer to:

Pail 22 1.3 under Pail 19
Brownish earth with some greyish patches
From 19.00/18.95 to 18.90/18.85
Sherds: Latest date: LM III A: 2-III B
See p. 50
Other: shells, bits of charcoal, quern fry
Inv. cobbles
See p. 50

In the central section we are exposing more of the south end of wall 26. The end block of the lower course is a well cut and sizeable (0.55 m
wide x 0.33m tall. Next to its east side some of the fallen slabs remain; under a few removed from further north was a broken conical cup and parts of another such cup have appeared in the same stratum c. 0.50 m south of the SE corner of wall 26. They are probably part of the slab debris for there is no indication of a floor or a surface here as yet. The fill is rather soft brown earth.

As the level is brought down in the Central section to our delight we find that the N-S wall does have a west return right along the line of wall 16. This N-S wall extends to the north beyond this corner but how far is not yet known. After some digging here we replace pail 21 with:

Pail 23 1.3 under pail 21
Brownish earth
From 19.04 to 19.00
Sherds: 760 g. Total much MM III, some LH IIIA
with good LM IIIA I
Other: bits of charcoal
Inv

In Rm 0 the bottom layer of fill peels off very easily from the surface of the floor which consists of tightly packed earth. Excavation in this area has been extended to include the section of Rm 0 excavated last year in Trench 19B. Flat lying sherds appear here and there. There is relatively extensive pottery within and just outside the stone slab enclosure.
we continue excavation in Rm 0 with
Pail 22 and in the area to the east
(Central section) with Pail 23. As we
dig in the latter area we seem to
be approaching the floor and decide
to replace Pail 23 with

Pail 24 1.3 under Pail 23
Brownish earth, pull
From 19.00 to 18.93 (white earth)
Shards: Mostly MMIII; some LMII; few
some LMIII (620 gms. total)
Other: bits of charcoal
Inu

Darkish earth with a few bits of charcoal
appears directly south of wall 24 and
26. Slabs we had noted earlier
south of wall 24 (i.e. south of the
line of the south end of wall 25)
seem more like pavement blocks, slabs
rather than wall blocks. In other
words, wall 24 may have extended
southeast only so far as wall 26, the
gap left between it and wall 16
being an entrance from Rm 0 to
the area to the east. A white earth
floor begins to be traced directly
east of these slabs.

Rm 0 will soon be photographed. G. Bianco
made a drawing of it showing the
various floor features and pottery. A
frangipany grinder is seen within the
enclosure. The west upright slab penetrates
further down within the baked floor and
may well rest on an earlier floor.
We now decide to pursue excavation in the eastern section of the trench where excavation had stopped with pail 4 (p. 17) and at the level seen in the photograph of p. 16. Within that section we had traced part of the south extension of wall 22. To its west are several slabs and stones which look like wall debris. In the southern part of this section there are no large stones but there seems to be a continuation of a rubble layer the top of which has already been excavated with pail 4. Here we assign:

Pail 25 C. 3 under pails 4
Stone and brown earth
From 19.82 to 6/19.49 E 19.70
Shards: 3260 gms. total; Mixed; Shards worn
Later are a late phase of CM II B.
Other
Inv. C1934: kylix; C1935: deep panna cup/bowl; C1936: deep cup/bowl; C1937: vessel w. handle
attached
We start by removing slabs and stones which are clearly fallen; we are watching out for a possible road surface.

In the central section the eastern extension of wall 16 is preserved only at a much lower course. In fact it must have been in this raised condition, forming the "floor" or rather surface we have just found in this area, was laid over the course. It is possible that the eastern section of the house went out of use earlier than Rm 0 and the other spaces further west. We trace the rest of wall 16 digging under the surface. The next! The sherds are few and indistinct and are discarded.

Rm 0 at floor level - From 5.
Floor items: a) base of medium sized pot
b) frag of rim + body of coarse pot; c) frags (C367) of base of coarse pot, set on slab; d) frag. of
grinding stone; e) two sherd. a kylix neck + a
handle; f) stone tool on earth + small rough stone;
g) handle; h) painted bowl/cup frag j) handle + part of body of cup; k) small base; k-k)
two frags of very thick pot, one part of base
Level of Floor of Rm 0: 18.85-18.90 m.

Roll 4, Fr. 11

Roll 4, Fr. 13

a = b

c: south entrance into Rm 0.
d: detail of slab enclosure in Rm 0.
The next space to be now investigated is that between walls 24 and 26. We had referred to this earlier as a "corridor." It could also well be a sotto scala. Here we are at a level higher than the floors in the adjacent rooms. We had stopped excavating here with pail 16. At the top of this layer reached through excavation and at its very southern edge appears a cobbled next to which might be a ground grinder, or through, broken, but clearly of a circular shape. This level is photographed, its level taken and excavation continued here with pail 26.

Pail 26 (1.3 under pail 16)
Brown earth and stone,
From 19.23 m to 19.07 m
Sherds: for description see p. 62+64

Other: shelly; bones. For stone tools see p. 58
Inv. 2 cobbles w. possible signs of use on one.

More cobbles, a pebble, are found in the "corridor" and from a group of sherds against the east face of wall 24. Then a great accumulation of sherds, we may well have objects fallen within the sotto scala from an upper floor. We are still well above the level of the floors of the adjacent space. Towards the north end of the sotto-scala is a through, upside-down. Excavation proceeds here carefully. The objects will remain within this space until they are drawn and photographed.

The floor items of Rm 0 have now been drawn, photographed and removed in
separate bags labelled consecutively Flail 22 a - k. They include sherds and possible stone tools.

In the east section there are more slabs and stones in the northern area, west of wall 22 and more rubble further south; no surface of any sort has been reached and the three flat slabs at the northern edge of the trench could not indicate a floor, pavement or surface.

In the south scale at its southern end is there is a quern, upside down. It sits on a stone, part of which looks like a stone platform which has been levelled in the southern section of this space. This brings the number of querns to three so far. This is a definite kit of stone tools and utensils.
Excavation continues in two areas: the sotó scala with Pail 26 and Pail the eastern section with Pail 25. In the latter area the tumble of stones continues. We keep extracting these stones as we dig down. The south end of wall 22 is not yet defined. The narrow space east of the section of this wall so far traced remains unexcavated.

A short but rather heavy rain interrupts work for some 15 minutes. As the surface with the pottery and tools in the sotó scala is quite wet and sticky we decide to wait till it is dry. We shift a workman to the east section where numerous and large blocks continue. Some are slanting, some vertical. Wall 22 is found to extend further south. This southern section is badly destroyed. This may explain the spread of apparently fallen large slabs and stones spreading from its west face westwards. For to be on the cautious side this southern section of the area, previously excavated with Pail 25, will be dug separately and with a new pail.

Pail 26: C. 2 under Pail 25
Brown earth + large stones
From 19.49 to 19.10
Sherds: 540 g. meagre group: some MMII conical cups; latest datable material LMIIIA 2 or 3

Other
Inv.

One of the stones turned out to be a broken stamnos tetrite with me circular cavity preserved. It is labelled and left aside.
In the northern section we have reached the bottom of large fallen stones. Work stops there temporarily (bottom of pail 28) and the workers are shifted back to the sotto scala (pail 26). The N-S dimensions of the southern section are c. 2.80 m.

The pottery and tool deposit within the sotto scala is drawn, photographed and the items labelled separately at p. 62.

North of the area being excavated with pail 27, we start taking the level down with

Pail 28 (I. 3 under Pail 5.25)
Brownish earth
From 19.49 to 19.39
Sherd s: 3470 g, mud mixed; mud NR III;
Latest: LM III A 2–III B
Other: Iron tools, shells

In v.

A watercolour is made by G. Bianco of the sotto scala deposit.

The fallen slabs and stones of the southeast section of the trench are photographed and the process of removing them starts. The level with the fallen slabs can be seen in the photograph on p. 64.

The “deposit” in the sotto scala is removed. The labelling of the main items can be seen in the photograph p. 62 and in the drawing, p. 60.
Sotto Scale pottery (Pail 26, 29) cont'd from p. 62

C 2605: shallow cup fr; 2606: conical cup;
C 2611: jug fr.; C 2615: closed vessel;
C 2616: jug fr.; C 2617: base; C 2618-2620: conical cup; C 2630-2636= shallow cups;
C 2637-2642: deep cups; C 2643:

stirrup jar??

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Removal of the quern at the north end of the sotto scale has revealed further pottery and a few small fallen stone underneath. The fill is the same as before and we continue using the same pail(26) we reach the bottom of what hence appear to be blocking stones at the north end and also the bottom of two upright slabs found about 1.0m north of the south end of the scale. Both sets of stones sit on earth and at least the vertical ones may be fallen, rather than set there (see phot. p.62). The fill continues to be the same but at this point we replace pail 26 with

Pail 29

13 under Pail 26

Brown earth
From 19.07 to 18.95
Sherds: see p.66

Other: shells, S195: black cobble w. pitted ends
Lnv: green sandstone cobble w. pitted ends, S196

South of these upright slabs are a number of stones, some large, some smaller of which the upper surface is all at the same level. They form a kind of a platform or a raised floor, for their tops are some 0.15-0.20m above the white earth floor of the room outside. The southernmost stone has no south face. The whole thing gives the impression of a blocking or of a later "remodelling" of the small space. The second stone to the north of the one just described has a straight south face and is smooth at the top. It
could well have been a step of the original staircase. The earth dug with pail 29 is soft, whitish brown.

In the north 'half' of the east section of the trench (pail 28) we are digging a layer of pale, whitish-brown earth with an occasional pebble and numerous, tiny stone chips. It looks like road packing and it clean away easily from the a hardish surface which is at level at which we found Road surface B in Trench 24A (reached there with Pail 17 see p. 38 of M324 and cross-section in report).

In the south 'half' of the East section (pail 27) we find that the road-like fill continues up to some 1.50m away from the south scarp. From that point and continuing into the scarp, the earth is of a more reddish-brown colour with fallen rubble and stone.

Wall 22 is found to be 7.85m long (N-S), as exposed (including Trench 24A). At its south end, which is some 1.75m north of the south scarp, it makes an east turn. We can only see two corner blocks at the moment for the trench has not been excavated deeply enough east of the N-S line of this wall. Beyond the corner to the south is a flat block (0.50m N-S) set east of the line of the wall. The function of which is still unknown. It is directly south of this block that the fill changes. It is a dark brown loam and full of rubble, looks very much like a dump.
The dump starts just east of the still unlabelled wall which was earlier found along the southern edge of the trench and which is found now to make a south turn at some 3.00m west of the east scarp of our trench. Judging from the south scarp this turdual started much higher but then it was indistinguishable from the layers of wall debris further north. Sherd are very few here and soon we reach the bottom of the dump. The sherd from here are so indistinct a few that they are discarded. Bottom is reached in the dump on a flakish surface probably part of road B traced further north. More can be learnt about the 'dump' when the bulk south of our trench is excavated.

We are now ready to proceed with the investigation of our road. As there is a sample of the surface we exposed kept in Trench 24A we can now tear down the one in our present trench and look for earlier surface. Since the 'dump' has been removed the excavation will include the entire strip of the trench eastern section west of the N-S line of wall 72. The level at which we start is equivalent to that of Pail 20 earlier west of here. The pail assigned here is

Pail 30 1.3 Under Pail 28
Whitish-brown earth, pebbles, stone chips
From 19.39 to 19.33
Shards: 940 qrs. 
-LM 10
Other: shells; sample of road packing earth
7 pm: S13: grey cobble is packed end
Some 0.05 m below this surface we came down on a fill of sand, earth, and pebbles, which is clearly part of the construction of a road. A sample of this earth is kept.

In the cotto scala we reach a semi-hard earth surface at which large sherd, end and which consists of practically pure brownish earth with an occasional tiny sherd embedded in it. The stone slab, which we suggested earlier might be a step, sits on this very surface. We discontinue excavation here at this level. This space can now be labelled U.

Note: Special measured drawing of Space U floor deposit (see p. 62 above) made by G. Bianco.
A similar packing of stones & sherdS was also found further south, along the line of the road in Tranch 27A.  

3 25 (pm) Top of wall 78 to foot of wall 81: 1 bucket (see 1B, 2A, p. 75, 83).

A new pit is assigned to the fill.

Paul 31: C, S under Paul 30.

SherdS: Total weight: 123.7698g (160 pieces)

Large deposit, mainly medium coarse; medium to fine LMD 1s.  SherdS a few LMD 1s.  SherdS of coarse ware.

The smooth surface of the road is found to overlie a layer of earth packed with small stones and shards. It looks like material intentionally dumped here to raise the level of the ground. It should be noted that the hardish surface of the road petered out towards the west but there is no clear line at which it stops. It probably finished irregularly at an earth surface further west, i.e. east 1/2 wall 26. In removing the packing more of the east face of the east wall of the North House is being exposed. We can now label this wall 27.

In the area of 32 we expose the south face of the east return of wall 22. We shall label this return wall 28. As exposed this is 1.60 m long and 0.55 m wide. We stop excavating N. of this wall. South of this wall we keep removing the fallen stones except for those which are deeply wedged in the scarp. East of the rectangular stone wall we earlier see directly south of the corner of the wall there are some 3 stones, the tops of which are roughly plastered. Here also we note a change in the colour of the soil which is firmer and of a more greyish tone and we discontinue the area of wall 32.

In clearing away the excavated earth south of wall 22/28 there are further developments. At a distance of 0.95 m east of the corner is a block (0.35 x 0.40) which has what looks like a round pivot hole (0.06 m dia.) 0.16 m away from its north edge. Right
to its east is a large slab which slopes down towards the west, so that it is some 0.10 m lower down than the block. The pivot hole suggests a possible gate here, providing the option of using the passage passing south of the building defined by Walls 22/28. On the other hand, it may be a reused block as part of a slab or stone pavement. Further south from this group of flat stone, the situation is unclear because of fallen stone. More should be learned about the small area when the bench to the south is excavated.

The packing of the road is producing tremendous masses of shreds: badly broken up, mostly coarse. There are equal masses of smaller stone. But the 9th and 10th pairs of Pail 311 are beginning to reach a surface where shreds stop and on which flat stone tops appear here and there.

The east-west wall, along the southern scarp of our trench, is found to have a south return. Whether this wall is an eastern extension of wall 21 found last year in Trench 1932 will be ascertained only after the excavation of the bulk directly south of our trench. Between the corner of this wall within our trench and the corner of wall 16 there is a line of two squarish stones, sitting on rougher stone, underneath which do not seem to follow a line. The function of this arrangement is not clear yet. It will be necessary to taken down the level of the fill which was left a little higher in the central section than in the West Section (SW area) where we had earlier reached a stone paved passage or road.
Excavation of the road packing continues. We are now in the 13th sub-pail of pail 31. Slabs appear mostly along wall 22. A chunk of charcoal is found in the fill and kept. If we have a new road surface under this packing it must correspond to surface C of Trench 24A in Area 5 last year. The topping on top of this floor in that trench is represented by pails 18, 19, 22 (N.B. 24, pp. 41-45; see also cross section in report for 24A).

We reach the 16th sub-pail of Pail 31 and with this all the road packing is removed. The bottom of this pail corresponds with the top of Pail 21 used to the west of here in the area of the Central Section of the trench directly east of wall 26.

A workman is set to take the level down in the central section of the trench directly south of the east section of wall 16 and directly east of the exposed slate pavement near earlier south of the entrance into the South House (see phot. p. 39). It is an area 2.50 E-W, 1.20 N-S where we had stopped excavating with pail 18. Along the south edge of this area runs the E-W wall which may be a continuation of wall 21 (see p. 79 above). The assign to Pail 33.

Pail 33 - 3 under Pail 18
Brown earth, a few small stones
From 19.22 to 19.07
Sherds: 3760g., some MMIB-Dajon
Hardware: Latest LMIB B.
The surface now exposed under the road packing is of somewhat hard-packed earth. It became harder along wall 22. The road probably petered out towards the west. Flash with this surface are some 10 slabs, starting just north of the corner of walls 22/23 and continuing south up to the scarp. The road slopes down gently towards the south.

Wall 22 seems to have at least two phases of construction. The earlier phase is represented by some 3-4 courses rising some 0.30m above the level of the slab-paved road surface. Above this and sometimes set back in the later wall rising some about 1.50m above the road surface. As a result of these features and because of careless building, the wall has a very uneven face. The construction is most justifiable for a retaining rather than a house wall.

The workmen previously working on the road is now diverted to area T of Trench 24, directly north of the so-called scarp and the space to the east where excavation had stopped last year at a high level which we thought might be close to a surface of sorts (see plan, p. 8). Here we assign:

See p. 19:

Pail 34 or 34A
Brown soil
From 19.28 to 19.15
25 sherd: 2450 yrs. few decorated sherds.
reached now may have once been paved over with many slabs of the type we find c. 5.00 m west from its east end. The slabs may have been removed at a later stage of "remodelling" of the area.

The E-W unlabelled wall is c. 3.00 m long. Beyond this point there is a break of 2.10 m and then we have wall 21 continuing west more or less along the same E-W line. The gap, if we are dealing with one wall, is right south of the entrance into Rm 0 from the south side. This gap may provide access from and to the area, and buildings south of the North House. The wall is preserved at a maximum of 3 courses. Part of its thickness is concealed within the south scarp of the trench. At the east corner we note that the wall sits on some projecting stones and slabs.

In space T there are small to medium stones in the fill. Some smallish slabs, slanting, have been found at the north edge of the room. As digging goes on more stones appear; including a few slabs which lie slanting in the central part of the space. One of these slabs has an oval shape with diameters 0.24 and 0.27. There are patches of hardish earth but nothing like a floor. We are now at the level of part 21 of the area to the south, and the slab and patches earth surface of the road. As there is no southern limiting wall we can conclude that space T was not used as a room at this stage.
In space T we change pail 34 with Trend 30A-29A
Pail 35 x 1.3 under Pail 34
Brown earth some slabs a small stone
From 19.15 to 19.12/19.08
Shards: 1850 gns total; few decorated
some MMIII-LMII. Latest LMII
Other: grey flat cobbled; possibly new sign
cherty limestone cobble fig; shells
Inc.

The two slanting slabs (one of them oval) found on the 13th of July are found to
sit on earth. Underneath them is a
flat slab. A smooth square slab is
found in situ; at the northwest corner
of the room. It is 0.45 x 0.40m. About
one metre south of this and along the
east face of wall 24 there is one medium
and one small slab flat but otherwise
in no special or canonical arrangement.

In the north-east section there is much
fallen rubble in softish brown earth.

Two more flat slabs are found; one east
of the corner one, the other in the central
section of the space. All these slabs
are associated with a surface of hard
packed earth which, however, does not
seem to extend all the way up wall
23 in the southwest section of
Space T. There the earth is softish
and has small stone in it.
We discontinue using pail 35 at
this level and prepare the space for
photography.

Also prepared for photography are
Trench 30A: Intersection of E-W and N-S roads, seen from east.

- South of wall 25 are the blocks of the "blocking wall"? removed today.
- Level of N-S road next to kepidoema: 19.07 m. At north area of trench the road surface varies from 19.18 - 19.22

Further scraping reveals some more slabs at the south end of the former.

Clearing of the N-S road has allowed more of the east face of wall 25 (the north return of wall 16) to appear. After one course we have a kepidoema projecting some 0.05 m to the east. The kepidoema continues south beyond the presumed corner of walls 16 and 25 and seems to go under the stone, which we thought might be a blocking of the E-W road at its intersection with the N-S road. This small "wall" is drawn and photographed so that it can be removed.

We come back to Space T. The following information should be noted: An oval slab is at 1.70 m S. of wall 25 and 0.70 m from wall 24. Two cobbles lie on the hardest surface, just north of the central group of slabs. The larger one is 0.55 m in area (small and dark) is c. 0.70 m from wall 25.

The situation in this space is difficult to understand. If the slabs represent a floor, Space T is still lacking at this level a south wall and a proper East wall. We decide to start our investigation by removing the softish fill with smaller stones, which may represent a later disturbance. This is excavated with:

(Trench 30A-24a)

Pail 36
Pail 35
1.3 under Pail 35
Brown earth + small stone
from 19.00 to 19.065
Shards: 480 gr. total - very small unit; some MM III, some LM, not clearly datable.
Other: argillaceous artefacts, cobble, limestone

Wall 25 has been traced for some 1.10 m. It displays no straight east face. The soft east end of wall 36 has been found and up to wall 23 and along the west face of wall 23 we have three two strips meeting at right angles; the east one is the same N-S length of wall 23 and 0.65 m wide; the northern one is 1.45 m E-W, some 0.60 m wide.

We reach the end of small stones and we are now on a flatter surface. It is pretty soft brown earth and unlikely to be a used surface: please alone a floor. We decide to pursue the investigation and can hear these two strips as a sounding:

Pail 36 is at this level replaced by Pail 37 - 1.3 - under pail 36.
Brown earth.
From 19.005 to 18.95.
800 gr. total; small unit. MMIII.
LMIII A: 2/15 in regular.
Objet: charcoal; bone.

Inc.

The "blocking wall" south of the SE corner of the North House is removed. We find here that the corner (AP41) extends some 0.43 m beyond the corner. On it sits a small stone which seems to be in situ. Alligned with it extending westward are two