

BRITISH SCHOOL AT ATHENS,

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Dear Sir (or Madam),

The British School at Athens, as you are aware, has long been engaged as part of its regular work in the task of exploring and excavating ancient sites in Greece. For many years Sparta has been our principal Greek excavation, but a variety of considerations make it advisable, for the time being at least, to look for a new field. At the present moment it is our intention to inaugurate the excavation of a site of the archaic Greek period, a period not directly touched by any recent excavation of the School, though brilliantly illustrated in the past by its excavation of the Sanctuary of Artemis Orthia at Sparta. There is no need to emphasise the possible importance of such an undertaking, for the singular attraction of the archaic period, and in particular of archaic art, is perhaps more widely realised today than ever before.

It is proposed to excavate at the east end of the Gulf of Corinth a site identified as that of the temple of Hera Akraia mentioned by Euripides and Livy. Strabo tells