

Complementary note to the article of Prof. Roca-Puig

In 1953 I published in the «Harvard Theological Review», Vol. XLVI (1953), pages 233-37, an article entitled «An Early Papyrus of the First Gospel». The text in questions consisted of some small fragments of a papyrus codex in the possession of the Library at Magdalen College, Oxford; it contained parts of Chapter xxvi of St. Matthew, and was written in an elegant literary hand in two columns. When in 1956 Professor RAMON ROCA-PUIG published a booklet entitled *Un Papiro Griego del Evangelio de San Mateo*, with an edition of the papyrus in the possession of the «Fundación San Lucas Evangelista», I suspected that the hand in which the two papyri were written was one and the same, and correspondence with Professor Roca-Puig confirmed this beyond a doubt.

The Barcelona fragments are part of two leaves covering in part Chapters iii and v of the Gospel. It is unlikely that either leaf was conjoint with the Magdalen College leaf, and it therefore remains uncertain whether or no the codex was a single quire codex or no. The whole Gospel would have occupied some 90 pages.