

ALCMAN AND NIOBE'S CHILDREN

A. Allen, in *Rh. Museum* 117, 1974, 358–9, proposes to increase the number of Alcman's Niobids by emending the text of Aelian, *Var. Hist.* 12.36 from 'Αλκμὰν <δὲ> δέκα φησί (fr. 75 Page) to 'Αλκμὰν <δ'έκκαί>δεκα φησί. There is a simpler way: 'Αλκμὰν δὲ κα' φησί. (For the odd number cf. Hesiod's 19.)

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