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IMAGINES CIVITATUM AT ANCIENT CORINTH: CITIES OF ROMAN ACHAIA

In the early 120's A.D., Hadrian employed the Peloponnesian Achaian League to unify the cities of the province Achaia. Roman Corinth's role as urban leader of the League may have been formalized by the renovation of the Lechaion Road basilica, embellished with an unusual sculpture program that included heroes, gods, and personifications representing Peloponnesian member cities. The relief figures on a series of large marble panels could even have visualized the itinerary of Hadrian's 1st visit as emperor to Greece in A. D. 124. These sculptures may have adorned the Lechaion Road basilica and offer a profile of the city and the Achaian *koinon* just before the initiation of the Panhellenion in Athens.