

SUMMARIES OF PERIODICALS

HILOLOGISCHE WOCHENSCHRIFT.

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GREEK LITERATURE.—E. Schwartz, *Die Odyssee* [München, 1924, Hueber. Pp. vi+342] (Aly). Careful analysis on basis of which S. traces successive stages of construction of the epic; only method that promises sure results. Very important.

HISTORY AND ANTIQUITIES.—A. Köster, *Das antike Seewesen* [Berlin, 1923, Schoetz u. Parrhysius. Pp. 254+104 illustrations] (Assmann). Important addition to nautical literature by an experienced archaeologist and keeper at the Berlin Museum.—E. Weiss, *Griechisches Privatrecht auf rechtsvergleichender Grundlage. I.: Allgemeine Lehren* [Leipzig, 1923, Meiner. Pp. xii+556] (Ehrenberg). Enormous collection of material drawn from inscriptions, papyri, and literary sources; a mine of information for research.—U. Wilcken, *Griechische Geschichte im Rahmen der Altertumsgeschichte* [München, 1924, Oldenbourg. Pp. vi+246] (Enszlin). Everyone interested in history will gladly follow a leader so well-informed as W. Importance not only of Greek politics, but also of Greek civilisation stressed; covers period from earliest times to 30 B.C.

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION.—S. Ranulf, *Der eleatische Satz vom Widerspruch* [Copenhagen, 1924, Gyldendalske Boghandel. Pp. 224] (Wallies). Both in length and in content much above average Ph.D. dissertation. Reviewer objects to title, and would call it 'Logik der absoluten Vieldeutigkeit der Begriffe.'—M. Hiestand, *Das Sokratische Nichtwissen in Platons ersten Dialogen* [Zürich, 1923, Seldwyla. Pp. 110] (Nestle). Examines how far the earliest dialogues reflect Socrates' teaching, and what is Plato's own contribution. Fresh and penetrating.—H. Oppermann, *Zeus Panamaros* [Giessen, 1924, Töpelmann. Pp. viii+94] (Latte). Deals chiefly with cult of Zeus at Panamara. Careful work based on (partly unpublished) epigraphical evidence.—J. Stenzel, *Zahl und Gestalt bei Platon und Aristoteles* [Leipzig, 1924, Teubner. Pp. viii+144] (Nestle). Fascinating and finely thought out exposition; important for knowledge of Plato's later philosophy.—H. v. Arnim, *Zur Entstehungsgeschichte der aristotelischen Politik* [Ak. d. Wiss. in Wien, Phil.-hist. Klasse, Sitzungs-

ber. 200. Bd., I. Abhandlung. Wien, 1924, Hölder-Pichler-Tempsky. Pp. 130] (Wallies). Penetrating and thorough examination of the many difficulties; nearly half devoted to Bk. III.; distinguishes four component parts of different periods fitted together by an editor.—C. Ritter, *Platon. Sein Leben, seine Schriften, seine Lehre. Bd. II.* [München, 1923, Beck. Pp. xv+910] (Aly). Completes R.'s great work on Plato, the first volume of which appeared in 1910. For R. Plato is an experience, and he writes with real enthusiasm.

ARCHAEOLOGY.—Th. Wiegand, *Achter vorläufiger Bericht über die von den staatlichen Museen in Milet und Didyma unternommenen Ausgrabungen* [Abh. d. Preuss. Ak. d. Wiss. 1924, Phil.-Hist. Klasse Nr. 1. Berlin, 1924. 9 plates and 11 figures] (P. Herrmann). Account of excavations from 1910 to 1913. Much new and partly very important material, especially the small temple once containing statue of Apollo by Kanachos.—F. Poulsen, *Delphische Studien* [Kgl. Danske Vidensk. Selskab, Hist.-fil. Meddelelser, VIII. 5. Copenhagen, 1924, Host. Pp. 82+28 plates] (Karo). First and more important half deals with 'Apollo and Asia,' the relations of Delphic oracle with the East; second half contains notes on the archaic sculptures at Delphi.

NUMISMATICS.—W. Giesecke, *Sicilia Numismatica. Die Grundlagen des griechischen Münzwesens auf Sizilien* [Leipzig, 1923, Hiersemann. Pp. 188 folio+27 plates and 3 figures] (Laum). Very useful monograph, well illustrated, with promise of something larger to follow.

LANGUAGE.—J. Wackernagel, *Vorlesungen über Syntax mit besonderer Berücksichtigung von Griechisch, Lateinisch, und Deutsch. II. Reihe* [Basel, 1924, Birkhäuser. Pp. vi+338] (Reiter). Discusses gender, noun and adjective, pronoun, article, prepositions, and negatives. Careful indices. Arresting from beginning to end.

LEXICOGRAPHY.—F. Preisigke, *Wörterbuch der griechischen Papyrusurkunden mit Einschluss der griechischen Inschriften, Aufschriften, Ostraka, Mumienbilder usw. aus Ägypten. I. Lieferung (α-δίκη)* [Heidelberg, 1924, Selbstverlag] (Bilabel). Arrangement clear and practical; on the whole thoroughly reliable.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editors of THE CLASSICAL REVIEW.

SIRS,—Professor Housman in the May-June issue of your *Review* (p. 79) tells us that the MS. reading in Soph. *O.T.* 794-6 can only be defended by mistranslation; that neither of

Jebb's renderings is possible; that the true reading is τεκμαρούμενος, because 'the very words of Sophocles are borrowed by Libanius,' and therefore the phrase found in Libanius contains the very words of Sophocles!

It may be my 'British ignorance' which

makes me disagree wholly with Professor Housman. But one cannot argue with a mere dogmatic assertion. It would be helpful if Professor Housman would (1) translate the passage with the reading *τεκμαρούμενος*, (2) explain why either of Jebb's renderings is inadmissible, (3) suggest a reason for the supposed corruption, and (4) tell us how he knows that the words found in Libanius are the very words of Sophocles.

A. W. MAIR.

SIRS,—No, it would not be helpful. If Professor Mair asks such questions and makes such statements after reading what I wrote, he would still ask and make them after reading what I do not intend to write.

I am conscious that this is the tone which would be adopted by some scholars, whom I could name, if they knew that they were wrong and did not want to confess it; but it ought to be understood by this time that I am not of that brood.

A. E. HOUSMAN.

BOOKS RECEIVED

All publications which have a bearing on Classical Studies will be entered in this list if they are sent for review. The price should in all cases be stated.

* * * Excerpts or Extracts from Periodicals and Collections will not be included unless they are also published separately.

Abhandlungen zur antiken Rechtsgeschichte. Festschrift für Gustav Hanausek. Pp. vii + 159. Graz: Ulr. Mosers Buchhandlung, 1925. Stiff paper, 7s.

Beazley (J. D.) Attische Vasenmaler des rothfigurigen Stils. Pp. xii + 612. Tübingen: Mohr, 1925. Broschiert, M. 21; gebunden, M. 24.50.

Bonus (A. R.) Where Hannibal passed. Pp. 88, with 12 illustrations and a map. London: Methuen, 1925. Cloth, 7s. 6d. net.

Bryan (W. R.) Italic Hut Urns and Hut Urn Cemeteries. A study in the Early Iron Age of Latium and Etruria. Pp. xiv + 204; 25 illustrations. (Papers and Monographs of the American Academy in Rome, Vol. IV.) Rome: American Academy, 1925. Cloth, \$2.50.

Bulletin de l'Association Guillaume Bude. No. 8. Juillet, 1925.

Butler (H. E.) The Close of the Second Punic War, being Livy, books xxix., xxx., partly in the original and partly in translation, edited by H. E. B. Pp. 182. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1925. Cloth, 3s. 6d. net.

Classical Philology. Vol. XX., No. 3. July, 1925.

Cocchia (E.) La letteratura latina anteriore all' influenza ellenica. Part III. Pp. xi + 397. Napoli: Rondinella and Loffredo, 1925.

Croiset (M.) Démosthène. Harangues. Tome II. Texte établi et traduit par M.C. (Collection des Universités de France.) Paris: Société d'Édition 'Les Belles Lettres,' 1925. Paper, 20 fr.

Diehl (E.) Inscriptiones Latinae Christianae Veteres. Fasc. 6. Pp. xiii, 401-488. Berlin: Weidmann, 1925. Geheftet, M. 5.25. (Price of Vol. I.: geh. M. 24, geb. M. 30.)

Dingwall (E. J.) Male Infibulation. Pp. vii + 145; frontispiece and 7 figures. London: John Bale, Sons and Danielsson, 1925. Cloth, 10s. 6d. net.

Dornseiff (F.) Das Alphabet in Mystik und

Magie. Zweite Auflage. Pp. 195. Leipzig and Berlin: Teubner, 1925. (ΣΤΟΙΧΕΙΑ, Heft VII.) Geheftet, G.-M. 8; gebunden, G.-M. 10.

Ernout (A.) et Robin (L.) Lucrèce. De Rerum Natura. Commentaire exégétique et critique, précédé d'une introduction sur l'art de Lucrèce et d'une traduction des lettres et pensées d'Épicure. Tome premier. Livres I. et II. Pp. cxxiii + 371. Paris: Société d'Édition 'Les Belles Lettres,' 1925. Paper, 25 fr.

Foord (E.) The Last Age of Roman Britain. Pp. 294; maps and illustrations. London: Harrap, 1925. Cloth, 15s. net.

Frank (T.) Roman Buildings of the Republic. An attempt to date them from their materials. Pp. 149; 15 illustrations. (Papers and Monographs of the American Academy in Rome, Vol. III.) Rome: American Academy, 1924. Cloth, \$2.50.

Geissler (P.) Chronologie der altattischen Komödie. Pp. 86. (Philologische Untersuchungen, 30. Heft.) Berlin; Weidmann, 1925. Geheftet, M. 4.

Gercke (A.) and Norden (E.) Einleitung in die Altertumswissenschaft. I. Band. 10. Heft. Lateinische Epigraphik von H. Dessau, Lateinische Paläographie von P. Lehmann. Pp. 68. Leipzig and Berlin: Teubner, 1925. Kartoniert, G.-M. 2.80.

Goelzer (H.) Tacite. Annales. Livres XIII.-XVI. Tome III. Texte établi et traduit par H. G. (Collection des Universités de France.) Paris: Société d'Édition 'Les Belles Lettres,' 1925. Paper, 16 fr.

Goelzer (H.) Virgile. Bucoliques. Texte établi et traduit par H. G. (Collection des Universités de France.) Paris: Société d'Édition 'Les Belles Lettres,' Paper, 9 fr.

Hamilton (D. E.) and Carlisle (J. O.) Latin Reader for Secondary Schools. Pp. viii + 319; illustrations. London: Harrap, 1925. Cloth, 3s. 6d.