

OBITUARY

THOMAS DAY SEYMOUR.

PROFESSOR SEYMOUR, who died on Dec. 31, was born in Hudson, Ohio, April 1, 1848, of Puritan ancestry on both sides. He received the degree of B.A. at Western Reserve University, where he was Professor of Greek from 1872 to 1880, when he became Professor of Greek at Yale University; he held this position until his death. He studied classical philology in Berlin and Leipsic in 1870-72, and made many visits to Greece and other Greek lands.

His powerful influence on American scholarship was exerted in many ways: by his teaching, by his activity as editor and reviewer, and by his own writings: by his shining example as a profound, unwearied, accurate and fruitful scholar, impatient ever of inadequate work: by the close friendships he established with the scholars of his own and of the younger generation, and not least by his activity as administrator of large enterprises. His writings were miscellaneous in character, Pindar, Plato, but above all Homer being his favourite authors. His earliest book was his *Selected Odes of Pindar* (1882); he wrote many notes on Plato: while he attested his lifelong devotion to Homer by his *Introduction to the Language and Verse of Homer* (1885), *Homer's Iliad, I-VI* (1887-90), *Homeric Vocabulary* (1889), *School Iliad*, (1891), *Introduction and Vocabulary to School Odyssey*, eight books (1901)—most of all, however, by his *Life in the Homeric Age*, published only three months before his death. Besides original articles in the *Transactions* of the American Philological Association and *Harvard Studies in Classical Philology*, and in more popular periodical literature

(*Scribner's Magazine*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *The Chautauquan*, etc.), he wrote a vast number of shorter notes and book reviews, signed and unsigned, in the *Nation* (New York), *American Journal of Philology*, *Classical Philology*, and this Review. Since 1889 he had been one of the Associate Editors of this Review for America.

He was for twelve years chairman of the Managing Committee of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. At the time of his death, he had been President of the Archaeological Institute of America for five years. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him by Western Reserve University in 1894, by Glasgow in 1901, and by Harvard in 1906. He had countless friends, here and abroad, some of whom were attached to him by the warmest ties of affection: among these, to name only the dead, were F. D. Allen, Blass, Jebb, and Lord Kelvin.

All who knew him loved him for the purity and loftiness of his character, and for his high disinterestedness; they admired him for the swiftness and sureness of his mind in action, for his marvellous powers of work, for the range of his intellectual interests, and for his broad outlook on life, where sensitiveness to new ideas was united with a wise conservatism. To many of us, in his going forth,

δύσετό τ' ἥελιος σκιάωντό τε πᾶσαι ἀγυαί.

JOHN H. WRIGHT.

[We regret to add that before this notice reached us, the author himself died.

EDITOR C.R.]

ARCHAEOLOGY

CORSTOPITUM.

THE excavations on the site of Corstopitum were resumed in July last, and continued till early in October, the area examined

lying on the north side of the broad street discovered in 1907. The buildings fronting on this street proved to have been of con-