

interpretations of texts, and other faults, it is an interesting and valuable attempt to grapple with a big problem.—B. Schweitzer, *Herakles* [Tübingen, 1922]. S. writes a spirited protest against E. Bethe's severe review in the preceding number: Bethe does not intend to reply.

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GREEK LITERATURE.—*Aretaeus*. Edidit C. Hude [Leipzig, 1923, Teubner. Pp. xxv + 183] (Fuchs). In general good, at times brilliant.—P. Friedländer, *Der grosse Alcibiades. Zweiter Teil. Kritische Erörterung* [Bonn, 1923, Cohen. Pp. 68] (Nestle). Skilful use of every available argument in support of the genuineness of the dialogue.

LATIN LITERATURE.—*Poetae latini minores. Vol. II., 2. Ovidi Nux. Consolatio ad Liviam. Priapea*. Post Aem. Baehrens iterum recensuit F. Vollmer [Leipzig, 1923. Pp. 80] (Hosius). Edited with V.'s habitual carefulness.—*L. Annaei Senecae ad Lucilium epistularum moralium libri I.-XIII.* Ad codicem praecipue Quirianum recensuit A. Beltrami [Brescia, 1916. Pp. xlv + 402] (Hense). Prepared with considerable suc-

cess and sound judgment, though B. is too partial to 'Q.' Long and detailed review.

PHILOSOPHY.—A. Boulanger, *Aelius Aristide et la sophistique dans la province d'Asie au II^e siècle de notre ère* [Paris, 1923, Bibliothèque des Écoles Françaises d'Athènes et de Rome. Pp. xvi + 504] (W. Schmid). Though superficial and devoid of new ideas, nevertheless B. writes with skill, taste, and a feeling for essentials. Reviewer summarises and criticises at some length.

LINGUISTIC.—H. Bender, *The Home of the Indo-Europeans* [Princeton, 1922, University Press] (Helck). Unprejudiced and discriminating; a very probable hypothesis.

METRIC.—F. Marx, *Molossische und baccheische Wortformen in der Verskunst der Griechen und Römer* [Abh. d. sächs. Akad. d. Wiss., Phil.-hist. Klasse. Bd. xxxvii, 1, 1922] (Drexler). Invaluable progress in some sections, in others M. goes sadly astray. Long and important review with detailed summary and criticism.

LEXICOGRAPHY.—G. Goetz, *Corpus Glossariorum Latinorum, Vol. I.* [Leipzig, 1923, Teubner. Pp. vii + 431] (Hosius). 'Feliciter Goetio bono scholastico.' Successful conclusion of a monumental work.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of THE CLASSICAL REVIEW.

SIR,

I look forward with great interest to the amended statement which my friend Professor Postgate proposes to make when occasion offers (*C.R.*, 1924, p. 47). My object in writing this brief letter is not to dispute the facts to which he calls attention—facts which seem to point inevitably to the conclusion at which he arrives—but simply to remind him and your readers of the existence of other facts (of an entirely different order) which have also to be taken into consideration in this connexion—viz., the actual measurements of the syllables in question by means of the kymograph. It was on the basis of these measurements that I ventured to criticise the doctrine (not based on experiment) that all syllables that end in a consonant are necessarily long. My experi-

ments with the kymograph do not support this; in a word like *aif* the second syllable (*if*), when followed by a word beginning with a vowel (e.g., *ille*), does not reach the dimensions of a long syllable, though its duration is somewhat greater than that of the first syllable (*a*): the vowel *plus* the consonant have a duration which must be classified as relatively short. This observation throws an entirely new light upon the vexed question of so-called 'length by position' and the supposed necessity of transferring the final consonant in such instances to the next syllable (e.g., *a-i-tille*). But it would take far too much space to set forth the facts in this letter. They will shortly be published in my forthcoming book on Rhythm. Meanwhile I ask for suspension of judgment.

Yours faithfully,

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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.

Bechtel (F.) Die griechischen Dialekte. Zweiter Band: Die westgriechischen Dialekte. Pp. vii + 951. Dritter Band: Der ionische Dialekt. Pp. ix + 353. Berlin: Weidmann, 1924. Paper, 24 and 12 Marks.

Bell (E.) Early Architecture in Western Asia.

A historical outline. Pp. xvi + 252; 110 illustrations, maps, and plans. London: G. Bell, 1924. Cloth, 10s. net.

Belloch (K. J.) Griechische Geschichte. Zweite neugestaltete Auflage. Dritter Band, bis auf Aristoteles und die Eroberung Asiens. Zweite