

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Walter Bauer, who died on 17 November 1960, was one of the great New Testament *Gelehrten* of this century. His lexicon of New Testament Greek has become a standard work and is now available in English translation (*A Greek–English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*, translated by William F. Arndt and F. Wilbur Gingrich, Cambridge University Press, 1957).

The suggestion that tribute might be paid to the life-work of this great scholar in *New Testament Studies* was first made by Professor C. F. D. Moule, and I am grateful to him, to Dr Bammel, Lecturer in Divinity in Cambridge, and to the late Dr Peter Walters, for their co-operation and advice, and to the contributors of the articles on Dr Bauer as New Testament and patristic scholar: Dr Gingrich has contributed a short biographical note and Dr W. Barclay of Glasgow a review of the English edition of the lexicon.

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### WALTER BAUER 1877–1960

Walter Bauer was born on 8 August 1877 in Königsberg, Prussia, the son of a professor in the university of that city. He studied theology and philology (both classical and oriental) at the universities of Marburg, Berlin, and Strassburg with such scholars as Jülicher, Johannes Weiss, Harnack, Pfeiderer, Holtzmann, Nöldeke, and F. Spitta. He began his teaching career as Privatdozent at Marburg in 1902. The title of his inaugural dissertation as Licentiat der Theologie in that year was 'Mündige und Unmündige bei dem Apostel Paulus': at this early date he showed keen competence in New Testament lexicography, which became his major work.

He remained at Marburg until 1913, when he became professor at Breslau. In 1916 he removed to Göttingen, where he remained until his death. He formally retired for reasons of health on 31 December 1945, but accomplished some of his best work after that date.

Among his outstanding publications are *Das Leben Jesu im Zeitalter der Neutestamentlichen Apokryphen* (1909): his volumes on the Gospel of John (1912; third edition 1933) and on the Letters of Ignatius (1920) in the *Handbuch zum Neuen Testament*, and *Rechtgläubigkeit und Ketzerei im ältesten Christentum* (1934).

In 1920 Professor Bauer was entrusted with the task of revising and augmenting Erwin Preuschen's *Griechisch-Deutsches Handwörterbuch zu den*