

ALF ÖNNERFORS, JOHANNES RATHOFER, FRITZ WAGNER: *Literatur und Sprache im Europäischen Mittelalter: Festschrift für Karl Langosch zum 70. Geburtstag*. Pp. 525. Darmstadt: Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, 1973. Cloth.

HORST GERICKE, MANFRED LEMMER, WALTER ZÖLLNER: *Orbis Mediaevalis. Festgabe für Anton Blashka zum 75. Geburtstag*. Pp. 274. Weimar: Hermann Böhlau, 1970. Cloth, DM. 28.

In contributions to *Festschriften* the piety of friends rarely runs deep, but the eminence of Karl Langosch deserved and obtained something better. This collection of articles on topics ranging from Bede to the Paduan Pre-humanists contains no classical themes, but readers interested in Ovidian influences should note that P. Klopsch has provided a new text of the *Carmen de philomela*, and J. Stohlmann likewise a text of the eleventh-century *Deidamia Achilli*. Virtually all the articles are by German scholars; though Langosch's work is internationally recognized, he has not been a wandering scholar, and this excellent collection testifies to a prophet honoured more in his own country than outside. The second volume of essays, gathered in homage to Anton Blashka, contains one classical paper, M. Brozek's 'Über die Auswahl der Versformen in Statius' *Silven*', but it is a slight contribution and the volume as a whole is of a less distinguished order, though there is a notable study of the *Asinarius* by K. Langosch.

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### EDITORIAL NOTE

Mr. J. S. Morrison, who succeeded Professor H. Tredennick as co-editor of this journal in 1968, has resigned. We are sure that readers will wish to join us in thanking him for his distinguished services, which included bringing out a number of the journal single-handed after the death of Professor Fordyce.