

## NOTES AND NEWS

## NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE two Spring meetings of the Northumberland and Durham Classical Association were held alternately in Durham and Newcastle. At the former, Canon Cruickshank's paper on 'The Problem of Euripides' *Bacchae*' led to an interesting discussion, taken part in by Dr. Dawson Walker, who was in the chair, Miss E. F. Stevenson (Newcastle), Miss A. M. Ashley (Darlington), Mr. E. P. Pestle, Professor How, and Dr. J. Wight Duff. After the statutory business of the sixth general meeting of the branch, held on March 23 at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Mr. R. Bousfield

(Bishop Auckland) gave an account of excavations which had been conducted from time to time at the Roman station of Binchester (Vinovia), and exhibited an admirable set of large coloured plans in illustration of the site as a whole, as well as of the buildings, bathing-tanks, and hypocausts. Copies of the chief inscriptions recovered in the nineteenth century at Vinovia were also shown. Dr. J. Wight Duff, who presided, recalled details of the archaeological visit paid by the society to Binchester in 1914.

## CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editors of THE CLASSICAL REVIEW.

I HAVE read with much interest the article by Mr. Shewan on Πολύχρσος Μυκῆνη in your last number, and will try to profit by his arguments. But unfortunately I must begin by knocking away the foundation on which they all rest, and thereby depriving him of his fancied triumph over me. Mr. Shewan seems to think that the new Mycenaean site found by the Americans is at Corinth. He is misinformed. It is not at Corinth.

I said in *Homer and History* (p. 217) that Ephyre—the name which we must give to the new site—was the nearest town in the Sikyonian territory, and a few miles away from Corinth. The new site is in fact a few miles from Corinth, in the direction of Sikyon. It lies on the coast of the Gulf, somewhere near Lechaion. No Mycenaean remains have been found at Corinth to confute me. Any 'value of my essay on Agamemnon's realm' is not greatly reduced, but greatly strengthened by this confirmation of my assertion that the Mycenaean Ephyre was not at Corinth, but a few miles away. My prophecy may have been a foolish gamble; but it has the merit of fulfilment.

The information about the site of the Mycenaean Ephyre I owe to Mr. Wace. I wish it were more detailed; but letters to Athens were very uncertain when I wrote on the subject three years ago, and either my enquiry for further particulars or his reply to it must have gone astray; and we are all too busy on more urgent matters to spend much time on such things. But it is possible that one part of what I have said may have to be modified. With all reserve, and even open scepticism, I thought that there might be something in what Strabo said about an 'Ephyre on the Selleis' in Sikyonian territory. Now I cannot ascertain that the new site is on any stream: if it is not,

then what Strabo says as to this particular Ephyre may have to go with the other fables he talks about the name of Ephyre (*Homer and History*, 178). This of course affects him, and not me. My argument is only based on the fact that there never was a Mycenaean settlement at Corinth; the negative evidence is now confirmed by our knowledge of the place where the settlement was. It was on the northern coast, and therefore unsuited to fulfil the conditions which placed an important town where Corinth stood. To all appearance it was dependent on Sikyon.

Yours faithfully,  
WALTER LEAF.

To the Editors of THE CLASSICAL REVIEW.

I CANNOT but be happy over the generous praise bestowed upon *Plotinus: The Ethical Treatises*, in *Class. Rev.* February-March, 1918.

I ask permission, however—for the few who may be interested in the interpretation of Plotinus—to touch very briefly on the friendly reviewer's animadversions. I take them seriatim:

1. 'Complement' is a misprint for 'couplement.'
2. The  $\pi\acute{\alpha}\nu$  in the context is not necessary, nor any English equivalent; but, with Mueller and Kieffer, I take it as strengthening  $\delta\tau$ .
3. The steps, I find, by which the form of my version developed were: (a) 'Anyone that allows the *soul* to be the user (of the body) separates it.' (b, etc.) 'If the *soul* is (allowed) to use the body, it is separate.' In the context I take that twist and condensation to be quite laudable.
4. It was only after long search that I discovered the reviewer's implication, if I grasp it yet. My first rough draft (to which the final adheres in entire content) was: 'We must

make over the common affections (or the affections of the couplement) to the body—that is, to the part appropriate to such affections—the material (“physical”) element.’ Mueller and Kiefer differ, but not on the point in question.

5. The omission of *ὀδύνη* was a pure oversight, induced, I imagine, by the fact that the context shows clearly the celestial nature of the ‘body’ concerned.

STEPHEN MACKENNA.

ERRATUM.—P. 47 (a) line 14: for ‘hopeful’ read ‘helpful.’

## 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.

- Agno* (F.) *Periculum criticum Ovidianum: Heroïdum loci aliquot emendati, explanati, tentati.* 9½" × 6¾". Pp. 22. Pavia, Tipografia e legatoria co-operativa, 1918.
- Amatucci* (A. G.) *Storia della Letteratura Romana.* In two vols.: I. Dalle Origini all' Età Ciceroniana, pp. xii + 244. II. Da Augusto al Sec. V., pp. viii + 206. 8¼" × 5½". Napoli: Francesco Perrella, 1916. L. 2 per volume.
- Armstrong* (M. E.) *The Significance of Certain Colours in Roman Ritual (Dissertation for Doctorate).* 9¼" × 6¾". Pp. 52. The Collegiate Press, Menasha, Wisconsin, 1917.
- Boëthius* (Axel). *Die Pythais: Studien zur Geschichte der Verbindungen zwischen Athen und Delphi (Inaugural Dissertation).* 9½" × 6¾". Pp. 172. Upsala: Almqvist und Wicksell, 1918.
- Box* (G. H.) *The Apocalypse of Abraham and the Ascension of Elijah (Translation of Early Documents).* 7½" × 5". Pp. xxxiv + 65 and xxvi + 36. London: S.P.C.K., 1918. Cloth, 4s. 6d. net.
- Cambridge* (Historical Register of the University to the Year 1910). Edited by J. R. Tanner. 7¾" × 5". Pp. xii + 1186. Cambridge University Press, 1917. Cloth, 12s. 6d. net.
- Ciceronis Orationes* (Pro Milone, Caesarianae, Philippicae). *Bibliotheca Oxoniensis.* By A. C. Clark. Second edition. 8" × 5½". Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1918. Paper, 3s.; cloth, 3s. 6d.
- Cudworth* (W. H.) *The Odes of Horace, Englished into Rimed Verse corresponding to the Original Meters.* 7¼" × 4¾". Pp. xv + 161. New York: A. A. Knopf, 1918. Cloth, \$1.50 net.
- De Sanctis* (G.) and *Pareti* (L.) *Contributi alla Scienza dell' Antichità: Vol. II., Storia di Sparta Arcaica. Parte I.* 10" × 7". Pp. iv + 276. Firenze, Libreria Internazionale, 1917. L. 10.
- Eitrem* (S.) *Beiträge zur griechischen Religionsgeschichte: II. Kathartisches und Rituelles.* 10½" × 7". Pp. 50. Kristiania: Jacob Dybwad, 1917.
- Fitzhugh* (Thomas). *The Indo-European Superstress and the Evolution of Verse.* University of Virginia, Bulletin of the School of Latin, No. 9. 9" × 6¾". Pp. 114. Anderson Brothers, Charlottesville, Va. \$2.50.
- Gardner* (P.) *A History of Ancient Coinage, 700–300 B.C.* 9" × 6". Pp. xvi + 464, with 11 plates. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1918. Cloth, 18s. net.
- James* (M. R.) *The Biblical Antiquities of Philo (Translations of Early Documents).* 7¼" × 5". Pp. vi + 280. London: S.P.C.K., 1917. Cloth, 8s. 6d. net.
- Jastrow* (M.) *The War and the Bagdad Railways.* 7¾" × 5½". Pp. 160, with 14 illustrations and a map. London: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1917. Cloth, 6s. net.
- McLemore* (J. S.) *The Tradition of the Latin Accent (a Dissertation submitted to the Faculty of the University of Virginia, 1917).* 10¼" × 7". Pp. 96. University of Virginia.
- Missions Scientifiques* (Nouvelles Archives). Tome XXII. Fasc. 1. 9¾" × 6¼". Pp. 131, with 6 plates. Paris: Imprimerie Nationale, 1917.
- Modern Hebrew Literature.* 8½" × 5½". Pp. 20. London: Jewish Chronicle. 9d.
- More* (P. E.) *Platonism (Lectures delivered at Princeton University).* 8½" × 5½". Pp. xii + 308. Oxford University Press (for Princeton Press), 1918. Cloth, 7s. 6d. net.
- Plutarch's Select Essays* (Vol. II.). Translated by A. O. Prickard. 7" × 4¾". Pp. xix + 336. Oxford University Press, 1918. Cloth, 3s. 6d. net.
- Schütte* (G.) *Ptolemy's Maps of Northern Europe: A Reconstruction of the Prototypes.* 10½" × 7". Pp. xvi + 150, with 32 maps. Copenhagen: H. Hagerup, 1917.
- Stawell* (F. M.) *The Price of Freedom: An Anthology. Illustrated.* 6½" × 4¾". Pp. 168. London: Headley Brothers, 1918. Paper boards, 3s. 6d.
- Thackeray* (H. St. J.) *The Letters of Aristaeus (Translations of Early Documents).* 7½" × 5". Pp. xx + 116. London: S.P.C.K., 1917. Cloth, 2s. 6d. net.
- Value of the Classics: Addresses at Conference on Classical Studies at Princeton University, 1917.* 8½" × 5½". Pp. viii + 396. Oxford University Press (for Princeton Press), 1918. Half cloth, 6s. 6d. net.
- Wassilevsky* (J.) *Chassidism: A Résumé of Modern Hebrew Mysticism.* 8½" × 5½". Pp. 31. Blackburn: Toulmin and Sons. 1s.