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***Thucydidis Reliquiae in Papyris et Membranis Aegyptiacis Seruatae.* Collegit Fridericus Fischer. 8vo. Pp. 75. Leipzig: B. G. Teubner, 1913. M. 3; in cloth, M. 4.20.**

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siderable group of sixth-century documents found apparently at Elephantine and largely relating to the affairs of a family whose home was Syene. Other papyri belonging to the group have been acquired by the British Museum and are to be included in the next part of the Greek Catalogue; and occasionally, as might have been expected, fragments of the same document have found their way both to London and Munich. It is a pity that exchanges should not be arranged in such cases. On the whole, however, these texts are in excellent preservation. They consist for the most part of lengthy contracts, agreements for settlement of claims and for sales of house-property predominating. An interesting exception, which had already been utilized in J. Maspero's *Organisation militaire de l'Égypte byzantine*, refers to the matriculation of a recruit (No. 2); it is an acknowledgment by the officers of the *numerus* at Elephantine that they had received the certificate (*probatoria*) issued on the recruit's behalf by the *dux* of the Thebaid. The editing of the volume has been shared by Professors Wenger and Heisenberg, who have collaborated with most happy results, the latter being responsible for the transcriptions and translations, while the former's profound juristic knowledge finds scope in the commentaries. A special feature of this excellent publication is the accompanying portfolio of thirty-seven large facsimiles, in which the entire series of texts has been admirably reproduced.

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legit FRIDERICUS FISCHER. 8vo.
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THIS slender 'dissertation' is useful, chiefly as providing a collection of all the fragments of Thucydides so far discovered in Egypt. The author's comments on them (written in clear, pointed Latin) amount to little more than indications of the few differences between the fragments and the received text, approvals of Dr. Hude or Mr. Stuart Jones according as the

course steered by each appears to him to deserve, and the remark that, while we are able now to recover some better readings than we had before, the History had obviously undergone a certain amount of corruption by the beginning of the second century A.D. Examples of this last are τοῦ μὴ ἐκφεύγειν (II. 4. 2), τῇ δωδεκάτῃ or rather τῇ ιβ' (II. 15. 4), and μετεῖχον (II. 16. 1), all occurring within a fairly short space. I think the author is right in retaining τῶν χρημάτων τῆς προσόδου (II. 13. 2) with the papyrus and Classen against Hude; but he should base this opinion not, as he partly does, on the evidence of the papyrus, but mainly on the ample, explanatory mood of the context. A more doubtful case is τὰ ὅπλα παραδοῦναι (IV. 37. 1) which, though clumsy and condemned by Krüger and Hude, is not offensive in language or sense, and appears in a piece of papyrus that has enabled us to make several noteworthy emendations of the codices. Another fragment (*Ox. Pap.* VI. 187), not available to Hude, gives us the important reading δικαιομένης for δικαιοῦμεν ἡ (V. 105. 1).

On the whole it must be agreed that the Egyptian papyri have so far done but little for the question of interpolation in Thucydides, except to suggest that the mediaeval MSS. show the History in very much the same state as it was in the second century A.D.

The present volume has one serious defect. It fails to display the number of the book along with that of the chapter and section of each passage as it comes under discussion.

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De clausulis a Flavio Vopisco Syracusio adhibitis. SUSAN HELEN BALLOU.
Pp. 1-106. Weimar, 1912.

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