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Am. J. P. 15, 490. *Copa* 33 *per morsum tenerae decerpens ora puellae* (for *formosum*); *Am. J. P.* 8, 407. It would be easy to swell the list; these are only specimens of the good things to be found in Mr. Ellis' text.

I notice a few points: *Culex* 56 at illa | inminet in riui *prostantis imaginis undam* is curious: I suppose *prostantis imaginis* is descriptive genitive, 'hangs over the river water where the reflexion stands forth.' *Culex* 67 Alconis referunt *Boethique* toreuma. I do not think *Boethique* should be obelized; Leo's defence of its disyllabic scansion by the *deiectum fulmine Phaethon* of Varro of Atax seems adequate (*Comm.* p. 41). *Culex* 139 ac petit aeriis contingere *morsibus* astra seems to require parallel. I prefer *montibus* MSS. *i.e.* to touch the stars by growing on the mountains. *Ciris* 120 nam capite a summo regis (mirabile dictu) | candida

caesarie florebant tempora lauro (see *Am. J. P.* 15, 476) seems unsatisfactory. As the Rehdigeranus has *frondebant* I suggest candida caesarie *frondebant* tempora *flora*; Verg. *Aen.* 12, 605 has *floros crinis*, according to Conington, Ribbeck, Deuticke, Güthling, Nettleship, though not Papillon. *Copa* 25 Ellis retains huc, *calybita*, ueni, but has *calybita* any satisfactory meaning? Perhaps we should read huc, *catamite*, ueni, 'come here, my pretty boy.' Paul. Diac. ap. Fest. p. 44 M. Catamitum pro Gany-mede dixerunt, qui fuit Iouis concubinus. Cp. Plaut. *Menaechm.* 144, *Trin.* 928, Apulei. *Met.* 1, 12. *Copa* 28 nunc *uepris* in gelida sede lacerta latet; so Ellis for *uere*, but *uaria* the reading of some MSS. seems probable 'the speckled lizard': cp. Verg. *Geor.* 3, 264 *lynceae uariae*, Senec. *Hipp.* 62, Ov. *M.* 6, 114.

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THE second volume of the new edition of Dio Cassius in Teubner's series, edited by Dr. Melber, includes the books from 41 to 50. The principles which have guided the editor in his revision of the text were so fully explained by the present writer in the *Classical Review* that only a very brief notice is necessary now. No new collation of the MSS. has been made, but the critical notes at the foot of the page contain every important variant and conjecture, the latter drawn not only from critical papers by Naber, Cobet, Herwerden &c.,

but from historical works such as Mommsen's *Staatsrecht* and Willems' *Sénat de la République*. For a few improvements Dr. Melber is himself responsible. The alterations in the text do not generally call for notice, but we may remark that the editor has accepted Ihne's correction *Κωρίας* for *Καυρίας*, which the MSS. give as the cognomen of Octavianus in 45. 1, 1, and which Dindorf omitted as hopeless. *Κωρίας*, as Ihne has shown (*R. G.* vii. 304 n. 2), is a translation of the cognomen 'Thurinus' which Suetonius (*Aug.* 7) ascribes to Octavianus; 'Copia' being the title given to Thurii when it became a colony in B.C. 193.

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MADAN'S CATALOGUE OF WESTERN MANUSCRIPTS IN THE BODLEIAN.

A Summary Catalogue of Western Manuscripts in the Bodleian Library, by F. MADAN, Sub-Librarian. Vol. III. Clarendon Press. 1895. 21s.

THIS volume, though numbered iii., is really the first instalment of a large scheme dating

from 1890. This scheme, if carried out, will include (vols. i. ii.) a new edition of the old Catalogue of Bodleian MSS., by Bernard and others, published in 1697, better known as *Catalogi librorum manuscriptorum Angliae et Hiberniae*: vols. iv. v. the collections acquired since 1800, and