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THIS concluding volume of the Oxford text of Plato contains Tetralogy IX (i.e. *Minos*, *Leges*, *Epinomis*, *Epistulae*), the *Definitions* and the 'spurious' dialogues (*de iusto*, *de uirtute*, *Demodocus*, *Sisyphus*, *Eryxias*, *Axiochus*). The chief codices available for the text are A (Parisinus), L (Laurentianus), O (Vaticanus): F (Vindobonensis) does not go beyond the *Minos*. Useful or interesting variants are often furnished by Stobaeus and Eusebius. For *Leges* I–VI the editor has availed himself of Schanz's collation of A; for the rest of the books he has made his own collation. 'In Legibus edendis,' so he writes in his *Praefatio*, 'malui plerumque traditam scripturam etiam corruptam repraesentare quam Musuri lectiones ex Aldina arripere.' If anything, indeed, Prof. Burnet errs on the side of caution, and adheres to the tradition even when it is obviously erroneous. Yet he admits a good many of the conjectural corrections made by earlier critics, as well as a number of his own. Thus we find in his text Ritter's ἀρετὴν παιδείας for ἀρετῆς παιδείαν (*Leges* 673 A); Ritter's <ὁ> ἄδικος and Schanz's αἰεί for δεῖ (716 D); Stephens' ἔθη for ἥθη (794 E); Hermann's ὅ for τό (803 D); Schneider's δὲ ὄντως for δεόντως (837 C); Bekker's ἐν τούτο for ἐν τούτῳ (882 A); Stallbaum's κόποις for τόποις (944 B). The alterations due to the editor himself number, perhaps, half a hundred: only a few specimens can be recorded here. *Leges* 666 D 'post φωνήν distinxi et ἡ alterum seclusi': 777 C κλωπῶν for κλοπῶν: 824 A ἡττον for ἡ τῶν: 865 A 'τῶν ἀρχόντων seclusi': 925 A τούτων for τοῦ τῶν: 965 E εἰαν, ὁρᾶν δὴ for εἰαν *ρηι: *Deff.* 413 D, transposition of νόμος and δίκη: 416 A, transposition of δειλία . . . ὀρμῆς and ἀρχή: *Alc.* 372 A ἀρχει for ἀρχεται. As may be inferred from these specimens, most of the novelties are in matters of detail: many of them seem to deserve acceptance, but not many of them can be called exciting. In dealing with some of the more difficult and corrupt passages the editor is chary of conjecture. Thus, in *Leges* 639 B, καὶ δειλὸς ὢν ἐν τοῖς δεινοῖς ὑπὸ μέθης τοῦ φόβου ναυτιᾶ; is so printed in the text, while Cobet's ὡς ὑπὸ (also approved by Schanz) is recorded in the footnote: but μέθης as a metaphor, beside ναυτιᾶ as a metaphor, can hardly be right, and one is

tempted to restore *μεγέθους*. Again in 722 C οὐ γὰρ πειθοῖ κεραννύντες τὴν μάχην νομοθετοῦσιν κτλ. Winckelmann's conj. διδαχὴν (which had occurred to me independently) finds no place in the footnotes, though it seems more worthy of notice than the suggestions of Stallb. and Ast. No new emendation is offered at 727 A, θεῖον γὰρ ἀγαθόν που τιμή: to read *τιμητέον* would be as likely a correction as any of those proposed. In 739 B the MSS. give καὶ εἴ τις ἄλλος ἂν εἴποτε (or δῆποτε) ἐθελήσειεν, but the editor inserts in his text αἰεί ποτε: perhaps, however, we ought to read ἄλλη ποτέ. In 740 E Winck.'s conj. ἀπαντᾶσαι <αἰ> δύνανται κτλ. is put in the text, but without the accent on the relative (so too in the footnote *bis*): read, perhaps, αἰ πάντως δ. In 764 D οἰκήσεων is left in the text, with Herm.'s ἀσκήσεων mentioned below: read, perhaps, (after καὶ) διοικήσεων. In 935 C, for ἐτέρῳ κακῷ one might suggest ἐχθρῷ κ. 960 C-D (τὴν "Ἀτροπον . . . δύνανται) is another passage upon which one would be thankful for further light. But perhaps in his promised *Supplementum* Prof. Burnet will remove the bushel. In regard to matters of fact, his accuracy is so great that it is by no means easy to convince him of sin. In a footnote on 881 A we read 'τιμωρῶν ci. C. Ritter;' but does not the credit of the conjecture belong rather to Winckelmann?

All students of Plato will join in cordially congratulating both Prof. Burnet and the Oxford Press upon the completion of this admirable text; and all who are concerned for the honour of our native scholarship will rejoice that at last, through their zeal, 'the reproach of Egypt' is rolled away.

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