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first line and give the next words to Aegistheus, while it is the chorus which says *εἰα δὴ, ξίφος κ.τ.λ.* Why? Not only is the change unnecessary; it is demonstrably wrong. The chorus are old men who certainly wear no swords and cannot at this time and place get them ready. When they reply

ἀλλὰ κἀγὼ μὴν πρόκωπος οὐκ ἀναίνομαι θανεῖν

they make no mention of swords, but refer only to such defence as they possess in the way of staves. 'I too with my hand upon my weapon's hilt . . .'

[It is necessary to call attention to these changes of order, since (among other people) 'indolent reviewers' are apt to take a traditional order of editors rather than that of the MSS. for the basis of their nimble judgment. One such berated the present writer for 'mammoeking' the order of *Supplices* 265-285, when I had simply restored the order of the MSS., while the

reviewer had apparently gone no further than Paley.]

1657.

*ἴστέιχετε δ' οἱ γέροντες πρὸς δόμους πεπω-
μένους
πρὶν παθεῖν ἴεξαντα καιρόν· χρὴν τὰδ' ὥς
ἐπράξαμεν.*

Clytemnestra is conciliatory. Emendations are numerous enough to justify another

*στείχετ' αἰδοῖοι (Ahrens) γέροντες πρὸς δόμους
ἐρρωμένοι
πρὶν παθεῖν ἐρξαι τ' ἄκαιρον.*

πρὸς δόμους = 'to your houses'. *ἐρρωμένοι* conveys the idea of *ἐρρωσο*, 'may all be well with you, farewell'. *ἐρρωμένοις* is, of course, quite possible and may be better 'to prosperous homes'. It would be an error to suppose that *τι* is required with *ἄκαιρον*.

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PROPERTIANA.

I HOPE to have an opportunity later on of supporting the following new conjectures, in common with others already published, which have been criticised in this *Review* and which appear to be worth defence.

II. v. 3, 4.

*haec merui sperare? dabis mihi, perfida,
poenas:
et nobis aliquo, Cynthia, uentus erit.*

For *uentus* read *cursus*.

III. xxii. 21, 22.

*nam quantum ferro tantum pietate potentes
stamus: uictrices temperat ira manus.*

I formerly accepted *illa*, the reading of some late MS. or MSS., but *ira* appears to

be genuine, and it will be enough to read *uictrices*.

IV. ii. 35-38.

In the *praefatio* to my text of Propertius I have defended an emendation of v. 35 to which I still adhere. But an alteration of the punctuation is required to restore the passage to coherence, and the sense needed in 35 may be obtained at less cost than by changing *est etiam* into *mentiar* (Housman) or *adsciscam* (myself). The four lines should be read:—

*est mea et aurigae species cum uerbere et eius,
traicit alterno qui leue pondus equo,
suppetat hoc: pisces calamo praedabor, et ibo
mundus demissis institor in tunicis.*

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ALTHOUGH this volume has only been published some eight months, its interest is already overshadowed by the far more extensive and important discoveries which Mr. Grenfell and Mr. Hunt have since made in their

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