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tencies with the doctrine of the *Gorgias* and *Republic*, whence he deduces the conclusion 'mit aller Bestimmtheit' that this dialogue is not merely not Plato's but actually a polemic against Platonism. But the major

premiss in this remarkable enthymeme is one, I imagine, that many Platonists will refuse to grant.

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GWATKIN'S EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS.

Selections from Early Writers, illustrative of Church History to the time of Constantine, by H. M. GWATKIN, M.A. Macmillan & Co. 1893. Pp. ix. 167: price 4s. net.

WITHIN the brief compass of 170 pages, Professor Gwatkin has produced a book which is likely to be most helpful to those who are commencing the study of sub-Apostolic literature, and desire to acquaint themselves with the actual words of the greatest of the Early Christian writers. Only those who have abundant leisure can afford the time to wade through Clark's *Ante-Nicene Fathers*, or the well-known *Library of Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers* published by Messrs. Parker; and still fewer have the time or knowledge to read these books in their original tongues. A vast deal of labour and trouble is spent by the learned in editing and re-editing *ad nauseam* the Greek and Latin 'classics'; it would be well if some of our scholars would set themselves to work, and produce, say, a worthy edition of the *Stromateis*, of Augustine's *City of God*, and of the whole of Tertullian, to say nothing of the works of the two Gregoryses. It is to be hoped that we are waking up to the fact that the works of the Alexandrine Fathers, at least, have been too long neglected; Prof. Armitage Robinson's recently-published text of Origen's *Philocalia*, with critical

apparatus is a great step in the right direction. It would surprise many modern writers, and even some professed students of philosophy, to find how many of the problems, intellectual and moral, which harass our age, were thought over and discussed, and (at least in some cases) solved by the great Alexandrian writers. They, of all the Early Fathers, have stated these questions, and put forward their solution to these problems, in terms of the modern consciousness. Prof. Gwatkin's book is thus most opportune. The selected passages number, in all, seventy-two; of these seventeen are from Eusebius, and twelve from Tertullian. I venture to think this selection disproportionately large. Why are not Clement of Alexandria, Justin, Irenaeus, and above all Origen, more fully represented? Opposite the Greek text there is an English translation,—a very great convenience to such as cannot read Greek with ease. Several of these translations are borrowed from the Clark *Library*, and other sources. Unfortunately everything in the way of notes has been omitted, which is rather trying for the solitary student, who needs help if he is adequately to take in the meaning of the extracts. If Prof. Gwatkin could see his way to produce a companion volume of notes and introductions, he would be conferring a further boon upon every one who is interested in Early Church History.

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GUTSCHMID'S KLEINE SCHRIFTEN.

Kleine Schriften von ALFRED VON GUTSCHMID. Herausgegeben von FRANZ RÜHL. Vierter Band. Schriften zur griechischen Geschichte und Literatur. Leipzig: Teubner. 1893. 20 Mk.

THE editing of posthumous works is always an unsatisfactory task, and this book forms

no exception to the rule. It contains a series of dissertations on various subjects of which a few have been published before; but the greater part are now, for the first time, published from the author's lecture notes. The two longest are connected with the History of the Jews: we have a full analysis of the Sibylline Books, and