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does not matter much; the text is in a sound state and the matter so obvious (in a good sense) that there is little difficulty. The only index is one of passages cited, which seems to be well done. The classical references are not very numerous and are rather obvious; the editor fails to identify one—'ante nos quidam interesse dixit inter docentes atque doctores.' The former are self-appointed. The Biblical text is interesting, and widely different from that of the predecessor, St. Hilary of Poitiers, to whom Ambrose was considerably indebted. Here we find an extraordinary omission. There is no reference to Hilary in the index or elsewhere. Yet without Hilary's work, written some fifty years earlier and itself based on Origen, that of Ambrose could not have taken the shape it did. Hilary is much briefer and has much more serious thought. He is theological rather than hortatory. Naturally enough, Ambrose displaced him in popular favour as an exegete, just as Augustine displaced him as a theologian. No evidence of the obscurity into which the greater man has fallen could be more impressive than Dr. Petschenig's neglect.

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THE object of this book is to furnish a student of the history of the Rhineland under Roman rule with a survey of the epigraphic evidence bearing on his subject, put together in a handy form, and classified in such a manner as to make its use easy. Altogether the volume contains a collection of nearly five thousand inscriptions (not all printed in full), embracing not only texts found in Germany, but any from other parts of the Empire which can be thought to bear on the matter in hand. Thus the military inscriptions include not only those referring to the troops which were actually stationed on the Rhine,

but others, mentioning regiments originally raised in Germany and afterwards sent elsewhere, and under the names of the different Rhenish tribes we find any inscriptions of tribesmen which have been found outside Germany.

No principle of classification ever perfectly satisfies anyone except its maker, but that adopted by Dr. Riese seems adequate for most purposes, and is supported by an excellent index. Certainly those who have spent weary hours tracing inscriptions through the unindexed pages of Volume XIII. of the *Corpus Inscriptionum* will welcome a book which should in most cases enable them to get the desired information with a minimum of trouble, and Dr. Riese deserves our gratitude for his enterprise in filling in this respect such a long-felt want.

The inclusion of inscriptions from other parts of the Empire, while undoubtedly necessary to fulfil the object of the book, was more difficult to carry out on a consistent system, and the method adopted is not perhaps beyond criticism. In classifying the texts dealing with regiments originally raised in Germany and afterwards transferred to other provinces, it would surely have been sufficient to give references to the various 'diplomata' mentioning them without adding extracts from these documents. It is doubtful whether any information is derived from such a fragment as '... Antoninus Aug. Pius . . . tr. pot. XI. . . . alis . . . quae appell. . . . I Cannef. c. R. . . . in Pannon. super. . . .' which could not have been equally well given by a reference to the 'diploma' and its date following the name of the regiment.

Similarly it would have been better either to print in full such an inscription as *C.I.L.* III. 600, the well-known career of Lollianus, or merely to refer to it. The extract given is extraordinarily uninformative, and the concluding sentence dealing with Lollianus' road-making activities in Macedonia has in any case nothing whatever to do with his command in Mesopotamia of a detachment of troops who had once been in Germany, which seems to have been the reason why his inscription was included.

Still, in all such selections, a great many inscriptions must come on the border-line, and Dr. Riese could say with truth that omissions are a far more serious error than superfluities.

He has certainly given us a very useful and scholarly book for which we have every reason to feel grateful.

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To the Editors of THE CLASSICAL REVIEW.

SIRS,—Could you find space for three brief quotations from two of the earliest elegiac poets of Greece? The first is from Callinus (730 B.C.) and the others from Tyrtæus (650 B.C.). Both authors wrote quite 2,500 years ago, yet they have a curious present interest. The exhortation of Callinus might be addressed to ourselves, and the words of Tyrtæus describe with a sort of prophetic exactness the work of all those who are fighting under Sir John French.

(1)

Μέχρις τεῦ κατὰκεισθε; κότ' ἄλκιμον ἔξετε θυμὸν,
ὦ νέοι; οὐδ' αἰδεῖσθ' ἀμφιπερικτίονας
ὦδε λίην μεθιέντες; ἐν εἰρήνῃ δὲ δοκεῖτε
ῆσθαι· ἀτὰρ πόλεμος γαίαν ἅπασαν ἔχει.

2. ἀμφ. τοὺς ἀποίκους τοὺς πόντου πέραν
αἰνίττεται. Schol. τὰ νεώτερα ἔθνη. R. K.

(2)

Ξυνὸν δ' ἐσθλὸν τοῦτο πᾶσι τε παντί τε δήμῳ
ὅστις ἀνὴρ διαβάς ἐν προμάχοισι μένη
νωλεμέως, αἰσχροῦς δὲ φυγῆς ἐπὶ πάγχυ λάθεται,
ψυχὴν καὶ θυμὸν τλήμονα παρθέμενος.
αἶψα δὲ δυσμενέων ἀνδρῶν ἔτρεψε φάλαγγας
τρηχείας, σπουδῇ δ' ἔσχεθε κύμα μάχης.

2. διαβάς, 'sc. La Manche' doct^{mus} Poincaré.
Alii aliter.

6. τρηχείας, epitheton notans feritatem incredibilem (Editores Belgici).

(3)

Οὐδέ ποτε κλέος ἐσθλὸν ἀπόλλυται οὐδ' ὄνομ' αὐτοῦ,
ἀλλ' ὑπὸ γῆς περ ἔων γίγνεται ἀθάνατος,
ὄντιν' ἀριστεύοντα μένοντά τε μαρνάμενόν τε
γῆς πέρι καὶ παίδων θούρος Ἄρης ὀλέσῃ.

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