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Praktisches Lehrbuch der Neugriechischen Volkssprache für den Schul- und Selbstunterricht. Von KARL WIED. Bibliothek der Sprachenkunde. 4 auflage. Wien und Leipzig: A. Hartleben's Verlag.

WE are glad to welcome the fourth edition, improved, of Wied's *Modern Greek Grammar*. The book is already well known in England; Mrs. Gardner translated it (with certain changes) in 1892. The declensions might be a little simplified, but the book has the merit of not including ancient forms or the modern literary jargon; and it may be recommended as really a practical book.

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THESE two large volumes, the result of seven years' work, will be welcomed not merely by classical students, but also by theologians, historians and palaeographers. Both editor and publisher are to be congratulated on their courageous undertaking. Every learned institution which can afford it should procure a copy.

The wonderful library of Corbie, near Amiens (not to be confounded with its German offshoot Corvey, near Minden), passed to St. Germain. At the French Revolution the cream of the collection was secured by a Russian, Dubrowsky, and is now in the Imperial Library, St. Petersburg. It is mainly these Corbie MSS., hitherto so unknown and so inaccessible to students, that Dom Staerk has now, by means of photographs, descriptions and copious excerpts, made available for us. Classical students will turn first to his account of the MS. of Columella (*F. v. class 1*), Lundström's *liber pretiosissimus*. Mr. Plummer will give precedence to the MS. of Bede's *History* (*Q. v. I. 18*), in Anglo-Saxon minuscule of the eighth century. Of Biblical and Patristic MSS. there are so

many of supreme importance, that I do not know which should be selected for mention.

Gratitude to the author disinclines one to look for flaws in his work. But if a sprinkling of censure must be added to flavour the praise, one might point out that the reduced scale of some of the photographs spoils the presentation of the script. For example, that interesting, early type of Insular (Anglo-Saxon?) script in *Q. v. I. 15* is unfairly treated by Staerk's plate. Justice is done to it by the plate in Traube's *Palaeographische Bemerkungen*, which is, as all plates for palaeographical study ought to be, in natural size. Dom Staerk, not venturing to trust his own judgment in dating the MSS., sent these plates to experts in the Vatican Library, with the not unnatural result that the dates assigned are sometimes wide of the mark. For example, this MS., *Q. v. I. 15*, is ascribed to the tenth, instead of (at latest) the eighth century; *Q. v. I. 4* is the second part (as Staerk learned too late) of *Paris Bibl. Nat. lat. 12214*, assigned rightly by Delisle to the sixth century. The dating 'saec. viii ineunte' is clearly wrong.

But it is enough to indicate the presence of faults like these. They do not seriously impair the value of these two indispensable volumes.

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The Governors of Moesia. By S. E. STOUT. (A dissertation submitted in candidacy for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Princeton University.) 8vo. Pp. xii+97. Princeton: The Falcon Press, 1911. 75 cents.

THE object of this book is to construct a list, as complete as the evidence permits, of the governors of the province of Moesia from the period of its creation by Augustus to the reorganisation of the provincial system at the end of the third century. The bulk of the evidence is, of course, epigraphical, although gaps are occasionally filled by the provincial coinage or passages in the literary authorities. The author has also made good use of general works on provincial administration as well as special treatises