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different municipalities. All are carefully translated and edited, and an intimate study of the documents furnishes more light on Roman History than can be derived in any other way. Perhaps an old pupil may be allowed to

blend a degree of gratitude with his congratulations to Dr. Hardy on a work so admirably conceived and carefully carried out.

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SHORT NOTICES

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MRS. ADAM has accomplished her task of providing 'a clear account, intelligible to the plain man, of what Plato did in the moral and political sphere' in a very workmanlike manner. She clears the ground in her 'Preface' by expressing dissent from the revolutionary views of the Oxford scholars, Professor Burnet and Professor A. E. Taylor,—the Aloidæ of modern Platonic controversy; for indeed, if these were adopted, her intelligible account would be nearly all about 'what Plato didn't do.' After three preliminary chapters on 'Greek Ethics and Politics before Socrates,' 'The Moral and Political Teaching of Socrates,' and 'Plato as a Pupil of Socrates,' we get to work on Plato himself in chapter iv. ('Early Development of Plato's Views'). Here and in chapter v. ('Extension of Rationalism') we have an exposition of the relevant matter in the *Apology*, *Crito*, *Euthyphro*, *Laehes*, and *Charmides*. Next come the *Protagoras* and *Meno*, under the heading 'Criticism of Contemporary Education'; followed by the *Gorgias*, *Phaedrus*, and *Euthydemus*, under the heading 'Rhetoric and Disputation.' The *Phaedo* and *Symposium* supply material for a chapter on 'The True Philosopher in Life and Death,' after which three chapters are devoted to a general review of the *Republic*, followed by three supplementary chapters on the special subjects of 'Education,' 'The Position of Women,' and 'Communism,' as treated in the *Republic* and *Laws*. The fifteenth, and last, chapter treats of 'The Philosopher in the *Politicus* and *Theaetetus*.' From

this summary of contents it will be seen that the whole field is well mapped out; and it would certainly be difficult for 'the plain man' to acquire so much accurate information in so concise a form from any other source. Mrs. Adam does well in letting Plato speak for himself as often as possible, and her translations are uniformly reliable.

One general criticism suggests itself. If the book is intended for popular edification would it not have been more effective if its scope had been restricted? In other words, is not the writer unduly hampered by the plan to which she ties herself? Perhaps 'I speak as a fool,' but it does seem to me that for an appeal to popular interest the style is a trifle too academic, the plan a trifle too geometric: I should have been better pleased if the gifted authoress had 'let herself go' a little more, if only on the exciting topic of 'The Position of Women.' However, this kind of criticism applies less to this particular 'manual' than to manuals in general: if the manual-mania goes on at its present rate, it threatens soon to make of the book-world a valley of dry bones. I have noticed printing errors on pp. 25, 45, 62.

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Pauly's Real-Encyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft. Herausg. von G. WISSOWA und W. KROLL. 16ter Halbband (Hestiaia—Hyagnis), and Supplement II. 2 vols. 8vo., cols. 1313-2628, and in Supplement, cols. 520. Stuttgart: Metzler, 1913. 16ter Halbband, M.15; Supplement, M.7.

THIS second Supplement differs from the first in that it contains merely two long articles which were held over from