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## Queries

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fraudaverat.' These last words are quite incompatible with the supposition of Domaszewski, that the main force of the second legion was already with Suetonius, and that Poenius Postumus was left with a small detachment to defend

the camp. It was unusual for a 'prae-fectus castrorum' to be in command of a legion at that date; but accident might easily have removed the 'legatus legionis' and the 'tribunus laticlavus.'

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## SHORT NOTICES

### HELLENIC CIVILISATION.

*Hellenic Civilisation.* Edited by G. W. BOTSFORD and E. G. SIHLER. One volume. Pp. xiii. + 719. Columbia University Press, 1915. 16s. net.

THIS volume is one of the first to appear in an elaborate series planned by Dr. J. T. Shotwell, Professor of History in Columbia University. The series is entitled 'Records of Civilisation—Sources of Studies,' and is intended to supply 'Documents in Translation, Commentaries and Interpretations, and Biographical Guides,' for a wide range of subjects, extending from 'The Records of the Jews' to 'The Social History of Modern England.' The present volume is in the competent hands of Professor Botsford of Columbia, and Professor Sihler of New York, with contributions from various other pens. The Commentaries are not too long, and are not only scholarly, but judicious and clear. The Bibliography is admirably up to date. In regard to the Documents Translated there is inevitably ground for much difference of opinion, and some divisions of the subject lend themselves to such treatment better than others. One of

the best chapters is that on Economy and Society from 750-479 B.C., where the Poets have been well used, even down to Mr. Edmond's latest conjectures on Sappho. A good feature throughout the book, indeed, is the free use of poetry to illustrate life.

In regard to Minoan Civilisation the Editors were naturally in a difficulty, and have refrained from solving it by printing interpretations of the Phaestos Disk. Thucydides's Account of the Migration, and a good deal of Homer, are in point, and it was a bright idea to give the Rise of Civilisation in the Prometheus. More questionable is the prominence given to suggested survivals of 'syssitia' and the like by quotations from Aristotle and Strabo. The evidence at least is so slight that the characteristics of the Minoan Civilisation, as we piece them together from Archæology, will surely be placed for the reader in a false perspective.

The only serious lack in the volume is an index of the passages quoted. An index of subjects does not supply the omission. The only other defect, at least from the English point of view, is the high price.

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## QUERIES

I NOTICE in the last number of the C.R. a query about the *tribus* to which Cicero belonged. It appears authoritatively in the well-known decree of the Senate found in the Amphiarum, at Oropos, (given by

Bruns, *Fontes Iuris Romani*; and Dittenberger, *Sylloge inscript. Graec.*, No. 334): Μάαρκος Τύλλιος Μαάρκου υἱὸς Κορνηλία Κικέρων. The *tribus Cornelia* was that to which Arpinum belonged (Liv. xxxviii. 36).

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