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HENNINGS' ODYSSEE.

HERR T. W. ALLEN urteilt über meine Odyssee in dieser Zeitschrift Okt. 1905, p. 359 so, dass man sehen kann, er hat die ersten und letzten Seiten und p. 230 aufgeschnitten. Er nennt meinen kritischen Kommentar eine Sammlung der Meinungen meiner Landsleute über die Echtheit des Textes der Odyssee. Er scheint also nicht gesehen zu haben, dass ich den englischen Gelehrten Payne Knight und Grote Gerechtigkeit getan zu haben glaube, sowie dass ich, weit entfernt davon ein blosser Berichterstatter oder Sammler zu sein, neue und eigene Ansichten aufgestellt habe, namentlich über die sogenannte Kommission des Pisistratus, über Buch α, die ganze

Telemachie, sowie über die schwierigen Bücher δ, ν und ω, und endlich über die Reihenfolge, in welcher die einzelnen Teile des Gedichtes entstanden sind. Übrigens dankt der Verfasser dem Herrn Allen für das Lob des Fleisses, den er angewandt habe.

Professor P. D. CH. HENNINGS.

Husum.

I regret that Professor Hennings' feelings have been wounded, but I am unable to qualify my review, which was based on a more extensive examination of his book than he supposes.

T. W. ALLEN.

LAW AND PICTORIAL ILLUSTRATION.

ARE not archaeologists becoming a little unreasonable in their demand for pictures? In the last number of the *Classical Review* (p. 460), Prof. Burrows censures me for an 'old fault,' because in a short article on Law in *A Companion to Greek Studies* I described the Athenian ψῆφοι and πινάκια δικαστικά without adding illustrations and directing attention to the archaeological evidence. He seems to suppose that the omission was caused by ignorance or contempt of archaeology. The true explanation is very simple. In the first place, I had no room; the plates alone would have driven out at least a quarter of a page of Law, in all probability more than this. In the second place, the figures, the

absence of which Prof. Burrows deploras, together with notes on the archaeological problem, may be found in Dr. Sandys' edition of Aristotle's *Constitution of Athens*, whom I mentioned as my authority. My critic is apprehensive that readers of the *Companion* may 'receive a shock' when they inspect Case 171 in the Bronze Room of the National Museum at Athens. Surely it is not too much to hope that a well-known edition of a famous Greek book will be accessible and intelligible to persons who have the means and the leisure, which I have never enjoyed, to visit Athens and study its antiquarian treasures.

W. WYSE.

REPORTS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE OXFORD PHILOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—MICHAELMAS TERM, 1905.

ON October 27th Prof. ROBINSON ELLIS read a selection of emendations on the *Historia Augusta*. The paper is appearing in *Hermathena*.

ON November 3rd Mr. HADOW read a paper entitled 'Aristotle's doctrine of κἀπαρσις—a suggestion.' A paper recently read before the Philo-

logical Society interpreted κἀπαρσις as entirely a process of expulsion, as though a man feeling overburdened with pity and terror should attend a tragedy to have these feelings appeased or diminished, and on this ground condemned the passage as unmeaning. Such a position seems to prove too