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In vi. 17, 21 the text is improved by reading *facit* *facit*, with Baiter, for *faciat* *faciat* of Mueller and most of the manuscripts. In v. 14, 16 *suasissem* is changed to *suasi*. *Sed*, following Madvig's suggestion. On rather scant evidence, though not unsupported, Bennett reads *te*

i. 1, 1 : *consolatione*, ii. 4, 9 : *fuera in arce*, iv. 11, 29 : *ne sint*, xi. 34, 8 : *vi evelluntur*, xix. 71, 24. The text is altered by simple transposition in i. 2, 6 : ii. 4, 31 : v. 15, 23 : xx. 73, 15 : xxiii. 82, 6.

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THE manuscripts of Caesar fall into two classes, rather like the manuscripts of the Acts of the Apostles : that is, one class contains a number of individual words, phrases, etc., which are absent in the other. Until recently, the shorter version was held both in the case of Caesar and in that of St. Luke to be the more genuine, and Nipperdey's characterization of the longer Caesar MSS. as interpolated was generally accepted. Lately there has been a revolt in the criticism of both authors. Blass has tried, with indifferent success, I fancy, to sustain the correctness of the longer version of the Acts : others with better fortune, have restored the reputation of the 'interpolated'

MSS. of Caesar. The grounds for the latter revolt are perhaps better justified than those on which Blass rested. Since Nipperdey, the MSS. of Caesar have been more carefully collated and the lexica of Merguet and still more of Meusel have illustrated the style and diction of the great Roman. Hence it has become generally accepted that the 'interpolated' MSS. deserve full consideration, with the melancholy corollary that all the manuscripts even of the Gallic War have been seriously corrupted at an early date. I need not further criticize the editions named at the head of this paragraph than to say that they represent the revolt against Nipperdey. Mr. Kübler's text is not yet completed but it is a valuable addition to the Teubner series and contains a noteworthy 'Praefatio' of some length. Mr. Meusel's work is terser in form and more attractive in appearance and is thoroughly worthy of recommendation as a scholarly and judicious edition. Both books have convenient indices and maps.

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AD LUCANI LIBROS MSS.

IN fasciculo M. Maii h. a. Doctissimus WALTER C. SUMMERS aliqua dubia movet de lectionibus MSS. Lucani, quae ego quantum sciam et potero solvam. Potissimum improbat quod saepius meae collationi codicis Montepessulani addidi diversum Steinharti testimonium, eoque, ut ait, lectori optionem dedi, utra lectio, mea an Steinharti, vera esset. Allatis quibusdam locis subiungit (p. 229, col. i.) : 'was it not worth while to have these points definitely settled?' Et paulo ante me dubitasse de mea ipsius collatione dicit ; 'nor is Dr. Francken always

confident of the accuracy of his own statements.' In hanc partem afferuntur vii. 303, ubi in annotatione commemorans, ubi lectio *parata* exstaret, dixi : 'in V et fort. in M.' Nempe sic retulit Steinhart, sed id mihi dubium videri ex verbis apparet ipsis.

ix. 605. dixi 'de M. dubito.' M. scribit *versum* bis, secundum me utroque loco habet *quam*, secundum Steinh. altero loco legitur *qua*. De hoc Steinh. testimonio me dubitare dixi : de M. dubito an *non* habeat *qua*, certe altero loco habet *quam*.

ix. 749. 'exquireret causis' lectionem ἀμερπον