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with Hymettus, though not explicitly with the Vari cave. Mr. Chase writes on an amphora; Mr. Parker on Seneca's *Sacer intra nos spiritus* (*Ep.* 41), contending that *spiritus* represents *energy* more than anything else, and that *πνεῦμα* in St. Paul has the same meaning: it is as energy that the spirit is opposed to the enslaving flesh, not as abstract Platonic

thought (*νοῦς*) or as modern mystical personality. Finally, Mr. Howard examines in detail the relation of Livy to Valerius Antias with the view of showing that Livy, far from following Valerius blindly, had the greatest possible distrust of his authority.

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## SHORT NOTICES

### HEGEMONIUS: *ACTA ARCHELAI*.

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THE *Acta Archelai*, which has served for a long time as an important source for our knowledge of Manichaeism, has till recently been known only in an imperfect form. It was suspected that it was incomplete, and this has been placed beyond question by Traube's discovery of a manuscript containing the complete Latin text. This has now been edited for the series known as *Die Griechischen Christlichen Schriftsteller der Ersten Drei Jahrhunderte*, by Mr. C. H. Beeson. He has prefixed an admirable introduction dealing with the references to it in literature; the original language, which in common with most recent scholars he believes to have been Greek, not Syriac; the Latin translation; the manuscripts and their relation to each other. There is an excellent critical apparatus and exhaustive indices, those for the Greek and Latin words deserving special praise. The author has not shrunk from putting conjectural emendations in his text, for example Routh's 'parabolam' for 'paruulam' in chapter 67. The chief interest of the work lies, however, in the new portion. The older text broke off in the most tantalising way in the middle of a very important quotation from Basilides, which seemed to several scholars definitely to pledge the great heresiarch to the recognition of two original independent principles,

light and darkness. Other scholars considered that while the author of the *Acta* took Basilides to be a dualist, the quotation did not necessarily bear out this inference. The new material is extremely interesting, but it does not seem definitely to settle the question whether Basilides endorsed the description of Persian dualism which he gave. It is very regrettable that the author did not prolong his quotation. In view of the sensational discovery of primitive Manichaean documents at Turfan, the importance of the *Acta* for our knowledge of Manichaeism will be much diminished, and if we could only be lucky enough to recover the *Exegetica* of Basilides we should be able to solve a problem which the additional material in the new manuscript of Hegemonius, in spite of Bousset's contrary opinion in his *Hauptprobleme der Gnosis*, seems to leave much where it was.

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### *Le Droit Pénal Romain.* Par TH. MOMMSEN.

Traduit de l'allemand avec l'autorisation de la famille de l'auteur et l'éditeur allemand par J. DUQUESNE, professeur à la faculté de droit de Grenoble. Volumes I-III. Pp. xvi, 401, 443, 420. Paris: Fontemoing, 1907. Fr. 30.

IN default of an English translation of Mommsen's standard work on *Römisches Strafrecht* this competent and readable version in French by Professor Duquesne will prove a boon to the considerable number of English and American students who cannot read German or prefer to read French. The book is strictly a translation, the only alterations