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4 *ut legitimo* my correction, *legitimis ut* W, V gives the general sense '*et uulpem quasi legitimo* (which indicates *ut legitimo*) *thoro sibi adsidere fecisset*' (there is space for a single word before *thoro* as after *siluit* below).

There is no difficulty in the change of subject as *sedit* can only refer to the bride; cf. Propertius 4. 11. 85 sq. '*seu tamen aduersum mutarit ianua lectum*|| *sederit et nostro cauta nouerca toro.*'

5 *pronepente* W. V has a curious variant '*uidit illa scrabonem pronepetentem ex arbore*' apparently for *crabronem*; cf. Thiele in *Hermes* 43, pp. 345 sqq.

6 *desiliuit celerius* my correction for *celerius siluiuit* W, *celerius siluit* V, *celeri prosiliuit gradu* Gude. For the form *-siliuit* cf. *desiliuit* Columella 6. 24. 3, *exsiliuit* Pliny 9. 55, Seneca *N.Q.* 2. 49. 3, *transiliuit* Pliny 29. 9. For the verse ending compare *diutius* I. 2. 16, *facilius* I. 20. 4, *ualidius* I. 19. 8, 24. 9, etc.

superi risere grande is my correction for *superi gradu risere* W, . . . *hinc superi* V. For *grande*, which represents the γέλως ἄσβεστος of Homer *Il.* 1. 599, *Od.* 8. 326, cf. Mart. 1. 3. 7 al. '*grande "sophos,"*' and for the acc. Pers. 5. 190 '*crassum ridet Vulfenius.*'

at er. Pater my correction for *magnis* (which has come from *grandis*) *er. pater* W, *et pater Iupiter* (a gloss on *pater*) *erubuit* V, *superi risere*; *magnus er. pater* Gude: but *pater* in this connexion does not need an epithet, IV. 12. 6. '*superi risere*' is in Ovid *Met.* 4. 188.

7 *thalamis expulit* V, *taliximis expudit* W.

8 *uade modo quo digna es* V.

9 So Gude, *quia digne nostris meritis non potest esse* W, *q. digna nostr. mer. non esse non potes* V.

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THE MSS. OF SENECA'S TRAGEDIES.

CHARLES ERSKINE STUART's studies of the MSS. of Seneca's tragedies are known to readers of the *Class. Quart.* from his two articles (V., 1911, pp. 32 sqq., and VI., 1912, pp. 1 sqq.). Before he died he expressed a wish that his collations and notes should pass to me.

Other scholars used to draw upon his information, and his answers to their questions were prompt and full. As far as my knowledge and my leisure serve, I wish to carry on this correspondence; or, if copious details of any MS. are desired, I will do my best to put his notebooks themselves at the disposal of the inquirer, in the Library of this College or elsewhere.

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