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## ***Homer in seinen Bildern und Vergleichen.* Dr E. Von Wittich. Stuttgart: J. F. Steinkopf, 1908. Pp. 71.**

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Epicurus: from this ascription the editor dissents, arguing, mainly on linguistic grounds, that the document must be much later in date and may, very probably, come from the hand of Diogenes himself. The rest of the preface also deals with the vocabulary and style of Diogenes, and the 'vulgaris sermonis signa' which they betray. The expert in inscriptions will find much to interest him in the 'restored' text here printed, which has called for large exercise of imaginative ingenuity, since the originals in many cases are 'perquam depravatae'; while the reader who may frequently be puzzled to know the author's drift will find much helpful information (and conjecture), especially with regard to the philosophic sources, in the 'adnotationes' appended.

R. G. B.

*Codices Blandinii.*—These MSS. of Horace, which include the famous V (*Blandinius vetustissimus*), existed formerly at a certain abbey 'in monte Blandinio' but perished in August 1566 when the abbey was burnt by the Flemish iconoclasts. They had been previously inspected by J. Cruquius, who edited Horace by instalments beginning in 1565, and published a complete edition in 1578. Cruquius says (Ed. 1578, p. 647) that the MSS. were 'Roma Gandavum perlati,' but Cruquius was a professor in Bruges. Probably for that reason, and because one does not look for a 'mons' in Ghent, English editors of Horace (including myself) have for the last 40 years stated that 'mons Blandinius' is Blankenberghe, a watering-place which is not very far from Ghent indeed, but nearer to Bruges. This is an error which I am enabled to correct by the kindness of Prof. A. Geerebaert, of S. John's College, Louvain. He is a native of Ghent, and informs me that 'the Blanden-berg or Blandijnberg is a hill in the interior of the city which seems to rise some 20 or 30 metres above the level of the Scheldt, on the bank of which it stands.' I gather from Baedeker that this height is near the railway station and that some remains of the abbey are incorporated in a barrack.

J. Gow.

*Homer in seinen Bildern und Vergleichen.*

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IN this little book Dr. Wittich has made a rational grouping of Homer's similes, and tastefully translated the original into German hexameters. It is perhaps worth while to direct attention to the great merit of this side of the Homeric poems, and the author aptly quotes a sentence of Dr. Oskar Jäger: 'In Homer this department reveals an amount of feeling and creative imagination, an originality of handling which has not been surpassed down to our times by any poet of any nation.' Moreover, the collected similes are particularly valuable as evidence for Homeric or pre-Homeric life, because in them the poet is off his guard and gives us very welcome glimpses of an unknown world about which curiosity grows rather than decreases. The late Professor T. D. Seymour's book, *Life in the Homeric Age*, is indebted for a large proportion of its matter to the similes. Dr. Wittich's headings are, natural phenomena, including sea, storms, wind, mist, dew, and so on; the plant kingdom with various trees; the animal kingdom, from the lion down to the house-dog, from the eagle to the nightingale; while similes drawn from human life form the third section of the work. The result of a perusal of these pages is chiefly the surprise of the reader at the very wide ground covered by the similes. Dr. Wittich's book is a not unsympathetic piece of systematising, which may easily suggest fresh inferences about the Homeric poems.

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*Modern Greek-English Dictionary with a Cypriote Vocabulary.* By A. KYRIAKIDES.

Second edition. 16" x 7". Athens: A. Constantinides. 1909. Pp. 16, 908. Cloth.

THE first edition of this work was published in 1892 at Nicosia, and has proved to be a useful book. The second, greatly enlarged, will prove useful, although the dictionary of Contopoulos is fuller. Both Contopoulos and Kyriakides give but sparingly of the spoken language, the little Greek-French