

NEWS AND COMMENTS

The fourth and concluding number of the first volume of the *Classical Quarterly* contains *inter alia* papers on Aberdeen Papyri by Mr. Winstedt, on some eccentricities in scansion in the *Haliutica* ascribed to Ovid by Mr. A. E. Housman, on the readings and kinship of the Madrid MS of Manilius by the same, on the 'idle actor' in Aeschylus by Mr. J. T. Allen, on the question whether the Heraclidae of Euripides is complete as we have it by Miss G. H. Macurdy, a short but important note on a passage of Cicero's letters to Atticus by Mr. C. L. Smith, casting doubt on a visit of the writer to Antium, which has been generally assumed, a somewhat longer one by Mr. E. Harrison, upon the right place in British history of some events recorded by Tacitus, further emendations of treatises of Seneca by Mr. A. J. Kronenberg, a few etymologies by Mr. E. W. Fay, and some corrections of the results in Mr. H. D. Naylor's 'Doubtful Syllables in Iambic Senarii,' by Mr. H. W. Greene with an addendum by the author. There are six reviews including a very full one of Mr. Cornford's *Thucydides Mythistoricus* by the editor. Other notices are Burnet's *Plato* (V) by Mr. R. G. Bury, Kenyon and Bell's *British Museum Papyri* and Jouguet's *Lille Papyri* by Mr. A. S. Hunt, Reitzenstein's recently published supplement to Photios' lexicon by Mr. T. C. Snow, and Schönfeld's *Teutonic Proper Names in Greek and Latin* by Mr. H. M. Chadwick. A Complete index to Vol. I is appended.

Attention should be called to an important paper issued by the Board of Education, the

Teaching of Classics in Prussian Secondary Schools, by J. L. Paton, Master of Manchester Grammar School (Vol. 20 of Special Reports). This gives by far the best account of the subject that we have seen, and is full of instruction for English schools.

A paper of instructions has also been issued by the Board on the *Teaching of Latin in Secondary Schools*. In this is a brief justification of Latin as a school subject in non-classical schools, and hints on method. A grounding in English is assumed as the basis, and it is laid down that two new languages should never be begun together; the importance of oral work is also insisted on.

We are glad to see that Dr. Olcott's valuable *Thesaurus of Latin Inscriptions* (see *C.R.* 1906, p. 178) is continuing its steady progress. Three parts bringing the work down to Aliger have been already published in the present year.

A CORRESPONDENT suggests that it might be useful to open a column in the *Review* for Questions and Answers, and we accordingly do so with a couple which he has sent us. Contributors are requested to send their names and addresses to the editor, but these need not be published.

The Annual Meeting of the Classical Association took place on Oct. 18 and 19 at Cambridge. The Report of the Curricula-Committee was adopted: we shall have occasion to speak of this Report later. It is understood that there is other work for this Committee to do. A Classical Association is being formed for Ireland specially.

CORRESPONDENCE

To Editor of THE CLASSICAL REVIEW.

Opinions will always differ as to what is vivacity and what is 'slangy colloquial mannerisms.' Your reviewer of my little book on *Life in Ancient Athens* singles out one specimen of the latter. The words

'gave a tremendous thump on the door with his stick' are apparently slangy and colloquial. It is an unfortunate thing that the late Prof. Jowett is not here to defend himself. The words happen to be his.

It is unfortunate also that a reviewer who objects