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one thing it never means is *cum*; and though *tm* stood for *tamen* up to the ninth century, after the change of hand it is restricted to *tantum*. No wonder he finds a long list of errors in Fr. Delorme's text. It is perhaps a little unusual for one who has never edited a mediæval text from the manuscripts to put on paper a suggestion that a scholar who has devoted his whole life to the publication of thirteenth and fourteenth century texts—many of them for the first time—cannot read a manuscript, and to say what that manuscript, which the critic has never seen, contains. Professor Taylor's suggestions of its content have no foundation. 113.34 'esse divini' is written in full. 249.16 'superiora' is in the manuscript.

Since this is not the first time that Professor Taylor has commented, equally rashly, on the text of these fascicules, may I be allowed to inform him that "edidit" is not the Latin for "critically edited," for which there is a well-known formula. The object of this publication, as has been repeatedly said, is to let students know what is in the manuscript, and this has been done in every case. Fr. Delorme and I, with the kind assistance of some distinguished scholars, have spared no pains to this end, and we welcome any criticism which will help to elucidate the thought of Bacon. We do not and cannot object to any criticism of our editorial methods.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE *Journal of Philosophical Studies*.

PROFESSOR TAYLOR'S REPLY.

SIR,

I have already acknowledged my mistake about the *origin* of the readings *esse divini* and *superiora*, and expressed my regret for it. That the words are corrupt—though *superiora* may be a corruption of *superiorum*, not as I suggested of *signorum*—I am prepared to show when anyone will defend them. For the rest, Mr. Steele himself makes no reply to my remarks about confusions of *materia* with *natura*, and the omission of necessary negatives. As to his charge of ignorance, it is partly based on an oversight. The abbreviation of *tamen* which I had in mind was *tm*. There remains the complaint that I had thought *cum* might in a certain place be written *cm*. I made this remark in the belief that I had recently seen the word written so in a careful transcript of a MS. apparently of rather later date than the Amiens MS. of Bacon's *Questiones*. It is only too possible that my memory was in fault; but whether the fault calls for the hard words Mr. Steele uses I must leave it to others to judge.

Yours faithfully,

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OBITUARY NOTICE

At the moment of going to Press, the sad news has reached us of the sudden death of the distinguished and beloved Chairman of the Institute, Professor Leonard Trelawney Hobhouse. An account of his life and work will appear in a subsequent issue.