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ANECDOTES FROM GRECIAN HISTORY.

1. The Nature of God.

ROGES me, quid aut quale sit deus, auctore utar Simonide, de quo quum quaesivisset hoc idem tyrannus Hiero, deliberandi sibi unum diem postulavit. Quum idem ex eo postridie quaereret, biduum petivit. Quum saepius du-5 plicaret numerum dierum, admiransque Hiero requireret, cur ita faceret; 'Quia, quanto,' inquit, 'diutius considero, tanto mihi res videtur obscurior.' Sed Simonidem arbitror (non enim poeta solum suavis, verum etiam ceteroqui doctus sapiensque traditur), quia multa venirent in mentem acuta 10 atque subtilia, dubitantem, quid corum esset verissimum, desperasse omnem veritatem.

2. Friendship not to be bought.

Praeclare epistola quadam Alexandrum filium Philippus accusat, quod largitione benevolentiam Macedonum consectetur: 'Quae te, malum,' inquit, 'ratio in istam spem induxit, ut cos tibi fideles putares fore, quos pecunia corrupisses? An 5 tu id agis, ut Macedones non te regem suum, sed ministrum.

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