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THE *Philoctetes*, which will complete this edition of the plays of Sophocles, is in preparation.

While the wants of schoolboys have been kept in view as much as possible in the work, it has not been forgotten that books of this kind are sometimes used by students of a more advanced age; and although there was no room for a full discussion of metrical and other difficulties, it is hoped that those who are familiar with the subject will find sufficient indications of an honest attempt to deal thoroughly both with the interpretation and the text.

Such an endeavour can hardly be labour lost, and though its primary aim is educational merely, it may perhaps prove to have really contributed something, however slight, to the knowledge of Sophocles.

In quotations from Greek plays the numbers of the lines are taken, as is usual, from Dindorf's *Poetae Scenici Graeci*: but in quoting from the Greek Tragic Fragments we have made frequent use of Nauck's valuable edition of them (N).

НАЕКТРА.

ΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΔΡΑΜΑΤΟΣ ΠΡΟΣΩΠΑ.

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ΘΕΡΑΠΗΑΙΝΑ.

ΠΑΙΔΑΓΩΓΟΣ.

ὦ τοῦ στρατηγήσαντος ἐν Τροίᾳ ποτὲ
 Ἄγαμέμνονος παῖ, νῦν ἐκεῖν' ἐξεστὶ σοὶ
 παράντι λεύσσειν, ὃν πρόθυμος ἦσθ' ἀεί.
 τὸ γὰρ παλαιὸν Ἄργος οὐπόθεις τόδε,
 τῆς οἰστροπλήγος ἄλσος Ἰνάχου κάρης, 5
 αὐτῆ δ', Ὀρέστα, τοῦ λυκοκτόνου θεοῦ
 ἀγορὰ Λύκειος· οὐξ ἀριστερᾶς δ' ὄδε
 ἦρας ὁ κλεινὸς ναός· οἳ δ' ἰκάσωμεν,
 φάσκειν Μυκήνας τὰς πολυχρυσόους δρᾶν,
 πολύφθορόν τε δῶμα Πελοπιδῶν τόδε, 10
 ὄθεν σε πατὴρ ἐκ φόνων ἐγὼ ποτε
 πρὸς σῆς ὑμαίμου καὶ κασιγνῆς ἡς λαβὼν
 ἦνεγκα κἀξέσωσα κἀξεθρεψάμην
 τοσόνδ' ἐς ἤβης, πατρὶ τιμωρὸν φάνου.
 νῦν οὖν, Ὀρέστα καὶ σὺ φίλτατε ξένων 15
 Πυλάδῃ, τί χρὴ δρᾶν ἐν τάχει βουλευτέον
 ὡς ἡμῖν ἦδη λαμπρὸν ἡλίου σέλας
 ἔφα κινεῖ φθέγματ' ὀρνίθων σαφῆ
 μέλαινά τ' ἄστρων ἐκκλειοικεν εὐφρόνη.
 πρὶν οὖν τιῶν ἀνδρῶν ἐξοδοιοποιεῖν στέγης, 20
 ξυνάπτετον λόγουςιν ὡς ἐναυθ' ἴμεν,
 ἢ οὐκέτ' ὀκνεῖν καιρὸς, ἀλλ' ἔργων ἀκμή.

ΟΡΕΣΤΗΣ.

ὦ φίλτατ' ἀνδρῶν προσπίλων, ὡς μοι σαφῆ
 σημεῖα φαίνεις ἐσθλὸς εἰς ἡμᾶς γεγώς.
 ὥσπερ γὰρ ἵππος εὐγενής, κὰν ἦ γέρων, 25
 ἐν τοῖσι δεινοῖς θυμὸν οὐκ ἀπώλεσεν,

<p> ἀλλ' ὀρθὸν οὕς ἴστησιν, ὡσαύτως δὲ σὺ ἡμᾶς τ' ὑπέρβεις καὶ τὸς ἐν πρώτοις ἔπει. τοιγὰρ τὰ μὲν δόξαντα δηλώσω, σὺ δὲ ἄξιαν ἀκοὴν τοῖς ἑμοῖς λόγοις διδοῖς, </p>	30
<p> ἐγὼ γὰρ ἤνιχ' ἰκόμην τὸ Πυθικὸν μαιντεῖον, ὡς μάθοιμ' ὅσην τρόφην πατρι δικὰς ἀροίμην τῶν φοβουσάντων πάρα, χρῆ μοι τοιαῦθ' ὁ Φοῖβος, ὃν πείσει τάχα· </p>	35
<p> ἄσκειον αὐτὸν ἀσπίδιον τε καὶ στρατοῦ δάλασαι κλέψαι χεῖρὸς ἐνδίκους σφραγῆς. ὄτ' οὖν τοιόνδε χρῆσμον εἰσηκούσαμεν, σὺ μὲν μολῶν, ὅταν σε καιρὸς εἰσάγη, δόμον ἔσω τῶνδ', ἴσθι πᾶν τὸ δρώμενον, </p>	40
<p> ὅπως ἂν εἰδῶς ἡμῖν ἀγγελίης σαφῆ. σὺ γὰρ σε μὴ γῆρα τε καὶ χρόνον μακροῦ γνώσ' οὐδ' ὑποπτεύσουσιν ἡδ' ἠθισμένοι. λόγῳ δὲ χρῶ τοιῶδ', ὅτι ξένος μὲν εἰ Φωκεύς, παρ' ἀνδρὸς Φανοσέως ἦκων· ὁ γὰρ </p>	45
<p> μέγιστος αὐτοῖς τυγχάνει δορυξένων. ἀγγελλεῖ δ' ὅρκῳ προστιθεῖς, ὀθεινεκα τίθειητ' Ὀρέστης ἐξ ἀναγκαίας τύχης, ἄθλοισι Πυθικοῖσιν ἐκ τροχηλίτων δίφρων κυλισθεῖς· ἡδ' ὁ μῦθος ἐστάτω. </p>	50
<p> ἡμεῖς δὲ πατρὸς τύμβον, ὡς ἐφίετο, λοιβαῖσι πρῶτον καὶ κατατόμοις χλιδαῖς στέψαντες, εἴτ' ἄψορρον ἤξομεν πύλιν, τύπωμα χαλκόπλευρον ἤρμενοι χερσῶν, ἢ καὶ σὺ θάμνοισι οἰσθᾶ που κεκρυμμένον, </p>	55
<p> ὅπως λόγῳ κλέπτοντες ἠδέϊαν φάτιν φέρωμεν αὐτοῖς, τοῦτον ὡς ἔρρει δέμας φλογιστὸν ἤδη καὶ κατησθρακωμένον. τί γὰρ με λυπεῖ τοῦθ', ὅταν λόγῳ θανῶν ἔργοισι σωθῶ καξενέγκωμαι κλέος; </p>	60