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PREFACE

FOR the matter contained in the first two sections of the Introduction acknowledgment is due to the various histories of Greek philosophy, in particular to those of Ritter and Preller and of Zeller, and to the monograph on Plato by the late Professor D. G. Ritchie. The section on the MSS. is based upon the writings of Schanz and Professor J. Burnet, to whom I am also indebted for information concerning the sources from which the various readings are derived. Especial thanks are due to Professor Henry Jackson, who read the Introduction and Notes in the manuscript and added to former kindnesses by forwarding a number of valuable and suggestive comments.

Something should perhaps be added concerning the references given in the Notes to Rutherford's School Greek Grammar. In the criticism of Classical Education during the past few years not a little has been said concerning the futility of the abstract teaching of Greek and Latin grammar. Experience has shown a tendency on the part of students

to interpret this criticism as absolving them from the necessity of using, or even possessing, a text-book on the grammar of the language which they profess to be studying. It therefore seemed desirable, especially in the case of young students, such as those for whom this edition is intended, to indicate the vital connection between a formal Greek Grammar and the writings of Greek authors.

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INTRODUCTION

LIFE OF PLATO.

SEVERAL accounts of the life of Plato have come down to us¹. These accounts however are all of late date; the statements which they make do not always agree; and they contain much which is obviously fabulous and not a little which appears to be based upon erroneous inferences from Plato's own works². With such material to work upon it is impossible to arrive at certainty. It is true that we have some incidental references which rest upon a better authority, e.g. the statement of Aristotle (Metaphysics, I. 6) as to the philosophic doctrines which exercised an influence upon Plato. It is possible also to draw some conclusions with certainty from the philosopher's own writings, e.g. his interest in statesmanship, as evidenced by the Republic and the Laws. But in the main we have to depend for our knowledge of Plato's life on uncritical and unreliable authorities.

Plato came of an aristocratic family. His father's name is given as Ariston and through his mother, Perictione, he could claim kinship with the great Athenian law-giver, Solon. He was born in the year 427 B.C. at Athens, or, as another account has it, in Aegina, where his father had had land assigned to him under the Athenian military

¹ See Appendix 1.

² e.g. Plato is said by some to have met the Magi, by others to have failed to do so; he is described as the son of Apollo; his visit to the Magi was perhaps inferred from the mention of Zoroaster in the First Alcibiades (121 E, 122 A).

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occupation of the island. According to tradition Plato² was trained in music by Dracon, a pupil of the famous Damon, in letters by Dionysius and in gymnastics by Ariston of Argos. His prowess, we are told, was exhibited at the great athletic festivals of Greece, at Olympia, Delphi, Nemea and the Isthmus, but the accounts vary and there is probably much exaggeration. As a young man Plato would naturally serve in the army in the last period of the Peloponnesian war. The names of contests, in which he bore a part, are given, but it is chronologically impossible for him to have fought in the well-known battles at Tanagra (456 B.C.) and Delium (424 B.C.). The mention of these engagements would seem to be due to some confusion in the minds of our authorities³.

In his early days Plato is said to have devoted himself to painting and to poetry. Some verses ascribed to him have come down to us. But later, abandoning these pursuits, he gave himself up entirely to philosophy and burned, so the story runs, a tragedy with which he was about to compete. From Aristotle (*Metaphysics* 1. 6) we learn that Plato as a young man came under the influence of the doctrines of Heracleitus—an influence which is strongly marked in some of the Platonic writings. Afterwards he turned his attention to the Pythagorean and Eleatic Schools, while, most important of all, he fell under the spell of the personality and teaching of Socrates. The intimacy between the two philosophers is attested by a passage in Xenophon (*Memorabilia*,

¹ The Athenians expelled the Aeginetans from their island and occupied it with cleruchs in 431 B.C.

² He is said to have been called after his grandfather Aristocles, but to have received the name Plato because of his broad $(\pi\lambda\alpha\tau \dot{\nu}s)$ shoulders or forehead or, according to others, on account of the breadth of his style.

³ Antisthenes the Cynic is said, in Diog. Laert. VI. i. 1, to have been present at the battle of Tanagra, and Socrates fought at Delium (Plato, *Symposium*, 221 A).

III. 6. 1), where we are told that Socrates was favourably inclined towards Glaucon, the son of Ariston, for the sake of Charmides, the son of Glaucon, and for the sake of Plato. At the final scene, when Socrates was compelled to drink the hemlock, Plato was not present. But in the *Phaedo* he has described the fortitude and magnanimity of his great teacher on that occasion and has paid tribute to his master in one of the noblest passages in all literature.

The writers of Plato's life all agree in stating that he travelled widely. The desire to bring the Greek thinker into contact with the wisdom of the ancient civilizations of Egypt and the East seems to have led Plato's biographers to infer from passages in his works that he had consorted with the Magi in Phoenicia and the priests in Egypt¹. Similarly the occurrence of the name of Theodorus of Cyrene, the mathematician, in the *Theaetetus* has perhaps given rise to the statement that Plato himself visited that country. It would appear that after the death of Socrates in 399 B.C. Plato withdrew for a time to Megara. That he visited Sicily on more than one occasion, and probably South Italy as well, seems certain.

According to the tradition Plato first went to Sicily to view the island and witness an eruption of Mount Etna. While there he came in contact with Dionysius, tyrant of Syracuse, who displeased with the philosopher's political views caused him to be sold as a slave. His friends, however, procured his release and a garden was bought for him in the Academy, where he taught his doctrines. When the elder Dionysius died, Plato returned to Sicily hoping to secure from Dionysius, the late tyrant's son and successor, land and citizens wherewith to establish his ideal commonwealth. Failing to obtain these he returned to Athens, but later visited Sicily a third time in order to make peace

¹ For the Magi, cf. sup. p. ix. n. 2. Plato's biographer treats Socrates' oath in the Gorgias (482 B), 'By the dog, the god of the Egyptians,' as evidence of a visit to Egypt.

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between his friend, the statesman Dion, and the younger Dionysius. He did not succeed, however, in effecting a reconciliation and coming back to Athens continued his teachings, until he died at an advanced age and was buried in the grove of Academus.

PLATO'S WRITINGS.

In addition to the verses mentioned above there have been handed down as Plato's a collection of letters, a will, and a number of prose works. Of the letters some were rightly regarded as spurious by the Alexandrian critics and modern scholars have been disposed to doubt the genuineness of the rest. The will has perhaps a better title to be considered authentic. It has been observed that it contains no reference to the philosopher's books—a point not likely to be omitted by a forger in a later age. Among the prose works attributed to Plato several of minor importance were clearly not written by him. The spuriousness of some of these was recognized by the scholars of Alexandria.

Almost all the works of Plato are written in the form of dialogues or conversations between several speakers. Among a people of lively intellect and social instincts, who enjoyed moreover a large amount of leisure, it was not unnatural that enquiry should take the form of a discussion and that instruction should be imparted through the medium of conversation. That this was the practice of philosophers in Sicily and Southern Italy in the early years of the fifth century B.C. may be seen from the fragments of the comic poet Epicharmus (flor. circ. 480 B.C.). In more than one passage¹ this writer presents to us in verse, apparently by way of burlesque, philosophic and quasi-philosophic arguments in a manner strongly resembling that afterwards

¹ See Appendix 11.

employed in prose by Plato. In particular at Athens Socrates sought for truth rather by questioning individuals and examining their answers than by listening to the formal discourses of professing teachers. By his interrogations Socrates aimed at convicting his interlocutors of obscure and inconsistent thinking and at stimulating them to better methods and renewed effort in the pursuit of knowledge. It was with the same objects in view and in imitation of the conversations of Socrates that the dialogues of Plato were written.

The choice of the dialogue in preference to other literary forms was doubtless due also in great measure to that dramatic instinct which to a very marked degree Plato possessed. A reader of the dialogues can scarcely fail to be struck by the combination of strength and delicacy which the writer exhibits in his powers of characterization. If we may trust the tradition, Plato had in this regard an excellent model. So great, we are told, was the esteem in which he held the mimes of the Sicilian writer Sophron that he slept with them under his pillow. Sophron's writings have unfortunately not been preserved. But if we may judge from Theocritus' fifteenth idvll ('The women at the festival of Adonis'), which is said to be based upon one of Sophron's mimes, his work was marked by an insight into character and by a skill and vigour in its portrayal which may well have excited the admiration of Plato.

Apart from the dramatic interest with which it enables a writer to invest a subject, the use of dialogue possesses several advantages. A literary form which professes to reproduce the conversations of actual life cannot fairly employ, at any rate without explanation, a technical phraseology unintelligible to all but a few special students of a particular science. There is further no need to have recourse again and again to stereotyped formulae in order to

¹ On the delineation of character in the Ion, vide pp. xix—xxi.

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introduce objections to the argument or to furnish additional explanations. The natural pauses and lively interruptions which are used in Plato's dialogues to signalize points of transition compare favourably with such expressions as the $d\pi o\rho \eta \sigma\epsilon\iota\epsilon$ δ ' $\tilde{a}\nu$ $\tau\iota s$ of Aristotle (Nic. Eth. II. 4). Another advantage of dialogue has been pointed out by Plato himself (Rep. 348 A). If, he says, we have a mass of arguments on the one side arrayed against a mass of arguments on the other, we require a jury to decide between them. But if we proceed step by step, testing and establishing each point in the argument before advancing to the next one, we arrive at a conclusion based on a solid foundation and avoid the necessity of having to strike a balance between conflicting opinions.

On the other hand the dialogue may at times become merely formal and the interlocutor pass into little more than a personified πάνυ μέν οὖν or πῶς γὰρ οὖ: In such passages the dramatic interest naturally tends to disappear. It may also be urged with some force that the language of everyday life cannot provide an adequate medium for the expression of philosophic truth. Thoughts which transcend the range of those which our usual words express require a special, technical terminology. Further, scientific accuracy can ill tolerate the looseness with which our vocabulary is ordinarily employed. Thus it is that Plato finds himself compelled to limit and define the meaning of certain terms which he employs. It must be remembered too that in dialogue it is the author who both asks and answers the questions. He can therefore frame his query in a special manner so as to suggest a particular reply. Thus he has an opportunity, if he so desires, of evading difficulties or at least of passing over them in a plausible fashion.

ANALYSIS OF THE ION'.

The *Ion* is a brief dialogue between Socrates and the rhapsode Ion. The main lesson to be drawn from it is that a mere unreflecting appreciation of poetry must not be confounded with an intelligent and reasoned criticism of it. The argument may be analysed as follows:—

- (i) Introduction (530 A—D). Ion of Ephesus, a rhapsode, arrives at Athens from Epidaurus where he has secured the first prize at the festival of Asclepius. Socrates meeting him and learning of his success expresses the hope that he may be similarly fortunate at the Panathenaea. He remarks upon the enviable position of the rhapsode who wears a fine costume and occupies himself with the study of the poets generally and Homer in particular in regard both to their language and meaning. For the rhapsode must be acquainted with the poet's meaning, if he is to interpret him to an audience. Ion agrees, declaring that this part of the art is his peculiar excellence; in fact he deserves to be crowned by admirers of Homer for his services in it.
- (ii) The critic must understand poetry as a whole (530 D—532 B). Socrates will take an opportunity of hearing Ion some day. At present he will only enquire if Ion confines himself to Homer. Ion replies that this is so, but that he can expound other poets equally well when they say the same things about a subject as Homer. Homer and Hesiod both speak about the art of the seer and Ion confesses that a seer would expound their meaning better than he could, whether what the poets said concerning the art was the same or different. Socrates asks if poets have not a general

¹ In the ancient classification of Plato's writings the *Ion* is ranked as a λόγος πειραστικός, *i.e.* a tentative discussion.

 $^{^2}$ This line of argument is developed later in the dialogue, 537 A—540 D.

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subject-matter; Ion admits this is so, but says they treat it differently. By 'differently,' he explains, he means 'better and worse.' Socrates enquires if the man who knows when a man speaks well about numbers is the same as he who knows when a man speaks ill. Ion answers that he is the same man, the arithmetician. Similarly it is the same man, the physician, who knows both good food and bad. Knowledge of the 'good' and the 'bad' is found in the same person. Hence the critic of good poetry must also know bad poetry, and we shall not be wrong in declaring Ion's skill to apply to other poets as well as to Homer.

- (iii) The argument is supported by the analogy of other arts (532 B—533 C). What is the reason then, asks Ion, of his apathy and inattention when other poets are the subject of discussion, and his eagerness and enthusiasm about Homer? Socrates thinks he can guess the reason. He is sure that Ion cannot speak about Homer from art and knowledge. Has Ion ever seen a painter who could only explain the works of Polygnotus and treated all others with indifference? Or a sculptor devoted solely to Theodorus the Samian? Has he ever found a man who could tell what was good and what was bad only in the performance of a single artist, be he a player on the flute or lyre, a singer to the guitar or a rhapsode?
- (iv) The nature of Ion's appreciation of Homer is explained¹ (533 C—536 D). Ion allows his inability to dispute the argument but reiterates that upon Homer he speaks better than anyone, is never at a loss and receives universal approbation. Socrates replies that this is because he is filled with inspiration by the god. The god's influence is like that of the magnet, which not only attracts iron rings itself but infuses into them a similar power. Like the bacchant, the poet is no longer his own master when he composes, but simply the mouthpiece of the god. This is

¹ The explanation is of course tinged throughout with irony.

shewn by the fact that the several poets compose in several different styles. If a poet knew the art of poetry as a whole, he would be able to write in each and every style. The poet is filled with enthusiasm by the god, the rhapsode by the poet, the audience by the rhapsode, just as an iron ring is endowed with the power of attraction by a magnet, a second ring by the first, a third by the second. One poet is inspired by one Muse, another by another. One rhapsode is fired by one poet, another by another. As worshippers indulge in ecstasies of dance and song only when they hear the strain of the god who possesses them, so it is only when mention is made of Homer that Ion's eloquence finds utterance.

- (v) The application of certain arts to the Homeric poems is indicated (536 D-539 E). Ion is still doubtful if his praise of Homer springs from inspiration and not from knowledge. Socrates, he thinks, would agree with him, if he were to hear him speaking. Socrates declares he would willingly do so, but asks first which is the part of Homer's subject-matter upon which Ion speaks best. All of it, replies Ion. Homer in many places speaks of special arts, e.g. chariot-driving (II. XXIII. 335). Ion admits that here the chariot-driver will judge Homer better than he. Each particular art understands a particular subject-matter and one art differs from another when it deals with a different subject-matter. To understand the same subject-matter we must use the same art, but a different art for a different subject-matter. Therefore a rhapsode cannot understand a passage where Homer speaks of chariot-driving, of mixing a potion (Il. XI. 639), of casting a line into the sea (Il. XXIV. 80), or of the prophetic art (Od. XX. 351; Il. XII. 200). For these we require the chariot-driver, the physician, the fisherman and the prophet.
- (vi) Where does Ion's art apply? (539 E-541 D). Which portions then of Homer's writings belong to the rhapsode? All of them, asserts Ion. But he has forgotten his former admission that the art of the rhapsode has a separate

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subject-matter (537 D) and is therefore a separate art (538 B). Ion then cannot claim the parts of the poems which belong to other arts. Accordingly he qualifies his former 'all' by the addition of 'except what belongs to other arts.' This, he explains, includes 'what it befits a man or woman, a slave or free man, a ruler or subject to say.' But Socrates points out that this becomes the subject-matter of different arts according to the circumstances in which the speaker is placed. It is the sea-captain who knows what a man in command ought to say in a storm, the neatherd who is aware of the proper language for a slave to use when his kine grow restive. Ion maintains that the rhapsode knows how a general should address his troops, and that he knows this in virtue of being a rhapsode, since there is no difference between the arts of the rhapsode and the general. Ion, says Socrates, is the best rhapsode in Greece; therefore he must be the best general. It is strange then that the Greeks do not employ him. Athens has made other foreigners her generals.

(vii) Conclusion (54I E—542 B). Socrates declares that Ion is not acting fairly, if he really can praise Homer from art and knowledge. Ion promised to shew him many fine things which he knew about Homer and has not even explained how his skill applies to the poems, but has evaded the question and turned out at last a general. Yet if Ion's appreciation of Homer is due not to knowledge but to the inspiration of the god, Socrates allows that he has not been treated unjustly. Ion must choose between being considered unjust and being regarded as inspired. He prefers the latter alternative.

THE CHARACTERS OF THE DIALOGUE.

Slight as the dialogue is, the characters of the speakers are vividly presented to the reader by a few graphic touches. Ion's natural vanity has been exaggerated by his recent victory at Epidaurus and he regards with self-satisfaction the coming contest at the Panathenaea¹. He is flattered by Socrates' reference to the splendid dress and lofty calling of the rhapsode and boastfully maintains his superiority to all other critics and his great services to the study of Homer². So proud is he of his art that he twice makes an attempt to display it to Socrates³, seizing eagerly on the opportunity for recitation afforded by the other's defective memory ⁴, and shewing apparently a disinclination to stop once he has begun⁵. He no doubt trusted to produce as powerful an effect as that which usually attended his efforts⁶.

But Ion's ignorance is equal to his vanity. In reply to Socrates' questions he at once reveals his inability to conceive the true scope of the art of criticism, imagining that the work of one poet may be studied in complete isolation from that of all others. He cannot clearly distinguish what it is in the poems that forms his peculiar subject-matter but becomes confused and ridiculous when interrogated upon this point. He is an artist unable to indicate his material. Thus in reality he is not a critic at all, but, as Socrates declares, a man inspired with an ecstatic enthusiasm by the genius of Homer, one whose admiration for the poet's work is unbounded, but at the same time unreflecting and unintelligent. And in default of being able to shew where the knowledge to

^{1 530} A.

 ⁵³⁰ C, D.
 cf. ἀρκεῖ, 537 B.

³ 530 D: 536 D.
⁶ 535 E.

^{7 531} A.

^{8 530} E.

⁹ 533 D—536 D.

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which he lays claim is applicable to Homer, Ion at last, characteristically enough, consents to be regarded as filled with a divine inspiration¹.

Yet this concession is not made without a struggle, for in Ion vanity and ignorance are, as is usually the case, allied with obstinacy. While attracted by the idea of being considered inspired he is yet unwilling to admit his lack of art and knowledge². We find him taking refuge in idle and unfruitful distinctions³, in an appeal to personal feeling⁴, or in simple reiteration of a previous statement⁵, when he realizes that he can no longer resist the weight of his opponent's argument. Finally he does not hesitate to set facts at defiance and to fly in the face of all experience6, in order to avoid the necessity of allowing himself to be mistaken. Yet on the whole Ion was probably not an unpleasant man to meet. He seems to have been a grown-up child; with the vanity, unreflectiveness and mutinous spirit of childhood; but with its enthusiasm also and no doubt something of its attractiveness.

To Ion Socrates affords an effective foil. His modesty is in striking contrast to the rhapsode's boastfulness and he disclaims for himself the title $\sigma o \phi \delta s^7$. While acknowledging the other's accomplishments and professing his readiness some day to listen to a display of them he endeavours by questioning Ion to discover exactly what they are⁸. He would be convinced by reason rather than stirred by an appeal to feeling. Accordingly he more than once politely evades Ion's attempt to indulge in quotation, and when at length the rhapsode, not to be denied, avails himself of the opportunity offered of declaiming a passage, he brings the performance to a close.

So too Ion's ignorance serves to throw into relief Socrates'

¹ 542 A. ² 536 D. ³ 531 D: 540 A. ⁴ 533 C: 536 D. ⁵ 539 E: cf. 536 E. ⁶ 540 D: 541 C. ⁸ 531 A.

superior powers of dialectic. The philosopher's persistency in argument is more than a match for the rhapsode's obstinacy. Socrates indeed seems actually to find a pleasure in throwing his opponent into confusion 1. The distinctions drawn by Ion are submitted to scrutiny and proved invalid. His reiterations and denials are met unfailingly by a further examination of the facts. Whereas Ion appeals to feeling, Socrates relies upon the facts of experience². In short, he stands forth in the dialogue as a type of matured and reflecting reason, seeking ever after truth, and seasoned with a humanity and a humour, a little cynical perhaps, but never morose or unkindly.

THE DRAMATIC DATE OF THE DIALOGUE.

The date at which the conversation between Socrates and Ion is supposed to have taken place is not a point of great importance nor is it possible accurately to determine it. The mention in 541 D of the appointment of Phanosthenes the Andrian to a command in the Athenian service, taken in conjunction with the statement in Xenophon, Hellenica, I. 5. 18, that Phanosthenes was sent in 407-6 B.C. to succeed Conon as general at Andros, might seem to suggest that the dialogue took place later than that date. But Phanosthenes may have been employed as general on a former occasion or Plato may have been guilty of an anachronistic reference to his appointment in 407-6 B.C. On the whole, however, although certainty is impossible, there seems to be no objection to placing the encounter between the philosopher and the rhapsode about 405 B.C. during the concluding stage of the Peloponnesian war.

¹ e.g. 540 E.

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THE MANUSCRIPTS.

The writings of Plato were arranged by Thrasyllus (1st cent. A.D.) in groups of four, styled tetralogies, the *Ion* being the third member of the seventh tetralogy. These tetralogies appear subsequently to have been distributed between two volumes, the first volume including tetralogies I—VII. The two leading manuscripts of Plato, the one in the Bodleian Library at Oxford (Cod. Bodleianus, MS. E. D. Clarke 39) and the other at Paris (Cod. Parisinus 1807), have each suffered the loss of one volume, the Paris manuscript presenting only the second of the two, and the Bodleian the first. In addition the Bodleian manuscript has been deprived of the last, the seventh, tetralogy of the first volume.

For the text of the *Ion* therefore we have to seek the aid of other manuscripts. The most important of these is in the Library of St Mark at Venice (Cod. Venetus Append. Class. 4 cod. 1) and is denoted by the letter T. This manuscript, which belongs perhaps to the tenth century, was copied from a good original; there are very few omissions and practically nowhere is the text presented wholly unintelligible. In several places this MS. alone appears to preserve the genuine reading. Indications of change in the order of words are inserted by the writer, as well as corrections and variant readings in the margin. The scribe appears to have been a man of some education.

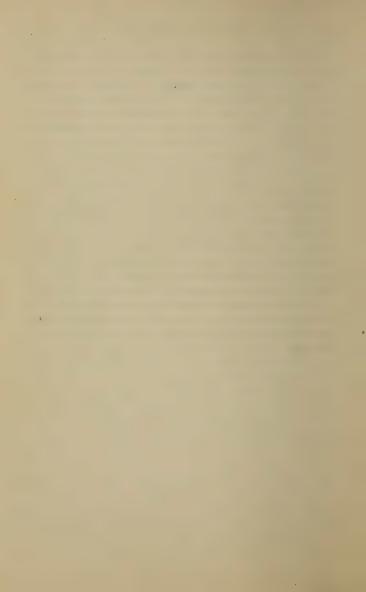
There are also two Vienna manuscripts, Cod. Vindobonensis 54 supp. phil. Gr. 7 denoted by the letter W and Cod. Vindobonensis 55 supp. phil. Gr. 39 denoted by the letter F. The first of these W which was brought to Vienna from Florence approximates in some places to the Bodleian MS., but in others to the Venetian T. In other places again it

preserves a reading apparently old but differing from those of both the Bodleian and the Venetian. It contains in the margin a very large number of variant readings. The second MS. F is derived from a source differing from those of both T and W. It has suffered from interpolations at the hands of a Byzantine scholar, but it is noteworthy that the quotations from Homer in the *lon* have not been corrected to agree with the text of the poet.

In addition there is a second Venetian manuscript, Cod. Venetus Marcianus 189 denoted by the letter S. So far as the text of the *Ion* is concerned this manuscript seems to be derived from the same source as the Vienna manuscript F.

Later writers such as the makers of anthologies like Stobaeus (date uncertain) occasionally quote passages from Plato. The evidence for the text afforded by such quotations, made possibly from memory, cannot be regarded as very weighty, but it is interesting and may at times prove of service in supporting the reading of one MS. against another.

The present edition follows in the main the tradition of the Codex Venetus (T). Variations from the readings of that MS. will be found indicated in the notes at the foot of the text.



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ΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΔΙΑΛΟΓΟΥ ΠΡΟΣΩΠΑ ΣΩΚΡΑΤΗΣ, ΙΩΝ.

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 Ι. Τὸν Ἰωνα χαίρειν. πόθεν τὰ νῦν ἡμῖν ἐπιδεδήμηκας; ἡ οἴκοθεν ἐξ Ἐφέσου;

ΙΩΝ. Οὐδαμῶς, ὧ Σώκρατες, ἀλλ' ἐξ Ἐπιδαύρου

έκ των 'Ασκληπιείων.

 $\Sigma \Omega$. Μῶν καὶ ῥαψφδῶν ἀγῶνα τιθέασι τῷ θεῷ 5 οἱ Ἐπιδαύριοι;

ΙΩΝ. Πάνυ γε, καὶ τῆς ἄλλης γε μουσικῆς.

 $\Sigma \Omega$. Τί οὖν; ἠγωνίζου τι ἡμῖν; καὶ πῶς τι ἠγωνίσω;

ΙΩΝ. Τὰ πρῶτα τῶν ἄθλων ἦνεγκάμεθα, ὧ Σώ- 10

κρατες.

Β ΣΩ. Εὖ λέγεις · ἄγε δὴ ὅπως καὶ τὰ Παναθήναια νικήσομεν.

ΙΩΝ. 'Αλλ' ἔσται ταῦτα, ἐὰν θεὸς ἐθέλη.

ΣΩ. Καὶ μὴν πολλάκις γε ἐζήλωσα ὑμᾶς τοὺς 15 ραψφδούς, ὦ Ἰων, τῆς τέχνης τὸ γὰρ ἄμα μὲν τὸ σῶμα κεκοσμῆσθαι ἀεὶ πρέπον ὑμῶν εἶναι τῆ τέχνη καὶ ὡς καλλίστοις φαίνεσθαι, ἄμα δὲ ἀναγκαῖον εἶναι ἔν τε ἄλλοις ποιηταῖς διατρίβειν πολλοῖς καὶ ἀγαθοῖς καὶ δὴ καὶ μάλιστα ἐν Ὁμήρω, τῷ ἀρίστω καὶ 20 θειστάτω τῶν ποιητῶν, καὶ τὴν τούτου διάνοιαν

M.

ἐκμανθάνειν, μὴ μόνον τὰ ἔπη, ζηλωτόν ἐστιν. οὐ γὰρ C αν γένοιτό ποτε ραψωδός, εἰ μὴ συνείη τὰ λεγόμενα ὑπὸ τοῦ ποιητοῦ. τὸν γὰρ ραψωδὸν ἑρμηνέα δεῖ τοῦ ποιητοῦ τῆς διανοίας γίγνεσθαι τοῖς ἀκούουσι· τοῦτο 5 δὲ καλῶς ποιεῖν μὴ γιγνώσκοντα ὅ τι λέγει ὁ ποιητὴς ἀδύνατον. ταῦτα οὖν πάντα ἄξια ζηλοῦσθαι.

II. ΙΩΝ. 'Αληθη λέγεις, ὧ Σώκρατες ἐμοὶ γοῦν τοῦτο πλεῖστον ἔργον παρέσχε τῆς τέχνης, καὶ οἶμαι κάλλιστα ἀνθρώπων λέγειν περὶ 'Ομήρου, ὡς το οὔτε Μητρόδωρος ὁ Λαμψακηνὸς οὔτε Στησίμβροτος D ὁ Θάσιος οὔτε Γλαύκων οὔτε ἄλλος οὐδεὶς τῶν πώποτε γενομένων ἔσχεν εἰπεῖν οὔτω πολλὰς καὶ καλὰς διανοίας περὶ 'Ομήρου, ὅσας ἐγώ.

ΣΩ. Εὖ λέγεις, ὦ Ἰων· δῆλον γὰρ ὅτι οὐ

15 φθονήσεις μοι έπιδείξαι.

ΙΩΝ. Καὶ μὴν ἄξιόν γε ἀκοῦσαι, ὧ Σώκρατες, ὡς εὖ κεκόσμηκα τὸν "Ομηρον· ὥστε οἶμαι ὑπὸ 'Ομηριδῶν ἄξιος εἶναι χρυσῷ στεφάνῳ στεφανωθῆναι.

ΣΩ. Καὶ μὴν ἐγω ἔτι ποιήσομαι σχολὴν ἀκροᾶ20 σθαί σου· νῦν δέ μοι τοσόνδε ἀπόκριναι· πότερον 531
περὶ Ὁμήρου μόνον δεινὸς εἶ ἢ καὶ περὶ Ἡσιόδου καὶ ᾿Αρχιλόχου;

ΙΩΝ. Οὐδαμῶς, ἀλλὰ περὶ Ὁμήρου μόνον·

ίκανὸν γάρ μοι δοκεῖ εἶναι.

25 ΣΩ. "Εστι δὲ περὶ ὅτου "Ομηρός τε καὶ Ἡσίοδος ταὐτὰ λέγετον;

ΙΩΝ. Ο μαι έγωγε καὶ πολλά.

2 supely F: suply T: suplety W 7–8 émol goûp WF: émol γ' oûp T 16 ge F: om. TW

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ΣΩ. Πότερον οὖν περὶ τούτων κάλλιον αν ἐξηγήσαιο ὰ "Ομηρος λέγει ἢ ὰ 'Ησίοδος;

ΙΩΝ. 'Ομοίως ἂν περί γε τούτων, ὧ Σώκρατες,

περὶ ὧν ταὐτὰ λέγουσιν.

Β ΣΩ. Τί δέ; ὧν πέρι μὴ ταὖτὰ λέγουσιν; οἶον περὶ 5 μαντικῆς λέγει τι "Ομηρός τε καὶ Ἡσίοδος;

ΙΩΝ. Πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. Τί οὖν; ὅσα τε ὁμοίως καὶ ὅσα διαφόρως περὶ μαντικῆς λέγετον τὼ ποιητὰ τούτω, πότερον σὰ κάλλιον αν ἐξηγήσαιο ἢ τῶν μάντεών τις τῶν 10 ἀγαθῶν;

ΙΩΝ. Τῶν μάντεων.

ΣΩ. Εἰ δὲ σὰ ἦσθα μάντις, οὐκ, εἴπερ περὶ τῶν ὁμοίως λεγομένων οἶός τ' ἦσθα ἐξηγήσασθαι, καὶ περὶ τῶν διαφόρως λεγομένων ἠπίστω ἂν ἐξηγεῖσθαι;

ΙΩΝ. Δήλον ὅτι.

C ΣΩ. Τί οὖν ποτὲ περὶ μὲν 'Ομήρου δεινὸς εἶ, περὶ δὲ 'Ησιόδου οὔ, οὐδὲ τῶν ἄλλων ποιητῶν; ἢ "Όμηρος περὶ ἄλλων τινῶν λέγει ἢ ὧνπερ σύμπαντες οἱ ἄλλοι ποιηταί; οὐ περὶ πολέμου τε τὰ πολλὰ 20 διελήλυθε καὶ περὶ ὁμιλιῶν πρὸς ἀλλήλους ἀνθρώπων ἀγαθῶν τε καὶ κακῶν καὶ ἰδιωτῶν καὶ δημιουργῶν, καὶ περὶ θεῶν πρὸς ἀλλήλους καὶ πρὸς ἀνθρώπους ὁμιλούντων, ὡς ὁμιλοῦσι, καὶ περὶ τῶν οὐρανίων παθημάτων καὶ περὶ τῶν ἐν "Αιδου, καὶ γενέσεις καὶ 25 D θεῶν καὶ ἡρώων; οὐ ταῦτά ἐστι περὶ ὧν 'Όμηρος τὴν ποίησιν πεποίηκεν;

ΙΩΝ. 'Αληθη λέγεις, & Σώκρατες.

ΙΙΙ. Σ Ω . Τί δέ; οἱ ἄλλοι ποιηταὶ οὐ περὶ τῶν αὐτῶν τούτων;

ΙΩΝ. Ναί, ἀλλ', $\mathring{\omega}$ Σώκρατες, οὐχ δμοίως πεποιήκασι καὶ "Ομηρος.

ΣΩ. Τί μήν; κάκιον;

ΙΩΝ. Πολύ γε.

5 ΣΩ. "Ομηρος δὲ ἄμεινον;

ΙΩΝ. "Αμεινον μέντοι νη Δία.

ΣΩ. Οὐκοῦν, ὧ φίλη κεφαλὴ Ἰων, ὅταν περὶ ἀριθμοῦ πολλῶν λεγόντων εἶς τις ἄριστα λέγῃ, γνώσεται δήπου τις τὸν εὖ λέγοντα;

ιο ΙΩΝ. Φημί.

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 $\Sigma \Omega$. Πότερον οὖν ὁ αὖτός, ὅσπερ καὶ τοὺς κακῶς λέγοντας, ἢ ἄλλος;

ΙΩΝ. 'Ο αὐτὸς δήπου.

 $\Sigma \Omega$. Οὐκοῦν ὁ τὴν ἀριθμητικὴν τέχνην ἔχων 15 οὖτός ἐστιν;

ΙΩΝ. Ναί.

ΣΩ. Τί δ', ὅταν πολλῶν λεγόντων περὶ το ὑγιεινῶν σιτίων, ὁποῖά ἐστιν, εἶς τις ἄριστα λέγῃ, πότερον ἔτερος μέν τις τὸν ἄριστα λέγοντα γνώ20 σεται ὅτι ἄριστα λέγει, ἔτερος δὲ τὸν κάκιον, ἡ ὁ αὐτός;

ΙΩΝ. Δηλον δήπου, ὁ αὐτός.

ΣΩ. Τίς οὖτος; τί ὄνομα αὐτῷ;

ΙΩΝ. Ἰατρός.

25 ΣΩ. Οὐκοῦν ἐν κεφαλαίφ λέγομεν, ὡς ὁ αὐτὸς γνώσεται ἀεί, περὶ τῶν αὐτῶν πολλῶν λεγόντων, ὅστις τε εὖ λέγει καὶ ὅστις κακῶς ἡ εἰ μὴ γνώσεται 532 τὸν κακῶς λέγοντα, δῆλον ὅτι οὐδὲ τὸν εὖ, περί γε τοῦ αὐτοῦ.

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ΙΩΝ

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ΙΩΝ. Οΰτως.

ΣΩ. Οὐκοῦν ὁ αὐτὸς γίγνεται δεινὸς περὶ ἀμφοτέρων;

ΙΩΝ. Ναί.

ΣΩ. Οὐκοῦν σὰ φὴς καὶ "Ομηρον καὶ τοὺς ἄλλους 5 ποιητάς, ἐν οἶς καὶ Ἡσίοδος καὶ ᾿Αρχίλοχός ἐστι, περί γε τῶν αὐτῶν λέγειν, ἀλλ' οὐχ ὁμοίως, ἀλλὰ τὸν μὲν εὖ γε, τοὺς δὲ χεῖρον;

ΙΩΝ. Καὶ ἀληθη λέγω.

ΣΩ. Οὐκοῦν, εἴπερ τὸν εὖ λέγοντα γιγνώσκεις, 10 Β καὶ τοὺς χεῖρον λέγοντας γιγνώσκοις ἂν ὅτι χεῖρον λέγουσιν.

ΙΩΝ. "Εοικέ γε.

ΣΩ. Οὐκοῦν, ὧ βέλτιστε, ὁμοίως τὸν Ἰωνα λέγοντες περὶ Ὁμήρου τε δεινὸν εἶναι καὶ περὶ τῶν 15 ἄλλων ποιητῶν οὐχ ἁμαρτησόμεθα, ἐπειδή γε αὐτὸς ὁμολογεῖ τὸν αὐτὸν ἔσεσθαι κριτὴν ἱκανὸν πάντων, ὅσοι ἂν περὶ τῶν αὐτῶν λέγωσι, τοὺς δὲ ποιητὰς σχεδὸν ἄπαντας τὰ αὐτὰ ποιεῖν.

IV. ION. Τί οὖν ποτὲ τὸ αἴτιον, ὦ Σώκρατες, 20 ὅτι ἐγώ, ὅταν μέν τις περὶ ἄλλου του ποιητοῦ δια-C λέγηται, οὔτε προσέχω τὸν νοῦν ἀδυνατῶ τε καὶ ὁτιοῦν συμβαλέσθαι λόγου ἄξιον, ἀλλ' ἀτεχνῶς νυστάζω, ἐπειδὰν δέ τις περὶ 'Ομήρου μνησθῆ, εὐθύς τε ἐγρήγορα καὶ προσέχω τὸν νοῦν καὶ εὐπορῶ ὅ τι 25 λέγω;

ΣΩ. Οὐ χαλεπὸν τοῦτό γε εἰκάσαι, ὧ ἐταῖρε, ἀλλὰ παντὶ δῆλον ὅτι τέχνη καὶ ἐπιστήμη περὶ Ὁμήρου λέγειν ἀδύνατος εἶ· εἰ γὰρ τέχνη οἴός τε ἦσθα, καὶ περὶ τῶν ἄλλων ποιητῶν ἀπάντων λέγειν 30

οἶός τ' ἂν ἦσθα· ποιητικὴ γάρ πού ἐστι τὸ ὅλον. ἢ οὖ;

ΙΩΝ. Ναί.

ΣΩ. Οὐκοῦν ἐπειδὰν λάβη τις καὶ ἄλλην τέχνην D 5 ήντινοῦν ὅλην, ὁ αὐτὸς τρόπος τῆς σκέψεως ἐστι περὶ ἀπασων των τεχνων; πως τοῦτο λέγω, δέει τί μου ἀκοῦσαι, ὦ Ἰων;

ΙΩΝ. Ναὶ μὰ τὸν Δί', ὦ Σώκρατες, ἔγωγε· χαίρω

γὰρ ἀκούων ὑμῶν τῶν σοφῶν.

10 ΣΩ. Βουλοίμην ἄν σε ἀληθῆ λέγειν, ὧ Ἰων ἀλλὰ σοφοὶ μέν πού ἐστε ὑμεῖς οἱ ῥαψῷδοὶ καὶ ὑποκριταὶ καὶ ὧν ὑμεῖς ἄδετε τὰ ποιήματα, ἐγὼ δὲ οὐδὲν ἄλλο ἢ τἀληθῆ λέγω, οἰον εἰκὸς ἰδιώτην ἄνθρωπον. ἐπεὶ καὶ περὶ τούτου οῦ νῦν ἠρόμην σε, Ε 15 θέασαι ὡς φαῦλον καὶ ἰδιωτικόν ἐστι καὶ παντὸς ἀνδρὸς γνῶναι δ ἔλεγον, τὴν αὐτὴν εἶναι σκέψιν, ἐπειδάν τις ὅλην τέχνην λάβη. λάβωμεν γὰρ τῷ λόγω γραφικὴ γάρ τίς ἐστι τέχνη τὸ ὅλον;

ΙΩΝ. Ναί.

20 ΣΩ. Οὐκοῦν καὶ γραφεῖς πολλοὶ καὶ εἰσὶ καὶ γεγόνασιν ἀγαθοὶ καὶ φαῦλοι;

ΙΩΝ. Πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. Ήδη οὖν τινὰ εἶδες, ὅστις περὶ μὲν Πολυγνώτου τοῦ ᾿Αγλαοφῶντος δεινός ἐστιν ἀποφαίνειν, ἃ

25 εὖ τε γράφει καὶ ἃ μή, περὶ δὲ τῶν ἄλλων γραφέων
ἀδύνατος; καὶ ἐπειδὰν μέν τις τὰ τῶν ἄλλων ζω- 533
γράφων ἔργα ἐπιδεικνύη, νυστάζει τε καὶ ἀπορεῖ
καὶ οὐκ ἔχει ὅ τι συμβάληται, ἐπειδὰν δὲ περὶ

Πολυγνώτου ἢ ἄλλου ὅτου βούλει τῶν γραφέων ένὸς μόνου δέη ἀποφήνασθαι γνώμην, ἐγρήγορέ τε καὶ προσέχει τὸν νοῦν καὶ εὐπορεῖ ὅ τι εἴπη;

IΩΝ. Οὐ μ à τὸν Δ ία, οὐ δ $\hat{\eta}$ τα.

 $\Sigma \Omega$. Τί δέ; ἐν ἀνδριαντοποιία ἤδη τιν' εἶδες, 5 ὅστις περὶ μὲν Δ αιδά λ ου τοῦ Mητίονος ἢ Ἐπειοῦ τοῦ

Β Πανοπέως ἢ Θεοδώρου τοῦ Σαμίου ἢ ἄλλου τινὸς ἀνδριαντοποιοῦ ἑνὸς πέρι δεινός ἐστιν ἐξηγεῖσθαι ὰ εὖ πεποίηκεν, ἐν δὲ τοῖς τῶν ἄλλων ἀνδριαντοποιῶν ἔργοις ἀπορεῖ τε καὶ νυστάζει, οὐκ ἔχων ὅ τι εἴπῃ;

ΙΩΝ. Οὐ μὰ τὸν Δία, οὐδὲ τοῦτον ἐώρακα.

ΣΩ. 'Αλλὰ μήν, ὥς γ' ἐγὰ οἶμαι, οὐδ' ἐν αὐλήσει γε οὐδὲ ἐν κιθαρίσει οὐδὲ ἐν κιθαρφδία οὐδὲ ἐν ραψφδία οὐδε ἐν ραψφδία οὐδεπώποτ' εἶδες ἄνδρα, ὅστις περὶ μὲν C' Ὁλύμπου δεινός ἐστιν ἐξηγεῖσθαι ἢ περὶ Θαμύρου ἢ 15 περὶ Ὁρφέως ἢ περὶ Φημίου τοῦ 'Ιθακησίου ἡαψφδοῦ, περὶ δὲ "Ιωνος τοῦ 'Εφεσίου ἀπορεῖ καὶ οὐκ ἔχει συμβαλέσθαι, ἄ τε εὖ ἡαψφδεῖ καὶ ἃ μή.

ΙΩΝ. Οὐκ ἔχω σοι περὶ τούτου ἀντιλέγειν, ὧ Σώκρατες · ἀλλ' ἐκεῖνο ἐμαυτῷ σύνοιδα, ὅτι περὶ 20 'Ομήρου κάλλιστ' ἀνθρώπων λέγω καὶ εὐπορῶ καὶ οἱ ἄλλοι πάντες μέ φασιν εὖ λέγειν, περὶ δὲ τῶν ἄλλων οὔ, καίτοι ὅρα τοῦτο τί ἔστιν.

V. ΣΩ. Καὶ ὁρῶ, ὦ Ἰων, καὶ ἔρχομαι γέ σοι D ἀποφαινόμενος, ὅ μοι δοκεῖ τοῦτο εἶναι. ἔστι γὰρ 25 τοῦτο τέχνη μὲν <οὔ>, οὖκ ὂν παρὰ σοὶ περὶ Ὁμήρου εὖ λέγειν, ὃ νῦν δὴ ἔλεγον, θεία δὲ δύναμις, ἥ σε κινεῖ, ὥσπερ ἐν τῆ λίθω, ἡν Εὐριπίδης μὲν Μαγνῆτιν

18 συμβάλλεσθαι Τ 24 έρχομαι F : ἄρχομαι TW 26 τέχνη WF Stobaeus : τέχνη T | οῦ om. MSS.

ωνόμασεν, οί δὲ πολλοί Ἡρακλείαν. καὶ γὰρ αὕτη ή λίθος οὐ μόνον αὐτοὺς τοὺς δακτυλίους ἄγει τοὺς σιδηρούς, άλλά καὶ δύναμιν έντίθησι τοῖς δακτυλίοις. ώστε δύνασθαι ταὐτὸν τοῦτο ποιείν ὅπερ ἡ λίθος, 5 άλλους άγειν δακτυλίους, ώστ' ενίστε όρμαθός μακρός Ε πάνυ σιδηρίων [καὶ δακτυλίων] ἐξ ἀλλήλων ήρτηται. πασι δε τούτοις εξ εκείνης της λίθου ή δύναμις ανήρτηται. ούτω δὲ καὶ ή Μοῦσα ἐνθέους μὲν ποιεῖ αὐτή, διὰ δὲ τῶν ἐνθέων τούτων ἄλλων ἐνθουσιαζόντων το όρμαθὸς ἐξαρτᾶται. πάντες γὰρ οί τε τῶν ἐπῶν ποιηταί οἱ ἀγαθοὶ οὖκ ἐκ τέχνης ἀλλ' ἔνθεοι ὄντες καὶ κατεχόμενοι πάντα ταῦτα τὰ καλὰ λέγουσι ποιήματα, καὶ οἱ μελοποιοὶ οἱ ἀγαθοὶ ὡσαύτως, ώσπερ 534 οί κορυβαντιώντες οὐκ ἔμφρονες ὄντες ὀρχοῦνται, 15 ούτω καὶ οἱ μελοποιοὶ οὐκ ἔμφρονες ὄντες τὰ καλὰ • μέλη ταθτα ποιοθσιν, άλλ' ἐπειδὰν ἐμβώσιν εἰς τὴν άρμονίαν καὶ εἰς τὸν ρυθμόν, βακχεύουσι καὶ κατεχόμενοι, ώσπερ αί βάκχαι άρύτονται έκ των ποταμών μέλι καὶ γάλα κατεχόμεναι, ἔμφρονες δὲ οὖσαι ζού, 20 καὶ τῶν μελοποιῶν ἡ ψυχὴ τοῦτο ἐργάζεται, ὅπερ αὐτοὶ λέγουσι, λέγουσι γὰρ δήπουθεν πρὸς ήμᾶς οί ποιηταί, ὅτι ἀπὸ κρηνῶν μελιρρύτων ἐκ Μουσῶν Β κήπων τινών καὶ ναπών δρεπόμενοι τὰ μέλη ήμιν φέρουσιν ώσπερ αί μέλιτται, καὶ αὐτοὶ οὕτω πετ-25 όμενοι καὶ ἀληθη λέγουσι κοῦφον γὰρ χρημα ποιητής έστι καὶ πτηνὸν καὶ ίερόν, καὶ οὐ πρότερον οίός τε ποιείν, πρίν αν ένθεός τε γένηται καὶ ἔκφρων

2 ἄγει om. T **6** καὶ δακτυλίων del. Hermann **9** αὐτή F Stobaeus: αὔτη TW **17** βακχεύουσι F Stobaeus: καὶ βακχεύουσι TW **18** ἀρύονται WF Stobaeus: But cf. *Phaedrus* 253 A

καὶ ὁ νοῦς μηκέτι ἐν αὐτῷ ἐνῆ· ἔως δ' ἄν τουτὶ ἔχη τὸ κτημα, ἀδύνατος πᾶς ποιείν ἄνθρωπός ἐστιν καὶ γοησμωδείν. ἄτε οὖν οὐ τέχνη ποιοῦντες καὶ πολλά λέγοντες καὶ καλά περὶ τῶν πραγμάτων, ώσπερ σὺ C περί 'Ομήρου, ἀλλὰ θεία μοίρα, τοῦτο μόνον οἶός τε 5 έκαστος ποιείν καλώς, εφ' δ ή Μοῦσα αὐτὸν ὥρμησεν, ό μεν διθυράμβους, ό δε εγκώμια, ό δε ύπορχήματα, ό δ' ἔπη, ό δ' ἰάμβους τὰ δ' ἄλλα φαῦλος αὐτῶν εκαστός έστιν. οὐ γὰρ τέχνη ταῦτα λέγουσιν, ἀλλά θεία δυνάμει, ἐπεί, εἰ περὶ ἐνὸς τέχνη καλῶς ἡπίσταντο 10 λέγειν, καν περί των άλλων άπάντων δια ταθτα δέ ό θεὸς ἐξαιρούμενος τούτων τὸν νοῦν τούτοις χρῆται ύπηρέταις και τοίς χρησμωδοίς και τοίς μάντεσι τοίς D θείοις, ΐνα ήμεῖς οἱ ἀκούοντες εἰδώμεν, ὅτι οὐχ οὖτοί είσιν οἱ ταῦτα λέγοντες οὕτω πολλοῦ ἄξια, οἷς νοῦς 15 μη πάρεστιν, άλλ' ὁ θεὸς αὐτός ἐστιν ὁ λέγων, διὰ τούτων δὲ φθέγγεται πρὸς ἡμᾶς. μέγιστον δὲ τεκμήριον τῷ λόγφ Τύννιχος ὁ Χαλκιδεύς, δς ἄλλο μὲν ούδεν πώποτ' εποίησε ποίημα, ότου τις αν αξιώσειε μνησθηναι, τὸν δὲ παίωνα δν πάντες ἄδουσι, σχεδόν 20 τι πάντων μελών κάλλιστον, ἀτεχνώς, ὅπερ αὐτὸς λέγει, εύρημά τι Μοισᾶν. ἐν τούτω γὰρ δὴ μάλιστά Ε μοι δοκεί ὁ θεὸς ἐνδείξασθαι ἡμῖν, ἵνα μὴ διστάζωμεν, ότι οὐκ ἀνθρώπινά ἐστι τὰ καλὰ ταῦτα ποιήματα οὐδὲ ἀνθρώπων, ἀλλὰ θεῖα καὶ θεῶν, οἱ δὲ ποιηταὶ 25 οὐδὲν ἀλλ' ἢ ἐρμηνεῖς εἰσὶ τῶν θεῶν, κατεχόμενοι έξ ότου αν εκαστος κατέχηται. ταῦτα ἐνδεικνύμενος ὁ θεδς έξεπίτηδες διὰ τοῦ φαυλοτάτου ποιητοῦ τὸ

⁶ καλώς WF: καλός Τ 22 εὔρημά τι Stephanus: εὐρήματι TWF

κάλλιστον μέλος $\mathring{\eta}$ σεν· $\mathring{\eta}$ οὐ δοκ $\mathring{\omega}$ σοι \mathring{a} λη $\theta\mathring{\eta}$ λέγειν, 535 $\mathring{\omega}$ * Ιων:

ΙΩΝ. Ναὶ μὰ τὸν Δία ἔμοιγε· ἄπτει γάρ πώς μου τοῖς λόγοις τῆς ψυχῆς, ὦ Σώκρατες, καί μοι 5 δοκοῦσι θεία μοίρα ἡμῖν παρὰ τῶν θεῶν ταῦτα οἱ ἀγαθοὶ ποιηταὶ ἑρμηνεύειν.

VI. ΣΩ. Οὐκοῦν ὑμεῖς αὖ οἱ ῥαψφδοὶ τὰ τῶν ποιητῶν ἑρμηνεύετε;

ΙΩΝ. Καὶ τοῦτο ἀληθὲς λέγεις.

10 ΣΩ. Οὐκοῦν έρμηνέων έρμηνεῖς γίγνεσθε;

ΙΩΝ. Παντάπασί γε.

ΣΩ. "Εχε δή μοι τόδε εἰπέ, ω "Ιων, καὶ μὴ ἀπο- Β κρύψη ὅ τι ἄν σε ἔρωμαι ὅταν εὖ εἴπης ἔπη καὶ ἐκπλήξης μάλιστα τοὺς θεωμένους, ἢ τὸν 'Οδυσσέα ις ὅταν ἐπὶ τὸν οὐδὸν ἐφαλλόμενον ἄδης, ἐκφανῆ γιγνόμενον τοῦς μνηστῆρσι καὶ ἐκχέοντα τοὺς ὀιστοὺς πρὸ τῶν ποδῶν, ἢ 'Αχιλλέα ἐπὶ τὸν "Εκτορα ὁρμῶντα, ἢ καὶ τῶν περὶ 'Ανδρομάχην ἐλεινῶν τι ἢ περὶ 'Εκάβην ἢ περὶ Πρίαμον, τότε πότερον ἔμφρων εἶ, ἢ ἔξω σαυτοῦ γίγνει καὶ παρὰ τοῖς πράγμασιν οἴεταί C σου εἶναι ἡ ψυχὴ οἶς λέγεις ἐνθουσιάζουσα, ἢ ἐν 'Ιθάκη οὖσιν ἢ ἐν Τροίᾳ ἢ ὅπως ἃν καὶ τὰ ἔπη ἔχη;

ΙΩΝ. 'Ως ἐναργές μοι τοῦτο, ὧ Σώκρατες, τὸ 25 τεκμήριον εἶπες· οὐ γάρ σε ἀποκρυψάμενος ἐρῶ. ἐγὼ γὰρ ὅταν ἐλεινόν τι λέγω, δακρύων ἐμπίπλανταί μου οἱ ὀφθαλμοί· ὅταν τε φοβερὸν ἡ δεινόν, ὀρθαὶ αἱ τρίχες ἵστανται ὑπὸ φόβου καὶ ἡ καρδία πηδᾶ.

ΙΩΝ

D ΣΩ. Τί οὖν; φῶμεν, ὦ Ἰων, ἔμφρονα εἶναι τότε τοῦτον τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ὃς ἂν κεκοσμημένος ἐσθῆτι ποικίλη καὶ χρυσοῖς στεφάνοις κλάη τ' ἐν θυσίαις καὶ ἑορταῖς, μηδὲν ἀπολωλεκὼς τούτων, ἢ φοβῆται πλέον ἢ ἐν δισμυρίοις ἀνθρώποις ἑστηκὼς φιλίοις, 5 μηδενὸς ἀποδύοντος μηδὲ ἀδικοῦντος;

ΙΩΝ. Οὐ μὰ τὸν Δία, οὐ πάνυ, ὦ Σώκρατες, ὥς γε τἀληθὲς εἰρῆσθαι.

ΣΩ. Οἶσθα οὖν ὅτι καὶ τῶν θεατῶν τοὺς πολλοὺς ταὐτὰ ταῦτα ὑμεῖς ἐργάζεσθε;

Ε ΙΩΝ. Καὶ μάλα καλῶς οἶδα· καθορῶ γὰρ ἐκάστοτε αὐτοὺς ἄνωθεν ἀπὸ τοῦ βήματος κλάοντάς τε καὶ δεινὸν ἐμβλέποντας καὶ συνθαμβοῦντας τοῖς λεγομένοις. δεῖ γάρ με καὶ σφόδρ' αὐτοῖς τὸν νοῦν προσέχειν· ὡς ἐὰν μὲν κλάοντας αὐτοὺς καθίσω, 15 αὐτὸς γελάσομαι ἀργύριον λαμβάνων, ἐὰν δὲ γελ-ῶντας, αὐτὸς κλαύσομαι ἀργύριον ἀπολλύς.

VII. ΣΩ. Οἶσθα οὖν ὅτι οὖτός ἐστιν ὁ θεατὴς τῶν δακτυλίων ὁ ἔσχατος, ὧν ἐγὰ ἔλεγον ὑπὸ τῆς Ἡρακλειώτιδος λίθου ἀπ' ἀλλήλων τὴν δύναμιν 20 λαμβάνειν; ὁ δὲ μέσος σὺ ὁ ῥαψφδὸς καὶ ὑποκριτής,
536 ὁ δὲ πρῶτος αὐτὸς ὁ ποιητής ' ὁ δὲ θεὸς διὰ πάντων τούτων ἔλκει τὴν ψυχὴν ὅποι ἄν βούληται τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἀνακρεμαννὺς ἐξ ἀλλήλων τὴν δύναμιν. καὶ ὥσπερ ἐκ τῆς λίθου ἐκείνης ὁρμαθὸς πάμπολυς 25 ἐξήρτηται χορευτῶν τε καὶ διδασκάλων καὶ ὑποδιδασκάλων, ἐκ πλαγίου ἐξηρτημένων τῶν τῆς Μούσης ἐκκρεμαμένων δακτυλίων. καὶ ὁ μὲν τῶν ποιητῶν ἐξ ἄλλης Μούσης, ὁ δὲ ἐξ ἄλλης ἐξήρτηται · ὀνομάζομεν

δὲ αὐτὸ κατέχεται, τὸ δέ ἐστι παραπλήσιον ἔχεται Β γάρ· ἐκ δὲ τούτων τῶν πρώτων δακτυλίων, τῶν ποιητών, ἄλλοι έξ ἄλλου αὖ ήρτημένοι εἰσὶ καὶ ένθουσιάζουσιν, οί μεν έξ 'Ορφέως, οί δε έκ Μουσαίου. 5 οἱ δὲ πολλοὶ ἐξ Ὁμήρου κατέχονταί τε καὶ ἔχονται. ών σύ, ω "Ιων, είς εί και κατέχει έξ 'Ομήρου, και έπειδαν μέν τις άλλου του ποιητού άδη, καθεύδεις τε καὶ ἀπορεῖς ὅ τι λέγης, ἐπειδὰν δὲ τούτου τοῦ ποιητοῦ φθέγξηταί τις μέλος, εὐθὺς ἐγρήγορας καὶ ὀργεῖταί 10 σου ή ψυχή καὶ εὐπορεῖς ὅ τι λέγης οὐ γὰρ τέγνη C οὐδ' ἐπιστήμη περὶ 'Ομήρου λέγεις à λέγεις, ἀλλὰ θεία μοίρα καὶ κατοκωχή· ώσπερ οἱ κορυβαντιώντες έκείνου μόνου αισθάνονται τοῦ μέλους δξέως, δ αν ή τοῦ θεοῦ ἐξ ὅτου ἀν κατέχωνται, καὶ εἰς ἐκεῖνο τὸ • 15 μέλος καὶ σχημάτων καὶ ἡημάτων εὐποροῦσι, τῶν δὲ άλλων ου φροντίζουσιν, ούτω καὶ σύ, ω "Ιων, περὶ μεν 'Ομήρου όταν τις μνησθή, εὐπορείς, περί δε τών άλλων ἀπορείς τούτου δ' ἐστὶ τὸ αἴτιον, ὅ μ' ἐρωτᾶς, D δι' " τι σὺ περὶ μὲν 'Ομήρου εὐπορεῖς, περὶ δὲ τῶν 20 άλλων ου, ότι ου τέχνη άλλα θεία μοίρα Όμήρου δεινός εί ἐπαινέτης.

VIII. ΙΩΝ. Σὰ μὲν εὖ λέγεις, ὦ Σώκρατες θαυμάζοιμι μέντ' ἂν εἰ οὕτως εὖ εἶποις, ὥστε με ἀναπεῖσαι, ὡς ἐγὼ κατεχόμενος καὶ μαινόμενος 25" Ομηρον ἐπαινῶ. οἶμαι δὲ οὐδ' ἂν σοὶ δόξαιμι, εἴ μου ἀκούσαις λέγοντος περὶ 'Ομήρου.

ΣΩ. Καὶ μὴν ἐθέλω γε ἀκοῦσαι, οὐ μέντοι πρότερον πρὶν ἄν μοι ἀποκρίνη τόδε· ὧν "Ομηρος Ε

λέγει περὶ τίνος εὖ λέγεις; οὐ γὰρ δήπου περὶ ἁπάντων γε.

ΙΩΝ. Εὐ ἴσθι, ὦ Σώκρατες, περὶ οὐδενὸς ὅτου οὔ.

ΣΩ. Οὐ δήπου καὶ περὶ τούτων, ὧν σὺ μὲν τυγχάνεις οὐκ εἰδώς, "Ομηρος δὲ λέγει.

ΙΩΝ. Καὶ ταῦτα ποῖά ἐστιν, ὰ Ὁμηρος μὲν

λέγει, έγω δε ούκ οίδα;

537 ΣΩ. Οὖ καὶ περὶ τεχνῶν μέντοι λέγει πολλαχοῦ "Ομηρος καὶ πολλά; οἶον καὶ περὶ ἡνιοχείας—ἐὰν μνησθῶ τὰ ἔπη, ἐγώ σοι φράσω.

ΙΩΝ. 'Αλλ' έγω έρω · έγω γαρ μέμνημαι.

ΣΩ. Εἰπὲ δή μοι ἃ λέγει Νέστωρ ἀντιλόχω τῷ υἰεῖ, παραινῶν εὐλαβηθῆναι περὶ τὴν καμπὴν ἐν τῷ ἱπποδρομίᾳ τῷ ἐπὶ Πατρόκλω.

ΙΩΝ.

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Κλινθήναι δέ, φησί, καὶ αὐτὸς ἐυξέστῳ ἐνὶ δίφρῳ 15 ήκ' ἐπ' ἀριστερὰ τοῖιν· ἀτὰρ τὸν δεξιὸν ἵππον κένσαι ὁμοκλήσας, εἶξαί τέ οἱ ἡνία χερσίν. ἐν νύσση δέ τοι ἵππος ἀριστερὸς ἐγχριμφθήτω, ὡς ἄν τοι πλήμνη γε δοάσσεται ἄκρον ἱκέσθαι κύκλου ποιητοῖο· λίθου δ' ἀλέασθαι ἐπαυρεῖν. 20

ΣΩ. 'Αρκεῖ. ταῦτα δή, ὦ Ἰων, τὰ ἔπη εἴτε C ὀρθῶς λέγει 'Όμηρος εἴτε μή, πότερος ἂν γνοίη ἄμεινον, ἀατρὸς ἢ ἡνίοχος.

ΙΩΝ. Ἡνίοχος δήπου.

 $\Sigma \Omega$. Πότερον ὅτι τέχνην ταύτην ἔχει ἢ κατ' ἄλλο 25 τι;

ΙΩΝ. Οὔκ, ἀλλ' ὅτι τέχνην.

ΣΩ. Οὐκοῦν ἐκάστη τῶν τεχνῶν ἀποδέδοταί τι 1 λέγεις Cornarius: λέγει TWF 19 ἄν F: μή TW ύπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ ἔργον οἵα τε εἶναι γιγνώσκειν; οὐ γάρ που ἃ κυβερνητικῆ γιγνώσκομεν, γνωσόμεθα καὶ ἰατρικῆ.

ΙΩΝ. Οὐ δῆτα.

5 ΣΩ. Οὐδέ γε ὰ ἰατρικῆ, ταῦτα καὶ τεκτονικῆ. ΙΩΝ. Οὐ δῆτα.

ΣΩ. Ο ὖκοῦν οὕτω καὶ κατὰ πασῶν τῶν τεχνῶν, D
ὰ τῆ ἐτέρᾳ τέχνη γιγνώσκομεν, οὐ γνωσόμεθα τῆ
ἐτέρᾳ; τόδε δέ μοι πρότερον τούτου ἀπόκριναι· τὴν
10 μὲν ἑτέραν φὴς εἶναί τινα τέχνην, τὴν δ' ἐτέραν;

ΙΩΝ. Ναί.

ΣΩ. ³Αρα ὥσπερ ἐγὼ τεκμαιρόμενος, ὅταν ἡ μὲν ἐτέρων πραγμάτων ἢ ἐπιστήμη, ἡ δ' ἐτέρων, οὕτω καλῶ τὴν μὲν ἄλλην, τὴν δὲ ἄλλην τέχνην, οὕτω καὶ τὸς σύ;

ION. Nai.

E

- ΣΩ. Εἰ γάρ που τῶν αὐτῶν πραγμάτων ἐπιστήμη εἴη τις, τί ἂν τὴν μὲν ἐτέραν φαῖμεν εἶναι, τὴν δ' ἐτέραν, ὁπότε γε ταὐτὰ εἴη εἰδέναι ἀπ' ἀμφοτέρων; ω ὅσπερ ἐγώ τε γιγνώσκω ὅτι πέντε εἰσὶν οὖτοι οἱ δάκτυλοι, καὶ σύ, ὥσπερ ἐγώ, περὶ τούτων ταὐτὰ γιγνώσκεις· καὶ εἴ σε ἐγὼ ἐροίμην, εἰ τῆ αὐτῆ τέχνη γιγνώσκομεν τῆ ἀριθμητικῆ τὰ αὐτὰ ἐγώ τε καὶ σύ, ἢ ἄλλη, φαίης ἂν δήπου τῆ αὐτῆ.
- 25 IΩN. Naí.
- ΣΩ. ''Ο τοίνυν ἄρτι ἔμελλον ἐρήσεσθαί σε, νυνὶ 538 εἰπέ, εἰ κατὰ πασῶν τῶν τεχνῶν οὕτω σοι δοκεῖ, τῆ μὲν αὐτῆ τέχνη τὰ αὐτὰ ἀναγκαῖον εἶναι γιγνώσκειν, τῆ δ' ἐτέρα μὴ τὰ αὐτά, ἀλλ' εἴπερ ἄλλη ἐστίν, 30 ἀναγκαῖον καὶ ἕτερα γιγνώσκειν.

ΙΩΝ. Ούτω μοι δοκεί, & Σώκρατες.

ΙΧ. ΣΩ. Οὐκοῦν ὅστις ἂν μὴ ἔχῃ τινὰ τέχνην, ταύτης τῆς τέχνης τὰ λεγόμενα ἢ πραττόμενα καλῶς γιγνώσκειν οὐχ οἶός τ' ἔσται;

B IΩN. 'Aληθη λέγεις.

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ΣΩ. Πότερον οὖν περὶ τῶν ἐπῶν ὧν εἶπες, εἴτε καλῶς λέγει "Ομηρος εἴτε μή, σὰ κάλλιον γνώσει ἢ ἡνίοχος;

ΙΩΝ. Ἡνίοχος.

ΣΩ. 'Ραψωδὸς γάρ που εἶ, ἀλλ' οὐχ ἡνίοχος.

ΙΩΝ. Ναί.

 $\Sigma \Omega$. Ἡ δὲ ραψωδικὴ τέχνη ἐτέρα ἐστὶ τῆς ἡνιοχικῆς;

IΩN. Naí.

ΣΩ. Εἰ ἄρα ἐτέρα, περὶ ἐτέρων καὶ ἐπιστήμη 15 πραγμάτων ἐστίν.

ΙΩΝ. Ναί.

ΣΩ. Τί δὲ δή, ὅταν Ὁμηρος λέγη, ὡς τετρωμένῷ C τῷ Μαχάονι Ἑκαμήδη ἡ Νέστορος παλλακὴ κυκεῶνα πίνειν δίδωσι; καὶ λέγει πως οὕτως

οἴνφ Πραμνείφ, φησίν, ἐπὶ δ' αἴγειον κνῆ τυρὸν κνήστι χαλκείη· παρὰ δὲ κρόμυον ποτῷ ἄψον· ταῦτα εἴτε ὀρθῶς λέγει "Ομηρος εἴτε μή, πότερον ἰατρικῆς ἐστὶ διαγνῶναι καλῶς ἢ ραψφδικῆς;

ΙΩΝ. Ἰατρικής.

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ΣΩ. Τί δέ, ὅταν λέγη "Ομηρος ·

D ή δὲ μολυβδαίνη ἰκέλη ἐς βυσσὸν ἵκανεν,

15-16 καὶ ἐπιστήμη πραγμάτων WF: πραγμάτων καὶ ἐπιστήμη Τ 22 κνήστι F: κνήστει TW

η τε κατ' ἀγραύλοιο βοὸς κέρας ἐμμεμαυῖα ἔρχεται ὡμηστησι μετ' ἰχθύσι πημα φέρουσα ταῦτα πότερον φῶμεν ἀλιευτικης εἶναι τέχνης μᾶλλον κρῖναι ἡ ῥαψφδικης, ἄττα λέγει καὶ εἴτε καλῶς εἴτε 5 μή;

ΙΩΝ. Δήλον δή, & Σώκρατες, ὅτι άλιευτικής.

ΣΩ. Σκέψαι δή, σοῦ ἐρομένου, εἰ ἔροιό με· ἐπειδὴ τοίνυν, ὧ Σώκρατες, τούτων τῶν τεχνῶν ἐν 'Ομήρῳ Ε εὑρίσκεις ἃ προσήκει ἑκάστη διακρίνειν, ἴθι μοι 10 ἔξευρε καὶ τὰ τοῦ μάντεώς τε καὶ μαντικῆς, ποῖά ἐστιν ἃ προσήκει αὐτῷ οἴῳ τ' εἶναι διαγιγνώσκειν, εἴτε εὖ εἴτε κακῶς πεποίηται—σκέψαι ὡς ῥαδίως τε καὶ ἀληθῆ ἐγώ σοι ἀποκρινοῦμαι. πολλαχοῦ μὲν γὰρ καὶ ἐν 'Οδυσσεία λέγει, οἶον καὶ ἃ ὁ τῶν 15 Μελαμποδιδῶν λέγει μάντις πρὸς τοὺς μνηστῆρας, Θεοκλύμενος·

δαιμόνιοι, τί κακὸν τόδε πάσχετε; νυκτὶ μὲν ὑμέων 539 εἰλύαται κεφαλαί τε πρόσωπά τε νέρθε τε γυῖα,

οἰμωγὴ δὲ δέδηε, δεδάκρυνται δὲ παρειαί.

20 είδωλων τε πλέον πρόθυρον, πλείη δὲ καὶ αὐλὴ ἱεμένων ἔρεβόσδε ὑπὸ ζόφον ἡέλιος δὲ οὐρανοῦ ἐξαπόλωλε, κακὴ δ' ἐπιδέδρομεν ἀχλύς · B πολλαχοῦ δὲ καὶ ἐν Ἰλιάδι, οἶον καὶ ἐπὶ τειχομαχίᾳ · λέγει γὰρ καὶ ἐνταῦθα ·

25 ὅρνις γάρ σφιν ἐπῆλθε περησέμεναι μεμαῶσιν, αἰετὸς ὑψιπέτης, ἐπ' ἀριστερὰ λαὸν ἐέργων, φοινήεντα δράκοντα φέρων ὀνύχεσσι πέλωρον, ζωόν, ἔτ' ἀσπαίροντα· καὶ οὔπω λήθετο χάρμης.

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κόψε γὰρ αὐτὸν ἔχοντα κατὰ στῆθος παρὰ δειρὴν ἰδνωθεὶς ὀπίσω, ὁ δ΄ ἀπὸ ἔθεν ἦκε χαμᾶζε ἀλγήσας ὀδύνησι, μέσω δ΄ ἐγκάββαλ' ὁμίλω. D αὐτὸς δὲ κλάγξας ἔπετο πνοιῆς ἀνέμοιο.

ταῦτα φήσω καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα τῷ μάντει προσήκειν 5 καὶ σκοπεῖν καὶ κρίνειν.

ΙΩΝ. 'Αληθή γε σὺ λέγων, ὦ Σώκρατες.

Χ. ΣΩ. Καὶ σύ γε, ὦ Ἰων, ἀληθῆ ταῦτα λέγεις. ἴθι δὴ καὶ σὺ ἐμοί, ὥσπερ ἐγὼ σοὶ ἐξέλεξα καὶ ἐξ ᾿Οδυσσείας καὶ ἐξ Ἰλιάδος ὁποῖα τοῦ μάντεώς ἐστι 10

Ε καὶ ὁποῖα τοῦ ἰατροῦ καὶ ὁποῖα τοῦ ἀλιέως, οὕτω καὶ σὺ ἐμοὶ ἔκλεξον, ἐπειδὴ καὶ ἐμπειρότερος εἶ ἐμοῦ τῶν Ὁμήρου, ὁποῖα τοῦ ῥαψωδοῦ ἐστίν, ιω Ἰων, καὶ τῆς ἡαψωδικῆς, ὰ τῷ ἡαψωδῷ προσήκει καὶ σκοπεῖσθαι καὶ διακρίνειν παρὰ τοὺς ἄλλους ἀνθρώπους.

ΙΔΝ. Έγω μέν φημι, ω Σώκρατες, άπαντα.

ΣΩ. Οὐ σύ γε φής, ὧ "Ιων, ἄπαντα· ἢ οὕτως ἐπιλήσμων εἶ; καίτοι οὐκ ἂν πρέποι γε ἐπιλήσμονα εἶναι ῥαψωδὸν ἄνδρα.

540 ΙΩΝ. Τί δὲ δὴ ἐπιλανθάνομαι;

ΣΩ. Οὐ μέμνησαι ὅτι ἔφησθα τὴν ῥαψωδικὴν τέχνην ἐτέραν εἶναι τῆς ἡνιοχικῆς;

ΙΩΝ. Μέμνημαι.

ΣΩ. Οὐκοῦν καὶ ἐτεραν οὖσαν ἔτερα γνώσεσθαι ώμολόγεις;

ΙΩΝ. Ναί.

ΣΩ. Οὐκ ἄρα πάντα γε γνώσεται ή ραψωδική κατὰ τὸν σὸν λόγον, οὐδὲ ὁ ραψωδός.

2 ὁπίσω WF : ὁπίσσω T 3 ἐγκάββαλλ', corr. ἐγκάββαλ' T : ἐνκάμβαλ' W : ἐνὶ κάμβαλ' F

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ΙΩΝ. Πλήν γε ἴσως τὰ τοιαῦτα, ὦ Σώκρατες.

ΣΩ. Τὰ τοιαῦτα δὲ λέγεις πλὴν τὰ τῶν ἄλλων Β τεχνῶν σχεδόν τι· ἀλλὰ ποῖα δὴ γνώσεται, ἐπειδὴ οὐχ ἄπαντα;

ΙΩΝ. "Α πρέπει, οἶμαι ἔγωγε, ἀνδρὶ εἰπεῖν καὶ ὁποῖα γυναικί, καὶ ὁποῖα δούλφ καὶ ὁποῖα ἐλευθέρφ,

καὶ όποῖα ἀρχομένω καὶ όποῖα ἄρχοντι.

ΣΩ. ^{*}Αρ' όποῖα ἄρχοντι, λέγεις, ἐν θαλάττη χειμαζομένου πλοίου πρέπει εἰπεῖν, ὁ ῥαψφδὸς 10 γνώσεται κάλλιον ἢ ὁ κυβερνήτης;

ΙΩΝ. Οὔκ, ἀλλὰ ὁ κυβερνήτης τοῦτό γε.

ΣΩ. 'Αλλ' όποῖα ἄρχοντι κάμνοντος πρέπει C εἰπεῖν, ὁ ῥαψφδὸς γνώσεται κάλλιον ἢ ὁ ἰατρός;

ΙΩΝ. Οὐδὲ τοῦτο.

15 ΣΩ. 'Αλλ' οἶα δούλφ πρέπει, λέγεις;
ΙΩΝ. Ναί.

ΣΩ. Οἷον βουκόλφ λέγεις δούλφ ἃ πρέπει εἰπεῖν ἀγριαινουσῶν βοῶν παραμυθουμένφ, ὁ ῥαψφδὸς γνώσεται, ἀλλ' οὐχ ὁ βουκόλος;

20 ΙΩΝ. Οὐ δῆτα.

ΣΩ. 'Αλλ' οία γυναικὶ πρέποντά ἐστιν εἰπεῖν ταλασιουργῷ περὶ ἐρίων ἐργασίας;

IΩN. Oử.

ΣΩ 'Αλλ' οἶα ἀνδρὶ πρέπει εἰπεῖν γνώσεται 25 στρατηγῷ στρατιώταις παραινοῦντι;

ΙΩΝ. Ναί, τὰ τοιαῦτα γνώσεται ὁ ῥαψωδός.

ΧΙ. Σ Ω . Τί δέ; ή ραψωδική τέχνη στρατηγική έστιν;

 $I\Omega N$. Γνοίην γοῦν ἂν ἔγωγε οἶα στρατηγὸν πρέπει εἰπεῖν.

ΣΩ. "Ισως γὰρ εἶ καὶ στρατηγικός, "Ιων. καὶ γὰρ εἰ ἐτύγχανες ἱππικὸς ὢν ἄμα καὶ κιθαριστικός, Ε ἔγνως ἂν ἵππους εὖ καὶ κακῶς ἱππαζομένους· ἀλλ' εἰ 5 σ' ἐγὼ ἠρόμην, ποτέρα δὴ τέχνῃ, ὧ "Ιων, γιγνώσκεις τοὺς εὖ ἱππαζομένους ἵππους; ἡ ἱππεὺς εἶ ἡ ἡ κιθαριστής; τί ἄν μοι ἀπεκρίνω;

ΙΩΝ. 'Ηι ἱππεύς, ἔγωγ' ἄν.

ΣΩ. Οὐκοῦν εἰ καὶ τοὺς εὖ κιθαρίζοντας διε- 10 γίγνωσκες, ὡμολόγεις ἄν, ἢ κιθαριστὴς εἶ, ταύτη διαγιγνώσκειν, ἀλλ' οὐχ ἢ ἱππεύς.

ΙΩΝ. Ναί.

ΣΩ. Ἐπειδὴ δὲ τὰ στρατιωτικὰ γιγνώσκεις, πότερον ἢ στρατηγικὸς εἶ γιγνώσκεις ἢ ἢ ῥαψφδὸς 15 ἀγαθός;

ΙΩΝ. Οὐδὲν ἔμοιγε δοκεῖ διαφέρειν.

541 ΣΩ. Πῶς; οὐδὲν λέγεις διαφέρειν; μίαν λέγεις τέχνην εἶναι τὴν ραψωδικὴν καὶ τὴν στρατηγικὴν ἡ δύο;

ΙΩΝ. Μία ἔμοιγε δοκεῖ.

ΣΩ. "Οστις ἄρα ἀγαθὸς ῥαψφδός ἐστιν, οὖτος καὶ ἀγαθὸς στρατηγὸς τυγχάνει ὧν;

ΙΩΝ. Μάλιστα, ὦ Σώκρατες.

ΣΩ. Οὐκοῦν καὶ ὅστις ἀγαθὸς στρατηγὸς τυγχ- 25 άνει ὤν, ἀγαθὸς καὶ ῥαψφδός ἐστιν.

ΙΩΝ. Οὐκ αὖ μοι δοκεῖ τοῦτο.

¹ ἄν Sydenham; ἄρ' Τ: ἄρ' W: om. F | ἔγωγε F: ἐγὼ TW 8 ἀπεκρίνω F: ἀπεκρίνου TW

 $\Sigma \Omega$. 'Αλλ' ἐκεῖνο μὴν δοκεῖ σοι, ὅστις γε ἀγαθὸς ῥαψφδός, καὶ στρατηγὸς ἀγαθὸς εἶναι;

ΙΩΝ. Πάνυ γε.

 $\Sigma \Omega$. Οὐκοῦν σὰ τῶν Ἑλλήνων ἄριστος ῥαψφδὸς $5 \, \epsilon \hat{i} \, ;$

ΙΩΝ. Πολύ γε, ὧ Σώκρατες.

ΙΩΝ. Εὖ ἴσθι, ὧ Σώκρατες· καὶ ταῦτά γε ἐκ 10 τῶν 'Ομήρου μαθών.

ΧΙΙ. ΣΩ. Τί δή ποτ' οὖν πρὸς τῶν θεῶν, ὧ

"Ιων, ἀμφότερα ἄριστος ῶν τῶν Ἑλλήνων, καὶ
στρατηγὸς καὶ ῥαψφδός, ῥαψφδεῖς μὲν περιιὼν τοῖς
"Ελλησι, στρατηγεῖς δ' οὔ; ἢ ῥαψφδοῦ μὲν δοκεῖ σοι C
15 χρυσῷ στεφάνῳ ἐστεφανωμένου πολλὴ χρεία εἶναι
τοῖς "Ελλησι, στρατηγοῦ δὲ οὖδεμία;

ΙΩΝ. Ἡ μὲν γὰρ ἡμετέρα, ὦ Σώκρατες, πόλις ἄρχεται ὑπὸ ὑμῶν καὶ στρατηγεῖται καὶ οὐδὲν δεῖται στρατηγοῦ, ἡ δὲ ὑμετέρα καὶ ἡ Λακεδαιμονίων οὐκ ἄν 20 με ἕλοιτο στρατηγόν αὐτοὶ γὰρ οἴεσθε ἱκανοὶ εἶναι.

ΣΩ. ³Ω βέλτιστε Ίων, Απολλόδωρον οὐ γιγνώσκεις τὸν Κυζικηνόν;

ΙΩΝ. Ποΐον τοῦτον;

ΣΩ. 'Ον 'Αθηναίοι πολλάκις έαυτῶν στρατηγὸν 25 ἥρηνται ξένον ὄντα· καὶ Φανοσθένη τὸν 'Ανδριον καὶ D 'Ηρακλείδην τὸν Κλαζομένιον, οῦς ἥδε ἡ πόλις ξένους ὄντας, ἐνδειξαμένους ὅτι ἄξιοι λόγου εἰσί, καὶ εἰς στρατηγίας καὶ εἰς τὰς ἄλλας ἀρχὰς ἄγει· 'Ίωνα δ' ἄρα τὸν 'Εφέσιον οὐχ αἰρήσεται στρατηγὸν καὶ

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τιμήσει, έαν δοκή άξιος λόγου είναι; τί δέ; οὐκ 'Αθηναίοι μέν έστε οἱ 'Εφέσιοι τὸ ἀρχαίον, καὶ ἡ Ε "Εφεσος οὐδεμιᾶς ἐλάττων πόλεως; ἀλλὰ γὰρ σύ, ω "Ιων, εί μεν άληθη λέγεις, ως τέχνη καὶ ἐπιστήμη οίός τε εί "Ομηρον έπαινείν, άδικείς, όστις έμοι ύπο- 5 σχόμενος, ώς πολλά καὶ καλά περὶ 'Ομήρου ἐπίστασαι, καὶ φάσκων ἐπιδείξειν ἐξαπατᾶς με καὶ πολλοῦ δείς ἐπιδείξαι, ὅς γε οὐδὲ ἄττα ἐστὶ ταῦτα, περὶ ὧν δεινός εί, εθέλεις είπειν, πάλαι έμου λιπαρούντος, άλλ' ἀτεχνῶς ὥσπερ ὁ Πρωτεύς παντοδαπὸς γίγνει 10 στρεφόμενος άνω καὶ κάτω, έως τελευτών διαφυγών 542 με στρατηγός άνεφάνης, ίνα μη επιδείξης ώς δεινός εί την περί 'Ομήρου σοφίαν. εί μεν οθν τεχνικός ών, όπερ νῦν δη ἔλεγον, περὶ 'Ομήρου ὑποσχόμενος έπιδείξειν έξαπατάς με, άδικος εί εί δε μή τεχνικός 15 εί, ἀλλὰ θεία μοίρα κατεχόμενος έξ 'Ομήρου μηδέν είδως πολλά καὶ καλά λέγεις περὶ τοῦ ποιητοῦ, ώσπερ έγω είπον περί σοῦ, οὐδὲν ἀδικεῖς. έλοῦ οὖν πότερα βούλει νομίζεσθαι ύπο ήμων άδικος ανήρ είναι ή θείος.

ΙΩΝ. Πολὺ διαφέρει, ὧ Σώκρατες πολὺ γὰρ κάλλιον τὸ θεῖον νομίζεσθαι.

Β ΣΩ. Τοῦτο τοίνυν τὸ κάλλιον ὑπάρχει σοι παρ' $\eta \mu$ îν, \mathring{a} Ἰων, θεῖον εἶναι καὶ μὴ τεχνικὸν περὶ Όμήρου ἐπαινέτην.

NOTES

References are given to the School Grammar of Rutherford (R.).

530 A. τὸν "Ίωνα χαίρειν, sc. κελεύω. Cf. Theocr. XIV. $_{1}$ χαίρην πολλὰ τὸν ἄνδρα Θυώνιχον. χαίρε is a salutation used both at meeting and parting. Cf. salve in Latin.

ήμιν ἐπιδεδήμηκας. Ethic Dative, 'have come to visit us.'

έξ 'Εφέσου explanatory of οἴκοθεν, 'from your home at Ephesus'—a famous city of Asia Minor in the valley of the Cayster.

ἐξ Ἐπιδαύρου ἐκ τῶν ᾿Ασκληπιείων. 'From the festival of Aesculapius at Epidaurus.' Cf. previous note. Epidaurus on the N.E. coast of Argolis opposite Aegina was a centre of the worship of Aesculapius, the god of the healing art. Athletic and musical contests were held there in his honour. Cf. Pind. Isth. VII. 74–5 ἐπεί νιν ᾿Αλκαθόου τ' ἀγὼν σὼν τύχα ἐν Ἐπιδαύρω τε πρὶν ἔδεκτο νεότας.

καὶ ἡαψφῶν. Rhapsodes were professional reciters of the works of the poets. They carried a lyre as a symbol of their art; possibly they played a few notes upon it at the beginning and end of their recitations. They also gave explanations of the meaning of the poet (cf. 530 C). $\kappa a l = also$.

ήγωνίζου τι ἡμῖν...ἡγωνίσω. Observe the tenses, the imperfect regarding the contest from the point of view of its duration, the acrist from the point of view of its result. ἡμῖν Ethic Dative, marking the person interested in the action, =let me ask.

530 B. εὖ λέγεις = 'Bravo!'

ὅπως νικήσομεν. After verbs of striving, taking care, and the like, the sense is completed by ὅπως with the Future Indicative (negative $\mu\dot{\eta}$). Sometimes the verb of striving is omitted and ὅπως with the Future used alone with the force of an imperative, 'Be sure that'; 'Mind that.'

καὶ τὰ Παναθήναια. Internal or Cognate Accusative. The great Panathenaic festival was celebrated every four years in honour of Athena. The procession to the temple of the goddess was represented by Pheidias on the frieze of the Parthenon. καὶ, *i.e.* as well as at Epidaurus.

τῆς τέχνης. Verbs denoting envy, admiration, and the like, take a Genitive of that to which the emotion is due.

τὸ σώμα. R. § 77.

καλλίστοις in agreement with $\dot{v}\mu\hat{u}\nu$ which is suggested by $\dot{v}\mu\hat{\omega}\nu$ $\tau\hat{\eta}$ $\tau \dot{\epsilon}\chi\nu\eta$.

530 c. μὴ γιγνώσκοντα. Conditional use of the participle, 'unless he knows.'

γοῦν. This particle is regularly employed to introduce the ground upon which a statement has been made or a position taken up. Cf. infr. 540 D γνοίην γοῦν ᾶν ἔγωγε οἶα στρατηγὸν πρέπει εἰπεῖν. So in Aristophanes, e.g. Frogs 289 ΔΙ. ποῖόν τι; ΞΑ. δεινόν παντοδαπὸν γοῦν γίγνεται.

Μητρόδωρος ὁ Λαμψακηνός. Metrodorus of Lampsacus, a city of Asia Minor at the northern end of the Hellespont, was a friend of Anaxagoras the philosopher and interpreted Homer allegorically, understanding the various deities to represent physical phenomena. He flourished in the 1st half of the 5th century B.C.

Στησίμβροτος ὁ Θάσιος. Stesimbrotus of Thasos, an island in the Aegaean off the coast of Thrace, flourished in the middle of the 5th century B.C. and wrote a work upon Homer. He is mentioned also by Xenophon.

Τλαύκων. Probably an Athenian, since no local adjective is attached to his name, and to be identified with the Glaucon of whom Aristotle speaks (*Poetics*, 1461 b I) as condemning the hasty conclusions drawn by some commentators as to a poet's meaning.

530 CD. ώς οὖτε Μητρόδωρος...ἐγώ. The sentence was begun apparently as a comparative one (ὡς=in such manner as) and the predicate would naturally be ἔσχεν εἰπεῖν simply= was able to speak. But to the verb εἰπεῖν is appended an object διανοίας and thus there is added a fresh comparison οὕτω πολλὰς καὶ καλὰς ὅσας ἐγώ. For the irregular construction of the sentence we may compare 534 AB. The irregularity might be removed either by reading, with

Mr II. Richards, $\omega \sigma \tau'$ for ωs , or by taking the conjunction in a causal sense=since.

530 D. εὖ λέγεις='I am glad to hear it.' Cf. supr. 530 B.

'Ομηριδών. The word 'Ομηρίδαι occurs elsewhere in Plato (Rep. 599 E; Phaedr. 252 B) always in the sense 'devotees of Homer.' These 'Ομηρίδαι must not be confused with the clan in Chios mentioned by Strabo as bearing that name.

ἔτι ποιήσομαι σχολήν. Observe that the Middle Voice (ποιεῖσθαι), not the Active (ποιεῖν), is used with a noun to form a periphrasis equivalent in meaning to a simple verb (e.g. here σχολάσω). 'Some day I shall take an opportunity.'

τοσόνδε. As a rule τοσοῦτος refers to what has preceded, τοσόσδε to what follows.

53I A. 'Ομήρου. Homer is the name given to the putative author of the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*. Other works too were attributed to him in antiquity such as the *Thebais* (Paus. IX. 9. 5), the *Cypria* and the *Epigoni* (Herod. II. 117; IV. 32). Of Homer nothing is known. It is probable that the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey* as we have them are not the original work of a single man but have undergone a process of interpolation, alteration, and addition at the hands of several poets.

'Ησιόδου. Hesiod was a Boeotian poet of early but uncertain date. The chief works attributed to him are (i) "Εργα καὶ 'Ημέραι, (ii) Θεογονία, (iii) 'Ασπὶς 'Ηρακλέους, (iv) ἢ οἶαι. The last of these has not come down to us.

'Αρχιλόχου. Archilochus, a lyric poet belonging to the island of Paros, flourished in the 1st half of the 7th century B.C. He is credited with the invention of the iambic line and the most striking characteristic of his verse was its trenchant vigour (cf. Horace, A. P. 79 Archilochum proprio rabies armavit iambo). Fragments only of his poetry are extant.

531 B. ὧν πέρι μἢ ταὖτὰ λέγουσιν; If the relative pronoun introducing a clause has an indefinite antecedent, the clause is negatived by $\mu \eta$, not o \emptyset .

531 c. $\pi \sigma \tau \hat{\epsilon}$ emphasising the question = 'pray.' Cf. tandem in Latin.

ίδιωτῶν και δημιουργῶν, i.e. men with and without special professions. For ιδιώτης cf. note on 532 D.

περὶ θεῶν...ὁμιλούντων, ὡς ὁμιλοῦσι. Not infrequently the subject of a subordinate clause is introduced by anticipation in the sentence upon which that subordinate clause depends—sometimes as the direct object of the verb, sometimes in the genitive case governed by the preposition $\pi \epsilon \rho l$. Cf. inf. 531 E. R. §§ 250–1.

γενέσεις. The Accusative case here replaces περί with the

Genitive.

531 D. ἄμεινον μέντοι νὴ Δία. Both μέντοι and νὴ Δία emphasize the adverb ἄμεινον.

& φίλε κεφαλή. So 'carum caput' is used in Latin. Cf. Verg. Aen. IV. 354; Hor. Carm. I. 24. 2.

531 Ε. περί ύγιεινων σιτίων όποιά έστιν. R. § 250.

τὸν ἄριστα λέγοντα γνώσεται ὅτι ἄριστα λέγει. R. \S 244. Cf. infr. 533 C.

έν κεφαλαίω = ad summam, 'briefly,' 'in a word.'

532 A. οὐδὲ τὸν εὖ, sc. λέγοντα γνώσεται. Observe the force of οὐδέ; 'will not know the man who speaks well either,' i.e. any more than he will know the man who speaks ill.

532 Β. τί οὖν ποτὲ τὸ αἴτιον. For the use of ποτέ in a question, vid. $su\phi$. 531 C.

οταν μέν τις...διαλέγηται...ἐπειδὰν δέ τις...μνησθη̂. Notice the change of conjunction and tense: 'when a man is talking...after he has mentioned.'

532 C. εὐπορῶ ὅτι λέγω. λέγω is pres. subj. in an indirect deliberative question. R. § 247.

ποιητική γάρ πού ἐστι τὸ ὅλον. Notice the emphatic position of τὸ ὅλον. 'Surely it is the whole that is poetry.' By τὸ ὅλον is meant the whole which includes every part of poetic activity, the work of Hesiod, Archilochus, and the rest, as well as that of Homer. Cf. infr. 532 Ε γραφική γάρ τίς ἐστι τέχνη τὸ ὅλον; 'It is the whole that we may call (τις) the art of painting?'

532 D. ὅλην emphatic, 'in its entirety.'

ὁ αὐτὸς τρόπος τῆς σκέψεώς ἐστι περὶ ἀπασῶν τῶν τεχνῶν. In effect, περὶ ἀπασῶν τῶν τεχνῶν repeats the force of ἡντινοῦν in the subordinate clause. 'After a man has acquired any other art whatsoever in its entirety, in the case of every art, there is the same method of enquiry,' sc. in regard to both the good and the bad in that art.

ών ύμεις άδετε τα ποιήματα, i.e. the poets.

ιδιώτην ἄνθρωπον. The rhapsode is a professional character, Socrates only an amateur, without special training. Cf. Soph. 221 C ἰδιώτην ή τινα τέχνην ἔχοντα θετέον είναι τὸν ἀσπαλιευτήν: supr. 531 C.

532 E. καl περl τούτου οὖ νῦν ἡρόμην σε. The Relative is attracted into the case of the antecedent. $\kappa \alpha i = \text{for instance}$.

παντὸς ἀνδρός = 'in the power of any man.' Genitive of Possession, R. § 106 (2). Cf. Dem. Olynth. 1. 16, τὸ μὲν οὖν ἐπιτιμᾶν ἴσως φήσαι τις ὰν ῥάδιον καὶ παντὸς εἶναι.

λάβωμεν γὰρ τῷ λόγ ϕ =(lit.) 'let us apprehend it with the argument'; i.e. 'let us argue it out.'

γραφική γάρ τίς $\dot{\epsilon}$ στι. The details of a discussion are regularly introduced by γάρ.

και γραφείς = painters as well, i.e. as an art of painting.

Πολυγνώτου. The celebrated painter Polygnotus flourished in the middle of the 5th century B.C. A native of Thasos he received the citizenship of Athens where his chief works were to be found in the Temple of Theseus, the Anaceum, the Stoa Poikilé and the Propylaea. He also exercised his art to adorn the temple of Apollo at Delphi. His subjects were generally drawn from Homer and other poets of the Epic Cycle.

ἀποφαίνειν. Epexegetic or Explanatory Infinitive defining the activity in which skill (δεινός) is exhibited.

α εὖ τε γράφει καὶ α μή. We should have expected rather α τε εὖ γράφει, as infr. 533 C α τε εὖ ραψωδεῖ καὶ α μή. For the negative μή cf. supr. 531 B.

533 A. οὐκ ἔχει ὅ τι συμβάληται. For the mood of συμβάληται cf. 532 C εὐπορῶ ὅτι λέγω.

οτου βούλει. The relative pronoun is attracted into the case of its antecedent. Cf. supr. 532 E οδ... ηρόμην.

εύπορεί ο τι είπη. Vid. supr. 532 C.

Δαιδάλου τοῦ Μητίονος. Daedalus is a mythical character, the personification of skill in working in wood and stone; hence his name, Cunning the son of Craft. The legend relates that he was an Athenian, who jealous of his nephew's superior skill murdered him. Condemned to death by the Areopagus he fled to Crete where he won the friendship of Minos. He fashioned the

labyrinth in which the Minotaur was kept, but incurring the hostility of Minos fled from his wrath on wings constructed by himself. According to one version of the story he first descended to Earth at Cumae in Italy and dedicated there his wings. (Verg. Aen. VI. 14 ff.)

'Επειοῦ τοῦ Πανοπέως. Epeus with the help of Athena built the wooden horse by means of which Troy was captured. Cf. Hom. Od. VIII. 493 ἴππου κόσμον ἄεισον | δουρατέου τὸν Ἐπειὸς ἐποίησεν σὺν Ἀθήνη; Verg. Aen. II. 264.

Θεοδώρου τοῦ Σαμίου. Two famous Samian artists bore the name Theodorus. The first was the son of Rhoecus and brother of Telecles, a statuary in bronze and sculptor in wood as well as an architect. He was engaged in the construction of the famous temples of Hera at Samos and Artemis at Ephesus. In conjunction with Telecles he made the wooden statue of Apollo Pythius for the Samians. He flourished circ. 600 B.C. The second Theodorus was the nephew of the first, being son to Telecles. He was a distinguished statuary in bronze and an engraver on metals and jewels. He practised his art during the earlier half of the 6th century B.C.

533 Β. οὐκ ἔχων ὅ τι εἴπη. Cf. *supr*. 533 Α οὐκ ἔχει ὅτι συμβάληται.

οὐδ' ἐν αὐλήσει γε οὐδὲ ἐν κιθαρίσει οὐδὲ ἐν κιθαρωδία οὐδὲ ἐν ραψωδία. Observe the repeated οὐδέ. 'No, nor in flute playing, nor again in playing the lyre, nor in singing to it either, nor yet in rhapsody, have you ever seen,' et cet.

'Ολύμπου. Olympus was a mythical Mysian flute player belonging to the Mysian and Phrygian school of music, the chief figure in which was Marsyas whose pupil Olympus is sometimes said to have been.

Θαμύρου. Thamyras was a celebrated Thracian lyrist who challenged the Muses to a contest and was struck with blindness for his presumption. He is represented in art with a broken lyre in his hand. Cf. (Eurip.) *Rhesus* 925 (the Muse is speaking) Θάμυριν δε ἡμῶν πόλιν ἐδέννασεν τέχνην; Hom. Π. II. 595.

533 c. 'Ορφέωs. Like Thamyras, Orpheus was a famous Thracian lyrist. So great was the power of his music that it drew rocks and trees after him (cf. Verg. *Eclog*. 111. 46 Orpheaque in medio posuit silvasque sequentes), tamed the wild beasts, and even

overcame the most inexorable of deities, Hades. (Verg. Georg. IV. 455 ff.)

 $\Phi\eta\mu$ iov. Phemius was a minstrel who was constrained to sing for the pleasure of the suitors in the hall of Odysseus in Ithaca. Cf. Hom. Od. XVIII. 331.

"Iwvos. Nothing is known of Ion beyond what we learn in this dialogue.

καίτοι ὅρα τοῦτο τί ἔστιν=lit. 'And yet do you look at this, what it is,' *i.e.* 'However, look what this is.' For the subject of the subordinate clause made the object of the verb of the principal clause, cf. supr. 531 E, τὸν ἄριστα λέγοντα γνώσεται ὅτι ἄριστα λέγει. τοῦτο=τὸ ἐμὲ περὶ 'Ομήρου κάλλιστ' ἀνθρώπων λέγειν καὶ εὐπορεῖν.

ἔρχομαί γέ σοι ἀποφαινόμενος. In Herodotus and in Plato ἔρχομαι is used with the Future participle in the sense, 'I intend to,' 'I am about to.' But in Plato, Phaedo 100 B (ἔρχομαι ἐπιχειρῶν σοι ἐπιδείξασθαι) and here it is used with the present participle in the same meaning. Similarly μέλλειν is followed both by the present and by the future infinitive.

533 D. $\gamma \acute{\alpha} \rho$ serves to introduce the detailed explanation. Cf. supr. 532 E.

οὐκ ὂν παρὰ σοί=(lit.) 'it not being in your power' (Latin apud te). Accusative Absolute, R. § 366. In the MSS, the letters où appear to have been written once instead of twice, a mistake technically known as haplography. Some, however, accept the reading of the MSS, and assume that the use of a periphrastic form, made up of the participle of a verb and εἶναι in place of the simple verb (e.g. 530 Β πρέπον εἶναι=πρέπειν), is here extended to the substantive verb itself, so that ἐστι...οὐκ ὄν=οὐκ ἔστι.

δ νῦν δη ἔλεγον. Supr. 532 C.

ωσπερ ἐν τῆ λίθφ, sc. δύναμίς ἐστι. λίθος is feminine in gender only when it refers to a special kind of stone, e.g. ἡ διαφανής <math>λίθος = crystal.

Εὐριπίδης. Euripides, one of the three great Attic tragedians, flourished in the latter half of the 5th century B.C., the dates traditionally assigned for his birth and death being 480 B.C. and 406 B.C. He was a friend of Anaxagoras, the philosopher, and keenly interested in physical enquiry. Cf. e.g. frag. 271.

Mayvητις = of Magnesia, a town in Caria near the river

Maeander. Pliny (N. H. XXXVI. 127), citing as his authority for the statement Nicander, declares that the stone was so called from the name of its discoverer, Magnes.

'Ηρακλείαν = of Heraclea, a town in Caria some 25 miles south of Magnesia. But popularly, no doubt, the adjective was understood to connect the stone owing to its power of attraction directly with Heracles, the embodiment of physical force.

ωστε δύνασθα...ωστ' ἐνίστε ὁρμαθὸς...ἤρτηται. Notice the variation of mood. With the infinitive ωστε introduces a result closely connected with and subordinated to the action of the clause, upon which the ωστε clause depends; with the indicative ωστε introduces what is in effect an independent sentence.

533 Ε. ὁρμαθὸς ἐξαρτᾶται. Contrast the tense of ἐξαρτᾶται with ἤρτηται above. 'A hanging string is formed'> < 'A string hangs suspended.'

534 A. και οί μελοποιοί. The subject is repeated after the intervening ωσπερ clause. και is added in reference to the other members of the comparison, viz. οι κορυβαντιώντες.

els την άρμονίαν και els τον ρυθμόν. A harmony is a combination of notes. Rhythm depends upon the order in which stressed and unstressed syllables are arranged.

καὶ κατεχόμενοι... ή ψυχή τοῦτο ἐργάζεται. κατεχόμενοι agrees with οἱ μελοποιοἱ, which was intended to serve as the subject to the verb. But after the intervening $\ddot{\omega}\sigma\pi\epsilon\rho$ clause the form of the subject is changed to $\tau \dot{\omega}\nu$ μελοποιῶν ἡ ψυχή, and the participle κατεχόμενοι is left without any grammatical construction.

ὅπερ αὐτοὶ λέγουσι. The antecedent to the relative pronoun is not τοῦτο but the whole sentence τῶν μελοποιῶν ἡ ψυχὴ τοῦτο ἐργάζεται.

λέγουσι γὰρ δήπουθεν κ.τ.λ. Cf. e.g. Pind. Ol. IX. 40-1; Pyth. VI. 1-2; Bacchylides IX. 10; Aristoph. Birds 748 f.; Leonidas of Tarentum, Anthol. I. 1; Horace Carm. IV. 2. 28 f.

534 Β. ἄτε οὖν οὐ τέχνη ποιοῦντες...λέγοντες. These participles suggest that a plural subject will follow, instead of which ἔκαστος, grammatically singular, is substituted. Cf. supr. 534 A.

ώσπερ συ περί Όμήρου, sc. πολλά λέγεις καὶ καλά.

534 C. διθυράμβουs. The dithyramb was a form of poetry orginatic in character and probably of Eastern origin. It is first

mentioned in a fragment of Archilochus (vid. supr. 531 A) who says that he knows well how to lead off the dithyramb when his brain is smitten with wine as with a thunderbolt. It was greatly advanced by Arion of Lesbos (circ. 600 B.C.) who is thus sometimes called its inventor. He apparently organised and trained choruses to sing it and is said to have given to it a more 'tragic' tone. This may mean that he restrained the extravagance of the dance by which it was accompanied. It was from the dithyramb that, according to Aristotle (Poet. I. 4), Greek tragedy took its rise.

ἐγκωμία. These were laudatory odes. Pindar wrote many such. ὑπορχήματα. These were choral hymns, resembling paeans, sung with dance and gesture and written mostly in cretics ($- \sim -$). Fragments of ὑπορχήματα are extant composed by Pindar, Simonides and Bacchylides.

έπη. Poems in hexameter verse, heroic or didactic, such as Homer's *Iliad* and Hesiod's *Works and Days*.

tάμβους. Such verses as those of Archilochus, vid. sup. 531 A. τά δ' άλλα φαῦλος. Accusative of Respect, R. § 70.

τούτοις χρήται ὑπηρέταις. Observe ὑπηρέταις, used predicatively without the article, = 'as servants.' Cf. infr. 537 C τ έχνην τ αύτην έχει.

534 D. οἷs νοῦς μὴ πάρεστιν. For the negative cf. sup. 531 B. Τύννιχος ὁ Χαλκιδεύς. Tynnichus is only a name to us. We hear of him in a story told of Aeschylus, which relates that the latter refused to write a paean, a choral hymn of thanksgiving and praise proper to Apollo, on the ground that the paean of Tynnichus, like an ancient statue, possessed a venerable sanctity which no new work could hope to rival. Chalcis was a city of Euboea so called from the copper mines (χαλκός) near it.

ἀτεχνῶς (to be distinguished by its accent from ἀτέχνως=unskilfully)= 'exactly,' 'precisely,' and modifies the clause ὅπερ αὐτὸς (i.e. Τύννιχος) λέγει. Cf. supr. 532 C ἀτεχνῶς νυστάζω= 'I simply nod.'

ὅπερ αὐτὸς λέγει. The antecedent to the relative is the phrase εὔρημά τι Μοισᾶν, not εὔρημά τι alone.

 $\mathbf{Moio}\hat{\mathbf{av}} = \mathbf{Moio}\hat{\mathbf{av}}$. The form is due to the fact that the phrase is a quotation from Tynnichus. Cf. infr. 535 B.

535 A. $\mbox{\'a}\pi\tau\epsilon...\tau\hat{\eta}$ s $\mbox{\'e}\nu\chi\hat{\eta}$ s. Verbs of Touching are followed by the Genitive. R. § 112.

535 B. ὅ τι ἄν σε ἔρωμαι. For the double Accusative cf. R. § 66. τοὺς θεωμένους. Observe that this word which means strictly 'spectators' comes to be used generally for 'audience.'

τον 'Οδυσσέα κ.τ.λ. Hom. Od. XXII. 2 ff.

ούδόν. This is the Homeric form which is preserved in the reminiscence of the passage in the poet. Cf. supr. 534 E.

'Αχιλλέα ἐπὶ τὸν "Εκτορα όρμῶντα. Ηοm. II. XXII. 131 ff. τῶν περὶ 'Ανδρομάχην ἐλεινῶν τι. Hom. II. VI. 390 ff.; XXIV. 725 ff.

η περί Έκάβην. Hom. II. XXII. 79 ff.; XXIV. 748 ff. η περί Πρίαμον. Hom. II. XXII. 33 ff.; XXIV. 477 ff.

πότερον ἔμφρων εἶ ἢ ἔξω σαυτοῦ γίγνει. The idea that the poet when engaged in composition is no longer himself but is possessed by an alien power—an idea here extended to apply to the rhapsode—is found in Plato also in *Phaedrus* 245 A; *Apology* 22 B; *Meno* 99 C; *Laws* 719 C. Compare Aristotle's division of poets into εὐφνεῖς and μανικοί, the latter being further defined as ἐκστατικοί (Aristot. *Poet.* 1455 a 32). The thought has reappeared in modern literature, e.g. in Shakespeare, *Midsummer Night's Dream*, Act v. Sc. 1:—

'The poet's eye in a fine frenzy rolling

Doth glance from heaven to earth, from earth to heaven.'

535 C. οίς λέγεις. The Relative is attracted into the case or its antecedent. Cf. supr. 532 E, R. § 41.

'10úkŋ. Ithaca, an island off the coast of Acarnania to the west of Greece, was the home of Odysseus.

Τροίφ. Troy was a district in the north west of Asia Minor. Its chief city was Ilium, the capital of Priam, which was taken and sacked by the Greeks after a siege of ten years. Its site has been identified with the modern Hissarlik where important archaeological discoveries have been made.

δακρύων ἐμπίμπλανται. Words denoting fullness and the reverse are followed by the Genitive Case. R. § 113.

όρθαι αί τρίχες ἴστανται. Observe the tense and the position of the adjective='rises on end.'

ὑπὸ φόβου. ὑπὸ is employed with the Genitive to denote cause especially with words denoting feelings, which may be thus easily personified.

535 D. κλάη τε... ή φοβήται. For ή answering to τε cf. Theaetetus 143 C al μεταξύ των λόγων διηγήσεις περλ αύτοῦ τε... ή αὖ πεολ τοῦ ἀποκοινομένου.

πλέον ἢ ἐν δισμυρίοις ἀνθρώποις. So in Xenophon, $O\epsilon \ell$. 21. 3 πλέον ἢ ἐν διπλασίω χρόνω= 'in more than twice the time.' The number appears to represent a rough estimate of the adult free male population of Athens at that time.

οὐ πάνυ='Not altogether,' and so, by the figure of speech called Litotes or Understatement, it becomes equivalent to a very decided negative, 'Assuredly not'; 'By no means.'

ως γε τάληθὲς εἰρῆσθαι. The Infinitive with ως is often used absolutely with a limiting or defining force. Cf. ως έπος εἰπεῖν = 'so to say'; ως συνελόντι εἰπεῖν = 'to speak concisely.' R. § 340.

τῶν θεατῶν τοὺς πολλοὺς ταὐτὰ ταῦτα ἐργάζεσθε. Vide for the double Accusative R. § 74; for the position of the Genitive R. § 102. Cf. 530 A τὰ πρῶτα τῶν ἄθλων. ὑμεῖς=you rhapsodists.

535 Ε. δεινον ἐμβλέποντας. Adverbial Accusative. R. § 72 (3). καθίσω = exactly the English, 'set.'

ών έγω έλεγον. Cf. on supr. 532 Ε περί τούτου οδ νθν ήρόμην.

536 A. ἀνακρεμαννὺς ἐξ ἀλλήλων την δύναμιν. Cf. 535 Ε ἀπ' ἀλλήλων την δύναμιν λαμβάνειν. Strictly these phrases should express one mutual reaction of A on B and B on A. But they are applied to denote the repetition of an action in a fresh direction, as the meaning evidently is that the magnetic power passes from A to B and from B to C, not that it passes back again from B to A.

έκ πλαγίου...δακτυλίων, 'suspended sideways from the rings that hang from the Muse.'

536 AB. καὶ ὁ μὲν τῶν ποιητῶν... ἔχεται γάρ. 'And one of the poets is in dependence on one Muse, another on another. We use the expression "is in the possession of." But it is the same thing. For he is in her grasp.'

αὐτό = ἐξήρτηται. Observe the article τό used as a pronoun. Cf. 537 A τοῖιν.

536 B. 'Ορφέως. Vide supr. 533 C.

Moυσαίου. Musaeus, a mythological personage, was associated in some legends with Orpheus, whose son he is said to have been. Several poetical compositions and a number of oracles were

attributed to him. Other legends connect him with the famous family of the Eumolpidae and the worship of Demeter at Eleusis.

ἐπειδὰν μέν τις ἄλλου του ποιητοῦ ἄδη. Sc. μέλος which is inserted in the corresponding clause below.

εὐπορεῖς ὅ τι λέγης. Cf. supr. 532 C.

536 c. τοῦ θεοῦ. Possessive Genitive. R. 106 (2).

σχημάτων και ἡημάτων. Notice the verbal jingle. So in Aristoph. Frogs 463 το σχήμα και το λήμ' ἔχων. For the Genitive Case cf. supr. 535 c; R. § 113.

τῶν δὲ ἄλλων οὐ φροντίζουσιν. Verbs denoting 'care for' and 'neglect' are followed by the Genitive Case. Cf. R. § 100 (3).

ο μ' ἐρωτῷs. Cf. supr. 533 C, 532 B. For the double Accusative cf. 535 B.

536 D. οίμαι οὐδ' ἄν σοὶ δόξαιμι. οίμαι is parenthetic= 'methinks.' Observe οὐδè σοί= 'to you either' (i.e. any more than to myself).

536 E. ŵν "Ομηρος λέγει. The relative is attracted into the case of the suppressed antecedent. Cf. supr. 532 E, 535 E.

περί οὐδενὸς ὅτου οὕ= 'about everything.' R. § 44.

ων στὸ μὲν τυγχάνεις οὐκ είδώς. For the attraction of the relative cf. supr. ων "Ομηρος λέγει.

καὶ ταῦτα ποῖά ἐστιν. The question is an incredulous one, as generally when the interrogation is prefaced by καί. For the force of ποῖα cf. infr. 541 C.

537 A. ά λέγει Νέστωρ. Hom. Il. XXIII. 335 ff.

περὶ τὴν καμπήν, 'about the turn': 'the turn' formed the half-way point of the δίαυλος, the race out and in. Cf. Aesch. Agam. 344 κάμψαι διαύλου θάτερον κῶλον πάλιν.

τῆ ἱπποδρομία τῆ ἐπὶ Πατρόκλφ= 'the chariot racing for (i.e. in honour of) Patroclus.'

κλινθήναι δὲ κ.τ.λ. The quotation presents the following variations from the received text of Homer (i) κλινθήναι δὲ καὶ αὐτός for αὐτὸς δὲ κλινθήναι, (ii) ἐυξέστω for ἐυπλέκτω.

κλινθήναι. Infinitive used with the force of an Imperative. So below, κένσαι, εἶξαι, and ἀλέασθαι.

 $\mathring{\eta}$ κ' ἐπ' ἀριστερὰ τοῦν = 'slightly to the left of them' (i.ε. the horses). Observe the Epic form τ οῦν for τ οῦν, the article being used in Homer as a pronoun.

537 Β. πλήμνη κύκλου ποιητοίο = 'the nave of the wrought wheel.'

δοάσσεται. Subjunctive Mood.

 λ ίθου. For the case cf. supr. 535 A απτει...τη̂ς ψυχη̂ς.

537 C. εἴτε ὀρθῶς λέγει...εἴτε μή. Sc. ὀρθῶς. In indirect questions introduced by εἰ (=whether) μή may be used as well as οῦ.

πότερον ὅτι τέχνην ταύτην ἔχει. τέχνην is used predicatively and hence there is no article. 'Because he has this as an art,' i.e. 'because this is his art.' For the attraction of $\tau a \dot{\nu} \tau \eta \nu$ into the gender of $\tau \dot{\epsilon} \chi \nu \eta \nu$ cf. R. § 51.

οὐκοῦν ἐκάστη τῶν τεχνῶν...γιγνώσκειν. Compare the argument suppr. 531 B. There the mastery of a particular artist over a particular subject-matter was developed to shew that Ion's skill, if an art, should apply to all poets; here it is used to prove that Ion can know nothing of any poet. The contradiction is only apparent. Ion is ignorant of the scope and standards of criticism. Hence he is an equally incompetent critic of all poets and is further unable to distinguish the subject-matter of the art, to which he lays claim, from those of seamanship, medicine, strategy and the like.

537 D. την μεν έτέραν...την δ' έτέραν. Observe that έτέραν is predicative. 'Do you say that one art is one and another another?'

ἄρα ὥσπερ ἐγὼ τεκμαιρόμενος, ὅταν...ἐτέρων, οὕτω καλῶ...οὕτω καὶ σύ; The first οὕτω sums up the ὅταν clause; the second οὕτω answers to ὧσπερ. 'Do you too judge as I do and when one art is mastery of one subject-matter and the other of another, in that case (οὕτω) call the one art one and the other different?'

537 E. ὁπότε γε—εἴη='inasmuch as it would be possible.' For the mood cf. R. § 299.

538 B. περί τῶν ἐπῶν ὧν εἶπες. Cf. supr. 536 E.

εἴτε καλώς λέγει εἴτε μή. Cf. supr. 537 C.

έτέρα ἐστὶ τῆς ἡνιοχικῆς. For ἔτερος followed by the Genitive Case cf. infr. 540 A; Thuc. I. 28 φίλους...ἐτέρους τῶν νῦν ὄντων; R. § 133.

538 C. τῷ Μαχάονι. Machaon, a son of Aesculapius, with his brother Podaleirius led thirty ships with men from Tricca, Ithome and Oechalia to assist Agamemnon against Troy. He acted as surgeon to the Greek forces and was wounded by Paris but rescued by Nestor.

Έκαμήδη. Hecamede, daughter of Arsinous, king of Tenedos, was assigned, when Achilles sacked that island, to Nestor 'for that he was foremost of all in counsel' (1. XI. 627).

καλ λέγει πως οὕτως. The quotation is made up from three lines, viz. II. XI. 639-40 (οὕνω...χαλκείη) and ibid. 630 with substitution of παρά for ϵπl. φησlν is of course parenthetic (=inquit) as supr. 537 A.

οἴνφ Πραμνείφ. Pramnian wine was a rough, strong brand, so called according to the Ancient Scholiasts from a Mount Pramné which was placed by them in various localities.

κνή. Epic Aorist, κνάω='I scrape,' 'I grate.'

εἴτε όρθῶς λέγει εἴτε μή. Cf. on supr. 537 C.

ιατρικής... ραψωδικής. Sc. τέχνης. For the Genitive Case cf. 532 E, R. § 106 (2).

538 D. ή δὲ μολυβδαίνη κ.τ.λ. The quotation is from II. XXIV. 80–2 describing the descent of Iris from Olympus by command of Zeus in search of Thetis. The variations from the received text of Homer are (i) ἴκανεν for ὄρουσεν, (ii) ἐμμεμανῖα for ἐμβεβανῖα, (iii) μετ' ἰχθύσι for ἐπ' ἰχθύσι, (iv) πῆμα for κῆρα.

έμμεμανία. Perfect Participle, equivalent in force to an adverb, 'furiously.'

φωμεν= 'Are we to say?' R. § 227.

άλιευτικής τέχνης... ραψωδικής. Cf. supr. 538 C.

κρίναι. Epexegetic or explanatory Infinitive, defining in what regard these verses belong to the art of the fisherman or the rhapsode. Cf. supr. 532 E.

σοῦ ἐρομένου, εἰ ἔροιό με. The hypothetical clause repeats in another form the force of the Genitive Absolute. 'When you ask me, if you were to do so.'

538 Ε. ἔθι μοι ἔξευρε καὶ κ.τ.λ. For μοι (=pray) cf. 530 A ἡμῶν. καὶ τὰ τοῦ μάντεως = 'also what belongs to the prophet,' i.e. in addition to the examples already given of what belongs to the fisherman, the physician and the chariot-driver.

πολλαχοῦ μὲν γὰρ καὶ ἐν 'Οδυσσεία λέγει, answered below by πολλαχοῦ δὲ καὶ ἐν 'Ιλιάδι.

οίον και α κ.τ.λ. = 'to take one example what' et cet.

ό τῶν Μελαμποδιδῶν μάντις Θεοκλύμενος. Melampus was according to the ancient tradition the first mortal who possessed prophetic powers. He was a dweller in Pylos but became a ruler of Argos (Od. xv. 225 ff.). Theoclymenus was a descendant of Melampus who inherited his prophetic gift. He had slain one of his kinsmen in Argos and had fled from vengeance to Pylos where

he fell in with Telemachus who had gone thither to seek news of his father, Odysseus. Theoelymenus induced Telemachus to take him in his company back to Ithaca (Od. xv. 270 ff.).

539 A. δαιμόνιοι κ.τ.λ. The quotation is from Od. xx. 351-7 with the following variations from the received text of Homer; (i) δαιμόνιοι for \tilde{a} δειλοί, (ii) γυθα for γοθνα, (iii) είδώλων τε for είδώλων δέ, (iv) 1.354 (αίματι δ' ἐρράδαται τοῖχοι καλαί τε μεσόδμαι) is omitted.

τί κακὸν τόδε πάσχετε= 'What evil is this ye suffer?'

ὑμέων. Epic form = ὑμῶν.

ελύαται. Perf. Indic. Pass. 3rd pers. plural of είλύω.

νέρθε τε γυῖα='And limbs beneath' (viz. your heads and faces).

539 B. οδον καὶ ἐπὶ τειχομαχία· λέγει γαρ καὶ ἐνταῦθα. For οδον καὶ cf. supr. 538 E. For γάρ introducing the particular passage cited cf. supr. 532 E. The lines which follow are quoted from II. XII. 200-7 with the substitution of (i) ἐγκάββαλ' for ἐνὶ κάββαλ', (ii) ἔπετο for πέτετο.

έπ' ἀριστερὰ λαὸν ἐέργων='skirting the host on his left' (lit. leftwards).

530 C. λήθετο...κόψε, sc. ὁ δράκων.

 $a \dot{v} + \dot{v} = \tau \partial v \quad a i \epsilon \tau \delta v$.

ξθεν. Epic form, here = ϵαυτοῦ.

539 D. καὶ σύ γε, ὧ "Ιων, ἀληθῆ ταῦτα λέγεις = 'And you, Ion, are right in saying so.' καὶ σύ γε implies 'you, no less than I.'

¹ δή καὶ σύ. For δή, used hortatively with the Imperative, cf.
⁵³⁸ D σκέψαι δή. καὶ σύ= 'you, in your turn.'

539 Ε. ἐπειδή και ἐμπειρότερος εἶ ἐμοῦ. καl= 'further,' 'besides.' For the genitive of comparison ἐμοῦ cf. R. § 132.

τῶν Ὁμήρου. Adjectives denoting skill and lack of skill are followed by the Genitive Case.

ἐγὰ μέν φημι. The answering clause with δέ is left to be supplied (e.g. ol δὲ ἄλλοι ὅσα δή ποτέ φασι. 'I say everything, the rest as much as ever they do say.'). Thus μέν comes to be used to emphasize the pronoun='I, Socrates, say everything.'

540 A. τῆς ἡνιοχικῆς, sc. τέχνης. For the case cf. 538 B.

οὐκοῦν καὶ ἐτέραν, κ.τ.λ. καί is to be taken with the whole clause = ' Then you admitted further that' et cet.

οὐδὲ ὁ ῥαψφδός=' nor the rhapsode either.' Cf. supr. 532 A. πλήν γε ἴσως τὰ τοιαῦτα, sc. πάντα γνώσεται ὁ ῥαψφδός.

540 B. τὰ τοιαῦτα δὲ λέγεις κ.τ.λ. τὰ τοιαῦτα is the object of the verb; the clause $\pi\lambda\dot{\eta}\nu...\tau\epsilon\chi\nu\hat{\omega}\nu$ is a completion of the predicate, "By 'such passages' you mean something like $(\sigma\chi\epsilon\delta\delta\nu\ \tau\iota)$ ' with the exception of what belongs to the other arts.'" We should have expected however rather $\pi\lambda\dot{\eta}\nu$ δὲ τὰ τοιαῦτα κ.τ.λ. but the expression is colloquially inexact. Cf. R. § 68.

540 C. ούδὲ τοῦτο, sc. γνώσεται = 'he will not know this either,' i.e. any more than what a man in command should say in a tempest at sea.

ἀλλ' οὐχ ὁ βουκόλος = 'and not the neatherd.' Observe that Greek uses the adversative, English the copulative conjunction.

540 D. τί δέ; = quid? Anglice, Oh!

γνοίην γοῦν ἀν ἔγωγε οἶα στρατηγὸν πρέπει εἰπεῖν. For the force of γοῦν cf. supr. 530 c. The pronoun is emphatic='At any rate I would know what it is fitting that a general should say.' Note the change from the Dative depending on $\pi \rho \acute{\epsilon} \pi \epsilon \iota$ to the Accusative which is the subject of the dependent Infinitive.

ἴσως γὰρ εἶ καὶ στρατηγικός= 'Perhaps you have a talent for generalship too.' i.e. as well as for rhapsody.

και γὰρ εἰ ἐτύγχανες ἱππικὸς ἄν, κ.τ.λ. For τυγχάνω with the participle cf. R. § 368. Observe the variation of tense through this and the following sentence. 'If you were skilled in horses (Imperfect), you would have known (Aorist) good and bad driving (viz. in the past, when you had your opportunity, supr. 538 B). But if I had asked you, what would you have answered?' (Both tenses Aorist referring to the past, viz. 538 B.)

iππαζομένους = 'driven' not 'ridden.'

ຖ້...ຖ້. Cf. Latin quâ ... quâ.

οὐκοῦν εἰ καὶ τοὺς εὖ κιθαρίζοντας, κ.τ.λ. καί= 'again,' introducing a further example.

άλλ' ούχ ή iππεύs=' and not qua horseman.' Cf. sup. 540 C.

54Ι Α. οὐκοῦν καὶ ὅστις ἀγαθὸς στρατηγὸς τυγχάνει ὤν, ἀγαθὸς καὶ ῥαψωδός ἐστιν. The first καὶ (='further,' 'again') adds this proposition to the preceding converse one (ὅστις ἄρα ἀγαθὸς ῥαψωδός ἐστιν, οῦτος καὶ ἀγαθὸς στρατηγὸς τυγχάνει ὤν); the second καὶ (='also,' 'too') marks the parallelism between ῥαψωδός and στρατηγός.

ἐκεῖνο μήν. μήν, a strong form of μέν, emphasizes the pronoun. Cf. on supr. 539 E.

541 B. καὶ ταῦτά γε ἐκ τῶν 'Ομήρου μαθών. καὶ ταῦτα (cf. Latin idque) is used, generally with a participle, to add some circumstance upon which emphasis is laid. Cf. R. § 358.

τί δή ποτ' οὖν. Notice the accumulation of particles. 'Why

then, pray, why.'

ἀμφότερα = 'in both respects.' Cf. supr. 534 C τὰ δ' ἄλλα φαθλος: R. § 79.

541 C. ραψφδού...χρυσφ στεφάνω έστεφανωμένου. For the

splendid attire of the rhapsode cf. supr. 530 B; 535 D.

ή μèν γὰρ ἡμετέρα...πόλις...ἡ δὲ ὑμετέρα, sc. Ephesus (supr. 530 A) and Athens. After the defeat of the Persian invasion in 478 B.C. a league was formed by the Greek states to protect themselves, especially those of their number who dwelt on the east of the Aegaean sea, from the power of Persia. In the beginning no single state had suzerainty over the rest, but in the course of time the predominance and activity of Athens enabled her to reduce her fellow-members of the league to a position of dependence. In return for money contributions Athens undertook to equip and maintain a fleet and to suppress any Persian attempt at aggression. The money so obtained was used indeed to form a fleet, but that fleet was employed against recalcitrant allies. Thus cities like Ephesus ceased to have their own foreign policy and therefore no longer required generals.

οὐκ ἄν με ἔλοιτο στρατηγόν. For the double Accusative after αἰρεῖσθαι cf. infr. δν...στρατηγὸν ἤρηνται; "Ιωνα δ' ἄρα...οὐχ αἰρήσεται στρατηγόν (541 D); R. § 68.

'Απολλόδωρον τὸν Κυζικηνόν. Cyzicus is a city situated on an island in the Propontis off the coast of Mysia, with which it was connected by a bridge and later by a mole, which has since become a considerable isthmus. Nothing is known of Apollodorus beyond what is stated here, viz. that he was a foreigner appointed by Athens to one of her military commands. This statement is repeated in Aelian (XIV. 5) who flourished in the latter half of the 3rd century A.D. Athenaeus (circ. 230 A.D.) refers (XI. p. 506) to this passage as an instance of Plato's 'malignity,' although no aspersion seems to be cast upon the generals mentioned who are simply instanced as foreigners taken by Athens into her service.

ποιον τούτον; sc. οὐ γιγνώσκω=lit. 'what sort of a fellow (is) this (whom) I do not know?' ποιος is frequently used in dialogue

to refer contemptuously to some person or thing mentioned by a previous speaker. Cf. supr. 536 B: Theaetetus 180 B (Σωκράτης) άλλ', οίμαι, τὰ τοιαῦτα τοῖς μαθηταῖς ἐπὶ σχολῆς φράζουσω οῦς ἀν βούλωνται ὁμοίους αὐτοῖς ποιῆσαι. (Θεαίτητος) ποίοις μαθηταῖς, ὧ δαιμόνιε; So in Aristophanes, Knights 32 ποῖον βρέτας σύ γ'; Clouds 247; Wasps 1202. The question comes to be one in form only, the effect being to repeat derisively the expression of the previous speaker; so apparently here, ποῖον τοῦτον; = 'That fellow! Pooh!' The contemptuous tone is of course in keeping with Ion's character (vide Introd. p. xix) but may have given rise to the charge of 'malignity' referred to in the preceding note.

541 D. και Φανοσθένη τον "Ανδριον και 'Ηρακλείδην τον Κλαζομένιον, sc. οὐ γιγνώσκεις. Andros is one of the Cyclades, a group of islands in the Aegaean, south of Euboea and east of Attica. Phanosthenes is mentioned by Xenophon (Hell. I. 5. 18) as having been sent by the Athenians in the year 407–6 B.C. with four ships to replace Conon at Andros. Of Heracleides nothing is known. Clazomenae, a city of Asia Minor, was situated on the north side of the promontory formed by Mt Corycus which juts out into the Aegaean sea opposite the island of Chios.

"Ιωνα δ' ἄρα τὸν Ἐφέσιον. ἄρα (observe the accent) is inferential='then.'

οὖκ ᾿Αθηναῖοι μέν ἐστε οἱ Ἐφέσιοι τὸ ἀρχαῖον καὶ ἡ Ἔφεσος οὐδεμιᾶς ἐλάττων πόλεως; Observe that μέν is here answered by καί, antithesis passing into coordination. Cf. $s\iota\iota\rho$. 535 D where coordination (κλάη $\tau\epsilon$) passes into alternation (ἢ φοβῆται). τὸ ἀρχαῖον is an adverbial accusative defining the extent of the application of the verb (R. § 79). For the genitive of comparison π όλεως cf. 539 Ε ἐμοῦ.

Both Herodotus (1. 147. 2) and Thucydides (1. 2. 6) declare that the Ionian cities in Asia Minor, of which Ephesus was one, were settled as colonies from Athens. The former historian, however, maintains that the settlers included representatives of many peoples who had no claim to the name Ionian, while even the Athenians among them, who esteemed themselves the truest Ionians of all, took their wives from the Carians on whose lands they settled (Herod. 1. 146. 4).

541 Ε. ἀλλὰ γὰρ σύ, κ.τ.λ. The conjunctions mark the transition to the dilemma with which the dialogue concludes; 'But really.'

εἰ μὲν ἀληθη λέγεις...τὴν περὶ 'Ομήρου σοφίαν. This sentence is repeated in a shorter form in 542 A, εἰ μὲν οὖν...άδικος εἶ, and is, in this shortened form, contrasted with the sentence εἰ δὲ μὴ τεχνικός ...οὐδὲν ἀδικεῖς.

ὅστις...φάσκων ἐπιδείξειν ἐξαπατᾶς. Observe that the relative ὅστις imparts a causal force to the sentence='since you.' φάσκειν (cf. dictitare in Latin) is often used in the sense of saying what is not true, professing, pretending. The verb ἐπιδεικνύναι and the corresponding noun ἐπίδειξις are applied especially to a rhetorical display.

πολλοῦ δεῖς. Cf. R. § 130.

ος γε οὐδὲ ἄττα ἐστὶ ταῦτα...ἐθέλεις εἰπεῖν. The addition of γ ε to the relative pronoun confers upon it a causal force. So εἴ γ ε = since. Observe the force of οὐδέ: 'since you will not tell even what these subjects are,' sc. much less give an exhibition of your art (ἐπιδεικνύναι).

πάλαι ἐμοῦ λιπαροῦντος='although I have long been begging you.' πάλαι is used with the present tense to express an action begun in the past and still being continued. Cf. the use in Latin of iam pridem and in French of depuis longtemps.

ό Πρωτεύs. Proteus was a sea-god who possessed prophetic powers but would only display them if caught and held securely in spite of the diverse forms which he assumed. Cf. Od. IV. 455 ff.; Verg. Georg. IV. 440.

ἕως τελευτῶν...ἀνεφάνης. ἔως referring to a definite point in past time is followed by the Indicative Mood. τ ελευτῶν, the present participle of τ ελευτῶ (=lit. 'ending'), is used as the equivalent of an adverb 'at last.'

τήν περὶ 'Ομήρου σοφίαν. Cf. supr. 534 C τὰ δ' ἄλλα φαθλος, 541 B.

542 A. ὅπερ νῦν δη ἔλεγον='as I said just now,' *i.e. supr*.

μηδὲν είδώς. The participle is concessive, 'although you know nothing,' 'without knowing.' Cf. supr. 535 D μηδὲν ἀπολωλεκώς.

κατεχόμενος έξ 'Ομήρου. For έκ with the Genitive of the agent cf. supr. 534 E; 536 B.

ώσπερ έγω είπον περί σοῦ, viz. supr. 536 B-D.

APPENDIX I

The accounts of the life of Plato which have reached us are given in tabular form below. They are not of course to be regarded as necessarily possessing equal and independent authority.

- (i) Apuleius (2nd century A.D.) prefixes a brief account of Plato's life to his work, *De Dogmate Platonis*.
- (ii) Diogenes Laertius iii. contains a collection of facts about Plato derived from different sources and of unequal value.
- (iii) Olympiodorus (6th century A.D.) gives in addition to a commentary on works of Plato an account of the philosopher's life.
- (iv) A summary of Plato's life occurs in the lexicon known by the name of Suidas (? circ. 1000 A.D.).
- (v) A similar summary is to be found in the work of Hesychius (? 4th century A.D.) which has included in it many interpolations and additions of later ages.
- (vi) There is also extant an anonymous biography of uncertain but late date.

APPENDIX II

The following passages from Epicharmus will serve to illustrate the resemblance in style between the comic poet's writings and the dialogues of Plato.

- (a) Α. ἀρ' ἔστιν αὔλησίς τι πρᾶγμα; Β. πάνυ μὲν ὧν.
 - A. ἄνθρωπος ὧν αὔλησίς ἐστιν; Β. οὐδαμῶς.
 - Α. φέρ' ἴδω, τί δ' αὐλητάς; τίς εῖμέν τοι δοκεῖ; ἄνθρωπος ἢ οὐ γάρ; Β. πάνυ μὲν ὧν. Α. οὐκῶν δοκεῖ οὔτως ἔχειν τοι καὶ περὶ τὧγαθοῦ; τό γα ἀγαθόν τι πρᾶγμ' εἶμεν καθ' αδθ'· ὄστις δέ κα εἰδῆ μαθὼν τῆν', ἀγαθὸς ἤδη γίνεται. ὤσπερ γὰρ αἴ κ' αὔλησιν αὔλητὰς μαθών, ἢ ὄρχησιν ὀρχηστάς τις ἢ πλοκεὺς πλοκάν, ἢ πῶν γ' ὀμοίως τῶν τοιούτων ὅτι τυ λῆς, οὐκ αὐτὸς εἴη χ' ἀ τέχνα, τεχνικός γα μήν.

(EPICHARMUS apud Diogenem Laertium, iii. 14.)

- (i) Α. οὐκ ἄρ' ἔμολε πρᾶτον οὐδέν; Β. οὐδὲ μὰ Δία δεύτερον τῶνδέ γ' ὧν ἀμές νυν ὧδε λέγομες, ἀλλὰ τῷδ' ἔχει. αἴ ποτ' ἀριθμόν τις περισσόν, αἰ δὲ λῆς, τὸν ἄρτιον ποτθέμεν λῆ ψῆφον, ἢ καὶ τᾶν ὑπαρχουσᾶν λαβεῖν, ἢ δοκεῖ κά τοι τόκ' αὐτὸς εῖμεν; Α. οὐκ ἐμὶν τάχα.
 - Β. οὐδὲ μὰν οὐδ' αἰ ποτὶ μέτρον παχυαῖον ποτθέμεν λῆ τις ἄτερον μᾶκος, ἢ τοῦ πρόσθ' ἐόντος ἀποταμεῖν, ἔτι χ' ὑπάρχοι τῆνο τὸ μέτρον; Α. οὐ γάρ. Β. ὧδε νῦν ὅρη καὶ τὸς ἀνθρώπους· ὁ μὲν γὰρ αὕξεθ', ὁ δέ γα μὰν φθίνει, ἐν μεταλλαγᾶ δὲ πάντες ἐντὶ πάντα τὸν χρόνον. ὁ δὲ μεταλλάσσει κατὰ φύσιν κωϋποκ' ἐν τωὐτῷ μένει, ἄτερον εἴη κα τόδ' ἤδη τοῦ παρεξεστακότος· καὶ τὺ δὴ κὴγὼ χθὲς ἄλλοι καί νυν ἄλλοι τελέθομες, καὖθις ἄλλοι κωϋποκ' αὐτοὶ τελέθομες καττὸν λόγον.

(Ibid. iii. 12.)

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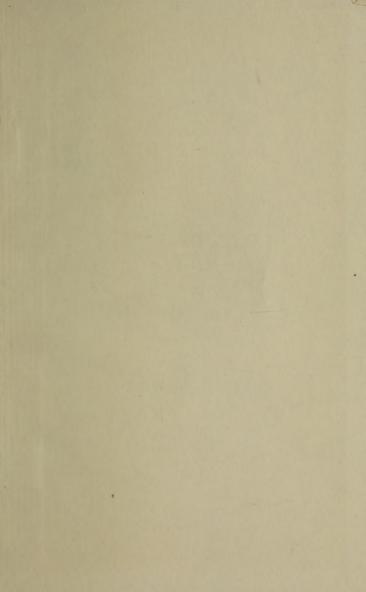
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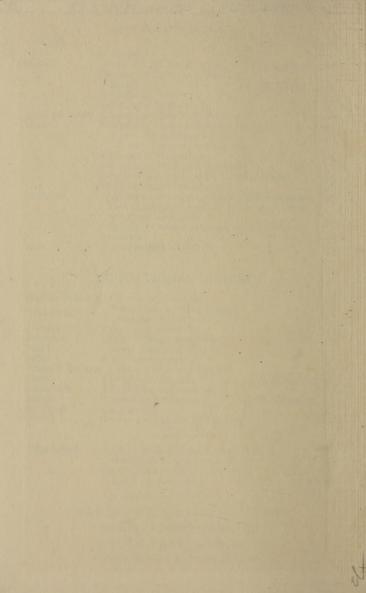
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