

## CYPRIANICA.

No satisfactory explanation has been given of the word *budinarium* with which St. Cyprian's Ep. 42 ends; and I may add that neither the name Soliassus, which is assumed to be that of the *budinarius*, nor any other personal name ending in -assus is to be found in the African volumes of the *C. I. L.* But in the reading of  $\phi$ , *soliarum* there is a clue, and I propose *soliarium baxiarium*, thus reducing the number of the *abstenti* by one, and making this the trade of Sophronius. The text would run: 'item abstinuimus Sofronium, et ipsum de extorrentibus, soliarium baxiarium.' This would probably include both Irene and Paula, just mentioned, among the exiles; and it strengthens the evidence for the alien and democratic character of the opposition. An obscure person like Sophronius, of whom we never hear again, would hardly be named, as are the notorious Felicissimus and Augendus, without some description by which Cyprian might know who was meant, or at least the class to which he belonged.

In regard to MSS of St. Cyprian, there is one in the King's Library at Madrid (Codex 2 K 4) which is worthy of attention. It contains a large collection of letters, among which is 62, for which Hartel's only authorities are 1  $\mu$ , which are, like this Madrid MS, of the fifteenth century. But the readings of this last, from which some collations have been made for me, are so strikingly like those of the Aldine edition, that I had intended to publish the conjecture that Latini had used the MS. Though Mercati's discovery has disproved this, the MS may be useful for determining the text of V.

Mr. H. J. White kindly noted for me that the Würzburg MS Cod. 56, which Hartel (Introd. p. lviii) cites for Ep. 4 and Ep. 80, also contains Ep. 35; and that his W in the Treatises (Würzburg Cod. 145; Hartel, p. xix) includes a considerable collection of Epistles, for which Hartel has not employed it.

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