# BOHAIRIC LECTIONS OF WISDOM FROM A RYLANDS LIBRARY MS.

THE Rylands Library contains an important collection of Coptic MSS which have been carefully catalogued by Dr Crum¹ and to some extent examined by Dr Hebbelynck,² formerly Rector Magnificus of the University of Louvain, for the purpose of identifying scattered portions of the same MS distributed among different libraries. But these sources of information do not seem to have been used by editors, since their reception into their new home in Manchester, except by Mr Horner for his edition of the Sahidic Gospels.

The particular MS to which I now desire to draw special attention is described in Crum's Catalogue pp. 198, 199. It is dated A.M. 1477, i.e. A.D. 1761. This MS, though modern, reproduces an ancient text of great interest and bears the patriarch's seal as a proof of its correctness; and a note in Tattam's handwriting states that, as it contains many portions of the books of the O.T. which are yet wanting in England, it may be considered a great literary treasure. Although a similar text was printed by Bouriant, Recueil vii 86, the publication of the Rylands MS seems likely to be serviceable at the present time in view of the great interest recently shewn in the Book of Wisdom. In this article I therefore print the four lections of that book contained in the Rylands MS and offer some suggestions about their bearing upon questions of text and interpretation raised by recent editors.

Since the publication of Feldmann's useful little work, Textkritische Materialien zum Buch der Weisheit, Freiburg 1902, the Oxford University Press has issued Sir Herbert Thompson's edition of the text of Wisdom with other books from the British Museum Papyrus, which in general confirms the Turin Codex (ed. Lagarde) collated by Feldmann though not agreeing with it in all particulars. This edition carefully notes variants from Lagarde's text, which is now difficult to obtain. In the absence of Lagarde's text the Rylands Library possesses an interesting clue to its general character in a translation made for the R. V. Apocrypha Committee, presented to the library by Professor J. H. Moulton, whose father was a member of that Committee. The late Mr Goodrick, in his introduction to the best English edition of Wisdom, stated that the Revisers do not seem to have used any version more recondite than the Latin; it is therefore

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See J. T. S. xi 100.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Les manuscrits coptes-sahidiques du Monastère Blanc, Louvain 1911.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Even Hyvernat could not procure a copy of Aegyptiaca (Rev. Bibl., 1897, vi 59).

only fair to their memory to note that they took the important step of securing a translation of the Sahidic version by an expert. This translation is accompanied by a few brief notes which shew that the translator was alive to the possibility of mistakes in the Sahidic text and to the imperfect state of Coptic lexicography. He seems to have used Tattam's Lexicon, and does not appear to make any reference to The Berlin reprint of Peyron (1896), including contributions from Goodwin, Kabis, and Bsciai, in its Auctarium, still leaves much to be desired. Many MSS have been examined and published which were unknown to Peyron, and therefore his work, good as it is for the time of its publication (1835), needs considerable addition and some modification. Though he seems to have read Wisdom most minutely, his manner of citation by στίχοι is very inconvenient for the student. Even La Croze (1775), whose meagre amount of material is noted in Peyron's preface, cites such portions of Wisdom as he used in the compilation of his Lexicon by chapter and verse, and so also does Tattam.

No use seems to have been made of Thompson's text by recent English editors; but Heinisch notes some of its differences from Lagarde, in one case (ix 16) misrepresenting Thompson by attributing to him the unlikely reading ARTE instead of ARTI, which, though it completely alters the form of the Greek sentence, can be construed.

The lections are printed below in the order of their occurrence in the Rylands MS and in Bouriant's Lectionary, though in the Recueil Bouriant adopts a different arrangement. The present order has the advantage of giving the easier passages first and reserving the more difficult sections till the reader has become familiar with the simpler problems presented in those verses where the only comparison is with the texts of Thompson and Lagarde. The third lection is at the same time the most difficult and the most interesting; and the juxtaposition of Erman's fragment with it should help to throw some light on Crum's suggestion, adopted from Stern, who in his review of Lagarde's text (Literaturblatt für orientalische Philologie, 1884, i 203) inferred that there was a later Sahidic version influenced by the Bohairic translation (see I. T. S. xi 301). Strange as this view may appear, the collation of the two texts shews remarkable similarities, which seem to make it very probable. The fourth passage has striking variants not noticed by Heinisch, though he records some of Bouriant's readings in the lections from chs. i and ii.

In the collation I give Swete's text together with the Old Latin for the sake of completeness and facility of comparison. The textual evidence is taken from Deane, Feldmann, Fritzsche, and Heinisch.

### a. i 1-9 (Rylands Lectionary, p. 100)

- 1. мепрефмевині пнетфол міньоі ерефенкиф йсшу жепфмефапботс йте петепорн
- 2. ऋर प्रकार केंग्राव्य भेळर प्रसार पटस्कृताकृत्या के-स्वव्य का

тасолмиб евоу еинете иссопичичье свой чи

- 3. Щарепилет тар етошот форхот евой да  $\phi +$
- 4. Σε μπαρεήτοφια ψε εποτή εσημέτχη ετροοτ οτας μπατοτώρ πει οττωμα πρεμερηοβη

The following abbreviations are used:—

S = Codex Sinaiticus

V = Codex Venetus (23 H P)

It = Old Latin, as in Heinisch

RL = Rylands Lectionary

Th = Thompson

Lag = de Lagarde, Aegyptiaca

Er = Erman

F = Feldmann

Margoliouth = Journal of Royal Asiatic Society, 1890, pp. 263-297,
'Was the Book of Wisdom written in Hebrew?'

RT = Translation of Lagarde's Text in Rylands Library

Bour = Bouriant in Recueil vii

Ci = Ciasca

Zenner and Wiesmann = Zeitschrift für katholische Theologie, 1898, 1911 P = Peyron, Lexicon

a. i 1-9.

- 1 a. δικαιοσύνην iustitiam] менчні RL, мікаюстин Th
- 2 b. τοῖς μὴ ἀπιστοῦσιν qui fidem habent] RL Th, with Greek τοῖς μὴ πιστεύουσιν Zenner with A: τοῖς πιστεύουσιν 261

a. i 1-9.

I a. δικαιοσύνη occurs eleven times in W, and is always transcribed in Th. In viii 7 it is used both in a general and a special sense in the same verse, where Goodrick renders the first 'righteousness' and the second 'justice', Wiesmann 'Vollkommenheit' and 'Gerechtigkeit'. It is therefore interesting to note the Bohairic use

#### a. i 1-9 (British Museum Text, ed. Thompson)

- 1. меретаныостин петкріпе мпнад аріпмеєте мпаосіс употмптачавос птетпуте псшу употмптдапдотс птепетпунт
- 2. Σε ψατρε εροή πσι πετε πεεπιράζε πειοή απ ψαήστωπας εβολ ππετε πεεδ πατ παρτε εροή απ
- 3. Шареплесте пар своот порхот спиотте аты течвом стотопар свой щасяпи павнт
- 4. Σε μερετοφιά βωη εροτή ετιμτχη ειροοτ οτας μειοτωρ σπιωμά πρειβποβε
  - 3 a. λογισμοί cogitationes] πιαιετι RL, παιεετε Th
  - 3 b. δοκιμαζομένη probata] οτωπο ελολ RL, οτοπαο ελολ Th
- 4 b. κατάχρεφ άμαρτίας subdito peccatis] πρεφερησθη RL, πρεφρησθε Th

of a word derived from a root which means both 'true' and 'just'. This will help to illustrate the important v. l. in ii 18.

In v 6 a there is a curious collocation of these words v. n. in loc. In ii 22 δσιότης is rendered in Th by αικαιοστημ but in RL by πιαιοσιμή. F there notes that in xiv 30 δσιότης is translated by κρισιο but in the three other places where it occurs (v 19, ix 3, and xviii 9) by τάπο. In ix 3 ἐν δσιότητι καὶ δικαιοσύνη = ǫπ οττάπο απὶ οταικαιοστημ. In Lc. i 75 the same phrase = εκι οττοτήο πεω οταιεσιμή Boh and ραι οτοι απὶ οταικαιοστημ Sah.

πρίνοντες. The Coptic versions of this word shew a dialectic difference, and give another illustration of the value of Bohairic for interpretation. The use of the transcribed **κρικε** is noted by F, p. 46, as the usual method of the Sahidic translator, except in ii 22, where he has πιστετε (Er Bour and RL pracere) apparently to denote a somewhat different meaning; † γαπ is used in the special sense of 'condemn' in ii 20; on the other hand **κρισι**c is used for δίκη in verse 8.

- 2. τοῖς μη ἀπιστοῦσιν αὐτῷ. Both Sah and Boh support the received reading.
- 3 a. λογισμοί. Both Sah and Boh translate the singular. In ii 19 they do not agree in their translation of two Greek nouns (ΰβρει καὶ βασάνφ) with regard to number.
- 3 b. δοκιμαζομένη. Though this word is transcribed in ii 17 both versions give the Coptic favourite expression οτωπς ελολ used for ξμφανίζεται, v. 2. ξπιφημίζει ii 12 and βαρύς ξοτι ii 14 Boh (420pm Sah).
- 4b. κατάχρεφ ἀμαρτίαs. As in the rendering of the parallel expression κακότεχνον there is a single Coptic word, so here the compound phrase is simplified. F, p. 22, VOL. XVII.

- 5. піппа пар євотав йтефсофіа щацфшті евой йхроц півен отор щацотеї євой йпімонмен йтепіатрант отор щацсорі, мпі-
- 6. οτιιλιρωμε ταρ πε πιππα ήτε το τος σερομαίο απ είφη ετ πε στα πε τη εκτικές εφοτος πες φτ πεπιμέθρε ήπες ελωτ στος πετ ποτπετ πιμη ήτε πες τος ετς επες έπες λας 7. πε πιππα ήτε πος αγμορη το ποτε επι
- у. же пппа птепос адморптоновменн отор фиетсыхп мптиру усшон мпотфриот
- 8. еөвефаі миоподі пащошп ецсахі зепотвінхопс отає ппецер євод ап ефпрісіс ефпнот
- 9. етехемпунн тар мп асевнс хен печсовні отор пос насытем ап епечсахі ефотыно евох нпеч апоміа.
- 5 a. παιδείας disciplinae] ἀτε-τοοφία RL, πτοοφία Th: σοφίας A 248 Compl Arm, παιδείας BS It Syr Ar Syr Hex Aeth δόλον fictum] ad. πιθεπ RL, om. Th
- 5 c. άδικίας iniquitate] σιαποπο RL, πιασοπο Th : ἀνομίας 248 Compl, άδικίας Β
- 6 a. σοφία sapientiae] ἀτεψτοφια RL, πτοσφια Th: σοφία B S SyrHex, σοφίαs A V 106 261 296 It Syr Arm Didym
- 6 c. γλώσσης linguae eius] πεςλας RL, Th lacuna αὐτοῦ A It Ar Arm, om. BS

gives a list of Greek compound expressions reduced in the Coptic version to single words. Margoliouth, p. 286, who regards  $\kappa$ .  $\dot{a}$ . as a Hebraism, notes the simplicity of the Coptic rendering, which might however on strict analysis be regarded as a compound, and is given as an illustration of composition by Steindorff Kopt. Gram.<sup>2</sup> § 127 p. 65 peqpnohe 'Sünder' wortl. 'Ein Mann der Sünde thut'.

 $_{5}\,a.$  Here both Coptic versions differ from the received reading and support A  $_{2}48\,\mathrm{Arm}$ 

86λον. The addition of 'all' in RL may be compared with ii 3; vide F, p. 23. 5 c. ελεγχθήσεται seems to have been regarded by the Coptic translators as transitive. 'Reproves violence when it cometh,' RT.

- 5. πεππα ταρ ετογαλή πτοφια ωα ηπατεδολ πάρος:
  απω ωαςογε παιοκαιεκ πηλοκτ
  απω ωαςαπιεπαιησοπο εςωλιέι
- 6. отмаїршиє тар пе пеппа птофіа атш птратмаїєне [.... спотот:

at  $\omega$  netroty name inequalote at  $\omega$  netcute na[...

- 7. Σε πηλ ππασεις αφιερτοικοτιεκή ανω πετιμώπη πητήρη εφοσότη πητέρροστ
- 8. аты етвепай <del>мп</del>даат падып ецшаже <del>бл</del>от-

отъе папарвой ин етенриис етинт 9. сепасапшине пар апшожне апа севно

- 6 d. ἐπίσκοπος ἀληθής scrutator verus] πετσοτφετ παικι RL, αιονικτ παιε Th : ἀληθινός 106 261
- 7 b. τὸ συνέχον τὰ πάντα quod continet omnia] cωαπ RL, μιωαπ Th, μιωπ Lag
- 8 b. δίκη iudicium] κριειε RL Th ἐλέγχουσα corripiens] εφικου RL, ετικου Th
  - 9 b. ἀκοὴ ήξει auditio veniet] παςωτεκ απ RL, Th lacuna
- 6 a.  $\sigma o \phi i as$ . Here again the Coptic supports A as also in 6 c by the introduction of the pronoun.
- 6d. The reading ἀληθινός (106 261) might be regarded as expressed by name in Th. 'The beholder truly,' RT.
- 7 b. cωππ. P 226 only gives the meaning 'relinquere', Bsciai, Rec. vii 27 κατέχειν, and cites Ps. cxxxviii 10 τεκοτηλι πλαι αιθείτ ρητ παιμοπητ; 'tenebit me dextera tua.'
- 8 b. Lag notes on his reading ετπικτ as follows: 'πικτ recte me legisse crediderim sed cum ἐλέγχουσα non quadrat: ἐλθοῦσα habuit'.
- 9 b. NACOTEM AN RL. The Coptic seems to have a difficulty about negatives. Cf. i 4 b, ii 22 b (Th and Er), where orac is followed by a negative verb contrary to the Greek. In ii 22 b RL and Bour have orog, which expresses the Greek correctly.

b. vii 24-30 (Rylands Lectionary, p. psh)

- 24. софіа пар снім ехоти епнетнім тирот сфор отор епнот євой рітемптиру євве пестотво
- 25. отщью пар те птетхом м ф4 отор от 204 свой хеппшот евотав йте піпаптонратир

еөрефаг птоибуг Асгарет гти убос

- 26. οτοτωικί παρ τε ήτε πιοτωικί ήεκες οτος οτιαλ έςοταβ τε ήτε πιοβικοτί ήτε φή οτος τοικωκ ήτευμεταπαθός τε
- 27. οτι τε ες πιαποια ερωβ πιβεπ οτορ έχη παριπαρος εςιρι απτηρη αβερι οτορ καταπεπεά εςιμε εποτη έραπψτχη ετοταβ εςιρι αιμωστ πραπιμφηρ αι φή στορ απροφητής
- 28. ф4 пар дмеі подіап евнд ефнетушпаен 4софіа

b. vii 24-30.

24 a. πάσης κινήσεως omnibus mobilibus] πης τηροτ RL, ετ-

24 b. διήκει καὶ χωρεῖ διὰ πάντων attingit ubique] cφος ατω cnhoτ ελολ ειτελεπτηρη RL, cnhτ ελολ ειτελεπτηρη Th

25 a. ἀτμίς vapor] wae RL, om. Th

25 b. ἀπόρροια emanatio] τα RL, om. Th εἰλικρινής sincera] with ἀπόρροια; with δόξα RL Th: ἰλικρινείας A

25 c. μεμιαμμένον inquinatum] αφσασεια RL, εφαασία Th: μεμιασμένον 248 Compl παρεμπίπτει incurrit] σωπτ RL, τωπιπτ Th

b. vii 24-30.

This passage is important rather for its philosophical terms than for its readings. In fact F has only one brief textual note intimating that in 26 a Aeth had either mistaken the meaning of ἀιδίου or read ἀιδνοῦ. Heinisch has only notes on οὐθέν )(οὐδέν in 28 and on ἀντισχύει)(κατισχύει in 30.

25. The technical terms ἀτμίς and ἀπόρροια do not appear in Th. The more

- b. vii 24-30 (British Museum Text, ed. Thompson)
- 24. τοοφιά ταρ κιμε εροτή ετκιμε τηροτ ατω επητ εδολ ριτή . . . . τηρ $\overline{q}$  ετδε πεс $\overline{t}$ βο:
- 25. CHAT τορ εβολ <u>είτητσοιε πη</u>ποστε ατω εβολ <u>ξικ</u>πεοοτ ετοταλβ πτε πηαητοκρατωρ: ετβεπαϊ μερελαατ εγασ<u>ει</u> τωπιπτ ερος
- 26. ονείνε παρ πτε πονοειν τε μλενες ανω ονείαλ εςοναλό πτε τενερτία **π**πνοντε
- 27. . . . . τε σασομ ερωή πιμ:

  ατώ εσσεετ εραϊ εαρος εσεῖρε απτηρη

  ατώ κατα τεπεα ωμαθωκ εροτη ερεπίγτχη

  ετοταλή:

  εσεῖρε αμοοτ πωηρε απηστε ατώ α προ-
- фитис.
  28. Пипотте вар ме плавт бімнті петме птсофів.
- 26 a. ἀπαύγασμα candor] οτοτωικι RL, οτεικε Th ἀιδίου aeternae] κεκες RL, ωλεκες Th, πωλεκες Lag
- 26 c. Te last word of verse in RL, followed by red mark denoting the end of the sentence
- . 27 a. μία δὲ οὖσα et cum una sit] οτι Σε RL, εοτει Σε τε Lag, Th lacuna
  - 27 b. καινίζει innovat] τρι αλερι RL, ειρε πλήρρε Lag
  - 28. τὸν σοφία συνοικοῦντα eum qui cum sapientia habitat] φηετ-

literary Bohairic renders  $\delta \tau \mu i$  \$M = 0\$ (= flamma, P 316) which introduces another metaphor, and La Croze, p. 123, is certainly wrong in his meaning  $\delta \tau \mu i$  'vapour' on the strength of this verse, Peyron's meaning being quite well supported. Cf. xvii 5, xix 21.

- 26a. ἀπαύγασμα is better represented by **οτεικε** in Th than by the RL **οτοτωικι**. Goodrick notes that 'reflection' and not 'radiation' is indicated. RL might imply radiation, and **εικε** in Th (= similitudo, imitatio, imago) would support Goodrick's interpretation.
- 27 b. καινίζει receives its full force in RL 191 abep1, but is inadequately expressed by the simple ε τρε of Th.
- 28. συνοικοῦντα is correctly expressed in RL and Lag, whose text is here nearer the Greek than **11**ε in Th, which apparently is repeated from the previous clause.

- 29. ӨАІ ПАР ОТСАІ ЕТЕ ЕООТЕ ПІРН НЕМ ЕООТЕ ПСЕМНІ писіот тирот атшантеношис ефотшіні спаерширп ероц
- 30. фагиен пар шебе підхорбі епеста убос

### c. ii 12-22 (Rylands Lectionary, p. c. ii)

12. εφεπορπή ποτχρωμε εθίε πε μπεήφολοπ

orod ed4edbeu ueudphori

unovoc o26 64edmomupu 5zeu ueu moct 5zeu

ечеотыр едрні ежы ежен піпові йте фле-

щипбен Асофіа RL, петме птсофіа Th For ме in Th отнр Lag

30 b. κακία malitia] χακι RL, κακια Th ἀντισχύει vincit] **Μπεμπομ** RL, σποσμ Th: κατισχύει SA 253 254 296, κατισχύσει 284 Compl, ἀντισχύει B

C. ii 12-22.

12 a. δύσχρηστος ήμιν έστι inutilis est nobis] ππες ήλοσ επεπεμτ Er; so RL with 2 for σ and ποτχρωμ pr.

30 b. χακι (= obscuritas, tenebrae, P 270) is probably a mistake of eye or ear, Th transcribing the Greek κακία.

**ΕΓΚΕΙΣΟΙ** may be possibly regarded as supporting κατισχύσει, especially as the Bohairic is in frequent agreement with 248.

c. ii 12-22.

This is textually the most difficult of the lections, and some of Erman's variants both of constructions and words were noted in RT. These are now confirmed by Bouriant and RL.

12 a. The prefix of δύσχρηστος is expressed in Th by MORO and apparently in the other texts by the gloss ππευήλος επεπρητ. The two other compounds of

- 29. тай пар несыс едотепрн:

  аты едотепесыне писют тирот:

  етщантитынс епотоет спаршорп ероч

  30. пай пар шаре тетщи ет епециа:

  тсофіа бе меретнаніа быбом ерос:
  - c. ii 12-22 (Erman's Fragment, from Ciasca ii 216)
- 12. марепвырб епаналос. же тпецфлов епенонт.
  - Eachoquea mon by umopi exu nennope ule lorge estation.
- 12 b. ἐναντιοῦται contrarius est] εψήερρεπ RL, εψήστης Τη Ετ 12 c. οπ. 106 261 ἀνειδίζει improperat] εψεριμωμ RL, εψιμωμ Bour, ηποσπεσ Τη Ετ ἀμαρτήματα peccata] ιποήτ Ετ, μωμτ RL, ιποψη Bour, πομε Τη: παραπτώματα 248 νόμου legis] εχεπ πιποδιος RL, εχη πεπποδιος Ετ, επτεπποδιος Τη
- 12 d. ἐπιφημίζει diffamat] εφεοτωπο ègphi εχωπ RL, εφοτωπο ελολ εγραι εχιπ Ετ, φοτωπο ελολ Th άμαρτήματα peccata] εχεπ πιπολι RL, εχιπ πεππολε Ετ Th παιδείας ήμων disciplinae nostrae] πτε ταιπτατελω Ετ, ιτε ξαετατοωτ λομτ RL, ειτεπ τεελω Th

δυσ- in W, δυσδιήγητος and δυσάλυκτος, xvii 1 and 17, are rendered by Coptic phrases denoting absolute impossibility and not mere difficulty. 20λ x is used in Matt, xi 30 δ γὰρ ζυγός μου χρηστός.

12 c. ἀμαρτήματα νόμου. Cf. Margoliouth, p. 281, who notes the tautology; the reading παραπτώματα in 248 and the Coptic of Er with Bour and RL avoid the repetition of the same word in two successive clauses.

12 d. άμαρτήματα παιδείαs. Erman's reading wāτωτεĥω is different both from Th and RL.

The word **METATOWI RPHT** (P 56) represents ἀκρασία I Cor. vii 5, ἀπείθεια Eph. ii 2, v 6, and in Exod. xxii 17 is used both as a verb and in an adverbial phrase for ἐὰν δὲ ἀνανεύων ἀνανεύση which Wilkins translates 'si autem renuendo renuerit'. P gives the meanings, intemperantia, incredulitas, renuentia. Cf. Margoliouth, p. 273, who approves the reading of the Syriac ἀναιδείαs 'impudence', 'rebelliousness', or 'contumacy' being the meaning of the Hebrew which he assumes as the original of παιδείαs. For the adj. **ATOWT** of Deut. ix 7 (Ciasca, v. l. in Wilkins) Lc. i 17, Jo. iii 36 фн етої πατοωτ πρητ επιψηρί.

- 13. orog éoron emnemay ebod giten \$4
- 14. ετέμμωπι παπ ποτρετίσος έπεπ πεποτωμ ετοτωπο έρρηι έπωπ εππιπατ εροτ
- 15. εθδε τε πετλαος οπίπεοτοπ απ οτος πετιαωιτ σεφωής πτοτεπ
- 16. отор пнв йтоту же хае ецеоте: епеништ йфрнт етецоте: ймоц йпіөнріоп

οτοδ ελεπου ποτοι μτε μεγετθερος ελεπρου επευ δημοτου μτε μεγετθερος

17. тепхотут же арнот пецсахі даап мевмніпе етерхоніматіп мфнев паушпі меніса пецжин евой

- 13 a. ἐπαγγέλλεται promittit] τω Th, om. al. γνῶσιν ἔχειν Θεοῦ se scientiam Dei habere] ἐονοπ ἐμιπεμλη εĥολ ειτεπ φ‡ RL, κε ‡ cooπππηοντε Th
- 13 b. έαυτον ονομάζει se nominat] ενεμονή ερος RL; so Er with τε for
- 14 a. εἰς ελεγχον in traductionem] οτρεφορί RL, παπιο Ετ, εταπιο Τh εννοιῶν ἡμῶν cogitationum nostrarum] εαεπ πεποτωμί RL, ππεπαεετε Th
- 14 b. βαρύς ἐστιν ἡμῖν gravis est nobis] εφοτωπο εξρητι εκωπ RL, εφε . . Βουτ, εφορω ερραι εκωπ Ετ, φρορω παπ Th
  - 15 a. βίος vita λαος RL Er, bioc Th
  - 15 b. εξηλλαγμέναι immutatae] ceφωπο RL, cemohe Er Th
- 13 a. ἐπαγγέλλεται. Th expresses this by the colourless q**x**ω, but Er, Bour, and RL all omit any translation of it.
- 13 b. ἐαυτὸν ὀνομάζει. Here Er, Bour, and RL represent the Greek better by 220 Te. than Th by ε Tpe.
- 14a. èvroiûr. Th gives a general and Er, Bour, and RL a special sense to this expression.
- 14 b. βαρύς ἐστιν. Here Er is literal with Th but agrees with Bour and RL in the double preposition.
- 15 a. Acoc in Er, Bour, and RL for Bios is a very curious variant, as is also the form HA in RL, v. 16 a, which is not noticed by Peyron.

- 13. σε οτι οτοσοί ηπέσση εφού διτές μισίτε.
- 14. ELEMENTE HAN  $\overline{n}$  AND  $\overline{n}$  HENOY  $\overline{n}$  ELEMENTE ELEMENTE
- 15. Ethe  $x \in ...$  neglance eine  $\overline{x}$  nanton nixe arm neglioore ceinobe  $\overline{n}$  toot $\overline{n}$ .
- 16. ατω επιπη  $πτοοτ\overline{q}$  σε ξαε· ατω ες ενεφηριοη· εφολ επεπριοοτε πθε ετες πεθηριοη.

σαφ εάποιποι πποά σε μνοιίε με μεάειφι.

- 17. мареннат же ренме не несущаже.
- 16 a. εἰς κίβδηλον tanquam nugaces] Sae RL Bour, Qae Er, xοοντ Th ελογίσθημεν aestimati sumus] πηθ RL, επηπ Er Th Bour; so Sco It Syr Arm SyrHex: ἐγενήθημεν S\* 296
- 16 b. ἀπέχεται abstinet se] εφέοτει RL, φεαρητ ελολ Ει Τh δδῶν] ἔργων V ὡς ἀπὸ ἀκαθαρσιῶν tanquam ab immunditiis] ἐφρητ ἐτεφοτει ἐκλος ἀπισηριου RL, ποε ετεφοτε πιεσηριου Ει, ποε πιιακασαρεια Th
- 16 c. μακαρίζει ἔσχατα δικαίων praefert novissima iustorum] εψελλοπ εχεπ γαποτοπ πτε πιελετσερος RL, εψεσωπτ εχπ γοιπε πελετσερος Ετ, μλακαρίζε πολή ππαικαίος Th ἔσχατα] ἔργα τῶν 155 17 a. εἰ si] χε αρμοτ RL, χε Er Th
- 17 b. πειράσωμεν tentemus] επερωοκιμάζια RL, πτπαιράζε Er Lag, πτπαιακαρίζε Th τὰ ἐν ἐκβάσει αὐτοῦ quae ventura sunt illi] ad. et sciemus quae erunt novissima illius It, φηετ παιμωπι μεπάςα πεγών εδολ RL, τεγραμ Er Th

16 a. εδε for κίβδηλον is probably a metaphorical use of the word. **ΣΟΟΤ** in Th does not occur in La Croze, and in the Bohairic text of 1 Cor. ix 27, ed. Lagarde, the only scriptural passage cited by P 397, δδόκιμος is transcribed.

- 16c. Th transcribes the first and last of the three words in this line, but Er, Bour, and RL translate 'he is angry against some of the free'. F, p. 25, regards ελετοερος as representing δίκαιος: if this is so author and σωπτ, which both mean 'irasci', are incorrect. Probably F is mistaken, and the Coptic translators have either had another text or have completely altered the sentence.
  - 17 a. aphor. The Bohairic seems to be fond of adding adverbs; cf. v 3, 4.
- 17 b. Here Er agrees with Th, while Bour and RL give a more literal rendering,

18. же не отщирі пе т фф ҳеп от тевти фия-

egécorc sen neuxix nuiantinimenoc

19. аперпірадіп жемоц євой унтеп отушу пем от-

атемпенфаі фиецовно

атем етечметремрату пем течоппоменн

20. ете фап ероч жен отмот ечшнш

διυσ μιε 4γωιαι πωιι ξαπά ξρογ φευνεάςσαι

18 a. εἰ γάρ ἐστιν ὁ δίκαιος νὶὸς Θεοῦ si enim est verus filius Dei] κε πε οτωμης πε ω τη κεπ οτ ωεσωμι RL, κε πε οτωμης πηποντε πε Ετ, εωκε πλικλιος καρ πε ππησοτε Th; 'auffallend ist, dass auch Arm. in einigen Cod. das Adverb vere oder juste liest, so dass man wohl auf eine Variante δικαίως schliessen muss,' F, p. 45 ἀντιλήμψεται αὐτοῦ suscipiet illum] ἀπαπορεω πτεητέχη RL, εφεπονρω πτεητέχη Ετ, ηπαιώση εροφ Th: ἀντιλήψεται Fritzsche

18 b. ρύσεται αὐτόν liberabit eum] εφεςοτς RL Er, φηαπαςαι Th ἀνθεστηκότων contrariorum] απτικιαι enoc RL Er, φοτθική Th

19 a. ἐτάσωμεν interrogemus] απερπιραζιπ RL, εταζε Er, εταζε Th

19 b. γνωμεν sciamus] ατέκις RL, ετέκις Bour, επεεικιε Er Th επιεικίαν reverentiam] σεδιο RL, οδειο Er. κατίγακ Th

18 a. Sen ot results. The Bohairic, Arm, and Aug support the reading δικαίως. For this expression cf. Gen. xxvii 36, where it renders the LXX δικαίως ἐκλήθη τὸ ὅνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰακώβ, iuste vocatum est nomen eius Iacob, Vulgate. Wilkins translates In veritate nominatus est Iacob. Augustine cites this clause in three forms:

- I. Si enim iustus est filius Dei.
- 2. Si enim est vere filius Dei.
- 3. Si enim vere filius Dei est.

Cf. Feldmann, Cornely, and Heinisch in loc. See also Margoliouth, p. 285. Erman has neither δίκαιος nor δικαίως.

18 a. ἀντιλήμψεται is well rendered in Th, lit. 'take him to himself', while Er, Bour, and RL agree in what is either a gloss or another text; so in the next line they are united against Th in the translation of ῥύσεται.

18b. The adoption of the transcribed Greek antikiasenoc by Er (with Bour and RL) is striking as Er uses forfic in v. 12.

- 18. **Σε πε οτώμρε <u>π</u>υμολίε πε** εθεσοίς δ<u>μ μαις μην-</u> πιμπενος
- 20. επε † δαμ ερού δ<u>μ</u> ο επος εποιπε . . . ωπ ερού δ<u>μ</u>μ<u>π</u> π<u>π</u> πχε . . . ωπ ερού δ<u>μ</u>-
- 19 c. δικάσωμεν probemus] ατέτει RL, ετέτει Bour, εειμε Er, πτη τοκιμάσωμεν SA ἀνεξικακίαν patientiam] τεγμετρεμρατώ πεμ τεγρησιμέπη RL, τεγμητρώρα μη τεγρησιμοπή Εr, τεγώπτ ραρώρητ Th
- 20 a. om. 106 261 καταδικάσωμεν αὐτόν condemnemus eum] ετε-†2 απ εροφ RL, επε†2 απ εροφ Ετ, παρπτσαιοφ Th
- 20 b. ἔσται γὰρ αὐτοῦ ἐπισκοπή erit enim ei respectus] ειπα κιτε τλοισε ιμωπε εχως RL, κεκας πτε τλοισε ιμωπε . . . ως Ετ, cenaσα πεςμιπε καρ Th ἐκ λόγων αὐτοῦ ex sermonibus illius] εκολ κεππεςςακι RL, εκολ επηγικάκε Ετ, κατα πεςμακε Th

19 a. The form 2 τως in Er is curious, ὕβρει καὶ βασάνφ Boh correctly gives both in singular; It, Lag, and Er render both in plural; cf. i 2.

19 b and c. In translating ἐηιεικίαν and ἀνεξικακίαν Er, Bour, and RL agree against Th, and also in adding a transcribed Greek word ὑπομονή to a Coptic word to express ἀνεξικακίαν.

20. † 20π (iudicare, P 357) is too general a term for καταδικάσωμεν. τσαίο in Th is more exact and illustrates φυγάδες xvii 2; cf. Zorell ap. Cornely in loc. σπ πεσιμιπε Th, in the next line, is also a better rendering than λοισε Er (λωιχε RL), which means 'cause' and not 'visitation' in its special scriptural sense.

The clearly written exact in RL appears to fill correctly the lacuna in Ciasca's reprint of Er, though Bsciai, *Recueil* vii 31, seems to have read  $2\omega\omega q$  (=  $\gamma a\rho$ ), for which he quotes *Sagesse* ii 20 dans Erman, p. 40. But a pronoun seems to be required by the Greek avroû, and Erman's final clause with xekac is supported by that of RL with 21na.

- 21. ετέτιρωστω σεπ φαι οτος ετεсωρεκ ατουκε κποτωστωστ
- 22. οτος εποτέει έτι ενττηριού ήτε φή
  οτος εποτερίοι εφθέχε ήτε πιθείτι
  οτος εποτερφείτι ηπίηκοτ ήτε πίγτχη
  έτε είνοι ασπι ήθητος.

## d. v 1-7 (Rylands Lectionary, p. тич)

#### 1. Σεπ φαι εφέτωνη κας πισεειτι εφερσαρικ

21 a. ταῦτα ἐλογίσαντο haec cogitaverunt] ενειιρωστιμ σεπ φαι RL, ετιιροστιμ επ παι Ετ, παϊ ατακενε εροστ Th

21 b. ἀπετύφλωσεν γὰρ αὐτοὺς ἡ κακία αὐτῶν excaecavit enim illos malitia eorum] om. κακια RLEr, αφωνι ἐιποτιμοτιμοτ RL, αττωνι ππετιμοτιμοτ Er, ατετκακια [+ταρ Lag] τωνι ππετιρητ Th

22 a. οὖκ ἔγνωσαν nescierunt] ἀποτὰωι RL, πποτανπ Er Th μυστήρια αὐτοῦ sacramenta Dei] Θεοῦ RL Er Th with SA  $B^{ab \, mg}$  It Syr Arm Aeth SyrHex:  $B^*$  αὐτοῦ

22 b. οὐδέ neque] οτος RL, οτως with negative verb Er Th τλπισαν speraverunt] ερποι RL, καςτητ Er Th δοιότητος iustitiae]
πτε πισωμι RL, πτε πιωεσωμι Bour, πτωικωιοςτημ Er Lag, πωικωιοςτημ Th

21 b. ἀπετύφλωσεν. RT renders Er 'they have dulled their glory' and Lag 'their wickedness has dulled their hearts'. Though the word τωμ (τωμ) is used in the N.T. for obdurare, obduratio, the meaning 'excaecare' given by P 241 for this verse and I John ii II seems to be correct; cf. Sirach xx 29. For the usage of this word in connexion with the discussion about πώρωσις and πήρωσις vide J. T. S. iii 87 n. and Lagarde Gesammelte Abhandlungen p. 101.

22 a. No Coptic version supports Swete's text from B by giving αὐτοῦ for θεοῦ.

22 b. οτως with neg. of verb in Th and Er is a mistake; Bour and RL have οτος quite correctly; cf. i 9 n. οσιότητος: cf. i 1 n.

22 c. The special sense of  $\kappa\rho i\nu\omega$  (= discern) is marked by the Coptic versions which here avoid transcription; cf. i i n. Heinisch and Gärtner (Komposition und Wortwahl des Buches der Weisheit, Berlin 1912, p. 180) translate 'erkennen' and not 'richten' as in other places where it occurs. Taio Th is a better translation of  $\gamma i\rho as$  than  $\bar{n}koth$  in Er, which RL strangely gives in the plural. Heinisch combines the meanings (honor, laus, donum, munus) in the compound 'Ehrenpreis'.

άμωμων. It is noteworthy that while Th has the simple expression, οταλ, Er and Bour agree in paraphrasing though they employ different words for 'stain', πλιπ and ασπι.

- 21. etgipootii ou usi sem secupi.
- 22. ατω αποτεοτή ατετηριοή απόστε.

  οτας αποτηριτής επδεχε ήταικαιοςτημ

  ατω απετρπαίεσε ηπηοτή πηεψτχή έτε απ

  αδιή πρητος.

#### d. v 1-7 (Ciasca's Text, ii 216)

#### 1. тоте паінаюс пабрерату рпотпаррисіб

22 c. ἔκριναν iudicaverunt] ερφαετι RL, μπαεετε Er, πιστετε Th γέρας honorem] ἀπιὰκοτ RL, ππκοτκ Er, ταιο Th ἀμώμων sanctarum] ἐτε ὰκιοπ ασπι ὰπιτοτ RL, ἔτε κιπ αδιπ πριτοτ Ει, ππετοταλ Th

d. v 1-7.

1 a. στήσεται ὁ δίκαιος stabunt iusti] εψέτωπη παε πισακη RL, παικαιος παορερατή Th ἐν παρρησία πολλή in magna constantia] εψερφαριπ απαμαι ππεσπεια RL, γπ οτπαρρησία επαιμως Th, γπ οτποσία παργησία επαιμως Lag

d. v 1-7.

This passage is printed by Amélineau, Recueil ix 114, 115. Ciasca, however, pronounces (Fragmenta ii, Preface, p. lvii) a severe judgement on Amélineau's work because it gives no note of codices or their origin or of variants, and concludes by saying that this edition is imperfect and destitute of all authority. Heinisch in the introduction to his commentary states that the fragment from chapter vi is published by Ciasca and in imperfect form by Amélineau. But while Amélineau clearly indicates his lacunae, Ciasca prints the text continuously, leaving the reader to discover the omissions from comparison with the Greek and from his notes.

Ta. Tωπ RL gives the meaning of 'rise' rather than 'stand'. Agepat Th is used in ix 4 for πάρεδρον apparently by mistake. 'Great boldness' seems to be enlarged by RL into 'great self-confidence'. The double adjective in Lag is rendered in RT 'very great boldness'. Incidentally a curious mistake of Lagarde's on the phrase may be mentioned. In Dr Arendzen's article on the Syriac text of the 'Apostolic Church Order', J. T. S. iii 59-80, there is a collation of the Sahidic version. On the text (ib., p. 71) 'Those who have ministered well and without reproach have prepared for themselves the degree of shepherds'. Lagarde remarks about the Sahidic of the concluding words, where for the Greek

ыпащаг пиневие тал пиневоиннет

- 2. Eyum ayyannay èpoq yaynın ebod qiten teq- $n_1$   $n_2$   $n_3$   $n_4$   $n_4$   $n_5$   $n_4$   $n_5$   $n_6$   $n_6$  n
  - побет удентрин білен фійфирі уле пед-
- 3. етехос оттоот нем нотернот бен отната негіс етотом пронот бен отметулар прит етхо ммос

тараводн петанфуши хеп фет ачсіні рап рап фансахі нем рап

- ι b. των θλιψάντων αὐτόν eos qui se angustiaverunt] пнетσοχι κοως RL, πηξτατολιλε Th, πηεητατολιλε Ci
- ι c. καί et] οτος RL, ατω Lag, om. Th Ci τῶν ἀθετούντων qui abstulerunt] ἐσιπαοπο RL, πεπταταθετι Th Ci τοὺς πόνους αὐτοῦ labores eorum] πειμαροικος RL, πειιξείτε Th Ci
- 2 a. ἰδόντες videntes] ad. αὐτόν 253; so RL èpoq, om. Th Ci ταραχθήσονται turbabuntur] ψωνκιω RL, πιςωμτορτρ Th Ci φόβφ δεινῷ timore horribili] πιψή ὰροή RL, εςπωψτ Th Lag Ci
- 2 b. ἐκστήσονται mirabuntur] ανερταλεπωριπ RL, πιςεπω<u>ψις</u> Τη τῷ παραδόξῳ subitatione] ἡψιφηρι RL, ταιοΐρε Ci, ταιοείρε Th σωτηρίας salutis] ad. αὐτοῦ Fritzsche with SA 55 253 254 Syr Syr Hex, ὰτε πεσηορει RL, πιενοναι Th, πιεσοναι Ci Lag: σωτηρίας BA min It Aeth

τόπον ποιμενικόν it has ποππαρρησία επαιμως, 'παιμως = ποιμενικόν quidem scribere facile erat sed quomodo ποπαρρησία emendarem, nesciebam'. There is of course no need for emendation, as the Coptic scribe has simply taken another phrase from the verse referred to I Tim. iii 13, and ποιμενικόν would be πιμως.

- 2a. RL agrees with 253 in adding the pronouns αὐτόν and αὐτοῦ in 2 a and 2b. Th and Ci are nearer the original with μτορτρ and παμτ than RL with κικι and πιμή for ταραχθήσονται and δεινφ.
- 2 b. πω<u>ψ</u> c̄ (Th and Ci) is better than ταλεπωριπ for ἐκστήσονται. For αὐτοῦ rendered by RL, Ci, and Lag, Th seems to have read αὐτῶν.
  - 3 b. The translation of στενοχωρία has elicited a wonderful variety of Coptic

тост. Тистьо ероу инентальнуе ентять тистьо учествой инентальнуе

- 2. cenanat πευμτορτφ οποτροτε ecnamt. πειωμέ έππ ταιόρε απευοταί.
- 3. Псехоос ерры понтот метаной еташаром етве прохрех мпетпих. хе пай пе епенсыве псыц мпейотоейш ециооп нан мпараводн пновнев
- 3 a.  $\hat{\epsilon}\rho o \hat{v}\sigma v \hat{\epsilon}v$   $\hat{\epsilon}av ro\hat{\epsilon}s$  dicentes intra se] everoc ovtwot near noverhot RL, versoc egps: vertot Th Ci; so Fritzsche with B Scb A V 55 106 155 248 296 It Arm Syr SyrHex Aeth, om.  $\hat{\epsilon}v$  S\*  $\mu\epsilon\tau avoo\hat{v}\nu\tau\epsilon_s$  poenitentiam agentes] evoqua RL, evaluation Th Ci
- 3 b. διὰ στενοχωρίαν πνεύματος prae angustia spiritus] επ οτειετωμλος ὰρητ RL, ετλεποωχ πηετππο Th. For οωχ in Th, λωχο Lag, ροχρεχ Ci στενάξονται gementes] επ οτκοταποιεχία RL, εταμμορομ Th Ci: στενάξονται B A 157, στενάξουσιν S 155, στενάζουσιν V 253 296, στενάζονται 55 248 254, στενάζοντες B 68 It, κεκράξονται 106, κεκράξοντες 261; future Arm Syr Aeth SyrHex καὶ ἐροῦσιν] ετχω λεμος RL, χε Th, om. Swete with B 68 It; ad. S A V 55 106 155 157 248 253 254 261 296 Arm Syr SyrHex Aeth
- 3 d. καὶ εἰς παραβολὴν ὁνειδισμοῦ et in similitudinem improperii] οτος απαιμαποπ παπικος ἡγαπτας πεω γαπ παραβολη ἡπισμωμ RL, εμμοοπ παπ ππαραβολη πποσπεσ Th Ci οἱ ἄφρονες nos insensati] in verse 4 Fritzsche with Ci; pr. ἡμεῖς V 253 SyrHex Chrysost

words, μετιμλαρ, ρωχ, λωχρ, and ροχρεχ. ιμλαρ is only cited from Kircher P 292, ρωχ is not known to P as a noun, for λωχρ there is a reference to 2 Cor. vii 4, and for ροχρεχ to Sirach x 26. Sen οτκαταπέζεις RL (om. οτ Bour) appears to support στενάζοντες. κατάνυξες is a rare word which Hesychius renders λύπη, ήσυχία, the second rendering being due to a wrong derivation from νυστάζω.

3 d. παραβολή is rendered in RL by the Coptic cans followed by παραβολή transcribed; cf. ii 19. On the Latin 'in similitudinem' cf. Margoliouth, p. 277.

వేశు (utique, revera, P 325) cf. ii 17 n.

 $\eta\mu\epsilon\hat{i}$ s is another illustration of agreement between Boh and 253 in the addition of pronouns.

- 4. οτος απένει πε εγλοδι οτος πεφικοτ εφμημ πειοτωπο έδολ
- 5. πως ανωπ καιος πεκ πιώμρι με φ4 ονος τευτοι πεκ πεθοναβ
- 6. епсырем евод жеп пимыт пте фиеваны отор мпецим ежип пте фиеваны

  отор мпецим ежип пжефрн пте фаналостин
- 7. οτος επαολή σευ φαιώτ ήτε ταποαία πεα ήταπο οτος απαιομί σευ οταια καταιομί ςιώτη οτος απεικά επιαιώτ ήτε πος.
- 4 a. βίον αὐτοῦ vitam illorum] πεταρε Th μανίαν insaniam] εταλολι RL, τλολι Bour, ετολιλε Th Ci, λιλε Lag ελογισάμεθα aestimabamus] απέλι RL, απαιετι Bour, επωπ Th Ci ἄτιμον sine honore] BA Sea SyrHex Aeth, ετιμήμα RL, ετιμήμα Bour, apparently a mistake (ad. Δεπ οτωπο ελολ RL), ἀτιμίαν S\* Arm, ετικιμή Th Ci
- 6 a. ἄρα ergo] om. RL, εῖε Th Ci, εειε Lag ἐπλανήθημεν erravimus] επεωρεω RL, πτατπλαπα Ci, πταππλαπα Th Lag ὁδοῦ ἀληθείας via veritatis] πιωωιτ πτε †μεσωμι RL
  - 6 b. φως δικαιοσύνης lumen iustitiae] φονωιπι πτε †μεσωπι RL
  - 6 с. ηλιος sol intelligentiae] фри нтє † мисостин RL
- 4a. The omission of  $\beta$ ios in RL is somewhat peculiar, but it agrees with Lag in representing  $\mu$ aviav correctly by eqlosts, while Th and Ci, influenced probably by v. 1, give evolute. The noun in the Sahidic Gospels, Matt. xiii 21, Mc. iv 7, Jo. xvi 21 is  $\alpha$
- 6. The Boh fails to distinguish between 'truth' and 'justice', giving ALEGARIS for both, and adding the transcribed AIRAIOCTIIH after ήλως with V 248 253; cf. i I n. The Sah represents the received Greek text exactly.
- 7a. F devotes a whole page to the construction of this line, and comes eventually to the conclusion that  $\tau \rho i \beta o s$  is either a dative of place or that  $\epsilon \nu$  has dropped out through homoioteleuton.

The word Σολκ (Boh) is used in Lc. iv 29 for κατακρημνίζειν, praecipitare, deiicere (κος Sah), and might perhaps mean 'we rushed headlong', but as it is also used in the sense of submergere, submergi in Exod. xv 4 and 2 Pet. iii 6, it seems more probable that the meaning here is 'we were immersed in'.

- 4. Σποπ πεϊ Σθητεπωπ Σπευδοε ενθλιβε ανω πευρον εντωщ
- 5. namnge agwn  $q\overline{n}$   $\overline{n}$   $\underline{m}$  metavale •
- 6. είε πτατηλανα πτοοτ εβολ οπ τεοίπ πτωε ·
  ατω πειείωα ναν πσι νουδείν πτωικαιος τη και ατω πρη πειείνει καν :
- 7. апмото напомій сітано оп непоіооте апвшн оп непжаїе ёметмобще понтот терін мпжоєїс мпенсотшіс.
  - 6 a. терін птыє Th Ci, періоотє Lag
  - 6 b. потоеін птаікаюстин Th Ci
- 6 с. прн Th Ci η̈́λιος] ad. δικαιοσύνης V 248 253 It Arm SyrHex

7 α. ἀνομίας ἐνεπλήσθημεν τρίβοις καὶ ἀπωλείας lassati sumus in via iniquitatis et perditionis] επαολκ σεπ φαιωιτ πτε ταποαια πεαι πτακο RL, απαιοτέ παποαια είτακο  $\overline{\eta}$ π πεπείοοτε Th Ci; so Lag with  $\overline{\eta}$  for  $\overline{\eta}$ π: ἐπλήσθημεν 248, τρίβους 106, τρίβων 248, καὶ τρίβων ἀπωλείας 253

7 b. διωδεύσαμεν έρήμους άβάτους ambulavimus vias difficiles] απαιοψι Δεπ οταια παταιοψι ειωτη RL, απάωκ επ εεπεριοοτε πααϊε εμετμοοψε πρητοτ Th, ειτπ πααϊε Lag, επ πεπααϊε Ci

In conclusion the Bohairic lections give evidence of readings and interpretations which deserve careful attention. The materials for the investigation which Dr Crum considered to be worth making are now exhibited in detail before the reader and shew that Erman's text agrees with the Bohairic in twenty-six places where it differs from Th and Lag. This seems to indicate either similarity of text or influence of rendering or probably both. Feldmann gives a list of forty-two places in the first ten chapters in which the Sahidic of Lagarde differs from B and the agreement of these variants with collated MSS and versions.

I close by reproducing this list of agreements as a contribution to the question of recensions:—

Syr .				23	261		.•		٠	•	10
Arm.		• .		19	55						9
Lat.				18	253						9
Aeth				16	<b>29</b> 6						9
S				20	V (=	23	<sub>3</sub> H	(P)			8
A .				16	254						8
248 .				13	155						6
SyrHex	:			11	68.			٠.			5
157.				II	$\mathbf{B}^{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}}$						4
Compl			•	10	C (fre	om	vii	i 5)			3
106.				10	Sca						2

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# A MUTILATED LATIN NEW TESTAMENT OF THE MEROVINGIAN PERIOD.

In the period 1913-1914 there came into the possession of the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, a manuscript which is thus described in Monsieur H. Omont's catalogue:—

'[MSS latins: Nouvelles Acquisitions] [petit format] 1063. Novum Testamentum, praeter Acta et Apocalypsim. Provient de la cathédrale de Beauvais, puis du château de Troussures; no. 2 des ventes de 1909 et 1912. VIII<sup>6</sup> s. Parch. Écriture mérovingienne. 120 feuillets, à 2 col. 220 sur 140 millim. Demi-rel. anc.'

Monsieur Omont has also called attention to the manuscript in a masterly reconstruction of what remains of the valuable cathedral library of Beauvais.<sup>2</sup> In the present note one or two points of interest connected with the manuscript are alluded to, in the hope that it will receive from the hands of an expert a treatment of its textual character such as its age merits.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bibliothèque Nationale: Nouvelles Acquisitions du Département des Manuscrits pendant les années 1913–1914. Inventaire sommaire, par H. Omont (Paris, 1915), pp. 16 f.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Recherches sur la Bibliothèque de l'Église cathédrale de Beauvais (Extrait des Mémoires de l'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres. Tome xi) (Paris, 1914), p. 77.

The Gospel text would appear to be certainly Vulgate, as the Eusebian section numbers are in their places, and are an integral part of the manuscript. But the title and subscription to the usual Latin prologue of the Gospel of St Luke are of special interest:—

(f. 24 r a) EXP:-EVANGL<sup>M</sup>
SCNDM: MARCM
INCP: PREFATIO
SECVD A LVCA

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UCAS SYRUS etc.

That the two erased lines were of some interest is shewn by the subscription to the prologue, which is intact:—

(f. 24 v b) EXPLICIT
PREFATIO
SECVNDVM
LVCANVM
INCIPIT
EVANGELIVM
EIVSDEM.

This subscription provides another instance of the Old Latin accusative form *Lucanum* to which Mgr Mercati and Mr C. H. Turner have already called attention in the JOURNAL.<sup>1</sup>

A second point of interest about the manuscript is the occurrence after the Epistle to Philemon of the Epistle to the Laodiceans (f. 118 r b- v a). I give a collation of the text of this with that printed in my *Text* and Canon of the New Testament (London, 1913).<sup>2</sup>

# EXPL AD FILEMONE INCP AD LAVDICENSIS.

l. 1 homine] hominibus || l. 2 Laudiciae] laodice || gracia || l. 3 nostro om. || gracias || l. 4 Iesu Christo || oracionem || permanentes estis || l. 5 promissum expectantes || l. 6 iudicii || distituant || uaniloquia || l. 7 se om. || sed peto om. || ut habet sed non ne || l. 8 faciet deus || sint om. || l. 9 in] ad || l. 10 sunt om. || l. 11 palam sunt || pacior || l. 13 quod] + est (?) || oracionibus || administrantē spm scm || l. 14 uiuere] + uita || l. 15 ipsum] in ipsum || misericordiā suā || l. 17 ita om. || retenite || l. 18 in timore] amorē || aeterna] in aeternum || l. 19 uos || tractu || l. 21 optimum om. || gaudite || l. 22 sorditus || in omnibus] omnes ||

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Vol. vi (1904–1905) pp. 256 ff, 435. <sup>2</sup> p. 193 f.