

another edition has been published within the last year by a Flemish scholar, whose name I could not learn: but the work is said not to be of much importance.

With regard to the text of the *Agamemnon*, it seems now to be generally agreed that it is rather from modern sagacity than from ancient testimony that help is to be expected for the future. The Medicean MS. appears to be the fountain from which all the other copies in our possession have been derived: and its resources, both actual and possible, must now be pretty well exhausted. Fourteen years ago, Captain Medwin, in the preface to his translation, raised hopes by announcing that some new MSS. had been discovered in the Escorial, and were then being collated by Mr. Fedor: but no further tidings have been heard of them; at least I have sought in vain for any. An inquiry on the subject which I addressed in 1843 to the readers of the *Classical Museum* yet remains unanswered, nor do any facts appear to have come to the ears of the scholars of Germany. Under these circumstances I have thought it needless to give a list of the various readings of MSS. and editions, as others have done, only noticing those which I considered of any consequence. My text is substantially that of Mr. Peile, which I have adopted as on the whole the most satisfactory groundwork to take. The question of the metres I have passed over entirely, feeling myself disqualified from dealing with it by my ignorance of the principles of music, modern as well as ancient, and of the facts bearing upon Greek accent and rhythm. It would be easy to divide the

The last I have read, but it is entirely restricted to questions of stage performance: the former I have unfortunately not been able to procure. From what he told me himself however respecting his opinion, I should judge that the article cannot have been a favourable one. I

was glad to hear from him at the same time that he still cherishes his intention of editing *Æschylus* himself, though his contemporaries seem to fear that a work deferred so long is not likely ever to be carried into execution.