

will, I hope, explain anything that may seem obscure in the relations of the two. All will know the difficulty of dealing satisfactorily with such a case. I should explain that where 'Wecklein's Appendix' is referred to on critical questions, the reference is to the edition of the text with *apparatus criticus* only (1885).

Since the appearance of my former volume Kennedy, Paley, and J. F. Davies have died, honoured and regretted, as I need scarcely say, by me as by all students of literature. To Paley in particular, whatever may have been said or thought of his defects, I shall always profess myself deeply indebted. It was easy to disagree with him and to see the weak points of his scholarship. But few men have done more for the spread of learning and literature in this country. He sent me a few days before he died a vigorous letter of adverse criticism. Most mournfully do I feel that I shall never receive another.

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Continual study strengthens my conviction on one not unimportant point in relation to Aeschylus, the substantial