

be said to those who think this whole apparatus unnecessary. For great scholars and for their pupils it may well be so. Few truths about the Greek language can be otherwise than familiar to them. But if they will be at the trouble to consider the following critical note, and the theory of Sophoclean language which it implies, they will be ready to admit that my observations, even if common-place, are not altogether needless or superfluous. I quote from Nauck's edition of the *Philoctetes*, dated 1876, p. 143:—

50 ff. sind durch Interpolation entstellt. Die Worte *δεῖ σ' ἐφ' οἷς ἐλήλυθας—τί δῆτ' ἄνωγας* (50–54) sind vielleicht unecht, mindestens in ihrer jetzigen Fassung absurd. Wie kann jemand *γενναῖος τῷ σώματι* heissen? warum soll Neopt. gerade dann gehorchen, wenn ihm etwas *ἔον πρὶν οὐκ ἀκήκοεν* aufgetragen wird? in welchem logischen Zusammenhange stehen die Worte *γενναῖον εἶναι μὴ μόνον τῷ σώματι, ἀλλ' ὑπουργεῖν*? Auch das verletzende *ὑπηρέτης πάρει* ist unpassend und durch 15 keineswegs gerechtfertigt. (Reiske wollte *ὑπηρέτης πάρα* schreiben, andere werden vielleicht *ξυνηρέτης πάρει* vorziehen.)

III. It has been urged as a serious objection to this edition that the Greek arguments are not reprinted here. On this subject I speak with some diffidence, knowing that the omission is felt as a defect by eminent scholars. But the point had been carefully considered.

The Greek arguments contain much valuable matter together with some things that are trivial. Precisely the same thing may be said of the ancient Scholia, and of the Anonymous Life. An edition which aims at the completeness of Boeckh's Pindar should contain all these. For an English edition conceived on the present plan, whose aim is rather that professed by Hermann in his preface to the *Ajax*, 'quod instituerat Erfurdus, ut haec editio et adolescentium studiis accommodata esset, neque exclusa ab usu doctorum hominum,' it seemed more appropriate to give selections from all where they appeared most relevant, leaving the reader who wished to see any of them in their entirety to consult the