

alteration. On the other hand, it is also a serious fault to place our manuscripts above the genius of the ancient language and of the author, and to defend the indefensible by 'construing,' as the phrase is, 'through thick and thin.' Who, then, shall be the judge of the golden mean? The general sense, it must be replied, of competent and sympathetic readers. This is the only tribunal to which in such a case an editor can go, and in the hands of this court he must be content to leave the decision.

Con-
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the text.

§ 7. The following table exhibits the places where the reading adopted in my text is found in no ms., but is due to conjecture. The reading placed first is one in which L agrees with some other ms. or MSS., except where it is differently specified. After each conjecture is placed the name of the critic who (to the best of my knowledge) first proposed it: where the priority is unknown to me, two or more names are given.

198 τέλει] τελεῖν Hermann. 200 A long syllable wanting. <τᾶν> Hermann. 2 - υ - υ wanting. <σύμμαχον> Kennedy. 248 ἄμοιρον] ἄμορον Porson. 351 προσεῖπας] προεῖπας Brunck. 360 λέγειν] λέγων Hartung. 376 με...γε σου] σε...γ' ἐμοῦ¹ Brunck. 478 πέτρας ὡς ταῦρος (πετραῖος ὁ ταῦρος first hand of L)] πέτρας ἰσόταυρος E. L. Lushington. 537 ἐν ἐμοῖ] ἐν μοι Reisig. 537 κοῦκ] ἦ οὐκ A. Spengel and Blaydes. 538 γνωρίσοιμι] γνωριοῖμι Elmsley. 657 σ' inserted by Hermann after λόγῳ. 666 καὶ τὰδ] τὰ δ' Kennedy (τὰδ' Herm.). 672 ἐλεινὸν] ἐλεινὸν Porson. 693 εἴ σε νοσφίζομαι] εἴ σ' ἐνοσφίζομαι Hermann, Hartung, Badham. 696 εἰ δύναιο γενοῦ (δύνα first hand in L)] ἂν γένοιο Blaydes. 741 τίνα δ'] τίνος Nauck. 763 ὁ δέ γ' (ὁ γ' L)] οἷ Hermann. 790 προῦφάνη] προῦφηεν Hermann. 815 τίς τοῦδέ γ' ἀνδρὸς νῦν ἔστ' ἀθλιώτερος (others τίς τοῦδέ γ' ἀνδρὸς ἐστὶν ἀθλιώτερος)] τίς τοῦδε νῦν ἔστ' ἀνδρὸς ἀθλιώτερος. I had supposed this obvious remedy to be my own, but find that P. N. Papageorgius (*Beiträge* p. 26, 1883) ascribes it to Dindorf in the *Poet. Scen.*: this then must be some former edit., for it is not in that of 1869 (the 5th), and in the Oxford ed. of 1860 Dind. ejected the verse altogether: see my crit. note on the place. 817 φ...τινα] ὄν...τινι Wunder. 825 μήτ' (μῆστ' first hand in L)] μήδ' Dindorf. 876 ἀκροτάταν] ἀκρότατον Wunder. 891 ἔξεται (ἔξεται, sic, L)] θίξεται Blaydes. 893 θυμῶι (others θυμῶ or θυμοῦ)] θεῶν Hermann. 906 - υ - υ or υ - υ wanting. παλαίφατα Linwood. 943 f. ἦ τέθνηκε Πόλυβος; εἰ δὲ μὴ | λέγω γ' ἐγὼ τὰληθῆς] Triclinius

¹ On p. 82, in crit. note, line 2, for γέ μου read γ' ἐμοῦ.