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# SUBJECT REVIEWS

*A Note from the Editors*

Readers of *Greece and Rome* will notice that some of the Review sections are either shorter than usual or are missing entirely in this issue. This is due to the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 and the measures that governments and universities in the UK, Greece, and USA, where our reviewers are based, were forced to undertake. In some cases, the shutdown of university buildings happened quickly, and colleagues were left with only limited access to their books and offices, or with no access whatsoever. We very much hope that the next issue of *Greece and Rome* will go into production in better circumstances, and thank our readers, reviewers, and authors for their unwavering support.

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*Greek Literature*

Academics have a professional need to be published; publishers have a commercial incentive to create demand. In recent years these convergent interests have released a flood of edited volumes, not all of which can demonstrate a compelling claim to intrinsic or lasting scholarly importance. So it is reassuring to be reminded that a publishing house that contributes liberally, if not recklessly, to the flood continues to produce heavyweight volumes of unquestionable scholarly importance. Consider, for example, the new edition of the Thucydides scholia,[1] on which Alexander Kleinlogel worked from 1960 until a few months before his death on 1 January 2007. The complex task of bringing his material to publishable form was undertaken by Klaus Alpers; illness prevented Alpers from steering the volume through its final stages, which were overseen by Stefano Valente. The introduction comprises 202 pages (the chapter on transmission is incomplete, breaking off after four pages); the lavish edition of the *scholia vetera* occupies 705 pages. The material for a projected second volume containing the *scholia recentiora* was not left in a publishable state, except for the *Lexicon Patmense*, which is included as a forty-eight-page appendix to the present volume's introduction. Reviewing Karl Hude's Teubner edition of the scholia, published in 1927, H. T. Deas concluded: 'obviously this is work which will not require to be done again. Indeed, were it not a praiseworthy task for the sake of completeness, one might be

[1] *Scholia Graeca in Thucydidem. Scholia vetustiora et Lexicon Thucydideum Patmense*. Edited by Alexander Kleinlogel and Klaus Alpers. Sammlung griechischer und lateinischer Grammatiker 15. Berlin, De Gruyter, 2019. Pp. xxiv + 999. Hardback £182, ISBN: 978-3-11-010722-7.

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