

Since we have expressed under some reserve, an opinion that much that is preserved in Lucian is hardly to be classed as Greek wit, it is but fitting to cite one or two exceptions. Here is one from his treatise, "De Saltatu," ii. p. 309, which presents two witty apologues. The people of Antioch were in the habit of criticizing the personal appearances of the actors on the stage. When a short man came on to act the part of Hector, the audience called out, "Where's Hector? You are only the boy Astyanax!" When a very tall one was to play the part of Capaneus scaling the wall of Thebes, they exclaimed, "Step in! Never mind the ladder." In his life of Demonax the same famous satirist and humorist tells succinctly how Demonax, when a sorcerer boasted that he could, by his potent charms, make people give him just what he liked, said, "Follow me; I have one simple charm that will do as much as any of yours." Going to a baker's shop, he produced a penny, and said, "Give me a loaf." Ridiculing the pedantry of such as affect archaic words, Lucian makes this same Demonax say to one who was guilty of so doing, "I asked you, my friend, a question in the language of the day, and you answer it as Agamemnon would have done." But a mine of wit still lies in divers other collections, hardly yet unearthed so as to be *publici juris*.—*Saturday Review*.

CARLYLE'S BEQUEST.

Carlyle bequeathed his estate of Craigenputtock to the University of Edinburgh, for the purpose of founding ten scholarships. We take the following account of the estate from his "Reminiscences":—

"Craigenputtock lapsed to her² (his wife) "in 1842; to me she had left the fee-simple of it by will (in 1824, two years before our marriage), as I remember she once told me thereabouts, and never but once. Will found the other day, after some difficulty, since her departure, and the death of any Welsh to whom she could have wished me to bequeath it. To my kindred it has no relation, nor shall it go to them; it is much a problem with me how I shall leave it settled ("Bursaries for Edinburgh College," or what were best?) after my poor interest in it is over. Considerably a problem; and what her wish in it would have actually been?"

Carlyle's will has solved this problem, and as it is interesting, not only as a piece of work characteristic of its author, but also