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NOTES ON PASSAGES IN THE PLATONIC DIALOGUES.

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NOTE I.

Ἄλλα μὲν δὴ διότι φιλεῖται ὑπὸ θεῶν, φιλουμένον ἐστὶ καὶ θεοφίλες [το θεοφίλες].—(*Euthyphro*. § 12. Bekker).

The last two words, which I have enclosed within brackets, have been added on pure conjecture—"de sola Bastii conjectura," as Stallbaum writes. They have been received by Bekker into his text; and Stallbaum, in a long note, endeavours to prove, that, without the addition, the passage has no tolerable meaning. I venture to think, however, that the emendators of the text are here in the wrong; and that the proposed addition, instead of being necessary, mars the sense of the passage.

To shew this, it will be sufficient to indicate the line of thought in that part of the dialogue where the sentence under consideration occurs. Euthyphro has given a definition of holiness as "that which is loved by the gods;" in other words, the doctrine has been laid down, that, to be God-loved (*θεοφίλες*), and to be holy (*ἅγιον*), are interchangeable expressions. Against this view Socrates directs a battery of argument, as follows :