

92 STORIES FROM ANCIENT GREECE.

in number—were hurried to the place of execution. They were to die by drinking hemlock, and the executioner, who had not prepared enough for so many victims, demanded an extra fee. "Since one cannot even die at Athens without paying for it," said Phocion, "give him his money." He was in his eighty-sixth year.

The resentment of the Athenians was carried



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to the length of decreeing that no one within the boundaries of Attica should furnish fire for the pile on which his body was to be burnt. A lady of the neighbouring State of Megara performed the ceremony. She carefully gathered up the bones, carried them home in her lap, and buried them under her hearth. "Guardians of this place"—so she addressed