

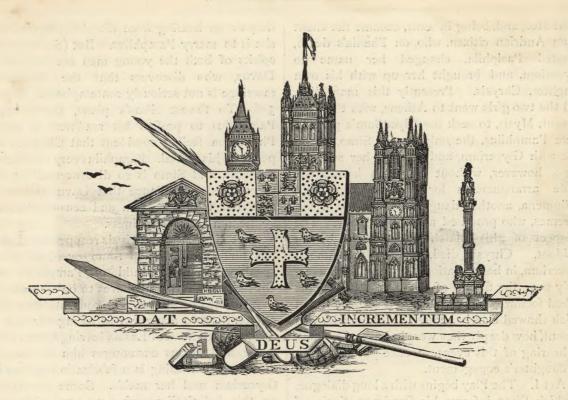
SIMO CHREMES PAMPHILUS (S. L. Holmes)

(M. A. Phillimore)

(M. S. Bravning)

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DAVUS
(D. H. Kitchin)



The Elizabethan.

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THE 'ANDRIA.'

IT would indeed puzzle a stranger to Terence's works to read the various criticisms of the Plays acted at Westminster. 'The Andria is perhaps the best of the Westminster cycle,' is completely contradicted by another newspaper's 'even less interesting than usual,' and indeed the same contradictions are to be observed every year. The fact is that the plots of Terence are none of much interest in themselves, though each play has at least one scene of exceptional merit. The Andria contains probably the best scene in all Terence, when the baby appears.

The standard set by last year's cast was high, and if this year the acting was not quite as

good, it should be remembered that only two had appeared on our stage before, while it was also generally agreed that two at least of the characters were played with unusual success.

The Andria is rather a favourite with Old Westminsters, and on the last night especially we must thank the audience for their appreciation.

The title is taken from the reputed nationality of the heroine, Glycerium. Many years before the action of the Play begins, Chremes, an Athenian citizen, having to make a voyage to Asia, left his little daughter, Pasiphila, under the care of his brother, Phania. A war meanwhile broke out, and, to avoid possible danger, Phania determined to follow his brother with the child. He was shipwrecked on the island

of Andros, and, being in want, became the client of an Andrian citizen, who, on Phania's death, adopted Pasiphila, changed her name to Glycerium, and brought her up with his own daughter, Chrysis. Presently this man died, and the two girls went to Athens, with their old servant, Mysis, to seek for Glycerium's parents. Here Pamphilus, the only son of Simo, fell in love with Glycerium, and married her secretly. Simo, however, without his son's knowledge, made arrangements for his marriage with Philumena, another daughter of his old friend Chremes, who promised an ample dowry. The prospect of this match was marred by an accident. Chrysis died, and at the funeral Glycerium, in her agitation, approached dangerously near the flames of the pyre. Pamphilus rushed forward to save her, and a scene followed which showed clearly enough to Simo, who was present, how deeply they were in love. Chremes, on hearing of this event, at once put an end to his daughter's engagement.

Act I. The Play begins with a long dialogue, in which Simo informs his freedman, Sosia, of the early life of Pamphilus, his engagement to Philumena, the discovery of his passion for Glycerium, and the consequent breaking off of He determines, nevertheless, to the match. make Pamphilus believe that the marriage is to take place after all, hoping eventually to overcome the objections of Chremes. Scene 2.-The situation having thus been explained to the audience, Davus (the confidential servant of Pamphilus) appears, anxious to help the son against the father, but afraid of the possible consequences to himself. Simo threatens him with the severest penalties if he hinders the marriage with Philumena. Scenes 4, 5.-We see Mysis on her way to fetch a nurse for Glycerium; but she is stopped by the sudden entrance of Pamphilus, complaining bitterly of the heartless conduct of his father, who has just told him that he is to be married at once. Mysis urges him to be true to Glycerium, and Pamphilus, in a speech of great pathos, gives a most solemn assurance of his fidelity.

Act II. Scene I introduces Charinus, who, being in love with Philumena, is reduced to

despair on hearing from his slave, Byrria, that she is to marry Pamphilus. But (Scene 2) the spirits of both the young men are revived by Davus, who discovers that the threatened marriage is not seriously contemplated. Scenes 3-6.—To thwart Simo's plans, Davus urges Pamphilus to profess his readiness to marry Philumena, feeling confident that Chremes will persist in his refusal. Pamphilus very reluctantly consents, and Simo is so disconcerted by this unexpected compliance that Davus is able to turn the tables on him and censure the old gentleman for his stinginess.

Act III. Scene 1. Mysis reappears, bringing the nurse, Lesbia; and Simo overhears them speaking about a child of Pamphilus and Glycerium. This he believes to be all part of a plot hatched by Davus, and congratulates himself on his own acuteness in seeing through it. Scene 2.—Simo sees Lesbia leaving Glycerium's house, and Davus encourages him to imagine that the whole thing is a fabrication got up by Glycerium and her maids. Scene 3.—Acting on this belief, Simo, after no small difficulty, induces Chremes to consent to a renewal of the engagement. Scenes 4, 5.—At this Davus is completely nonplussed, Pamphilus is enraged with Davus, and Charinus with them both.

Act IV. Scenes 1, 2. Pamphilus explains matters to the indignant Charinus, and Davus promises to find some way out of the scrape. He hopes to do this by making Mysis lay the infant before Simo's door. Scenes 3, 4.—In an amusing dialogue, which Chremes is purposely allowed to hear, Davus forces Mysis to tell him that Pamphilus is the father. This information has the desired effect, and Chremes goes off, resolved that his daughter shall never be the wife of Pamphilus. Matters thus seem at a deadlock, when (Scene 5) there appears on the scene a respectable old gentleman from Andros, by name Crito, a cousin of the late Chrysis, and heir at-law of her property. He lights upon Mysis and Davus, and all three go into Glycerium's house.

At the beginning of Act V. Simo is in vain endeavouring to persuade Chremes that he is the victim of a cunningly-devised plot, when Davus

comes out of Glycerium's house, unaware of their presence. When angrily challenged by Simo as to his business there, he accidently lets out that Pamphilus is within, and vainly endeavours to screen himself by explaining how the stranger Crito affirms that Glycerium is an Athenian born. Simo, in a fury, shouts for Dromo, the slave who flogged for the family, and the luckless Davus, in spite of his protestations, is carried off bodily to condign punishment. Scene 2.-Pamphilus, summoned from the house, is loaded with bitter reproaches, and accused of having suborned Crito. Scene 3.-With difficulty is Simo persuaded even to hear the stranger speak for himself. Chremes recognises in Crito an old friend, but this does not prevent Simo from assailing the Andrian in the strongest terms. When at length Crito tells his story, Glycerium is proved to be the long-lost Pasiphila, Chremes' elder daughter; and Pamphilus is not only able to acknowledge his wife, but receives a handsome dowry into the bargain. Charinus also has good hopes of being allowed to marry Philumena. Scene 5.— Davus is released, though terribly sore from his punishment; and the curtain falls upon his assurance that all will be happily settled within the house.

THE FIRST NIGHT.

As has been the usual experience on first night performances during the last few years, the acting, though not of a very high standard, was a vast improvement on the dress rehearsal. The house was unusually well filled, especially the gods, which could hardly have contained more people. The ladies may always be relied on to be kind in their attention, but can never be expected fully to appreciate the Epilogue.

THE SECOND NIGHT.

Once again the acting on the second night was much brighter, and the Play went with an excellent swing. The Epilogue was received with much applause and laughter, though the house was not very well filled. Many distinguished gentlemen were present, the audience including the Deans of Westminster, St. Paul's, and Christ Church, Sir Eldon Bankes, Sir S.

Rowlatt, the Mayor of Westminster, Sir William Vincent, Bart., Sir Henry Craik, Sir William Leishman, Sir George Sutherland, Sir Molesworth Macpherson, the Swiss Minister, the Secretary for Scotland, the Postmaster-General, Canon Carnegie, the Rev. P. A. Ellis, and Mr. T. Staveley Oldham.

THE THIRD NIGHT.

The acting reached about the same level as on the second night, but the house was more appreciative, consisting as it did of so many Old Westminsters. The nervousness noticeable on the first night and to a certain extent on the second had passed off, and the Play and Epilogue went off most successfully. Some points in the latter were exceptionally well received. audience included the Lord Justice Phillimore (in the chair), the Bishop of London, Mr. Justice Lush, Mr. Victor Williamson, C.B., C.M.G., the Provost of Oriel, the Principal of Brazenose, Sir Havilland de Sausmarez, Canon Pearce, the Rev. Dr. Bonney, Canon Sloman, Mr. Herbert Nield, K.C., M.P., Mr. Russell Barker, Mr. Clement Webb, and the Rev. H. W. Waterfield.

Play Notes.

THE Headmaster again wrote a scholarly and interesting Prologue. The deaths of two Old Westminsters connected with India furnished the subject, and reference was made to other alumni whose names are famous for their services in that country.

The Press notices, owing presumably to the 'slack season,' were longer and more numerous than usual. The lower class of newspaper dismissed the Play with a few lines, and proceeded to give the Epilogue more or less in full. Never more than at present does the remark 'The Play's the thing' seem necessary. A typical instance was the paragraph in the Daily Mail, which quoted one pun wrong, thus spoiling the point.

The best critique was undoubtedly that of the *Times*, as was natural, seeing that it was the work of a distinguished young O.W. The *Daily Telegraph* and *Morning Post* both gave lengthy dissertations on the work of Terence, a short account of the plot of the 'Andria,' and a very few lines of criticism. The *Daily Graphic* published photographs of two scenes, and a short and very inaccurate notice,

Of the evening papers the notices in the *Pall Mall Gazette* were very numerous and lengthy; on the whole they were good, except for one, 'by a Westminster boy,' which appeared on the first play night, and was ignorant and inaccurate. The *Globe* and the *Westminster Gazette* also gave long accounts.

Among other periodicals, the Athenæum, the Glasgow Herald, the Manchester Guardian, and the Church Times published notices of some value. The Western Mail, Cardiff, rejoiced in the fact that the author of the Epilogue was once at Llandaff Cathedral School.

Once again we have to deplore the lack of any real criticism in the majority of newspapers; nearly all notices were entirely complimentary instead of pointing out the obvious faults.

The Epilogue was the work of G. G. Williams, Esq. It was rather shorter than usual, owing to some cuts at a late period. Though the touch of true satire was seldom noticeable (Simo's 'infortunati nimium' was excellent), the House was brought down by several good points. The beginning was considerably better than the end, and parody was conspicuous throughout. It is somewhat to be regretted that for several years past the Epilogue has been without a plot of any kind.

ANDRIA. 1913

PAMPHILUS						S. L. Holmes.
SIMO .						R. R. Turner.
Sosia .						R. S. Browning.
DAVUS .						D. H. Kitchin.
Mysis .						G. G. F. Greig.
CHARINUS						S. F. Waterson.
BYRRHIA						C. L. Bayne.
LESBIA						G. R. D. Gee.
CHREMES						M. A. Phillimore.
CRITO .						A. N. Charlton.
DROMO.						T. R. Dawson.

PROLOGUS IN ANDRIAM.

Bene est si vos valetis: de nobis liquet:
Quin hodie templum si sibi Aesculapius
Habere vellet, nostram deligeret domum.
Hoc est cur omni tempore tot nostratium,
Aetate adulta, caecis in periculis
Inter paludes pestiferas vel torrido
Solis sub aestu, sani et robusti tamen
Operam navare potuerint fortissimam,
Reducesque tandem nondum fractis viribus
Viridem senectam patrio in rure foverint.
Horum duos lugemus, amplum in India
Honorem quondam meritos: unum¹ aerario
Illic praefectum nil ubi est antiquius
Quam ut sit ad amussim ratio vectigalium:
Alter² sedebat praetor ubi quam maxime

WE hope you're well; and all can see That we are well as well can be; Yes, Health is in this house enshrined; No fitter temple could she find. That's why the sons of Westminster Have ever flourished everywhere. How often, summoned in their prime To labour in some distant clime, In lands where many a risk is run From reeking swamp and flaming sun, They've staunchly served the commonwealth Armed with invulnerable health, And then at last, their leisure earned, Still hale and vigorous have returned To walk in old familiar ways, And spend in honourable ease The cheery winter of their days. Two such we mourn, by death removed, Whose merit India tried and proved.

¹ Sir Henry Waterfield (Q.S. 1851-1853), G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I., formerly Financial Adviser to the Council of India.

² Sir Francis W. Maclean (Townboy 1859-1862), formerly Chief Justice of Bengal,

Refert ut accurate et invidia procul
Dirimantur lites genti subtilissimae.
Ambo laudati laudes ultro filii
Matri almae detulere, et parte pro sua
In hoc studebant semper ne recentior
Propago degeneraret a senioribus.

Nam, carmen ut divinum vel clangor tubae, Ita tangit corda magnum nomen Indiae Et imperi per tanta et tot discrimina Fundati, adaucti, conservati denique. In quo obtinendo mille si bello viros Fortes, togatos mille consilio graves Si poteris enumerare, tamen, ni fallimur, Praecipua nostrae palma tribuetur scholae. Quis enim prioris unus, quisve posterae Aetatis tantum effecit quantum Hastingsius¹ (Veniam ferat tam barbaro cognomini Viri Romanum robur et constantia) Qui primo his ipsis puer egressus moenibus, Proconsulari tandem imperio praeditus, Reges, tetrarchas, populos, urbes inclytas Subegit in dicionem, tum provincias Discripsit, quoque regere oporteret modo, Colligere quo tributa, quo leges dare, Id omne instituit, hostium spernens dolos, Suorum spernens altior calumnias. Illo minor, par ceteris, Bentinckius² Successit olim, nactus qui feliciter Pacem, emendandis moribus se dedidit, Viis per rura muniendis, gentium Studiis ita conciliandis ut cognoscerent Fidem, iustitiam nostram, benevolentiam. Neque aliud munus gessit is quem tertium Memorabo, Christi antistes,3 venerandum caput, Aversum qui inter populum et alienos deos, Ipsa pietate victor, doctrinam sacram Exemplo vitae commendavit integrae. Prolixe sum locutus, at vobis, scio, Non displicebit, quia praesertim me decet Et nosse et concelebrare hodie quid indoles, Nutrita faustis rite sub penetralibus, Possit pro patria, pro subiectis, pro Deo.

One ruled where fiscal science finds
Fit work for analytic minds.
As judge-in-chief the second framed,
While glib-tongued litigants' declaimed,
Those judgments, void of fault and flaw,
That vindicate an alien law.
Both earned their honours, both repaid
Their debt to Westminster, and made
Their honours ours, and strove amain
Our strength and credit to maintain.

INDIA! Thy name's a trumpet-call, A pæan loud that thrills the soul With thoughts of many a peril braved, Of empire won and empire saved; And if, to guard that vast domain, Thousands have toiled and toiled again, In war and peace, with hand and brain, Yet—scan the record where you will— Our heroes hold precedence still. For who of all that figure there With WARREN HASTINGS can compare, A man of iron, a man endued With Roman strength and fortitude? He from this very house went forth, While yet a lad, to prove his worth, And hold at last supreme command In that immense, mysterious land, Where, quenching many an age-long feud, Kings, princes, nations he subdued; Then for each part and province drew Fresh boundaries, wrote their laws anew And taught their rulers thus to rule, Thus to ease the load of tax and toll. Such was his task, triumphant still O'er treachery, slander, spite, ill-will. In after years his place was held By one whom he alone excelled, When BENTINCK, blessed by times of peace, Bade many an evil custom cease, New highways through the jungle drove, And, labouring for the peoples, strove Our justice, faith, good-will to prove. No other task was his-the third Whose praise should in this house be heard— That Bishop who to minds possessed By strange fanatic faiths addressed True Christian teaching, void of strife, Embodied in a Christian life.

My speech is long, but you, I know, Will not reprove me if I show What noble natures, wisely trained, For God and country have attained.

^{&#}x27; Warren Hastings (K.S. 1747-1749), first Governor-General of India, 1772-1785. Elijah Impey, afterwards Chief Justice of Bengal, was elected K.S. in the same year.

² Lord William Bentinck (Townboy, 1748), Governor-General of India, 1828-35. 'The modern history of the British in India, as benevolent administrators, ruling the country with a single eye to the good of the natives, may almost be said to begin with Lord William Bentinck.' (Sir W. W. Hunter.)

³ George Edward Lynch Cotton (K.S. 1828-1832), Bishop of Calcutta, 1858-1866.

EPILOGUS IN ANDRIAM.

PERSONAE.

SIMO	:Diuis	200		A Legal Luminary			R. R. TURNER.
DAVUS		2 2 2 2		A Misaristocrat			D. H. KITCHIN.
PAMPHILU	S			A Master of Oil-Lore .			S. L. HOLMES.
CHREMES	10	0.700		An Agitator disguised as a Rust	ic		M. A. PHILLIMORE.
CHARINUS	1		10	A Chameleon Authority on Dres.	S.		S. F. WATERSON.
DROMO	4	1		A Constable			T. R. Dawson.
Mysis				Representative of the Tricolours		0.	G. G. F. GREIG.
LESBIA			. 91	Representative of the Teutons			G. R. D. GEE.
Sosia				A Poet			R. S. Browning.
BYRRIA				The Spirit of Progress .			C. L. BAYNE
CRITO				The Spirit of the Past .			A. N. CHARLTON.

Scene: —A street where four roads (and twelve people) meet. Right, a House. Left, a Prison.

[SIMO and DAVUS are discovered at table.]

Da. Marcone hunc cyathum placet ebibere? optima vina;

Hoc claret. (raising his glass) Reditus haec mea coepta ferant

Ingentes, longeque supra par evolet illis Argentum.

SI. Ast opus est addere nescioquid.

DA. Quid? Comiti absenti, qui cessat in urbe Bogota. Da. (drinking) Absenti socio! longa sit usque via!

Sicubi sunt, faveant olearia numina nostro!

SI. Sed quid opus verbis? ipse magister adest.

PA. Salve. Quomodo habent se res?

DA. Male; nam populus nos Obruit iratus fluctibus invidiae.

PA. Nil olei similest, rapido cum turbine fluctus Verritur: et mecum vas tibi forte fero.

Da. Hic oleum atque operam perdas. Sed cena paratast: Heus tu! pone dapes.

PA. Est mihi dira fames [A large covered dish is brought in.]

DA. Hoc guid sit?

St. (lifting cover) Mirum ni Phasias.

DA. Euge! beasti! Infelix avium dedecus, ecce, iaces. O pestis, quae tanta infligis damna colono Radices rodens, et dominaris agris!

SI. Infelix rapum et tu mango, versile monstrum! (flourishing a mangold-wurzel)

DA. (in alarm) Hem, cave!

SI. Tene huius dente perire malo!

Da. O miseri agricolae, queis non domus ulla salubris, Sed pretium a dominis esuriale datur!

[SIMO and DAVUS are discovered at table.]

Da. Here's a health to Marconi, our excellent crony! (raising his glass) My word, hock and claret as good as I know.
'Twere a neat little gamble to join in the

scramble and see the good shares to a

premium go.

SI. One thing you've forgot; that's another health. DA. What !

Our friend's who's away in Bogota. SI. DA. (drinking) Dear man! Far far may he toil in the quest after oil and

so help his true fellows to fill up the can.

SI. You may just stop your clack, here's the Master come back.

PA. And how are you, my boys, and how stands it with you?

DA. Oh, there's risen a breeze that has lifted the seas and the bark of our fortunes can barely get through.

PA. Ah! but oil on the wave the good vessel will save, and see, here's a bottle, your trouble's all gone.

DA. No, that way you'll lose both the toil and the cruse; but dinner is ready, so, John, put it on.

PA. I'm starving or near.

[A large covered dish is brought in.]

And what have we here? DA.

SI. (lifting cover) It's a pheasant.

A pheasant? Aha and hoohoo! O reproach and disgrace of the feather-borne race, what you bring upon others is come upon you.

O pride of the shoot and O bane of the root, O piller of Pales' industrious crew!

SI. O mangold and swede! (flourishing a mangoldwurzel)

DA. (in alarm) Come, I say, just take heed. To think that its pecker should peck you awav!

DA. O unfortunate lot of the peasant, whose cot cannot keep out the rain, and what rent

he's to pay!

SI. Infortunati nimium, sua si mala norint. (seeing Chremes)

Sed quis adest? Lupus in fabula.

DA. (graciously) Ehem, bone vir! (indicating pheasant)
An talis tua quae laedit sata?

CHR. (with scorn) Nunc ego primum Audio Phasiacas exitio esse satis.

DA. (aside) O damnum! (to Chremes) tamen hoc erras; namque improba rapis
En, scelus, implerat dulcibus ingluviem.

CHR. Credat Iudaeus!

Pa. Nimium tu nosse videris.

SI. (whispering to DAVUS)

Num tu re vera hunc agricolam esse putas? Velle comam et barbam.

DA. En, plebis turbator Hibernae! Chr. (excitedly) Libertas! Vobis quis dedit inicere Vincula mi?

DA. Sed liber ades.

CHR. Quo vincula iure

SI. (pointing to prison) Illa lege.

Chr. (reading) 'Quicumque huc intras, omnem depone timorem.'

PA. Exitus hinc citior quam datur introitus. Quid tamen huc fugiens petis aut cupis?

Chr. (with confusion) Haud scio recte Quid cupiam; ast aliquid forsitan acciderit:

Ignea crux late haec longeque vagabitur : ipse Dixi.

SI. (with assumed fear)

O'Lar, cineres, ni tuearis, ero.

CHR. Omnibus indico bellum sociale.

SI. Boni di!
Bellorum tantum vix tibi, Caesar, erat:
Hic bellum Sociale, alii Civile minantur.

DA. (receiving and opening a telegram) Da veniam, quaeso. (reading) 'Iustitiae dominus Abdicat.' At quis nunc capiet successor honorem?

SI. (eagerly) Accipio.

DA. (doubtfully) At fiat iudicium Paridis. (seeing CHARINUS)

Atque eccum Paris ipse! hic iudex esto.
CHA. (surprised)
Non Paris.
CHA. (surprised)

PA. Est certe rustica braca tibi. CHA. Hoc sagulo indutus maneo bene siccus in omne

Tempus: et hic petasus tempora cuncta decet.

Talis in urbe modus: vel sic (affixing a plume) si forte manu fers:

Nostra patent quovis ingeniosa loco.

SI. O unfortunate crew, if their ills they but knew! (seeing Chremes) But talk of the devil.

DA. (graciously) Good evening, my man. (indicating pheasant)

Of your crops here's the foe.

Chr. (with scorn) That is more than I know.

Do pheasants eat mangolds? I'm shot if
they can.

they can.

DA. (aside) Ugh! (to CHREMES) I tell you they do, and to show that it's true I'll open the crop of the glutton. You see?

CHR. It's a conjurer's trick.

PA. 'Twas a little too thick: You're M.A., that is Artium Agricolae.

SI. (whispering to DAVUS) I suspect he's a flam and his beard all a sham. Have it off.

DA. The Hibernian striker, by gad! Chr. (excitedly) Hail, Liberty, hail! Dare ye put me in jail?

DA. Just now you appear to be out of it, lad. Chr. And aren't ye afeard thus to pluck off my beard with my fetters?

SI. (pointing to prison) Just read that inscription, dear brother.

Chr. (reading) 'Abandon all fear he who entereth here.'

PA. To get in, to get out, one's as easy as t'other.

But what brings you so here from Dublin? Chr. (with confusion) Don't know, but there's always a chance. See the fiery cross.

SI. (with assumed jear) O Mars, how it flashes!
My house will be ashes.

CHR. I declare social war.

SI. The fierce Ares is boss.

When Belfast and Dublin our peace are both throublin', it's Rome in the days of great Julius Caesar.

DA. (receiving and opening a telegram) One moment, a wire. (reading) 'Lord A. will retire.' And whom shall we name his successor?

SI. (eagerly)

DA. (doubtfully) Who'll a Paris provide such a case to decide?

(seeing Charinus) He provides us himself.

CHA. (surprised)

No, not Paris; Charinus.

PA. With a countryman's bags.

CHA.

The last thing, Sir, in shags. With a coat such as this, my good Sir, we design us

All weathers we face, and you see what a grace is conferr'd by this head-gear in country or town (affixing a plume).

For this or for that but one coat and one hat.

Da. Sed certamen adest, quis nostrum pessimus; et te

Iudice lis fiat.

CHA. (innocently) Quid mihi cum vitio?

PA. Nam sceleratorum quanta experientia! partes Omnes temptasti.

CHA. Nulla placebat enim.

PA. Tune illis?

CHA. (indicating SIMO) Huic iustitiae do praemia summae.

At si vos voltis, cur ego sic statuam,

Nosse, nihil dico; nam tempus deficit, et me Aeroplana vocat subque marina ratis.

[Mysis enters unobserved, and deposits a brownpaper parcel near one of the doors.]

SI. (seeing Mysis) Sed quaenam haec mulier, pallenti tabida voltu?

My. (excitedly) Excessi, evasi hinc; namque perire fame

Cum volui, vetuit praetor: sic muribus aegris Felina insultat lex—et abire sinit.

PA. (seeing parcel) Sed quidnam hoc? miror. Mulier, tune apposuisti hoc?

My. Non ego.

PA. Num puer est? (he shakes the parcel, which gives a metallic sound) Non puerile dedit Murmur! nullum animal ni struthio talia possit Digerere.

DA. (with inspiration)

Inferna est machina, et illa cupit Improba nos omnes ad sidera tollere.

PA. Qui scis?

DA. Incensaeque domus, crura caputque docent
Contusum. (he snatches Mysis' bag, and extracts a box of matches.)

Agnosco veteris vestigia flammae.

[They make a rush at Mysis.]

My. Cur habeas corpus? (drawing a hatpin)
Nunc retinete manus.

SI. Hem, Dromo! ades. Dr. Quid vis?

SI. Rape.

Dr. Quem?
Hanc: et fuste ferite

SI. Hanc; et fuste ferito.

My. I, ferias inopem feminam.

SI. Hyaena, apage! [They drive Mysis off.]

Fiat iustitia, urbs ruat.

[A figure descends from sky behind scenes.]

Da. But now we contend for iniquity's crown. So please to decree which of us it must be.

Cha. (innocently) And pray what have I got to do with the bad?

Pa. Parts all you have tried and so well can decide.

Cha. Parts all but was pleased with not one that I had.

PA. Your judgment?

Cha. (indicating Simo) For him whom for short I'll call Sim, but as for the reasons you'll get none, my bounders,

For the aeroplane cries 'Up with me to the skies!' and the submarine 'Down with me,

down, to the flounders.'

[Mysis enters unobserved, and deposits a brownpaper parcel near one of the doors.]

SI. (seeing Mysis) But who's this so sallow with cheeklets like tallow?

My. (excitedly) Got out, I got out, I got out, I got out, Sir, I say.

Your man-law's a cheat, but its tricks I have beat: when I hunger-struck, 'Off,' says McKenna, 'go, play.'

But cat-and-mouse laws with their clauses and claws are an insult to women; but there, I'm away.

PA. (seeing parcel) What's this? Something queer? Was it you put it here?

My.
PA. A babe? (he shakes the parcel, which gives a metallic sound). That's no infantile cry.

Though ostrichian moans have the rattle of stones, no cradle of man has that hard lullaby.

DA. (with inspiration) An infernal machine, and the monster must mean to send us all hugamug up to the sky.

Pa. Are you sure?

DA. And their ire sets our houses afire; we've witness in bruises of shank and of pate.

An old song is the catch of the lucifer match. (he snatches Mysis' bag, and extracts a box of matches. They make a rush at Mysis.)

My. (drawing a hatpin) Who dares now to seize me, he runs on his fate.

SI. Hi, Dromo! Here, Dromo.

Dr. Sir. Se

SI. Seize—Yes, Sir; whom? Yes, Sir; whom? Oh, the woman, and whip her and wollup her well.

My. A weak woman, and lash her?

SI, An hyena, and slash her!

[They drive Mysis off.]

'Twere well to be just, though the country, ma'am, fell.

[A figure descends from sky behind scenes.]

PA. At caelum ruit ipsum. Hucine tu quemquam rere volare, Dromo, Hendone? Germanis accessi sospes ab oris. LE. (entering) SI. Odi illos. LE. Cur? SI. Cur? horrida bella parant. LE. Hoc quoque de vobis-SI. Tota est Germania mendax. LE. Ast ego nunc vobis pacifica advenio. DA. Quid portas? Numnam navales feriae agentur? LE. Non: sed opes causae colligo. PA. Cuine? LE. Domo Felibus amissis devotae. PA. Ego nil moror istas Feles Teutonicas: quippe Britannus ego. LE. Sed quot Olympiacis ludis das milia! PA. (indignantly) Pro di! Felibus aequare haec audet Olympiacos. LE. (to DAVUS) Tune aliquid dabis? Haud pro nugis illa quotannis Milia quinque dedit patria ; plebis enim Propugnaculum ego, haud felinae venditor escae. Tam gratast plebes scilicet ista tibi Ut petat emigrans Australia litora. DA. (with scorn) Nummos Nempe novem haud volt pro quattuor accipere. [Sosia enters reading a volume of verse.] LE. Sed quis adest senior redimitus tempora lauru? Mirum ni vates. (to CRITO) Quae legis? So. (handing her the book) Ipsa lege. LE. Scribis erotica? So. Sic. LE. (with disappointment) Ridenda poemata malo. So. Nectara at hoc tria olet. LE. Sed lege quod tria olet. ' Haud égo ámo cúcumím Qui pér tenébras fúriáto Cursu índigéstus lúgubrém In éxta fácit Impetém, et árdens ímpigré bacchátur.' Amas haec? Nascitur et non fit laureolatus. LE. So. [SIMO and PAMPHILUS have been examining LESBIA'S slit skirt. As Sosia retires, they approach.] SI. Excusa me. (louder) Excusa me.

Vin tu dare nummos?

Non ego; sed visa es tu lacerasse aliquid.

Cum de Teutonico velles descendere curru.

LE. (turning round)

PA. The country? The skies! Is it someone that flies from Hendon? LE. (entering) From Germany safe to your shore. SI. Hang Teutons! LE. And why? SI. Because battle's your cry. LE. And yours. SI. And such fictions! It's peace I bring o'er. LE. DA. What, a shipbuilding rest, of all blessings the best? I'm collecting. LE. PA. What for? LE. For a home for lost cats. PA. Why give Germany pelf when I want it myself to give meat to my own pretty maulers of rats? LE. The Olympian games though, you put down your names for some very large sums. PA. (indignantly) What a muddlehead mind! LE. (to DAVUS) Will you give me a guinea? You think me a ninny, but that's what I'm not, my good woman, you'll find. I've a salary, true, but I've nothing for you. What? cat's meat? Not I, I'm the people's delight. LE. And is that why it hies to Australian skies? DA. (with scorn) No, ninepence for four is a cock that won't fight. [Sosia enters reading a volume of verse.] LE. But who's the old card with a bay-wreath? What's that you are reading? A bard? So. (handing her the book) Just read it yourself. LE. What, love-songs? That's so. So. LE. (with disappointment) I like verses that go: all verses not comic I leave on the shelf. So. But triolets, come. LE. Well, just read me some. 'The cucumber I do not like So. That through insides with frenzy goeth And piercing like a very pike As trail'd by Pistol Paineth, vexeth, burneth, and upbloweth.' To your taste, ma'am? LE. The poet, they tell us, is born. So. Away. [SIMO and PAMPHILUS have been examining LESBIA'S slit skirt. As Sosia retires, they approach.] SI. Pray excuse me; (louder) excuse me, I LE. (turning round) You mean to subscribe? No, I don't; but you've torn,

On leaving your car—a mere snag but 'twill

mar your appearance,

DA. O asine! hunc mulier fert hodierna modum.

SI. (excitedly) Crus video.

LE. Ecqua vetat lex crura ostendere? leges Dat bracatus homo: nos quoque mancipia.

PA. Heu, miserande Pudor! si qua lina irrita rumpas,

Nuda eris. Hoc fungar munere inani

equidem.

[As he tries to pin up the slit, LESBIA kicks out.]

LE. Vincit vir linguam; num crus vincire licebit?

[Enter Byrrhia jauntily.]

Vah! quam bellus homo! (to BYRRHIA) nectere visne choros?

Num tu, non tu vis choreis te iungere?

By. Dudum.

[They dance, but at CRITO's appearance they desist.]

LE. Desine.

Nam quis adest vir pietate gravis? Ellum, confidens; exemplum temporis acti.

CRI. (to BYRRHIA) Ecquid te pudet? O improba pars hominis!

Tales nunc iuvenes, aetas mala.

LE. Ouid malefecit?

CR. Et quae tu, mulier? Gallicane?

LE. O, sileas.

CR. (nettled) An Gabbae deles nomen? Si dicere quae volt Perget, quae non volt audiet.

O bone vir! By. (engagingly)

CR. (furiously)

Nil ego tango te: ne tu me tange. Choreas Dic ubi tam pravas videris.

Anne velis Talia tu spectare? ad quodlibet ire theatrum Est opus. Em, restat tessera—Palladii.

Cr. Palladii! numnam ipsa potest corrumpere

Pallas?

Vah! perii! nusquam ludicra sunt hodie: Nam male contenti chorus instrumenta re-Tibicen, tubicen, cornicen et fidicen.

CR. Nil ad me. Vos, par ignobile, inutile, prayum, Concludendi estis robore: non male sit, Si durus vobis labor imponatur in annum.

Parce: nimis durus forte, Crito, es criticus. Tale genus iuvenumst, ut dicis, inutile: sed non

Omnes talia habent commoda qualia nos. (coming forward)

Non cuivis puero contingit adire quietas Sedes quas nobis saecla dedere pia.

Sed iam tempus abire, nucesque relinquere nostras:

Ergo hoc solum addam: Floreat Alma Domus.

The idiot! That's how they're worn. SI. (excitedly) A shin I perceive.

And men, I believe, have been known to appear in knee-breeches:

PA. If you'll let me, a pin, for when rents once

begin-

[As he tries to pin up the slit, LESBIA kicks out.]

Coercion, compulsion, constriction, LE. all through.

[Enter BYRRHIA jauntily]

Oh, here's a brave spark: now, now for a lark! Oh will you, oh won't you, come join in the dance?

By. I'm with you.

[They dance, but at CRITO'S appearance they desist.]

LE. Enough.

Here's a male Gruffanuff; with By. all that is new he's for breaking a lance.

CRI. (to BYRRHIA) Oh wicked and blameful, oh shocking and shameful! old England a prey to the fashions of France!

LE. You're a silly precisian.

Your ways are Parisian. CRI.

LE. Be quiet.

CRI. (nettled) Your name must be Gaby Deslys.

By. (engagingly) Dear sir! CRI. (furiously) You go hang, go! and down with the Tango! Where, where is it lawful such horrors to see?

By. You would go? It's the rage of the musichall stage. A Palladium ticket; here, take it, go free.

CRI. The Palladium? Shade of Minerva the maid!

I forgot, though: why, hang it, By. the music has struck.

They who blow up the trumpet are angry and dump it, the flute and the lute are all silent, my buck.

CRI. It is nothing to me, but that you should be free is a scandal: I'd give you a twelvemonth in jail.

PA. Dear Crito, enough; you're a little too rough, and it's not always well to come down on the nail.

(coming forward)

There's a world that's not got our most fortunate lot, our valley sequester'd, our wind-sheltered bay.

But time and the hour over all have their power; so, as ever, let FLOREAT finish.

our play.

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To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR.—Your critic must be allowed a few lines in which to congratulate the cast of the Andria, 1913, before he begins his criticisms, and to thank

them for their performance.

The work of part learning, organisation and rehearsal before a Play is arduous, and there must be no lack of it if the curtain is to fall at last on success. This year it was evident that much good work and thought had been expended. The pity was-and here criticism creeps back to claim its place—that they had not been more evenly distributed. The responsibility for failure or success rests ultimately with the actors. That may seem an obvious truism. But some members of the cast had not realised it. Three or four, the holders of some of the smaller parts included, had really studied their parts, imagined themselves in the situations Terence had contrived for them, and, in the cant phrase, 'worked up the business.' The others had been content to be taught, as it seemed. They could say their lines with the appropriate emphasis and use often the appropriate gestures, but failed, for the lack of a little more study and imagination, to sink their own individuality and to convince us of the reality of Terence's creations. The question resolves itself in the end into one of 'business.' It is, we repeat, the actor's duty to provide his own 'business,' and not to rely upon a few tropes—such as Dromo's mistaken assault of Chremes-which tradition has preserved from earlier Plays. He will find his part coming to him much more easily and naturally if he knows beforehand where to stand and what to be doing. Such knowledge, for the ordinary person, comes only by careful and premeditated muzzing.' What is already done for individual scenes, constantly rehearsed by themselves, could be done by each actor for his whole part. 'Counsels of perfection, Mr. Critic.' No doubt; and therefore not to be too seriously taken by the criticised.

To come to individual performers. Mr. D. H. Kitchin had in Davus the 'star' part of the Andria, and he was fully equal to it. He has considerable command of facial expression, and was perhaps inclined to make too much use of his powers in this respect. It is not well to look too cunning when practising frauds on an unsuspecting master. Even Chremes, who was certainly not destined for a Scotland Yard career, might at times have detected the deception. In all other respects Mr. Kitchin played admirably, and we congratulate him unreservedly on a performance full both of promise and achievement.

Simo ranks next in order of importance and, on the whole, first in order of difficulty. The part offers such temptations to an actor to roar himself hoarse and the audience deaf, and Mr. R. R. Turner did neither of these things. He put some real emotion into Simo. His anger was the more credible, because restrained. He left himself plenty of scope within which to work up to the climax of indignation, with the result that he sustained the interest and kept his voice. Moreover his movements were easy, restful and dignified. Mr. Turner also we are looking forward to see and hear again. Certainly he was as good a Simo as the Westminster stage has known.

Mr. S. L. Holmes, the Captain, departed from precedent and took the part of Pamphilus. It is difficult to judge fairly of his performance. Unfortunately for Pamphilus (the original)

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and he would certainly have been a more vigorous and matter-of-fact person had his education been better looked after. If Mr. Holmes failed to play the part quite νεανικῶς, it was because the part itself hardly allows of it, and also because he was too fond of standing at the footlights and addressing himself to the Seniors' Pit. It is, of course, difficult to avoid seeing, until the right moment comes, persons who are eavesdropping at one's very elbow. The front of the stage is the only escape from the position—unless the stagemanœuvring has been carefully prearranged. This criticism apart, Mr. Holmes' playing had many merits, and he must be congratulated, as Captain, on the success of the play.

Chremes (Mr. M. A. Phillimore) is principally important as a foil to Simo, and Mr. Phillimore was wise to treat him as such. The two old men made an excellent and amusing contrast, and one could

not help liking Chremes.

Mr. S. F. Waterson, as Charinus, managed to do a good deal with his voice, but seemed uncertain of himself in his gestures and movements. He succeeded in making a thankless part not uninteresting and not unattractive. Crito (Mr. A. N. Charlton) had the world-weary air of a much-travelled man called in to settle what he clearly thought to be a petty dispute. He hardly showed a traveller's zest for narrative. Never can the tale of the absentee heroine's early adventures have been rattled off so easily. We were not ungrateful. A pleasant voice and a Christmassy appearance combined to make Crito's tardy intrusion into the plot very welcome.

Mr. G. G. F. Greig as Mysis missed a real success. He seemed uncomfortable altogether in feminine garb and under the necessity of interpreting feminine sentiments. 'The little more and how much it is.' Terence does not require 'powerful' acting; the emotions of Mysis may perhaps be silly, at least they are not deep. If Mr. Greig could have persuaded himself to a firmer belief in his part—some less arid weeping and a more confident handling of the baby would have helped—he might have scored heavily. Nevertheless the 'baby scene' was not without its traditional humour.

Mr. R. S. Browning made a patient, sympathetic and loyal Sosia, and Mr. C. L. Bayne, as Byrria, gave a finished portrayal of an impudent, but privileged, rogue. Mr. T. R. Dawson and Mr. G. R. D. Gee performed very creditably in the

small parts of Dromo and Lesbia.

The Epilogue had a year rich in subjectmatter and treated some topics very cleverly. It was uneven, as most Epilogues probably are, and hardly teemed with jokes as an Epilogue should. The rendering of it on the second and third nights was wholly admirable; the audience had only themselves to blame for jokes missed. The reception of the Play, together with the Play itself, improved noticeably on the second and third nights. The Old Westminsters' Pit hardly provided the quota of enthusiastic applause, which the players expect from them as of long-established right.

The present critic is here fain to escape from the anxious and invidious duty you have laid upon him. If some weak spots in the production have been perhaps too loudly proclaimed in this letter, it betokens no ingratitude to a hard-working and capable cast, but rather a knowledge that many of its members will be playing again next year and even the year after. Future critics will com-

mend their matured excellence.

It remains only to seek hurriedly the friendly shelter of a generic name.

Your obedient servant,
OXONIENSIS.

NOTICE

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