

the character of an ad hoc defense against criticism. Jordan, somewhat too positivistically, assumes that the dialogues directly reflect changes in Plato's intellectual development.

Jordan's approach thus reveals itself to be quite narrow. His knowledge of Platonic studies outside U.K. and the U.S.A. is not impressive. Yet, by introducing new viewpoints to this very central question in an intelligent manner, the book is nevertheless useful.

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*Pirrone, Testimonianze. A cura di Fernanda Decleva Caizzi. Elenchos V. Bibliopolis, Napoli 1981. 309 p. Lit. 20.000.*

The testimonies and doxography relating to Pyrrhon, the 'founder' of systematic scepticism, have never been collected before or discussed in a single comprehensive monograph. Fernanda Decleva Caizzi, who is noted for her work on earlier Greek thought, has now presented her Pyrrhonian studies in a substantial volume. The scale of presentation is much more detailed than it is in her useful but very brief 'Antisthenis Fragmenta' (1966). The Testimonia are selected and printed with due care. As in the Antisthenes edition, only direct references to the philosopher are noted, but the risk of omitting important evidence by this method is not so great in the case of Pyrrhon who did not leave behind him any written works, and whose role in the philosophical debate of his time was after all much less conspicuous than Antisthenes'. The 96 pieces of Testimonia are then separately translated into Italian, which is somewhat annoying since every reader would prefer to have the translation facing the text. No doubt the most valuable part of the volume is the very well-informed and well-documented discussion of the testimonies (pp. 131—285). There are also Indices and a good bibliography.

The book is — as usual with the Bibliopolis publishers — beautifully produced; it is a pleasure to use it.

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*Plotinus. Vol. V (Enneads IV. 1—9) & V (Enneads V. 1—9). With an English Translation by A. H. Armstrong. The Loeb Classical Library No. 443 & 444. Harvard University Press, Cambridge Mass. — William Heinemann Ltd, London 1984. X, 441 p. & X, 319 p. £ 6.50 each vol.*

The long awaited continuation of the Loeb Plotinus by A. H. Armstrong is eventually taking shape. After an interval of 17 years the publishers have issued volumes IV and V. They contain the Enneads IV and V, among them the important IV 3—5 'On difficulties about the soul', IV 7 'On the immortality of the soul',