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BOOK XIII

EPIGRAMS IN VARIOUS METRES

ΑΝΘΟΛΟΓΙΑ

ΙΓ

ΕΡΙΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΑ ΔΙΑΦΟΡΩΝ ΜΕΤΡΩΝ

1.—ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΤ

Πεντάμετρον μόνον

Χαῖρε θεὰ Παφίη· σὴν γὰρ ἀεὶ δύναμιν
κάλλος τ' ἀθάνατον καὶ σέβας ἴμερόεν
πάντες τιμῶσιν θνατοὶ ἐφαμέριοι
ἐν πᾶσιν μύθοις ἔργοισίν τε καλοῖς·
πάντη γὰρ πᾶσιν σὴν δηλοῖς τιμήν.

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2.—ΦΑΙΔΙΜΟΤ

Τρίμετρον

Καλλίστρατός σοι, Ζηνὸς ωδὴ διάκτορε,
ἔθηκε μορφῆς ξυνὸν ἥλικος τύπον·
Κηφισιεὺς ὁ κοῦρος· ωδὴ χαρείς, ἄναξ,
Ἄπολλοδώρου παῖδα καὶ πάτραν σάω.

3.—ΘΕΟΚΡΙΤΟΤ

Χωλὸν τρίμετρον

‘Ο μουσοποιὸς ἐνθάδ’ ‘Ιππῶναξ κεῖται.
εἴ μὲν πονηρός, μὴ ποτέρχευ τῷ τύμβῳ·
εἰ δ’ ἐσσὶ κρήγυός τε καὶ παρὰ χρηστῶν,
θαρσέων καθίζευ. κῆν θέλης, ἀπόβριξον.

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EPIGRAMS IN VARIOUS METRES

1.—PHILIPPUS

(*Pentameters only*)

HAIL, Paphian goddess! For all mortals, creatures
of the day, ever honour by all fair words and works
thy power and immortal beauty and loveable majesty;
for ever and to all dost thou manifest thy dignity.

2.—PHAEDIMUS

(*Iambic trimeters*)

CALLISTRATUS dedicated to thee, Hermes, mes-
senger of Zeus, this statue of a youth of like age
with himself, the common image of thee and him.
The young man is of the deme of Cephissia. Re-
joicing in his gift, O Lord, protect the son of Apol-
lodorus and his native place.

3.—THEOCRITUS

(*Seazon iambic trimeters*)

HERE lies Hipponax, the maker of verse. If thou
art wicked, approach not the tomb, but if thou art
good and comest of a good stock, sit thee down fear-
lessly, and if thou be so minded, fall asleep.

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4.—ΑΝΑΚΡΕΟΝΤΟΣ

Τετράμετρον

Ἄλκιμων σ', ὡς ἥριστοκλείδη, πρῶτον οἰκτείρω φίλων·
ἄλεσας δ' ἦβην, ἀμύνων πατρίδος δουληΐην.

5.—ΦΑΛΑΙΚΟΤ

Τρίμετρον μείουρον ἢ κόλουρον

Νικῶ δίαυλον. Ἄλλ' ἐγὼ παλαίων.
Ἐγὼ δὲ πεντάεθλον. Ἄλλ' ἐγὼ πύξ.—
Καὶ τίς τύ;—Τιμόδημος. Ἄλλ' ἐγὼ Κριός.
Ἐγὼ δὲ Κρηθεύς. Ἄλλ' ἐγὼ Διοκλῆς.—
Καὶ τίς πατήρ τοι;—Κλεῖνος. "Ωσπερ ἄμμιν.— 5
Ἐμπη δὲ νικῆς;—Ισθμοῦ.—Τὸ δ' ἔμπη;—
Νέμειον ἀν λειμῶνα, καὶ παρ' "Ηρα.

6.—ΤΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΥ

Ἐνδεκασυλλάβιον τρίμετρον οὗτον καλούμενον
Τοῦτ' ἐγὼ τὸ περισσὸν εἰκόνισμα
τοῦ κωμῳδογέλωτος, εἰς θρίαμβον
κισσῷ καὶ στεφάνοισιν ἀμπυκασθέν,
ἔστασ', ὅφρα Λύκωνι σᾶμ' ἐπείη.
ὅσσα γὰρ τκαθύπερθε λαμπρὸς ἀνήρ·
μνᾶμα τοῦ χαρίεντος ἐν τε λέσχᾳ
ἐν τ' οἴνῳ τόδε κάτι τοῖς ἐπειτα
ἄγκειται, παράδειγμα τᾶς ὄπωπᾶς. 5

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4.—ANACREON

(*Trochaic tetrameters*)

I PITY thee, Aristocrides, first among all my valiant friends. Thou didst lose thy young life, defending thy country from enslavement.

5.—PHALAECUS

(*Iambic trimeters with the last syllable missing*)

(1) I CONQUERED in the stadion. (2) And I in wrestling. (3) And I in the pentathlon. (4) And I in boxing. And who art thou? (1) Timodemus. (2) And I Cres. (3) And I Crethus. (4) And I Diocles. And who was thy father? (1) Cleinus. (2), (3), and (4) And ours too. And where didst thou win? (1) At Isthmus. And thou where? (2) In the Nemean grove and by the home of Hera.¹

6.—BY THE SAME

(*Hendecasyllable trimeters*)

THIS admirable portrait of the comedian, crowned for a triumph with ivy and garlands, I set up that it might stand as a monument on Lycon's grave. For this memorial of him who was so charming in familiar talk and over the wine, this presentment of his features, is offered by me to preserve the memory among posterity also of how the glorious man entertained us. (?)

¹ i.e. in the Heraea at Argos. The dialogue is between a passer-by and the statues of four brother athletes. There seems to be something missing at the end.

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7.—ΚΑΛΛΙΜΑΧΟΤ

Κωμικὸν τετράμετρον

‘Ο Λύκτιος Μενοίτας τὰ τόξα ταῦτ’ ἐπειπὼν
ἔθηκε· “Τῆ, κέρας τοὶ δίδωμι καὶ φαρέτρην,
Σάραπι· τοὺς δ’ ὄιστοὺς ἔχουσιν ‘Εσπερῖται.”

8.—ΘΕΟΔΩΡΙΔΑ

Τετράμετρον Ἀρχιλόχειον

Ἐκ δολιχοῦ τόνδε¹ σφυρήλατον, ώς τάχει κρατήσας,
παῖς Ἀριστομάχειος ἀνείλετο χάλκεον λέβητα.

9.—ΚΑΛΛΙΜΑΧΟΤ

Πεντάμετρον βακχικόν. ἔστι δ’ οὐ τέλειον τὸ ἐπίγραμμα
Ἐρχεται πολὺς μὲν Αἰγαῖον διατμήξας ἀπ’ οἰνηρῆς
Χίου
ὑμφορεύς, πολὺς δὲ Λεσβίης ἄωτον νέκταρ οἰνάνθης
ἄγων.

10.—ΤΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΥ

Τετράμετρον ἔκκαιδεκα συλλαβῶν. οὐ δὲ τοῦτο τέλειον
‘Α ναῦς, ἀ τὸ μόνον φέγγος ἐμὸν τὸ γλυκὺ τᾶς ζοᾶς
ἀρπαξας, ποτὶ τὲ Ζανὸς ἵκνεῦμαι λιμενοσκόπῳ . . .

¹ So Cobet: τόρα MS.

¹ He had taken part in an expedition against Cyrene, in the territory of which was Hesperis or Berenice (now Benghazi).

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7.—CALLIMACHUS

(*Comic tetrameter*)

MENOETAS of Lyctus dedicated his bow with these words: “Here, Serapis, I give thee the horn bow and quiver, but the men of Hesperis have the arrows.”¹

8.—THEODORIDAS

(*Archilochian tetrameter*)²

FROM the long race did the son of Aristomachus, having conquered by fleetness of foot, win this tripod of beaten brass.

9.—CALLIMACHUS

(*Bacchic pentameter*).³ *The epigram is not complete*)

FROM Chios, rich in wine, ploughing the Aegean comes many a jar, and many a one that brings us nectar, flower of the Lesbian vine.

10.—BY THE SAME

(*Tetrameters of sixteen syllables*).⁴ *This also is imperfect*)

O SHIP, who hast carried off the only sweet light of my life, I beseech thee by Zeus, the watcher of the harbour

² Metre of Horace, *Od.* i. 4.

³ “Trochaic pentameter” would be more correct.

⁴ Metre of Horace, *Od.* i. 18.