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PREFACE

The triennial Symposia Aristotelica, inaugurated at Oxford in 1957, are by now well known. The seventh, whose Proceedings appear in this volume, was held at St John's College, Cambridge, from 27 August to 5 September 1975. Since the third Symposium it has been customary to focus attention on a particular group of treatises, on this occasion the De anima together with the Parva naturalia. These texts, while rich in philosophical interest, contain many particularly unyielding difficulties of interpretation. No attempt was made, of course, to cover all the major problems. In particular some traditional questions, such as the relation between the active and the passive reason, receive comparatively little discussion here. On the other hand the investigation of some topics that have much exercised scholars in recent years (such as the question of developments in Aristotle’s psychology) is here advanced, and new areas of his thought are explored.

All the papers that were presented to the Symposium are included in a revised form. Those of Professor Mansion, Dr Graesser, Professor Berti and Dr Wiesner have been translated from their original languages. The editors wish to express their thanks to Dr Geoffrey Cubbin of Jesus College, Cambridge, for undertaking the translation of Dr Wiesner’s paper.

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