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A full reference is given the first time a modern work is cited. Thereafter the work is referred to by the author's name alone in the case of editions or partial editions of the fragments, including Bignone and Diels' *Poetarum philosophorum fragmenta*, and by the author's name and the year of publication in the case of most other works. In either case the full reference may be obtained from the bibliography, which is arranged chronologically with an alphabetical index of authors' names.

For a few well-known works of a general nature abbreviations are used with the author's name instead of the year of publication, thus:

- ACP* H. Cherniss, *Aristotle's criticism of Presocratic philosophy*, 1935.  
*DK* H. Diels, *Fragmente der Vorsokratiker*, 1st edition 1903: the pagination remains unchanged from the 5th edition by W. Kranz 1934–7.  
*EGP* J. Burnet, *Early Greek philosophy*, 1st edition 1892, 4th edition (a reprint of the 3rd edition) 1930.  
*Science hellène* P. Tannery, *Pour l'histoire de la science hellène*, 1st edition 1887, 2nd edition by A. Diès 1930.  
*ZN* E. Zeller, *Die Philosophie der Griechen*, 1st edition 1844, 6th edition of Teil 1, Hälfte 1–2, by W. Nestle 1919–20.

The following abbreviations are used for periodicals:

- A.G.P.* *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie.*  
*A.J.P.* *American Journal of Philology.*  
*B.F.C.* *Bollettino di Filologia Classica.*  
*B.Ph.W.* *Berliner Philologische Wochenschrift.*  
*C.P.* *Classical Philology.*  
*C.Q.* *Classical Quarterly.*  
*C.R.* *Classical Review.*  
*G.C.F.I.* *Giornale Critico della Filosofia Italiana.*  
*H.S.C.P.* *Harvard Studies in Classical Philology.*  
*J.A.W.* *Jahresbericht über die Fortschritte der classischen Alterthumswissenschaft*, herausgegeben von C. Bursian.  
*J.H.I.* *Journal of the History of Ideas.*  
*J.H.S.* *Journal of Hellenic Studies.*  
*P.C.P.S.* *Proceedings of the Cambridge Philological Society.*

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- P.Q.* *Philosophical Quarterly.*  
*P.R.* *Philosophical Review.*  
*R.E.G.* *Revue des Études Grecques.*  
*R.E.L.* *Revue des Études Latines.*  
*R.F.I.C.* *Rivista di Filologia e di Istruzione Classica.*  
*Rh.M.* *Rheinisches Museum.*  
*S.B.B.* *Sitzungsberichte der Deutschen Akademie der Wissenschaften  
zu Berlin, Philosophisch-historische Klasse.*  
*T.A.P.A.* *Transactions of the American Philological Association.*  
*W.S.* *Wiener Studien.*  
*Z.A.W.* *Zeitschrift für die Altertumswissenschaft.*

The following abbreviations are used for works of reference and collections of texts:

- BT* *Bibliotheca Scriptorum Graecorum et Romanorum Teubneriana.*  
*Budé* *Collection des Universités de France, publiée sous le patronage  
de l'Association Guillaume Budé.*  
*CAG* *Commentaria in Aristotelem Graeca, edita consilio et auctori-  
tate Academiae Litterarum Regiae Borussicae.*  
*CSEL* *Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum.*  
*Dox.* *H. Diels, Doxographi graeci, collegit recensuit prolegomenis  
indicibusque instruxit H.D., Berolini 1879.*  
*GCS* *Die Griechischen Christlichen Schriftsteller der ersten drei  
Jahrhunderte.*  
*H.K.A.* *Handbuch der Klassischen Altertumswissenschaft.*  
*LCL* *Loeb Classical Library.*  
*L.S.J.* *A Greek-English Lexicon by Liddell, Scott and Jones.*  
*OCT* *Scriptorum Classicorum Bibliotheca Oxoniensis.*  
*PG* *Migne's Patrologiae Cursus Completus, Series Graeca.*  
*PL* *Migne's Patrologiae Cursus Completus, Series Latina.*  
*R.E.* *Pauly-Wissowa's Real-Encyclopädie der classischen Alter-  
tumswissenschaft.*

I have not been able to take account of work published on Empedocles after the end of 1965. In a few cases I have taken notice of critical editions of ancient texts that appeared before the end of 1966.