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PRÆFATIO.

MORTEM obiit Dobræus noster, in ipso floris ætate, die septimo calendas Octobres anno 1825. vir, si quis alius, post magnum illum Porsonum Græcarum literarum cultor diligentissimus, et non cathedræ modo successor Porsonianæ, sed ingenii et doctrinæ. Ipse aliquandiu Porsoni amicitia usus, plura quidem cum amico communia, illud vero dissimile habuit, quod pauca memoriæ, plurima, *velut fidis sodalibus, libris* commiserat. Meminerat sane, e magnis illis eruditionis et scientiæ thesauris, quos mente nimium memori reposuerat Porsonus, quantum hac ipsa de causa periisset, quantum superstes posteris esset traditum; unde fiebat ut, tempestive monitus, ipse quæ inter legendum adnotaverat, diligenter exscriberet; postea, si quid temere effudisset, correcturus; si quid obscurius, explicaturus. Et quidem fere omnia perlegerat, omnia fere notis vel plenius vel parcius illustraverat; adeo ut schedas ipsius uberrimas post mortem inspicienti videretur Vir egregius in animo habuisse, modo vita superfuisset, pene universam omnium scriptorum seriem curis concinnare luculentis.

Quo minus tamen, præter unum et alterum (*Aristophanica* scilicet Porsoni, et ejudem *Photium*), nullum aliud opus ad exitum perduceret, duæ res in causa fuerunt: exiguum vitæ spatium, quod, Deo ita volente,

intra annos XLIII. absolvit; deinde, iudicium subtile, limatum, et ob id ipsum parum sibi placens, nihil autem suffragio suo ita comprobaturum, ut in lucem prodire pateretur, quod non

Multa dies et multa litura coërcuit, et quod
 Perfectum decies non castigavit ad unguem.

In iis igitur quæ in Oratores commentatus erat, in quos maximam curam et diligentiam impenderat; e quibus Demosthenem suum sperabamus fore ut ipse vivus prelo subjiceret;^a multa quidem docte, feliciter, peracute scripta, neque omnia tamen perfecta, inveniet Lector: quædam dubitantius, quædam forsitan festinantius prolata et postea vel correctæ vel corrigendæ; pleraque vero ita ex intimis doctrinæ penetralibus arcessita, ita criticæ artis prudentia examinata, confirmata, ornata, ut sine summo tum fructu tum delectatione vix legi possint.

Lacunas quasdam, quas reliquerat V. D. si modo una aut altera voce cancellis interjecta suppleri posse viderentur, supplevi; neque idpropter, uti spero, gravius Lectori reprehendendus, neque si pauca quædam, alioqui sane ut leviora omittenda, non omiserim, quæ ut Auctorem verius exprimentia, et leporem ejus salesque in memoriam facile revocantia, amicis non ingrata fore putabam. Quæ autem vel ipse semel scripta postea repudiaverat, vel ab aliis omni ex parte occupata reperii, vel minus utilia futura judicavi, ea plerumque omnia omisi.

^a In Aristogitoneam priorem nonnulla adnotaverat vix tribus ante mensibus quam mortem obiit immaturam.

Me vero, quamvis talem sequi ducem in paucissimis quidem pœniteret, in nullis puderet, non tamen nunquam ab opinione ejus discedere, Lector est monendus. Ignoscat velim, si contrariam hic illic sententiam, summa brevitate conclusam, Auctoris paginæ subjecerim: facilius ignoscet, si in aliis testem me præbuerim consentientem et confirmantem. In ceteris, ut quisque doctior est, sive judicio ejus omnino standum putet sive secus, Dobræi doctrinam, cognitionem, perspicacitatem non sine reverentia et desiderio suspiciet.

Paucas aliquot in Novi Testamenti libros observationes suo loco dispositas invenire neminem, opinor, pigebit. Quin in fronte exemplaris sacri libri, unde notæ illæ depromptæ sunt, exscripserat Vir doctissimus, quasi perpetuam sibi admonitionem, quo animi affectu limen illud sanctissimi Veritatis templi esset adeundum, Ἐὰν μὴ στραφῆτε, καὶ γένησθε ὡς τὰ παιδία, οὐ μὴ εἰσέλθητε εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τῶν οὐρανῶν. Τῶν τοιούτων ἐστὶν ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν. (Matt. xviii. 3. xix. 14.) Et sane Librum illum librorum, quem vivus parcius quidem, sed in quibusdam, nisi fallor, feliciter interpretatus erat, ita moribundus unice amplectebatur, ut tunc esset *homo unius libri*, qui antea multorum et, ut ita dicam, omnium fuerat; non id scilicet temporis se perdidisse ratus quod divino volumini insumserat, sed id potius, quod majoribus sublatum rebus ad minores contulerat; in eo certe nobis imitandus, quod cum doctrina tam singulari tantam conjunxerit in θεόπνευστον γραφήν reverentiam.

Sepultus jacet, juxta Porsonum suum, in sacello Collegii S. S. Trinitatis, ubi eximiæ ejus virtutes,

in marmore commemoratæ, Juventutis Academicæ tum
 admirationi tum imitationi commendantur, hoc modo:

M. S.

VIRI REVERENDI PETRI PAULI DOBREE, A. M.
 EX INSULA GUERNSEY ORIUNDI,
 COLLEGII HUIUS S. S. TRINITATIS SOCH,
 ET GRÆCÆ LINGUÆ IN HAC ACADEMIA PROFESSORIS REGII.
 VIR ERAT PROBUS, CANDIDUS, SIMPLEX,
 A FASTU OMNI AC FUCO ALIENISSIMUS,
 SERMONE COMIS, ANIMO ÆQUABILIS AC LENIS,
 ITA TAMEN UT FACILE COMMOVERETUR,
 SI VEL PATRIÆ VEL SINGULORUM JURA IN DISCRIMEN PUTARET ADDUCI.
 AD HAS VIRTUTES ACCESSERUNT INGENIUM ACUTUM, JUDICIUM SANUM,
 INDEFESSA PRO VALETUDINE INDUSTRIA,
 MAGNĀ PHILOSOPHIÆ MORALIS AC THEOLOGIÆ,
 MAXIMA LITERARUM LATINARUM AC GRÆCARUM PERITIA,
 TANTA IN CORRUPTIS VETERUM AUTORUM LOCIS
 DETEGENDIS SAGACITAS, EMENDANDIS FELICITAS,
 UT PORSONI, CUJUS IN FAMILIARITATE INTIME ERAT VERSATUS,
 VESTIGIA VIX IMPARI GRESSU SEQUI VIDERETUR.
 IMMATURA MORTE PRÆREPTUS EST, A. D. M.DCCC.XXV. ÆTATIS XLIII.
 SOROR UNICA PONI CURAVIT.

Prodibit, Deo favente, intra annum proxime sequentem
 tomus alter, observationes Viri egregii complectens in
 Poëtas Græcos, in Inscriptiones, nec non paucas in
 Scriptores Romanos.

*Dabam Cantabrigiæ,
 Die 14to Cal. Decemb. 1831.*

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