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## ERRATA.

P. 180, l. 22, for *Σαμοσαρέα* read *Σαμοσαρέα*.

P. 226, marg., for Col. iii. 1. read Eph. i. 20.