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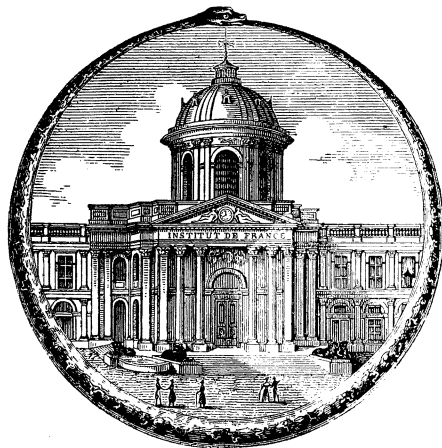
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Quod si laudem veteris scriptoris metiaris ex eorum copia quæ non in meris opinionum periculis ingenique lusibus posita sint, verum stabili nitantur fundamento, atque subacti iudicii sinceritate ita exponantur, ut multiplex in omne ævum redundet utilitas : vix est dubium, quin inter scripta antiquitatis græcæ monumenta princeps locus Strabonianis Geographicorum libris assignandus sit.

Itaque potentissimus Imperator NAPOLEO I Strabonem præ ceteris dignum censuit, cujus interpretandi emendandique negotium viris doctissimis commendaret.

Sors vero ita tulit ut, revoluta tandem ad idem NAPOLEONIS nomen rerum Gallicarum fortuna, Didotianis curis nova hæc Strabonis interpretatio in lucem prodeat.

Interjacet seculi pars dimidia ; quo temporis spatio, tot nominibus memorabili, tum studia philologica floruerunt eximie, tum vero rationes orbis antiqui tanta curiositate viri instructissimi explorarunt, ut non noverim ullam veteris doctrinæ partem, quæ lætioribus quam geographia incrementis aucta sit.

Fieri non potuit quin multa hinc in penitiorem Strabonis intelligentiam commoda redirent, tante exoptatiora illa, quanto majoribus ejus scriptoris sive emendatio sive interpretatio impedimentis obstrueretur. In nostris enim libris manuscriptis, quorum antiquissimus undecimum seculum non excedit, et singulorum vocabulorum corruptelis et hiantibus lacunarum spatiis et Byzantinorum magistellorum in-

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terpolationibus genuina operis forma mirum in modum obscurata est.

Obortæ sic tenebræ ut discuterentur, quidnam post editam versionem gallicam viri docti præstiterint, paucis significabo.

Primus igitur CORAYUS, vir κριτικώτατος, quo Gallia non vidit græcarum literarum peritiorem, denuo verba Strabonis recensuit, eaque opera tam egregie de scriptore meruit, ut antecessores omnes longe post se relinqueret. Deinde GROS-KURDIUS in annotatione critica, quam versioni germanicæ subjunxit, corrupta haud pauca in integrum restituit, sæpe etiam orationem lacunis mutilam esse perspexit, ubi priores editores nihil vitii subodorati erant.

Verum quantacunque viri isti laudatissimi in Strabonem contulerint beneficia, multum aberat, ut his contenti possemus quiescere. Desiderabatur enim quod in ejusmodi rebus maximum est et quasi basis cui reliqua superstruenda sunt. Nimirum ante omnia hoc erat agendum, ut codicum Strabonianorum notitia suppeteret accuratissima. Suscepit negotium et ad finem perduxit doctissimus KRAMERUS, qui libros manuscriptos tantum non omnes diligenter excussit, cognitionem inter eos intercedentem sedulo exploravit, auctoritatem singulorum certius definivit, et his demum peractis textum, quem dicimus, Strabonis constituit crisi sobria, meticulosa, nimium pæne sibi diffidente. Denique, vix absoluta Krameriana editione, novissimum auxilium MEINEKIUS attulit Vindiciarum Strabonianarum libello, in quo vir eximius eo quod omnes novimus acumine permulta correxit, præ ceteris vero interpolatorum vestigia naris emunctissimæ sensu indagavit.

His nos subsidiis instructi, verba Strabonis secundum easdem fere leges, quas Kramerus sibi scripserat, exhibuimus. Videlicet optimæ notæ codicibus presso pede institimus, nec emendationes locorum corruptorum recepimus nisi res ipsa et usus dicendi Strabonianus dubitationem præscinderet. Attamen in his quoque codicum scripturam, ut pluri-

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mum, in latinis apposui. Contra ubi in græcis corrupta relinquenda erant, latinis inseruimus conjecturam sive aliorum sive nostram, quam in versione secuti sumus. Verba eji-cienda parentheseos signis ( ), suppleta uncinis quadratis [ ], manifesta interpolatorum additamenta uncis duplicatis [[ ]] distinguuntur. Lectionis varietatem potioem, missis quæ nullius momenti sunt sphalmatis librariorum, necnon varia emendandi pericula in Appendice colligemus.

Interpretatio latina ante duo abhinc secula a Xylandro condita quum intacta fere hucusque propagata sit, facile intelligitur, quam a græcis, quæ nos jam habemus, esse diversa debeat, ne dicam locos innumeros, quorum sensus etsi nullis verborum mendis obscuratos Xylander non assecutus est. Imposita igitur versionis renovandæ necessitate, operam rei longam nec adeo facilem in prioribus libris sex Dübnerus meus præstitit, in reliquis ego suscepi.

Tabulam rerum nominumque, qualem flagitat grande Strabonis opus, unus elaboravit Groskurdius; nos novam et Groskurdiana locupletioem construximus.

Parisius, mense Aprilis, M DCCC LIII.

CAROLUS MÜLLER.