SHORT ARTICLES.

AN UNIDENTIFIED PAPYRUS IN THE NEW OXYRHYNCHUS VOLUME.

In the new volume (vol. xiii.) of the papyri from Oxyrhynchus, the editors have given us among the theological papyri what they describe as—

Pap. 1603. Homily Concerning Women.

They attribute the papyrus to the fifth or sixth century, and say that the subject is a diatribe, addressed probably to ascetics, against the female sex, through whom the Evil One is wont to exert his wiles! I pointed out to Dr. Grenfell that it was a part of a Homily on the Decollation of John the Baptist, and that it would be found amongst Chrysostom's Works (ed. Savile, p. 545) with some hesitation as to authorship. Dr. Grenfell, accordingly, re-edited his text as below, with the following additional notes.

[ . . . ]α τον Ουριου δο[λοφονιαν
[ . . . ]ε· δια γυναικος των σοφωτατον
[Σο]λ[ο]μωνα προς παραβασιν [κατεστρωσε
dia γυναικος των ανδρω[των Σαμυσων(a?)]

5 ξυρησας ετυφλωσε· δια γυναικος τους
υιον Ηλει του ιερεως εδαφισας εκτανε?
dia γυναικος του ουρανου [ . . .
ediωξε· δια γυναικος των ευγενεστατον
Ιωσηφ εν φυλακη δεσμευσας κατηκελευε.

10 δια γυναικος του παντος [κοσμου λυχνου
Ιωανην απετεμεν· τι δε λεγω περι ανων
dia γυναικος τους αγλους [ουρανοθεν κα
τεβαλε· δια γυναικος παντας κατασφαξει·
παντας φονευει· παντας απιμαζει·

15 γυνη γαρ αναιδης ουδενος φειδεται
Not την του Ουριου. δο[λαρσια] αν εξεμηνε seems too short.
6. ηδαφ[ος], MS. too short.
7-8. (εδωξε), omitted MS.
14. There seems to be no room for παντας νιβριζει after ατ[ιμαζει].
18. [κ]αν μευνενιχρα η,
or possibly,
[κ]αν η [πενιχρα.
There is certainly not room for τη κακια πλουτου as well.
19. και : omitted MSS.
21. αθεραπευτον [το θηριον (v.l. in Sav.), suits better than αθερα-
πευτος [νοος.

Both papyrus and MSS. seem to suffer by omissions owing to
homoiooteleuton or homoioarcheion.

To the foregoing I add the following supplementary remarks.
The passage of pseudo-Chrysostom will be found quoted in the

From this we get the following further rectifications:——
1. προς την κατα του Ουριου (Par.).
3. προς παραβασιν [κατεστρεψε (Par.).
6. έδαφισεν (Par.).
7. Complete the line thus
τον ουρανο[δρομον Ηλιαν (Par.).
12, 13. (κατεβαλε) : the clause is omitted per incuriam in Par.
17. εναιδειται (Par.).
18. καν η πενιχρα (Par.) without τη κακια πλουτοι.
19. Par. has ελη for εχη.
21. αθεραπευτον το θηριον (Par.).

I omit one or two unimportant variations.

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