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FRENCH WORKS ON THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY DURING 1907-08.¹

THE subject of this article will be the works upon history of philosophy which have appeared in France during recent years, more especially during 1907 and 1908; these works will be considered less for the purpose of giving an account and an appreciation of them individually, — a task already accomplished by the REVIEW for several among them, — than with the view of indicating toward what objects they have more or less converged, and what results concerning these objects they have more or less succeeded in attaining.

The works which have been devoted to the history of ancient philosophy during this period are not very numerous; but almost all are of great interest and some are of high value. Let us mention at the beginning those which are due to two masters, both prematurely dead, Victor Brochard and Octave Hamelin, who by their teaching as well as by their works had already guided, and could have continued to guide, disciples toward the study of ancient philosophy. Victor Brochard, the learned author of the *Sceptiques grecs*, had been for a long time prevented by the most painful and heroically borne illness from thinking of productions of great length; but he contributed regularly to a periodical collection, *L'année philosophique*, published under the direction of M. Fr. Pillon, solid articles bearing principally upon Greek philosophy. It would be sufficient to bring together these articles to obtain, upon Platonism in particular, a collection of very sound and coherent views, equally removed from the interpretation in which Zeller remained obstinately fixed, and the very

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