

## JULIUS PARIS

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### FORTUNA

By the requirements of the alphabet Januarius Nepotianus, epitomator of Valerius Maximus, has been treated earlier in this volume, and here the epitomator Julius Paris also precedes Valerius himself, who comes last in the volume. Like Nepotianus, Paris failed to attract commentators, but he is included here as an especially brilliant example of the Fortleben of Valerius and in fact of all scholarly investigation.

Of Paris himself ('Epitomator des Valerius Maximus unbekannter Zeit,' according to Kappelmacher) we know next to nothing. Also unidentified is the addressee of his dedicatory letter, Licinius Cyriacus. It is rather his own Fortleben which fascinates as the names of Lupus of Ferrières and Heiric of Auxerre emerge to offer to the alert palaeographer what can almost be called romance.

The text is carried in Vaticanus latinus 4929, s. IX, ff. 79v-148 and was published in 1828 by Angelo Cardinal Mai; a fragment of a few lines from the beginning is present also in Reginensis latinus 314, f. 116v, s. XII, and an apograph of the entire manuscript, now Otto-

bonianus latinus 1549, was made in 1619 or 1620. The first manuscript contains in addition Censorinus, extracts from Augustine's *Praecepta artis musicae*, four anonymous sermons, the *Aulularia* of Plautus, Pomponius Mela, and Vibius Sequester. The subscription to the epitome of Paris reads 'C. Titi Probi finit epitoma historiarum diversarum exemplorumque romanorum feliciter emendavi descriptum Rabennae Rusticius Helpidius Domnulus Vir Clarissimus.' This 'epitome of C. Titius Probus' is the *De praenominibus*, which follows on the epitome of Paris and is handled below as a spurious work of Valerius Maximus.

Rusticius Helpidius Domnulus of Ravenna was perhaps the Christian poet who flourished in the second quarter of the sixth century and wrote *Carmen de Christi Iesu beneficiis* and verses entitled *Tristica* and illustrating a series of *Historiae Testamenti Veteris et Novi*. In my article on Valerius Maximus I note that Servatus Lupus of Ferrières set down marginalia in Bernensis 366, one of the two ninth-century manuscripts of Valerius, and that his pupil Heiric of Auxerre recorded selected excerpts which have been transmitted in nine manuscripts. Lupus was using, with an

earlier manuscript of Valerius, a manuscript of the epitome of Paris, but not Vaticanus latinus 4929, which stems, as do the corrections of Lupus, from a common parent. The whole fascinating story is recounted in his usual fascinating style and with copious bibliography by Giuseppe Billanovich, who posits Heiric as the person who made available to Lupus the earlier manuscript of Paris and who compiled and annotated our Vaticanus latinus 4929.

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#### I. *Valerii Maximi decem libri dictorum et factorum memorabilium in epitomen redacti.*

The dedicatory letter of Paris to Licinius Cyriacus reads 'Exemplorum conquisitionem cum scirem esse non minus disputantibus quam declamantibus necessariam, decem Valerii Maximi libros dictorum et factorum memorabilium ad unum volumen coegi. Quod tibi misi ut et facilius invenires, si quando quid quaereres, et apta semper materiis exempla subiungeres.' The striking element here, as in the title, is the reference to ten books of Valerius rather than the nine we know. The spurious *De praenominibus* is usually considered the tenth; Aulus Gellius, XII 7, 8, cites as 'libro Valerii nono' a passage which we assign

to the eighth book, but he may have considered the table of contents and the *praefatio* to the first book as Book I and he may even, as any honest modern scholar would take comfort in conceding, have cited incorrectly.

The outstanding merit of both Nepotianus and Paris is that they include the exempla which are missing from Valerius I 1, ext. 4–4 ext. 1 and so preserve to us some semblance of his text there. The epitome of Paris covers all nine books, where that of Nepotianus was cut off at III 2, 7, but through all the nine books Paris omits some exempla here and there, like I 1, 12–14; the list is provided by Kappelmacher. The *praefatio* to Book I and

introductory remarks to the other books are likewise excluded. Paris writes simply, without rhetorical pretensions; he is faithful to his author but has the critical ability to correct him at certain points.

If the outstanding merit was the abbreviated transmission of the missing exempla, and even if commentators clustered around Valerius and not around his epitomators, Vaticanus latinus 4929 has still a special merit, for by its relation to Helpidius and Lupus and Heiric it corroborates that, as Billanovich has put it, manuscripts and marginalia properly studied 'non sono cose, ma, più ancora degli stessi libri, uomini.'