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## Appendix

## NOTE ON THE ALLEGED AUTOGRAPHA OF ERIGENA

In the fifth part of Ludwig Traube's Palaeographische Forschurgen, plausible evidence was published for Traube's alleged discovery of the very handwriting of Erigena. In the MSS. of Rheims, Laon and Bamberg, he had found marginal notes which were not glosses, but seemed to be the Author's own amplification of the text, and these Traube believed to be in the hand of Johannes himself. The Rheims MS. 875 of the De Divisione Naturae, is the work of six or seven scribes, but they could not have taken it from the Author's dictation, for they commit errors of various kinds that argue the existence of a text that they were copying.
Two kinds of script are used in the marginalia,that used in Ireland, and that practised at Rheims. In some cases a different ink is used. Traube supposed that the insular hand was that of Johannes; but if he could write in the continental style, why did he not make all his corrections in that script? On one page there are corrections and minor enlargements by the text-hand, then similar changes by the writer of the insular script, and, finally, corrections of the Irish script by the text hand. The most arresting consideration, however, is that there are two varieties of insular script in the volume.

The first variety is loose, pointed and flowing, with few abbreviations. With one or two exceptions, it uses a " d " with a curved shaft. The other variety is more compact and regular, and more cursive; and it uses a " $d$ " with a straight shaft. The first is confined to folios $\mathrm{I}-80$ and $\mathrm{r} 3-3 \mathrm{y} 8$. The second appears only in folios $8 \mathrm{I}-\mathrm{II} 2$ and 319-358. Which of these is the hand of Erigena? Of the two, the first seems more free, more individual, more like the hand of an author. But if that is the hand of Johannes, why does he never correct the sections assigned to the second? And if the second be the hand of the author, why does it never appear in the sections assigned to the first? The same two insular hands that appear in the Rheims MS. appear in the also MSS. of Laon and Bamberg; and it would seem most probable that neither is that of Johannes, but that both belong to scribes employed by him to correct and enlarge the manuscripts of his works. They were evidently the most important of his workmen, for he entrusted most of the revision to them.
Possibly further research may reveal the hand of Erigena himself, but Traube's conclusions seem unwarranted, though it is certain that the enlargements in the manuscripts were made by Erigena's direction, and reveal the growth of his thought. (For a fuller treatment of the problem, see Vol. V, No. 8, Pp. 135-I4I, plates I-II, of the University of California Publications in Classical Philology, by Edward K. Rand.)

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