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Hermann Oldenberg, *Kleine Schriften*. Hrsg. von Klaus L. Janert. Teil 1—2. Wiesbaden: Franz Steiner Verlag GMBH, 1967. (Glasenapp—Stiftung, Bd. 1.) XXXV, 1570 pp. in 8°. DM 98,—.

Professor Janert has once again done the indologists a great bibliographical and practical service. This time he has collected the important and inspiring papers of Hermann Oldenberg that have been lying scattered in a number of different publications. Only now can we rightly see the vast extent of Oldenberg's studies on the Veda, Buddhism, Sanskrit grammar, semantics and metrics, many of which are as significant today as when they were written.

The papers have been reproduced photomechanically, and thus it has been possible to maintain the original pagination and to avoid misprints. They have been arranged according to section 1 of the Oldenberg bibliography given by Janert at the beginning of the work; it comprises the following headings:

1. Die kleinen Schriften
2. Monographien
3. Einzelbeiträge zu Sammelwerken
4. Textausgaben und Übersetzungen
5. Rezensionen
6. Nachrufe auf Hermann Oldenberg

Section 5 is 17 pages long. The reviews consist for the most part of short notices that appeared in *Deutsche Literaturzeitung* or *Theologische Literaturzeitung*, and Janert can well justify their exclusion from the present reprint. (Section 3, which would have amounted to 82 pages, is also excluded; these were rather more popular articles on Indian religion and philosophy contributed to collective works.) But there are also some very important reviews, especially those published in *Göttingische Gelehrte Anzeigen*, which it would have been highly desirable to see reprinted. I believe that many readers would also very much like to have had the necrologies and appreciations of Oldenberg's scholarship (section 6).

In addition to the bibliography, Professor Janert has added an index of names and subjects, Sanskrit words and text references, and a table giving the original sources and linking the two paginations. All this naturally makes the utilization of the book much easier and raises its value.